

# BYLAWS OF THE POLK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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## **ARTICLE I. NAME, PURPOSE, AND AUTHORITY**

### **1. Name and Membership.**

- a. The name of this organization shall be the Democratic Party of Polk County. All Democrats legally registered in Polk County, Oregon, belong to this organization.

### **2. Purpose.**

- a. The mission of the Democratic Party of Polk County is to build and protect a safe, prosperous and sustainable Oregon that reflects the diversity of the county. We engage and empower people in the political process to steward the common good, defend the rights of all people, and build equity among all county residents. The goals of this organization include a sustainable, financially strong local party with an effective volunteer force, working from a clear set of values to inform and engage the community on legislative issues and elect more Democrats to national, state, and local offices.

### **3. Authority.**

- a. The Polk County Democratic Central Committee (hereafter referred to as "Central Committee") shall be the governing body of the Democratic Party of Polk County. The Central Committee shall be organized and operated under these bylaws and subject to the laws of the State of Oregon and the United States of America.

## **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

### **1. Membership.**

- a. The Democratic Precinct Committee Persons of Polk County shall constitute the Central Committee (ORS 248.031).
- b. Upon a vote of the Central Committee, any individual without citizenship status, who is therefore not able to register to vote with any party, may be extended membership equal to the eligibility herein. This position will be called an Ambassador and treated within the party as equivalent to an appointed Precinct Committee Person.

### **2. Number of Precinct Committee Persons.**

- a. The Democratic Party is entitled to one Precinct Committee Person for every 500 electors, or major fraction thereof, who are registered in the precinct on January 31 of the year of the primary election. In any event, the Democratic Party

members of a precinct shall be entitled to elect not less than one Precinct Committee Person in the precinct (ORS 248.015).

### 3. Election.

- a. At the primary election in May of even-numbered years, the Democratic Party shall elect Precinct Committee Persons (ORS 248.015).

### 4. Eligibility (ORS 248.015).

- a. A registered member of the Democratic Party may become a candidate for Precinct Committee Person of the precinct in which the person is registered, or of a precinct within Polk County adjoining that precinct, by filing a declaration of candidacy with the County Clerk.
- b. A registered member of the Democratic Party who has been a member of the party for 180 days before the primary election may be elected by write-in votes as Precinct Committee Person of the precinct in which the member is registered, or of a precinct within Polk County adjoining that precinct.
- c. Unless a qualified person receives at least three votes, no person shall be deemed to have been elected as Precinct Committee Person and the office of Precinct Committee Person shall be vacant.
- d. No person shall hold office as Precinct Committee Person in more than one precinct.

### 5. Term of Office.

- a. The term of office of a Precinct Committee Person is from the 24th day after the date of the primary election until the 24th day after the date of the next following primary election (ORS 248.015).

### 6. Filling of Vacancies.

- a. The members of the Central Committee may select a member of the Democratic Party who is registered in the precinct in which the vacancy exists, or registered in a precinct within Polk County adjoining that precinct, to fill a vacancy in the office of Precinct Committee Person (ORS 248.026), provided that that member has attended two consecutive meetings of the Central Committee.
- b. When the Central Committee votes to select a person to fill a vacancy in the office of Precinct Committee Person, the Chair of the Central Committee shall ensure that written notice of the proposed selection is submitted to the county clerk. The selection shall take effect when the county clerk, upon timely verification of eligibility, places the name of the person selected on the list of Precinct Committee Persons. The county clerk shall then send written notice of the

selection to the person and to the Central Committee (ORS 248.026).

- c. A person selected to fill a vacancy in the office of Precinct Committee Person shall hold the office for the unexpired term and shall have the powers, duties and privileges of an elected Precinct Committee Person except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section (ORS 248.026).
- d. A person selected to fill a vacancy in the office of Precinct Committee Person may be removed from office by a majority of the Central Committee members present and voting at any Central Committee meeting (ORS 248.043).
- e. A person selected to fill a vacancy in the office of Precinct Committee Person may not vote on the election of Central Committee officers at the Organizational Meeting of the Central Committee as defined in Article III of these bylaws, but may vote to fill any vacancy in a Central Committee office after the Organizational Meeting (ORS 248.026).

## 7. Resignation.

- a. A Precinct Committee Person may resign by submitting written notice to the Chair or to the Polk County Clerk. The Chair shall ensure that all such notices received are immediately forwarded to the County Clerk (ORS 248.024).

## 8. Voting Privileges.

- a. In all matters of the Central Committee, other than election of Central Committee officers, voting privileges shall extend to members of the Central Committee and to:
  - i. A Democrat elected to a partisan office in a voting district that includes all or a portion of Polk (ORS 248.045).
  - ii. A Democrat who has been nominated for a partisan office at the preceding primary election in a voting district that includes all or a portion of Polk County (ORS 248.045).
  - iii. A member of the Executive Committee of the Central Committee (ORS 248.045).
  - iv. Delegates and alternates elected by the Central Committee to the State Central Committee, the Sixth Congressional District Committee, and the State Democratic Convention (ORS 248.045).
  - v. No person shall be entitled to more than one vote.

## **ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

1. The Central Committee shall hold its Organizational Meeting in December of even-numbered years.
  - a. It shall be called by the retiring Chair or by the Vice Chairs if the retiring Chair fails to designate the time and place for the Organizational Meeting within four days following the General Election in November of even-numbered years.
  - b. Central Committee officers, delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee, and delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Committee shall be elected at the Organizational Meeting.

## **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

1. Officers.
  - a. The officers of the Central Committee shall be a Chair, two Vice Chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Budget Manager.
2. Eligibility.
  - a. Any registered Democrat residing in Polk County who is neither a candidate for, nor incumbent in, any position elected from the state or county at large, shall be eligible to be an officer of the Executive Committee.
  - b. Upon a vote of the Central Committee, any individual without citizenship status, who is therefore not able to register to vote with any party, may be extended membership equal to the above eligibility. Such an individual will be treated within the party as a regular voting member.
3. Nominations and Election.
  - a. Elections shall be held at the Organizational Meeting.
  - b. The Executive Committee shall call for nominations for officers of the Central Committee at a Central Committee meeting at least one month prior to the Organizational Meeting.
  - c. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor, provided that the proposed nominee is present and accepts the nomination or has submitted a written statement declaring willingness to accept the nomination. Nominations may be made by any member of the Central Committee, either in writing provided in advance or in the meeting.
  - d. At the Organizational Meeting, only Precinct Committee Persons as designated

by an official roll obtained from the county clerk, with the exception of those elected by the Central Committee to fill a vacancy (Article II.6.e), may vote for officers (ORS 248.026(e)).

- e. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be required for election to office. All voting for contested offices shall be by secret ballot. Balloting may be electronic.

#### 4. Term of Office.

- a. The officers shall be elected for a term of two years or until the next Organizational Meeting; terms shall begin immediately upon election and end upon election of successors.

#### 5. Recall.

- a. Any officer may be removed from office after written charges are made against them either by  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the remaining members of the Executive Committee or 25% of Precinct Committee Persons.
- b. The Central Committee members shall be advised of the action and at the next regular or special meeting of the Central Committee the matter shall be presented to the Central Committee with debate limited to the specific charges.
- c. Two-thirds of the Central Committee members present and voting shall be required to remove the officer.

#### 6. Vacancies.

- a. During any period that an office is vacant, the Executive Committee shall assume the functions of the vacant office. By law, the Treasurer Office cannot fall vacant.
- b. A call for nominations to fill the vacant office will be added to the next Central Committee Meeting agenda. An election pursuant to Article IV (3) will be held at the ensuing Central Committee.

### **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### 1. Membership.

- a. The Executive Committee of the Central Committee shall consist of the Chair, two Vice Chairs, Secretary, Budget Manager, and the immediate past Chair.

#### 2. Responsibility.

- a. The Executive Committee shall be the administrative body of the Central

Committee and shall have full authority to conduct and supervise the business of the Central Committee, except as restricted by statute and by these bylaws. In exercising supervisory authority, the Executive Committee may direct the purchase of any supplies, services, or equipment on behalf of the Central Committee consistent with its budget or with resolutions of the Central Committee. In the event that a Standing Committee is inactive, the Executive Committee shall assume the duties of that committee. The Executive Committee shall make decisions by a majority of those present and voting.

b. The Executive Committee shall:

- i. Act for the Central Committee when time does not permit proper calling of a meeting of the Central Committee, provided the actions are submitted to the Central Committee for endorsement or rejection at its next meeting.

Make recommendations to the Central Committee.

- ii. Plan for effective use of financial and volunteer resources of the Central Committee.
- iii. Develop the budget proposed by the Budget Manager and submit it to the Central Committee for approval.
- iv. Oversee, coordinate and be informed by the chairpersons of the standing and special committees. Make recommendations to the standing and special committees to assure their effective performance.
- v. Ensure that the progress and current status of the Executive, standing and special committees are regularly reported to the Central Committee.

### 3. Expenditure Authority.

- a. The Chair shall have the authority to make disbursements for administrative expenses not previously authorized by the Central Committee in the budget process, provided such expenditures do not exceed a total of \$200.00 in any given month.
- b. In any instance where a disbursement of more than \$200 is required, the Executive Committee has the authority to make disbursements up to \$1,000 in any given month, provided that  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Executive Committee agrees and the disbursement is in line with the values and mission of the Central Committee.

### 4. Recall.

- a. The immediate past Chair may be recalled from the Executive Committee following the procedure for recall of officers.



## ARTICLE VI. DELEGATES

### 1. State Central Committee.

- a. Delegates. Members of the State Central Committee shall include at least two delegates elected from Polk County and one additional delegate for each 15,000 registered Democrats or major fraction thereof within Polk County as of the date of the primary election as provided by law (DPO 4.1.A).
- b. Alternate delegates. When a delegate is unable to attend a meeting of the State Central Committee, an alternate delegate elected by the Central Committee may attend the meeting with full voting privileges (DPO 4.1.B). The number of alternate delegates shall equal the number of delegates.
- c. Election. The Central Committee shall elect delegates and alternate delegates to the State Central Committee at its Organization Meeting. The delegates, or in the case of an odd number, the delegates and first alternate delegate, shall consist of an equal number of men and women. Remaining alternate delegates shall be elected in rank order of replacement preference with each successive two alternate delegates consisting of one man and one woman. (DPO IV.1.C) Any member of the Central Committee shall be eligible to be a delegate or alternate.
- d. The delegate with the highest vote total shall act as delegate captain responsible for coordinating with other delegates and reporting to the Executive Committee.
- e. Term of office. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected for a term of two years; terms shall begin immediately upon election and end upon the election of successors.
- f. Vacancies. Any member of the Executive Committee can fill a vacant position or appoint another member of the Central Committee to do so on a temporary basis in event of a vacancy or absence. Vacant positions shall be filled at the next Central Committee meeting after the vacancy occurs.

### 2. Congressional District Committees.

- a. Delegates and Alternates. Members of the Congressional District Committees shall include at least two delegates from Polk County within the Congressional District and one additional delegate for each 15,000 Democrats or major fraction thereof within Polk County and the Congressional District as of the primary Election. The number of alternate delegates shall equal the number of delegates and shall be elected in rank order of replacement preference.
- b. Election. The Central Committee shall elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Congressional District Committees at its Organizational Meeting. An effort shall be made to fill positions with an equal number of men and women. Any

member of the Central Committee shall be eligible to be a delegate or an alternate delegate.

- c. The delegate with the highest vote total shall act as delegate captain responsible for coordinating with other delegates and reporting to the Executive Committee.
- d. Term of office. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected for a term of two years; terms shall begin immediately upon election and end upon the election of successors.
- e. Vacancies. Any member of the Executive Committee can fill a vacant position or appoint another member of the Central Committee to do so on a temporary basis in event of a vacancy or absence. Vacant positions shall be filled at the next Central Committee meeting after the vacancy occurs.

### 3. State Democratic Platform Convention.

- a. A State Democratic Platform Convention is held biennially in the odd-numbered year for the purpose of adopting a statewide platform for the DPO and to perform other functions assigned to it by the State Central Committee. (DPO VII.1).
  - i. At least thirty days before the Convention, the Central Committee shall elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Convention. As soon as possible thereafter, the Central Committee shall notify the State Central Committee of the names and addresses of those elected (DPO VII.1.B).
  - ii. The Central Committee will adhere to the Convention bylaws and rules set forth by the DPO.
  - iii. Any member of the Central Committee is eligible to be a delegate or alternate.
  - iv. Any member of the Executive Committee can fill a vacant position or appoint another member of the Central Committee to do so on a temporary basis in event of a vacancy or absence.

## ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### 1. Chair.

- a. The Central Committee Chair shall:
  - i. Lead the Democratic Party of Polk County, providing guidance and voice for the Central Committee and the Democratic Party of Polk County, and encouraging advancement of the principles and interests of the

Democratic Party of Oregon and the National Democratic Party.

- ii. Preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and Executive Committee.
- iii. Draft a provisional agenda for all Central Committee meetings and Executive Committee meetings. These agendas shall become a matter of record. Meeting notices with their agenda shall be distributed to the members of the Central Committee at least six days before any meeting.
- iv. Give written authorization to the Budget Manager for any checks drawn on Central Committee bank accounts not already approved within the annual budget.
- v. Appoint chairpersons for all standing and special committees in accordance with the requirements of the bylaws.
- vi. Appoint a liaison from the Executive Committee to each standing Committee. (g) Serve as chief liaison officer of the Central Committee with all echelons of the Democratic Party.
- vii. Ensure that written notice is given to the Polk County Clerk when a Precinct Committee Person is duly appointed under the Central Committee bylaws (ORS 248.026 (2)), or when a Precinct Committee Person resigns (ORS 248.024).
- viii. Perform other duties as assigned by the Central Committee or its Executive Committee.

## 2. Vice Chairs.

- a. The Central Committee Vice Chairs shall:
  - i. In the absence or incapacity of the Chair, or at the request of the Chair, the Vice Chair(s) shall perform duties of the Chair until the Chair returns to duty.
  - ii. Perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee and in accordance with current policy.
  - iii. In the absence or incapacity of the Budget Manager, one Vice Chair will perform the duties of the Budget Manager until the Budget Manager returns to duty.
  - iv. Support other officers with tasks and information as needed.

### 3. Secretary.

- a. The Central Committee Secretary shall:
  - i. Record and file as a permanent record the minutes of all Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings, the Central Committee's bylaws, as amended, and all reports from committees.
  - ii. Receive and file for permanent record all financial reports from the Central Committee. Budget Manager.
  - iii. Oversee maintenance rosters of Committee officers, Precinct Committee Persons, delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee and the Sixth Congressional District Committee.
  - iv. Notify the State Central Committee of the names and addresses of all officers, delegates, and alternates.
  - v. Notify the Polk County Clerk of appointments of Democratic precinct committee persons and provide contact information for the current Chair.
  - vi. Upon request, provide a roster of currently registered Democrats using the county's access to the state Voter File software and make it available to Central Committee officers and Precinct Committee Persons.
  - vii. Oversee the maintenance of the current mailing list of Central Committee members.
  - viii. Perform other duties as assigned by the Central Committee or its Executive Committee.

### 4. Treasurer.

- a. The Central Committee Treasurer shall:
  - i. Be custodian of all funds and securities, if any, for the Central Committee.
  - ii. Maintain fiscal records of all financial transactions by the Central Committee.
  - iii. File with the Oregon Secretary of State all periodic official reports required by law or administrative regulations. File any other required federal, state, and county fiscal reports as directed.
  - iv. Perform other duties as assigned by the Central Committee or its Executive Committee.

## 5. Budget Manager.

- a. The Central Committee Budget Manager shall:
  - i. Be responsible for all financial affairs of the Central Committee in liaison with the Treasurer and serve as a member of any Special Committee on fundraising.
  - ii. Draft a preliminary budget as directed by the Executive Committee based on the projections of individual standing and special committees, and monitor cash flow of all committees in accordance with their approved budgets.
  - iii. Prepare and present for Central Committee approval a monthly financial report at each regular Central Committee meeting and attach a copy of said report to the minutes recorded at that meeting.
  - iv. Prepare and present for Central Committee approval an Annual Report within thirty days after the end of the fiscal year.
  - v. Deliver to the Secretary copies of all financial reports prepared and/or submitted by the Treasurer.
  - vi. Advise all members during Central Committee meetings, Executive Committee meetings or other authorized meetings of any possible infraction of federal, state or county laws or regulations pertaining to any contemplated action where Central Committee funds are involved.
  - vii. Perform other duties as assigned by the Central Committee or its Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

### 1. Parliamentary Procedures.

- a. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised unless otherwise provided by these bylaws.
- b. The Chair may appoint a parliamentarian to serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
  1. The parliamentarian shall give advice to the Chair on matters of parliamentary procedure.
  2. The Chair may consult with the parliamentarian prior to meetings to anticipate problems and determine proper procedure.

3. During meetings, the parliamentarian shall give advice when called upon by the Chair. The Chair retains the right to make a final ruling and may accept or reject the advice of the parliamentarian, except as otherwise noted in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
4. The Central Committee also reserves the right to overrule any decision of the parliamentarian.

## 2. Central Committee Meetings.

- a. Regular Meetings. The Central Committee shall hold regular monthly business meetings unless otherwise provided for by the Executive Committee or the Central Committee. A meeting may be dispensed with by a majority vote of those present.
- b. Special Meetings. Central Committee meetings may be called by the Chair or Vice Chair, or the Executive Committee, or any six members of the Central Committee.
- c. Quorum. Those present shall constitute a quorum at Central Committee meetings.
- d. Notice. Written notice of all Central Committee meetings shall be provided to Central Committee members at least six days before the meeting as required by law. The notice shall include the proposed meeting agenda.
- e. Minutes. Minutes of all Central Committee meetings shall be recorded and made available in draft form to all Central Committee members at least six days before the next regular meeting.

## 3. Executive Committee Meetings.

- a. Authority and Schedule. The Executive Committee may be called by the Chair or Vice Chair, or any two members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet at least 10 days before every regular Central Committee meeting.
- b. Quorum. A minimum of three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at Executive Committee meetings.
- c. Notice. Written notice of all Executive Committee meetings shall be provided to all Executive Committee members where practicable on six day's notice; however, emergency meetings may be called on twenty-four hours notice provided all members of the Executive Committee are notified, or on less than twenty-four hours notice if all are notified and none object.
- d. Minutes. Minutes of Executive Committee meetings shall be made available to Precinct Committee Persons upon request.

## **ARTICLE IX. AMENDING OF BYLAWS**

- a. These bylaws may be amended by a majority of those present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Central Committee, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been included in the notice of the meeting.
  - i. The Bylaws will be reviewed by the Process & Rules Committee, in partnership with the Executive Committee, after each midterm election. The proposed Bylaws revision will be presented to the Central Committee for their consideration no later than the following March meeting.
  - ii. Any member of the Central Committee wishing to propose a change to these Bylaws is required to provide the request in writing to the Executive Committee, who will then determine whether and when to refer the matter to the Rules Committee for review.
- b. The Process and Rules Committee has the authority to change the formatting of the Bylaws as long the intent is not changed.

## **ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES**

### **1. List of Standing Committees.**

- a. The standing committees of the Central Committee shall be:
  - i. Process & Rules,
  - ii. Volunteer Recruitment & Precinct Support,
  - iii. Fundraising,
  - iv. Candidate Development & Support,
  - v. Platform & Legislative Action,
  - vi. Events,
  - vii. Communications.

### **2. Authority of Standing Committees.**

- a. The standing committees are a part of Central Committee structure and accountable to the Central Committee, with Executive Committee oversight.

### **3. Chairs of Standing Committees.**

- a. The chairperson of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Central Committee Chair. Standing committee chairpersons shall serve until their resignation, the following Organization Meeting, or until replaced by a new appointee.

#### 4. Membership in Standing Committees.

- a. Any Precinct Committee Person may become a member of any standing committee.
  - i. To obtain special experience or expertise not available within the Central Committee, any resident of Polk County who shares the values of the Democratic Party may become a member of a standing committee upon confirmation of the Executive Committee. The Chair of each standing committee will notify the Executive Committee of any individuals wishing to participate who are not Precinct Committee Persons.
- b. Each standing committee shall include at least one member of the Executive Committee appointed by the Chair of the Central Committee.

#### 5. Responsibilities of the Standing Committees.

- a. By February 10 of each year, the standing committees shall submit an annual budget proposal to the Executive Committee for approval and inclusion in the Central Committee budget.
  - i. In addition, the Process & Rules, Fundraising, and Events shall submit an annual work plan to the Executive Committee for approval.
  - ii. All standing committees shall plan their work and provide written updates to the Executive Committee on a quarterly basis.
- b. Duties of the standing committees shall include the following under the direction of the Executive Committee:
  - i. The Process & Rules Committee shall assess procedures and bylaws and make recommendations for changes towards the goal of maintaining a strong, sustainable organization. This committee shall maintain a Policy and Procedure manual.
  - ii. The Volunteer Recruitment & Precinct Support Committee shall recruit, train, coordinate, and retain volunteers and Precinct Committee Persons towards the goal of an active and effective volunteer force for events and campaigns.
    - 1. Neighborhood Leader Coordinators will report to and receive support from the Chair of the Volunteer Recruitment & Precinct Support Committee.
  - iii. The Fundraising Committee shall coordinate fundraising towards the goal of a financially strong local party. The Central Committee Budget Manager shall be an ex-officio member.



- iv. The Candidate Committee shall determine what positions are open, assist in identifying potential candidates, and assist candidates in all aspects of campaigns towards the goal of more Democrats serving in local, state and national offices.
  - 1. Upon approval from the Executive Committee, the Candidate Committee may assist with or manage a Coordinated Campaign in General Elections.
- v. The Platform & Legislative Action Committee shall review issues of importance to Polk County, propose positions for ratification by the Central Committee, and prepare a platform and legislative agenda for ratification by the Central Committee towards the goal of a clear and cohesive set of values and positions.
- vi. The Events Committee shall organize regular and special events for communication with the general public towards the goal of an informed and engaged citizenry in coordination with other committees as appropriate.
- vii. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for the framing, consistency, and delivery of communications and the promotion of meetings and events in support of the goals of the organization.
  - 1. The chairperson of the Communications Committee shall act as the spokesperson and press officer for the Central Committee to ensure coordination of all activities before a promotional press release is issued.

## 6. Special Committees.

- a. The Executive Committee may create special committees to address specific issues.

# ARTICLE XI. FILLING OF VACANCIES IN PARTY NOMINATIONS FOR PARTISAN PUBLIC OFFICE

## 1. Eligibility to Vote.

- a. The following persons are eligible to vote:
  - i. Any person who held the office of Polk County Democratic Party Precinct Committee Person as of the date the party nomination became vacant.
  - ii. Any persons, other than Precinct Committee Persons, who are granted voting privilege under the bylaws of the Democratic Central Committee of Polk County.
- b. A person is entitled to only one vote, even if the person is qualified to vote under more than one of the above provisions.
- c. A person may not vote by proxy.

## 2. Nominations.

- a. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, provided that the proposed nominee is present and accepts the nomination or has submitted a written statement declaring willingness to accept the nomination. Nominations may be made by any member of the Central Committee eligible to vote under 1(a) of this Article or by any resident of Polk County.
- b. Following the close of nominations, each candidate will be allowed to speak for five minutes. When all candidates have finished speaking, persons may address questions to the candidates. In the event of questions to the candidates from the floor, the Chair will ask each candidate to respond to the question and to limit the response to one minute.

## 3. Voting Procedure.

- a. Except for votes held by unanimous consent, voting shall be by secret ballot.
- b. If a vote is held during a meeting, only members present may vote. If a vote is held electronically outside of a meeting, all eligible members may vote.
- c. In situations where three or more candidates run for one position, the central committee will use Score Then Automatic Runoff (STAR) voting to quickly and effectively determine who has the most support.

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