

# KING COUNTY DEMS

MAY 28, 2013

## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Fellow King County Democrats:

May is a special month for all citizens when everyone celebrates something meaningful in their lives.

We recognize the labor movement on May Day, celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, and give gratitude to our Moms on Mother’s Day. On Memorial Day, we give thanks to our brave American servicewomen and men who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy as a nation.

May is also a time to say “Congratulations” to the graduates of our local high schools and institutions of higher learning. We wish them all good fortune in their chosen endeavors and welcome their future contributions to our society.

In keeping with this spirit of transformation, May also brings the beginning of the 2013 election cycle here in King County. Instead of the concerns of national politics in this post-presidential electoral cycle, Democrats are given the unique opportunity to focus on local races and the issues that are close to home. Candidates for elected office have already filed for the positions they aspire to – some for the very first time!

As you move to endorse candidates – choose WISELY. Be a leader. Make informed decisions for yourself of which candidate best embodies the office they are seeking. Do they exhibit competence? Do they exhibit passion for the position? Do they exhibit the ability to represent the values of both our party and your neighbors? As a Democratic leader making an endorsement, remember that you are making decisions that affect more than our candidates – it lets people know how you feel about the issues and about the people who were endorsed. This knowledge will inspire others to vote – and vote for the candidates endorsed by our party.

I call upon you to do the following:

- Take EVERY opportunity to meet the candidates. One of the best benefits of being part of our party is the chance to speak directly to your candidates and elected officials. They want to meet YOU as well!
- Keep an open mind on all candidates before you decide on your endorsement. You might be surprised at what you can learn by just hearing all sides.
- And finally, before you endorse, educate yourself on the candidates before making your decision at your local endorsement meeting. Nothing speaks more to your integrity as a party leader than why you came to the decision you did.

**Let’s Build. Let’s Grow. Let’s Win!**



*Magdaleno M. Rose-Avila (Leno), Director of the Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, spoke about immigration reform. Photo by Al Garman.*

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# MAY AGENDA

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Meeting is preceded by a social half hour with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.	<b>* Committee Reports are presented in this program.</b>
Call to Order and Flag Salute	Karl de Jong
Welcome Remarks & Report of the Chair	Karl de Jong
Approval of the May Agenda & April Minutes	Karl de Jong
Introduction of Candidates & Guests	Karl de Jong
Credentials Report	Ivan Weiss
Treasurer's Report *	Dave Fish
First Vice Chair's Report Fundraising & Development *	Sonja Rossman
Second Vice Chair's Report PCO & Membership *	Richard Champion
Third Vice Chair Report Technology	Roger Crew
Fourth Vice Chair Report Candidate Support	Farhana Satti
Communications Report	Ivan Weiss
Digital Media Report	Sylvia Rolle
Elections Report	Noel Renggli
Endorsements Report * & Vote	Michael Maddux
Legislative Action Report	Bob Rosenberger & Joanne Cisneros
Platform, Bylaws, and Resolutions Report * & Vote on Bylaws Changes	Dean Fournier & Joel Ware
State Committee Report *	Ann Martin & Javier Valdez
Training & Workshops *	Roger Flygare
Voter Outreach/ Multicultural Networking	Mohamed Mohamud
Legislative District Reports	
Good of the Order and Adjourn	

“So if we're truly committed to strengthening our middle class and providing more ladders of opportunity to those who are willing to work hard to make it into the middle class, we've got to fix the system. We have to make sure that every business and every worker in America is playing by the same set of rules. We have to bring this shadow economy into the light so that everybody is held accountable — businesses for who they hire, and immigrants for getting on the right side of the law. That's common sense. And that's why we need comprehensive immigration reform.” - *President Barack Obama, January 29, 2013*

“More than a third of UW graduate researchers are immigrants, and about half of post-doctoral scholars, approximately 500, work on temporary visas. Not unlike workers in agriculture, they are an unnoticed, integral part of our local economy. As a global work force they drive the research pipeline that fuels innovation and economic growth.” - *David Parsons, United Auto Workers Local 4121*

“It is the diversity of our people that makes Seattle so successful and I truly believe that by working together and understanding each other's cultures, we can continue to contribute to this city's achievements. We must build the needed bridges between our various communities to strengthen and build the best city possible.” - *Magdaleno Leno Rose-Avila*

# APRIL MINUTES

April 23, 2013

## King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Carpenters' Hall 231 Burnett Ave N Renton, WA 98057

April 23, 2013 7:00 – 9:00pm

### Call to Order, Flag Salute, Chair's Welcome

- KCDCC Chair Karl de Jong called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- State Committeeman for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District (LD) Don Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The KCDCC Chair gave an introductory welcome speech.
- The KCDCC Chair reported on the meeting with County Councilmember Rod Dembowski that will result in a draft ordinance that would require King County Elections to involve the political parties six months before making political boundary changes.
- The KCDCC Chair reported on an organizing effort in the Rainier Beach area of neighborhood associations, elected officials, and constituency groups.
- On Saturday, April 20, the King County Democrats teamed up with Fuse and Win/Win to door-knock in the 48<sup>th</sup> LD for an accountability canvass to educate voters about Senator Rodney Tom's actions on both the Washington DREAM Act and Reproductive Parity Act. Ten volunteers knocked on 320 doors with a 20% contact rate, and 20 people called Senator Tom's office. Education and women's issues were the top issues of interest.
- A dozen activists made phone calls today to encourage people to call their representatives to encourage comprehensive immigration reform.

### Comprehensive Immigration Reform Panel & Questions and Answer Session

- We had three guest speakers.
  1. Magdaleno M. Rose-Avila (Leno), Director of the Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
  2. Carlos Padilla, Co-founder of the Washington Dream Act Coalition
  3. Dave Parsons, President of UAW Local 4121 (University of Washington academic student employees)
- Call to Action:
  1. Contact Congressman Dave Reichert (R) and Democrats in Congress to push for comprehensive immigration reform.
  2. Support the Washington State DREAM Act.
  3. Support family unification.
  4. Support equal rights in the workplace.
  5. Create local offices of immigrant and refugee affairs.
  6. Support changing the law for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to not hold people without documentation for non-criminal acts (e.g., driving over the speed limit).

### Credentials Report

- There are 54 people present and voting.

### Committee Appointments

- Communications:  
Co-Chair Ivan Weiss
- Endorsements Committee:  
Jim Baum (5<sup>th</sup> LD), Kathy Nyland (11<sup>th</sup> LD), Keith Tyler (30<sup>th</sup> LD), Dean Fournier (32<sup>nd</sup> LD), Bob Loeliger (33<sup>rd</sup> LD), Ivan Weiss (34<sup>th</sup> LD), Elizabeth Walter (36<sup>th</sup> LD), Susan Sherbina (37<sup>th</sup> LD), Sylvia Rolle (37<sup>th</sup> LD), Andrew Peabody (41<sup>st</sup> LD), Michael Martin (43<sup>rd</sup> LD), Dave Sell (45<sup>th</sup> LD), Jean Thomas (46<sup>th</sup> LD), Tyler Page (47<sup>th</sup> LD), Mary Wirta (48<sup>th</sup> LD), Josh Castle (Stonewall Democrats), Betsy Walker (King County Young Democrats)

### Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was moved and seconded.
- Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Co-chair Bob Rosenberger moved, Delegate Tara Gallagher (43<sup>rd</sup> LD) seconded, and it passed unanimously to add the LAC Report to the agenda.
- State Committeewoman Sarajane Siegfriedt (46<sup>th</sup> LD) moved, and Joshua Newman (Proxy for the 46<sup>th</sup> LD Chair) seconded a substitution of old business instead of new business to discuss the budget. The motion carried by a vote of 21-20.
- The KCDCC Chair requested proxies. The following rose to be recognized as proxies: Alternate Delegate Joshua Newman for Sabrina Hill, Chair of the 46<sup>th</sup> LD; Steve Kasner for Delegate Stan Barnes (41<sup>st</sup> LD); and Alternate Delegate Layne Bautista for Delegate Maria Ramirez (34<sup>th</sup> LD).
- Second Vice Chair Richard Champion moved, and Delegate Larry Smith (46<sup>th</sup> LD) seconded, to add a discussion of the special, separate Endorsements meeting in May to after Bylaws, replacing the time of the Good of the Order. This passed with 28 votes in favor.

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- Endorsements Committee Chair Michael Maddux moved, and it was seconded, to move a two-minute Endorsement Committee report before the Platform, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee discussion. It passed with over 28 votes in favor.
- A new credentials report was presented with 55 voters.
- A motion was made and seconded to remove the times for the Bylaws portion of the agenda. Delegate Tara Gallagher (43<sup>rd</sup> LD), King County Young Democrat Laura Williams, the KCDCC Chair, Chair of the 30<sup>th</sup> LD Tim Burns, and Delegate Larry Smith (46<sup>th</sup> LD) spoke on the amendment. With 12 votes in favor, the motion failed.
- The agenda passed.

## Approval of the March Minutes

- The Chair of the 30<sup>th</sup> LD made a motion, Chair of the 37<sup>th</sup> LD Michael Wolfe seconded it, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

## Endorsements Committee

- Interviews begin this Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> and are scheduled for three weeks. The questionnaires should be available on the website soon.

## Bylaws

- Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Co-chair Joel Ware led the Bylaws process.
- The Chair of the 30<sup>th</sup> LD made a motion, and Elections Committee Chair Noel Renggli seconded it, to accept all of the proposed Bylaws amendments as written and presented. This vote requires a 2/3 majority and failed by a vote of 28 in favor to 26 opposed.
- The Sergeant-at-Arms rose for a point of information to ask if we could entertain a single vote to oppose them all.
- The Endorsements Committee Chair rose for a point of personal privilege to speak in favor of individual consideration.
- Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Co-chair Joel Ware asked if there were any items that people wanted to flag. Items 2b, 2d, 4, 8, and 10 were flagged to look at individually.
- A motion was made and seconded to pass the non-flagged items. The Endorsements Committee Chair spoke in favor of the motion. It passed unanimously.
- The KCDCC Chair recognized the hard work of the committee.
- Richard Champion rose for a point of information to ask whether the 1<sup>st</sup> LD gets 2 votes tonight or at the next meeting. It was reported that the changes take effect at the next meeting.
- Delegate Martin Chaney (5<sup>th</sup> LD) rose for a point of information to ask whether these sections have passed finally, and the answer is yes.
- Delegate Tara Gallagher (43<sup>rd</sup> LD), Delegate Jean Thomas (46<sup>th</sup> LD), and Delegate Christina Lee (33<sup>rd</sup> LD) each spoke on items 2b & 2d before the Chair of the 37<sup>th</sup> LD made a motion to consider both 2b & 2d at the same time because they are materially attached to each other. This was seconded by the Parliamentarian, and it passed. Delegate Toby Thaler (43<sup>rd</sup> LD) spoke on the amendment.
- The Endorsements Committee Chair rose for a point of information about whether he will be affected on Saturday with any receipts he submits for pizza. The answer was that he won't be affected.
- The Chair of the 37<sup>th</sup> LD rose to make a motion to amend item 2d, Section 9A.4, which was ruled out of order.
- Delegate Larry Smith (46<sup>th</sup> LD) made a motion, and Chair of the 34<sup>th</sup> LD Marcee Stone-Vekich seconded it to extend the debate 10 minutes by removing LD reports. The motion passed.
- The Endorsements Committee Chair called the question, and the Chair of the 37<sup>th</sup> LD seconded it to end debate on the vote to pass items 2b & 2d.
- Delegate Jean Thomas (46<sup>th</sup> LD) rose for a point of information, which was not in order.
- On the question to end debate, which requires a 2/3 vote, it passed with 42 votes.
- On the passage of items 2b & 2d, which requires a 2/3 vote, it passed with 40 votes in favor.
- Questions were asked and answered about item 4. At 8:55pm, the KCDCC Chair ruled that the Platform, Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee is out of time. Items 4, 8, and 10 will be up for consideration at the next meeting.

## Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Report

- Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Co-chair Bob Rosenberger reported that the full agenda and priority items were officially ratified at the March committee meeting. He passed out the agenda and priorities.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed with 35 votes to approve the agenda and priority items.

## Appointments

- The KCDCC Chair appointed Sergeant-at-Arms Ivan Weiss as Co-chair of the Communications Committee.

## Point of Order

- Richard Champion rose for a point of procedure. He was recognized for a point of order that the amendment to the agenda that he requested was for an endorsement meeting conversation after Bylaws, substituting time with Good of the Order. The KCDCC

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Chair ruled that it was a straight substitution with Good of the Order.

## Elections Committee

- The KCDCC Chair reported that he took a tour of King County Elections and is trained as an observer.
- Call to Action: Become a trained observer. It is the only citizen quality control we have, and it's our duty to observe. Please contact Noel Renggli to sign up today.

## Adjourn

- A motion was made by the Chair of the 37<sup>th</sup> LD, seconded by King County Young Democrat Laura Williams, and passed to adjourn at 9:00 pm. No further business was discussed.

*Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Minich*

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## Finance & Development Report

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Finance and Development Committee will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2013, at the Committee Chair's Bellevue home. The committee welcomes input, attendance can be scheduled, and all inquiries can be directed to the Chair at SonjaMR641 (at) aol.com. This month's agenda included discussion of a schedule for updating the budget, fund-raising options, and the criteria and possible use of a professional fund-raiser. The Committee also welcomed Sarajane Siegfried, who gave her input as to certain budget issues. The Treasurer spoke to her concerns and a consensus was reached as to future evaluation of the Budget.

A membership fund-raising letter, done in conjunction with the Membership and PCO Chair, Richard Champion, has been finalized, and it is currently out for bids. Hopefully, this letter will encourage lapsed members to update their status and also bring in new members.

A small fund-raising event takes place every month prior to the monthly Executive Board meeting, chaired by Joel and Kayla Ware, who cook a main dish. Dave Fish, Jen Minich, Sonja Rossman, Farhana Satti, Noel Renggli, Roger Flygare, and others bring additional dishes. The work of this informal committee is hereby acknowledged. Thank you for your monthly service.

The Committee Chair has also been in contact with the King County Democrats' insurance carrier and has expedited issuance of a Certificate of Insurance for individual Legislative District (LD) events – all provided under the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) liability insurance plan.

First Vice Chair Sonja Rossman attended the Mayors Forum held on April 29 at South Seattle Community College (SSCC) and, more recently, a Bellevue Neighborhood Forum on Climate Change held at Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers on May 14, 2013.

The KCDCC Chair attended the State Party meeting in Chelan and hosted a hospitality room.

The Finance & Development Committee welcomes and invites members to undertake fund-raising projects. The Committee will offer all possible assistance and support to anyone taking on such endeavors. Remember to "save the date" for the King County Democrats summer picnic to be held on Saturday, June 29, 2013.

*Submitted by First Vice Chair Sonja Rossman*

### Treasurer's Statement – May 15, 2013

Bank Balance on April 30, 2013	8,856.32
PDC Balance on April C4	8,856.32
<u>Outstanding Checks as of April 30, 2013</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Adjusted PDC Balance	8,856.32
Bank Balance on May 15, 2013	8,869.72
Total April Expenses	549.06
Total April Income	3,388.20
Total May Expenses To-date	686.60
Total May Income To-date	700.00

April C4 filed on May 10, All C3's filed

*Submitted by David Fish*

### Legislative Action Committee

The King County Legislative Action Committee met on May 19 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Beacon Hill Library. Guest speakers discussed immigrant children and the Dream Act, which is currently before the Washington State Legislature.

*Submitted by Bob Rosenberger*

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## Membership & PCO Recruitment

Since the April PCO report, we've had one PCO appointment in the 31<sup>st</sup> LD, sixteen PCO appointments and nineteen new Acting PCOs in the 36<sup>th</sup> LD, two PCO appointments in the 43<sup>rd</sup> LD, and one PCO resignation in the 48<sup>th</sup> LD.

I plan to convene meetings soon after the new PCO coordinators have all been elected or appointed in all of the LD's. The purpose of the planned meeting is to share best practices and strategies for PCO recruitment, training and mobilization. There are three LD's that have not filled their PCO coordinator positions: the 5<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> LD's.

As a strategy for gaining new paid members, I am working with the Finance and Development Committee to do a mail-in membership drive, just like the Washington State Democrats, by sending out letters to PCOs who haven't paid for membership and accompanying it with a simultaneous email. We have drafted a recruitment letter and have requested bids from all the union printing shops in the Puget Sound area. As such, we will be putting this out in the very near future. Please share your suggestions from the LD's of who to target our recruitment toward beyond the PCOs (perhaps the LD's paid members).

The committee is working with the Technology Committee to develop a new PCO application form with updated language and the new King County Democrat's address.

Also, the committee is working with the Training and Workshops Committee to develop new PCO training materials and webinars for use before the primary election. Input from the LD's would be appreciated.

King County Elections and the King County Council have finalized their re-precincting process. This will affect at least sixty current PCOs. Maps with the adjusted boundaries have been completed and are available on the King County Elections website. Now that that has been completed, I have adjusted our online spreadsheet at [kcdems.org](http://kcdems.org) to reflect the adjusted PCO/precinct list. In only one case were two PCO re-precincted into the same precinct. Statutorily, both shall remain PCOs until December 1, 2014.

*Submitted by Richard Champion*

LD	# PCOs	# Non-Vacant Precincts	% of Precincts with PCOs
1	11	48	23%
5	30	162	19%
11	43	141	30%
30	45	138	33%
31	6	52	12%
32	51	106	48%
33	34	137	24%
34	113	210	54%
36	136	239	57%
37	41	170	24%
39	0	2	0%
41	65	191	34%
43	91	209	44%
45	56	166	34%
46	119	219	54%
47	21	134	16%
48	53	175	30%
<b>Total</b>	915	2500	37%

## Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Report

After we complete our business on Bylaw amendments (Items 4, 8, and 10), we will begin considering resolutions proposed for KCDCC adoption. We look forward to working with newly submitted Resolutions and are here to help those who ask for assistance in composing a resolution. We encourage you to take a moment to review the processing procedures and requirements as well as how to write a resolution at

[www.kcdems.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/resolutionstandingrules1.pdf](http://www.kcdems.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/resolutionstandingrules1.pdf) and  
[www.kcdems.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/resolutionstandingrules2.pdf](http://www.kcdems.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/resolutionstandingrules2.pdf).

Resolutions should be submitted as soon as they are ready for committee review, but no later than noon on the Tuesday two weeks before the KCDCC meeting at which it is to be considered. Please submit your resolution(s) to all of the following three people:

KCDCC Chair, Karl deJong, at [chair@kcdems.org](mailto:chair@kcdems.org),  
Committee Co-chair, Dean Fournier at [dean48@comcast.net](mailto:dean48@comcast.net), and  
Committee Co-chair, Joel Ware at [joelware@yahoo.com](mailto:joelware@yahoo.com).

*Submitted by Co-chair Dean Fournier*

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## Endorsements Committee Report

Following candidate interviews on April 27th, May 4th, May 11th, and May 12th, as well as thorough vetting of candidate records, public statements, and pretty much any other information we could find, the Endorsements Committee of the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) recommends the following candidates be endorsed. This recommendation is based on these candidates' support of our platform, legislative priorities, qualifications, and viability.

- King County Executive – Dow Constantine
- King County Sheriff – John Urquhart
- King County Council, Dist. 1 – Rod Dembowski
- King County Council, Dist. 5 – Dave Upthegrove
- Port of Seattle, Pos. 1 – John Creighton
- Port of Seattle, Pos. 2 – Courtney Gregoire
- Port of Seattle, Pos. 3 – Michael Wolfe, Stephanie Bowman (Dual)
- Kent Municipal Court – Hon. Karli Jorgensen
- Des Moines Municipal Court – Hon. Veronica Galvan
- Bellevue City Council – Vandana Slatter
- Burien City Council – Rose Clark
- Burien City Council – Joey Martinez
- Kent Mayor – Tim Clark
- Kent City Council – Bailey Stober
- Redmond City Council – Kim Allen
- Seattle City Council – Sally Bagshaw
- Seattle City Council – Mike O'Brien
- Seattle City Council – Richard Conlin
- Seattle City Council – Nick Licata
- Seattle City Attorney – Pete Holmes
- Shoreline City Council – Chris Roberts
- Tukwila City Council – De'Sean Quinn

The committee would like to stress that these are recommendations to the KCDCC only. **KCDCC will vote on these recommendations on May 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m., at the Carpenter's Hall in Renton, WA, and this vote will determine actual endorsements.**

The Endorsements Committee also reviewed the ballot measure to amend the Seattle Charter allowing for districts. As this is a signature gathering effort, and recognizing

concerns among committee members ranging from the process to the map, the committee has chosen to re-visit whether to recommend supporting this issue until, if, and when enough signatures are obtained to put the measure on the November ballot.

The Mayoral race in Seattle posed a challenge for the committee. The following candidates were interviewed by the Endorsements Committee: Tim Burgess, Mike McGinn, Peter Steinbreuck, Kate Martin, Bruce Harrell, and Ed Murray. The committee engaged in a great discussion regarding how best to handle so many good Democrats, and it is the committee's recommendation that the King County Democrats take no position until after the primary election.

The committee did want to express that it felt the following candidates not only shared in our values, but are also viable and have the qualifications necessary to lead the City of Seattle (listed alphabetically):

- Bruce Harrell
- Mike McGinn
- Ed Murray
- Peter Steinbrueck

With the significant issues affecting Seattle, and the need for Seattle to be a regional player, not posturing as its own region, the committee felt it important to make this distinction. Of all of the candidates running, these four not only represent the values of the Democratic Party, but also have a grasp of the issues facing Seattle – from police accountability to maintaining a working port, transit to housing, potholes to sidewalks. These four also exhibited the competence to enact their priorities, hire staff, and maintain a working relationship with key players across the state for the benefit of all of King County.

Following the primary election, the Endorsements Committee will reconvene, and re-evaluate the Seattle Mayor's race. The committee will also address any additional races that seek the County Party's endorsement.

*Submitted by Michael Maddux*

Thank you for serving on the Endorsements Committee!	11th L.D. – Kathy Nyland	36th L.D. – Elizabeth Walter	46th L.D. – Jean Thomas
Michael J. Maddux – Chair	30th L.D. – Keith Tyler	37th L.D. – Susan Sherbina	48th L.D. – Mary Wirta
KCDCC – Karl de Jong	32nd L.D. – Pat McCoy	41st L.D. – Andrew Peabody	KCYD – Betsy Walker
5th L.D. – Jim Baum	33rd L.D. – Bob Loeliger	43rd L.D. – Michael Martin	
	34th L.D. – Ivan Weiss	45th L.D. – Dave Sell	

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## Training & Workshop Committee (TWC) Report

Submitted by Roger Flygare, Chair

The Training & Workshop Committee has been working on putting together a webinar series and a new program under the heading of “in-person small group campaign strategy.”

- After vetting *Any Meeting* as a potential vendor, I have decided to make the recommendation that they will be KCDCC’s single source vendor for this project. The biggest advantage is that there is no charge unless we upgrade at some point in the future.
- The mission of TWC continues to be the implementation of an online training program focused solely for Vote Builder and then to interact with the Candidate Support Committee (Farhana Satti) and PCO Coordinator (Richard Champion) with assistance for endorsed candidates as well as PCOs to effectively canvass their respective geographical areas.
- Currently, the makeup of the committee is Patrick Mead, Louis Watanabe, Chair deJong (ex officio), and me. If anyone is interested, please contact me at (253) 640-1111 or email me at RGFlygare AT aol.com. Committee member Christopher Anderson has resigned from the committee.
- Patrick, Louis, and I went through a demonstration utilizing Vote Builder and I am convinced this is the path our organization needs to take to build winners out of KCDCC’s endorsed candidates. *Any Meeting* has all the features we need to get going, and we will start recording very soon.
- On May 6, 2013, I met with Jennifer Minich and Jeff Carter to discuss small group, in-person training. We worked out some of the details of this process:
  1. Send out an email blast to endorsed candidates indicating key components that they will need to have for a competitive campaign, like a kitchen cabinet or steering committee.
  2. Before the primary election, Jeff Carter will facilitate a panel conversation between veteran, local Democratic politicians and our endorsed candidates.
  3. After the primary election, Jeff Carter is available to facilitate small-group leadership development sessions by spending a few hours with candidates and some of their steering committee members, if desired.

## State Committee Report

The Washington State Democrats met in beautiful Chelan, overlooking the lake, on April 26 and 27. Caucuses and committees met on Saturday morning.

The Rules Committee, on which both Javier and Ann serve, considered three major issues:

- 1) A solution to the Top Two endorsements/nominations quandary was suggested whereby it was suggested that endorsements are done at the local level before the primary and nominations be done by the state party after the primary. While the general concept seemed acceptable, there was considerable concern about the state’s role in this process.
- 2) A resolution was introduced that would prohibit the commercial sale of voter file data by the state party. Washington is one of the states that has not yet participated in such sale although a number of states are selling that data. It was argued this was a management issue and should not be subject to resolution. It was counter-argued this is a policy issue and definitely subject to resolution. (The resolution later passed with amendments.)
- 3) A proposal was put forward adding a second member of the Young Democrats (YDs) to the state central committee to achieve gender balance. Because this action would require a change to the charter, it was referred back to the YDs for proposed language.

Luncheon speakers covered immigration reform from the viewpoint of both labor and immigrant advocates, demonstrating how these divergent interests have reached agreement on the need to move forward with meaningful reform.

The afternoon meeting was short, but included a report from the Democratic National Committee (DNC), committee reports, passage of resolutions and a hearty musical send-off to Sharon Paige, longtime King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) member and a State Committee member, who is moving to California to complete her medical residency.

Submitted by Ann Martin

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Richard Champion  
Roger Crew  
Farhana Satti

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**WORD FIND**

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**Calendar of Events**

**May**

27th: Memorial Day  
28th: KCDCC Meeting

**June**

9th: Leadership Council  
16th: Legislative Action Committee  
25th: KCDCC Meeting  
29th: King County Democrats Picnic

**July**

4th: Independence Day  
14th: Leadership Council  
21st: Legislative Action Committee  
23rd: KCDCC Meeting

**August**

11th: Leadership Council  
18th: Legislative Action Committee  
27th: KCDCC Meeting

**September**

2nd: Labor Day  
9th: Leadership Council  
15th: Legislative Action Committee  
24th: KCDCC Meeting

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