

ARTICLE IX Central Committee Meetings

Section 1 - Organization Meeting

- A. The organization meeting of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee for the purpose of adopting bylaws and electing officers and delegations to the State Central Committee and Congressional District Committees shall take place in January or February of every odd-numbered year.
1. Those PCP's who were elected in the previous primary election, who remain qualified as elected PCPs and who are present during balloting shall be eligible to vote for officers and shall constitute a quorum.
 2. Elected and appointed qualified PCPs who are present during balloting shall be eligible to vote to adopt bylaws and elect State Central Committee and Congressional District Committee delegations.
 3. No proxies shall be permitted.
- B. The meeting shall be called by the Chair whose term is expiring, who shall give notice of time, date, place and agenda of the meeting to the Director of Elections of Multnomah County and to the Chair of the State Central Committee no later than forty (40) days prior to the meeting.
- C. The Chair whose term is expiring shall at the same time request from the Director of Elections a list of the names, addresses and other contact information, including electronic mail addresses or telephone numbers, of persons holding the office of precinct committeeperson in the Multnomah County Democratic Party as of the date of the meeting notice.
- D. Order of business for the organization meeting:
1. Call to order by the Chair and adoption of an agenda as proposed by Executive Committee.
 2. End of term Treasurer's Report.
 3. Introduction and installation of Temporary Chair, as selected by the Executive Committee. The Chair whose term

is expiring may serve as Temporary Chair if not running for election to any office; no candidate for party office may serve as Temporary Chair.

4. Report of the Credentials Committee.
 5. Consideration of amendments to the Bylaws if any.
 6. Elections Committee report.
 7. Election of officers.
 8. Election of delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee.
 9. Election of delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Committees in caucuses.
 10. Transfer of records and property to the new officers.
 11. Other business.
- E. Procedure for election of officers:
1. Following adoption of the Bylaws the Temporary Chair shall announce that the meeting is open for nominations for Chair.
 2. Nominations for 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Communications Officer, Treasurer, and Technology Officer, in that order, will be declared open by the Temporary Chair after the completion of balloting for each office.
 3. Only persons present at the meeting or persons who have certified in writing their intent to serve in office if elected may be nominated.
 4. Each nominee shall be allowed to speak, or to have PCPs speak on his or her behalf, for a time determined by the Temporary Chair.
 5. The Temporary Chair shall allow a time prior to balloting for members to advocate for candidates for each office or discuss their merits.
 6. Balloting will open for each office only upon completion of speeches and discussion for that office.
 7. Voting shall be conducted by signed ballot, unless there is only one person nominated for an office, in which case the vote may be taken by voice.
 8. A majority shall be required to elect. If no candidate for an

office receives a majority, balloting shall repeat, with the candidate with fewest votes eliminated, until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. If there are just two candidates on a ballot, and there is a tie vote, the winner shall be determined as agreed by the candidates, or if the candidates cannot so agree, by a flip of a coin.

- F. Procedure for election of State Central Committee delegation:
1. Election of delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee shall be by elected PCPs of the MCDCC, by secret ballot.
 2. Each PCP shall have as many votes as there are positions open, and may mark up to that number on his or her ballot, but may vote only once for any candidate. Any ballot with more candidates marked than positions open shall be invalid.
 3. The delegates, or in the case of an odd number, the delegates and first alternate, will consist of an equal number of men and women. Remaining alternates are elected in rank order of replacement preference with each successive two alternates consisting of one man and one woman.
 4. Vacancies, as reported by the delegation Chair, may be filled at any Central Committee meeting.
 5. The Elections Committee shall certify the election of delegates and alternates according to the number of positions open, and the ranked number of votes received by each nominee, and provide that ranked list to the currently serving delegation chair.
 6. The State Central Committee delegation shall meet within 30 days to elect a chair. The person serving as chair in the previous term shall call the meeting and serve as chair until a replacement is elected. The serving chair shall notify newly elected delegates and alternates of the date, time and place of this meeting within 14 days of the organization meeting. If the chair fails to do so, the chair of the County Party shall call the meeting.
- G. Procedure for election of Delegates and Alternates to each Congressional District Committee

1. Election of delegates and alternates shall be conducted separately by caucuses consisting of PCPs from the respective congressional districts. Alternates shall be ranked according to the number of votes received.
 2. The Elections Committee shall provide the Democratic Party of Oregon with the ranked list of delegates and alternates within ten days of their election.
 3. Organization of the Congressional District Committees is governed by bylaws of the Democratic Party of Oregon, and takes place during the first quarter of the year following a General Election.
- H. If a delegate vacancy occurs in either the delegation to the State Central Committee, or to a Congressional District Committee, the first Alternate shall become Delegate. Election to fill an alternate vacancy shall be held at the first meeting of the MCDCC occurring more than ten days after the vacancy occurs.

Section 2 - Regular Meetings

- A. The MCDCC Chair may appoint the time, date, and place of its meetings. Those members present shall constitute a quorum at any properly noticed regular or special meeting. Meetings shall be held no less often than every 91 days.
- ~~B. All meetings of the Central Committee, its Executive Committee and its standing or special Committees shall be open to the public except as provided in Section 3 of Article VI, above, provided however that only members of the MCDCC may vote, and provided further that debate shall be limited to members unless permitted otherwise by majority vote of the PCPs at the meeting.~~
- C.B. All meetings of the MCDCC and its committees shall be held within Multnomah County except that meetings of a legislative or congressional district which includes areas outside Multnomah County may be held in any part of any county into which that district extends.
- C. Both unauthorized electronic recording and unauthorized electronic transmission of meetings are prohibited.

Section 3- Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by (A) the Chair,(B) either of the

Vice Chairs with the advice of the Administration Committee or (C) any 40 members by petition to the Chair stating the purpose of the special meeting. The agenda of the special meeting will be limited to the purpose stated in the meeting announcement.

Special meetings may not be called if the next regular meeting is scheduled to take place in the next 21 days. Notice of the special meeting shall specify the purpose of the meeting and any~~the Chair or the 1st Vice Chair or any forty (40) members. Whoever calls for the meeting shall provide the location, which must be in Multnomah County.~~ Any matter not included in the published agenda for the meeting may not be considered at that meeting unless agreed to by 4/5 of the members present at the meeting.

Section 4- Notice of Meetings

Notice of any Central Committee meeting, stating the time, date, place, and ~~the agenda,~~ shall be provided all members of the MCDCC at least 6 days in advance, ~~by the person(s) calling the meeting.~~

Section 5- Substantive Resolutions

- A. Definition: A substantive resolution is a resolution, submitted by five PCPs or by any standing or special committee for consideration by the Party, which supports or opposes any proposed or existing legislation, initiative petition, or government policy which affects or might affect the citizens of Multnomah County, and which does not substantively merely restate a position taken by either the County Platform, or a resolution previously adopted by the MCDCC.
- B. Procedure
1. When submitted by or through a standing or special committee: Any substantive Resolution submitted with a do-pass recommendation by any standing or special Committee may be adopted at any meeting of the MCDCC as follows:
 - a. By majority vote: Any resolution which was either published to PCPs at least ten days before the meeting, or which was provided PCPs at the last MCDCC meeting before the resolution is considered; or
 - b. By 2/3 vote: any resolution not previously published to

PCPs.

2. When submitted by five members:
 - a. By majority vote: when submitted to the Chair for referral to a Standing Committee at least 28 days before the MCDCC meeting voting on the resolution. In this case the Chair shall within 7 days refer the proposed resolution to the appropriate Standing Committee and cause a brief summary of the resolution to be published in the next newsletter. The proposed resolution shall be placed on the agenda of the first MCDCC meeting more than 27 days after its submission to the Party Chair, and If at that MCDCC meeting the Committee to which it is referred has not reported back with a recommendation of pass, do not pass, or to amend, the resolution shall be voted up or down as submitted. If the Committee has reported back with a proposal to amend, the body shall first decide, by majority vote, whether to consider the original or the amended proposal, and shall then vote to approve or disapprove. Provided that a motion to table shall at all times be in order, and provided further, amendments from the floor shall be permitted if approved by a 2/3 vote;
 - b. By 2/3 vote: when submitted less than 28 days before the meeting voting on the resolution, and notice has been given PCPs as provided in Article XV, Section 2 of these Bylaws;
 - c. By unanimous consent: at any duly called MCDCC meeting.

Section 6 2: Eligibility to Debate Substantive Resolutions

No persons other than MCDCC PCPs shall participate in the debate of any substantive resolution unless permission is granted by majority of the PCPs present and voting.