

KING COUNTY DEMS

APRIL 22, 2014

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Fellow King County Democrats:

Two hundred-twenty five years ago, this month, in New York City, a 58 year old George Washington stepped out onto the veranda of Federal Hall.

At noon, he raised his right hand and recited his oath to solemnly swear and faithfully execute the office of President of the United States. And to the best of his ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Two hundred-twenty five years later, in April of this year, President Barack Obama paid homage to another president, Lyndon Johnson, for his work in passing the Civil Rights Act, so that all Americans can enjoy the rights and principals stated within our founding documents.

All of these Presidents, remind us that the greatness of our nation endures if we can first find the greatness in ourselves as individuals.

This month, my fellow democrats, I want to thank the outstanding work some individuals who have helped make our King County Democrats organization so great.

I want to thank all of our elected officials that participated in our 2014 King County Convention on Saturday, April 12th and I want to thank you King County Democratic Central Committee officers that made the County Convention happen.

For their outstanding work, I want to recognize the Convention Host Committee's Co-Chairs: Ann Martin and Javier Valdez. Additionally, Convention Secretary Jennifer Minich, Convention Parliamentarian Scott Forbes, Sergeant at Arms, Bob Rosenberger, Technology Support, Roger Crew, and both Roger Flygare and 37th District Democrats Chair Michael Wolfe for their printing support. Thank you.

For those who we're not in attendance, let's again, acknowledge and show our appreciation to three outstanding activists who made the event possible.

I want to thank the co-chairs of our By-Laws and Resolutions Committee, Joel Ware and Dean Fournier - for their exceptional leadership and wisdom that shaped the values of our party. Thank you Joel and Dean.

It is also my sincerest thanks and a special commendation that I give to a person whose experience enhances how we comport ourselves in the business of party. This long-serving activist not only fulfilled to role of chair, but also showed through his wisdom and patience,

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APRIL AGENDA

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6:30 p.m.	Social	
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order	Karl de Jong
7:02 p.m.	Flag Salute	
7:05 p.m.	Chair's Welcome	Karl de Jong
7:10 p.m.	Approval of the Agenda	
	Approval of the March Minutes	Jen Minich
7:15 p.m.	Program: Q & A with U.S. Representative Adam Smith	
7:35 p.m.	Legislative District Reports	Legislative District Chairs / Representatives
7:45 p.m.	Endorsements	Michael Maddux
8:05 p.m.	Treasurer's Report and Finance & Development Committee	Dave Fish & Christina Lewis
8:15 p.m.	Platform, Resolutions, & Bylaws	Dean Fournier & Joel Ware
8:25 p.m.	Legislative Action Committee	Bob Rosenberger & Joanne Cisneros
8:30 p.m.	PCO/Membership Committee	Dean Fournier & Joel Ware
8:40 p.m.	Voter Outreach	Devon Abdallah
8:50 p.m.	State Party Committee Members	Ann Martin & Javier Valdez
8:55 p.m.	Good of the Order	
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

NOTICE ITEMS

1. Endorsements will be considered for the 45th and 48th District Senate races.
2. An Endorsement Rule Change (see Endorsement Committee Report)
3. One Resolution (see Platform, Resolutions, & Bylaws Committee Report and Resolutions pages)
4. Two contribution requests (email)

FROM THE CHAIR

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his unswerving ability to lead the convention. Please join me in honoring our 2014 King County Convention Chair, Alec Stephens.

Just days after our Convention, the 48th District Senator announced he would not seek reelection.

As Chair of the King County Democrats, I would invite you all to join me, in offering our sincerest, best wishes to Senator Tom's 85 year old father who was struck by a vehicle - predicating the Senator's decision to depart from public office.

Our hearts go out to the family of Rodney Tom and the speedy recovery of Senator Tom's father.

In light of the Senator Tom's departure, an opportunity has arisen.

A very small one. This opportunity is a chance - a single chance, for King County Democrats to make a difference in our State.

It is now up to US, King County Democrats, to take back the State Legislature for the people.

We have seen the devastating impact of ONE Republican controlled part of Legislature. And since then, they have not passed bills to fully funded education, provide reproductive parity nor have they produced a critically needed transportation budget.

Our work begins now to support our democratic candidates that will make a difference in reshaping the balance of our State Senate.

- ◇ We must support Former Mayor of Kirkland, Joan McBride to replace Rodney Tom as the true representative voice of the 48th District.
- ◇ We must support Businesswoman, Shari Song who will now run in Federal Way to replace outgoing Democratic State Senator Tracy Eide in the 30th District.
- ◇ We must definitely support former Naval Officer, Harvard graduate and businessman, Matt Isenhower in his bid to defeat Republican incumbent Senator Andy Hill of the 45th Legislative District.

And I want to ask all of our Democratic Party activists, in our districts without a contested primary, to find the time this summer as we need your help in the 30th, the 45th and the 48th legislative districts to take back the Senate so our State Legislature can come back in 2015 to make laws - not gridlock.

Lets **build**.

Lets **grow**.

Lets **win**.

—Karl de Jong, KCDCC Chair



King County Convention Chair Alec Stephens at the podium. Photo by Al Garman

MARCH MINUTES

March 25, 2014

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

Carpenters' Hall 231 Burnett Ave N Renton, WA 98057

March 25, 2014 7:05 – 9:05 pm

Call to Order, Flag Salute, Chair's Welcome

- KCDCC Chair Karl de Jong called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, at ease for 5 minutes due to traffic, and reconvened at 7:05pm.
- Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Joel Ware led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The KCDCC Chair gave an introductory welcome speech.

Approval of the Agenda

- A motion was made by the Chair of the 37th LD, Michael Wolfe, seconded by Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Dean Fournier, and passed to accept the amended agenda made available to the members.

Approval of the January Minutes

- A motion was made by the Chair of the 37th LD and seconded to pass the January minutes. Secretary Jennifer Minich offered a technical amendment to correct the year. A motion to pass the minutes as corrected passed unanimously.

Moment of Silence for the Oso Mudslide Tragedy

- Alternate Delegate Nancy Rising (48th LD) rose to recognize the mudslide tragedy in Oso, WA.
- The KCDCC Chair echoed her concern for those impacted by this tragedy. He spoke in remembrance of Linda McPherson, a former school-board member and librarian who was an advocate for higher education and was active with scholarship funds. He also spoke of the leadership of Mayor of Darrington Dan Rankin.
- The KCDCC held a moment of silence.

Legislative District and Young Democrats Reports

- The Chair of the 37th LD spoke about the Get out the Vote strategy with the State Senate race. He presented a \$600 dues check.
- The Chair of the 33rd LD reported that the 3rd Annual South King County Dinner will be held on May 17, 2014 at 5pm at the International Association of Machinists Hall 9125 15th Pl S Seattle, WA 98108. The Keynote speaker will be Sherriff Urquhart. The 33rd LD St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast was held on March 22.
- Delegate Marcia Stedman (1st LD) spoke about their plans for a summer picnic on Saturday, August 9th.
- Chair of the 30th LD Tim Burns shared that Roger Flygare is running for office and Mark Miloscia switched party affiliation and is also running.
- Delegate Mary Wirta (48th LD) delivered a check for dues. Their LD is recruiting. Representative Ross Hunter and Senator Habib reported on what happened during the legislative session.
- Chair of the 34th LD Marci Stone-Vekich reported on their successful LD caucus. Their April 9th program will be about changes in marijuana laws, medical dispensaries, and stores. Speakers include Representative Eileen Cody, Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes, and others. There will be a Proposition 1 rally at the West Seattle Senior Center on April 12th from 1-3pm. On April 19th, there will be a fundraiser with Representative Joe Fitzgibbon at Russ Brubaker's house. There will be local food, beer and wine. Senator Sharon Nelson and Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen will be guests.
- Delegate Jeff Sandys (32nd LD) mentioned that Alan Charnley was registering voters. He introduced Delegate Jessica Marie Cafferty (32nd LD).
- Delegate Phillipa Kassover (46th LD) reported on a successful caucus. Attorney General Bob Ferguson spoke at their last meeting, and Matt Isenhower for 45th LD State Senate will speak at the next meeting. They are filling Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) seats.

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- King County Young Democrats Chair Betsy Walker shared that the next meeting will be a Jobs in Politics Night at 6pm on April 27th at the Blue Star Café & Pub 4512 Stone Way N Seattle, WA 98103. The Young Democrats of Washington Convention 2014 is April 4-6.
- Delegate Bill Taylor (11th LD) reported on a Town Hall meeting with Representatives and Senators. Senator Hasegawa is promoting the State Bank concept. Federal regulations may prohibit marijuana-based businesses from depositing funds in banks, and a State Bank might be a feasible alternative.
- Delegate Mary Wallon (36th LD) reported on a successful caucus and that PCO's were appointed at their March meeting.
- Delegate Michael Lofstedt (45th LD) reported on a great caucus, as well as canvassing and Get out the Vote efforts for Prop 1. They are also preparing to support Matt Isenhower's campaign.

Guests

- Dana Lurie, Political Director for Congressman Jim McDermott thanked everyone who came out to support the 20th Annual Potato Festival, which was held on March 23. She reminded us that March 31 is the last day to sign up for healthcare under the Affordable Care Act. Get insured, and remind others to sign-up as well.
- KCDCC Second Vice-chair Ken Taylor introduced Jackson and Harrison, high school interns working with KCDCC.
- Rebecca Bryant, Political Director for Congressman Adam Smith spoke about increasing the minimum wage, immigration reform, a defense authorization bill, closing Guantanamo Bay, and the NW Detention center hunger strikes. The 2014 Campaign Kickoff is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday, April 24 at the Renton Pavilion Event Center at 233 Burnett Ave S Renton, WA 98057.
- Maria Leininger, Political Director for Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, reported that Erin Chevront will be the new Political Director. She spoke about Matt Isenhower for State Senate in the 45th Legislative District (voteisenhower.com).
- Candidate for Seattle Municipal Court Judge Damon Shadid was introduced.
- The Honorable Ed McKenna, a Seattle Municipal Court judge, spoke about the courts and domestic violence and substance abuse. He invited us to visit the court website www.seattle.gov/courts. He has a strong survey rating and seeking support for his candidacy. Voter Outreach/ Multicultural Networking Committee Co-chair Mohamed Mohamud asked about research on domestic violence cuts that stated that victims are not recovering. Judge McKenna agreed and offered that downturn of economy has also affected people choosing not to leave.
- The Honorable Steve Rosen, a Seattle Municipal Court judge, spoke about veterans with chemical dependency, taking a holistic view on dependency and services such as housing, and treatment.

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Report

- LAC Co-chair Bob Rosenberger reported that the LAC has been meeting in different locations across King County. The February speaker was Matt Isenhower. In March, Joan McBride, who is running for State Senate in the 48th LD, spoke. The April meeting will be held at the Covington Library at 2pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Treasurer's Report and Finance & Development Committee

- Treasurer David Fish presented a revised budget for consideration and passage. He reported a \$9537 balance. He also reported that the budget dates presented last month in his absence (with apologies) were for a fiscal year of December 1-November 30 (not January 1 – December 31) to coincide with leadership turnover and re-organization. KCDCC should carry over a budget of \$4400 at re-organization. An additional change from last month is \$2k for the County Convention, which will be held on April 12th this year.
- Delegate Tara Gallagher (43rd LD) asked what the \$2,000 is based on? What is the breakdown? The State Committeeman and State Committeewoman answered questions. The State Committeeman reserved the facility for \$1300, and when overhead projectors, postage, and other costs are added, it ends up totaling \$2,000.
- Second Vice Chair Ken Taylor asked about whether we will need postage or whether it will be electronic

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communication. The answer provided was that the Rules Committee would be responsible for that question. Third Vice Chair Roger Crew replied that according to the Bylaws, there are no delegates or alternates, so we could potentially mail to all PCO's. Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD) asked about those who don't use electronic communication. The KCDCC Chair responded that the State Party communicates electronically as well.

- The Chair of the 34th LD recommends adding \$200 to your budget for a mailing permit because KCDCC has not paid for a bulk mail permit. The KCDCC Chair thanked the 34th LD Chair for bringing this to his attention.
- The motion to pass the budget was seconded and passed.

Convention Report

- State Committeeman Javier Valdez reported on the King County Democratic Convention. It will be held in Bellevue this year. The call will not be a booklet; rather it will include the date, location, and website. The convention is open to all registered voters in King County who declare to be a Democrat. They are the same forms as were used in the LD caucuses.
- The KCDCC Chair, State Committeewoman Ann Martin, and the State Committeeman went on a walk-through of the site last week. The site has capacity for 200, screen on stage, and a way to link a laptop. The main order of business is to adopt our platform. The location is reserved from 8 am – 3 pm, and no food or drink allowed in auditorium. There may be a table outside for food, but bring a brown bag lunch.
- The convention team needs help setting up, staffing tables for sign-in, donations, credentials, and tear down. Thank you to the Chairs of the 37th LD and the 33rd LD for volunteering for credentials.
- Delegate Bill Taylor asked how to volunteer, and the response was to email the State Committeewoman at martinhtamATgmail.com or the KCDCC Chair.

Voter Outreach

- Fourth Vice Chair Devon Abdallah offered a report about a campaign asking the Secretary of State / Elections Department to offer printable voter registration forms in 3 new languages for the Somali, Ethiopian, and Filipino communities. She introduced the voter outreach team, Voter Outreach/ Multicultural Networking Co-chair Mohamed Mohamud, Communications Co-chair Justin Chan, and Monisha Harrell. This resolution has been passing in the LDs, and she is asking for support tonight. The current requirement under the Voting Rights Act is for forms to be made available once the threshold of 5% of population is reached. The cost is \$4,000 for all three languages. Devon said that the threshold is the census data, and that American Communities Data show that the threshold has been met.
- Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD) asked whether the forms are electronic only, and whether they are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. She was answered by the KCDCC Chair, Voter Outreach/ Multicultural Networking Co-chair Mohamed Mohamud, and State Committeeman Marvin Rosete (11th LD) that they are available on any computer for print, including at community centers and libraries. This reaches out and encourages new voters in new communities. Delegate Christine Lee (33rd LD) asked whether the forms have instructions in other language, too. Monisha Harrell answered that the forms are exactly the same as the English version.
- The 11th LD State Committeeman remarked that Congressman Mike Honda from CA also supports this. If we reach out to people as Democrats, they will stay Democrats. Voter Outreach/ Multicultural Networking Co-chair Mohamed Mohamud said that this opens the door to participate in the Democratic Party. We can continue to attract new Americans and register them to vote.
- A question was asked how this process works and what happens if the Secretary of State refuses. Monisha Harrell answered that they are still working on full process. First, a resolution was written for the King County Democrats. Next, the resolution was taken to the LD's. The press and communities will be involved, too.
- Municipal Court Judge Steve Rosen offered that only half of the minority population is reporting for jury service. Courts are looking at translation to help recruit minority reporting for jury because we need a jury of peers. We need to focus on getting all people in to serve.

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- The State Committeewoman asked if they tried going to King County Elections Director Sherril Huff. The 4th Vice Chair replied that she had not.
- The Chair of the 33rd LD rose for a Point of Order to ask if we need to move into resolutions to pass this now. The KCDCC Chair replied that this is the committee that has done the work and therefore, has offered to provide answers to your questions, but that we are not moving onto that in agenda.

Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Committee

- Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chairs Joel Ware and Dean Fournier reported 4 resolutions and a Bylaws change.
- RESOLUTION: Building a more inclusive civic engagement process through the addition of Amharic, Somali and Tagalog languages to the list of available online voter registration forms
 - The Chair of the 37th LD offered an amendment substitute language as written by the Voter Outreach Committee and passed in LDs. Legislative Action Committee Co-chair Bob Rosenberger seconded the motion. State Committeewoman Tandy Williams (37th LD) spoke in favor of the amendment. Delegate Toby Thaler (43rd LD) spoke in opposition. A voice vote was divided, and a count was conducted by Alec Stephens. The amendment passed 22 – 14 with 3 abstentions.
 - Chair of the 34th LD amendment rose to add a second therefore clause for it to be passed on to the State Democratic Party Central Committee and the Convention as well as the Secretary of State. The Chair of the 37th LD offered that it was already sent to the State Democrats from the LDs. Delegate Tara Gallagher (43rd LD) offered that she will send it to the Secretary of State.
 - The resolution as amended was seconded and passed unanimously.
- MOTION: Amend Bylaws to conform with recent RCW changes
 - A motion was made, and it was seconded by Elections Committee Chair Noel Renggli.
 - The Chair of the 34th LD asked whether there are any partisan positions, and the KCDCC Chair answered that at this time the King County Prosecuting Attorney position is partisan. The Chair of the 33rd LD offered that nonpartisan positions may also change in the future. Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Dean replied that this makes the Bylaws realistic with the current situation.
 - The vote passed.
- RESOLUTION: Oppose Fast Track Authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership
 - Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Dean made a motion urging the adoption of this resolution, and it was seconded.
 - The KCDCC Chair added that the AFL-CIO is talking about this. Delegate Toby Thaler (43rd LD) added that we should oppose all trade agreements that are not good for working people. The Chair of the 37th LD asked whether our platform already contained that language, and the response was that it does not.
 - The vote passed.
- RESOLUTION: Resolution to Protect the USPS
 - The Chair of the 33rd LD made a motion, and it was seconded by Larry Smith to pass this resolution.
 - Delegate Don Bennett (33rd LD), a retired letter carrier, introduced the National Association of Letters Carriers Legislative Action Chair Rick Horner. They reported on Congressional Senate Bill 1486, the Postal Reform Act. This resolution has already been passed by the King County Labor Council and the 33rd LD. Delegate Phillipa Kassover (46th LD) spoke about the importance of small town post offices. The KCDCC Chair spoke about attempts to privatize the Post Office. The State Committeewoman added that the Post Office also provides passport services. Delegate Don Bennett (33rd LD) gave some contextual background about the private and public relationship surrounding air transportation. Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD) spoke about rural post offices in Eastern Washington and languages.
 - The resolution passed unanimously.

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- RESOLUTION: Forgo Bottled Water at Democratic Party Events
 - This resolution was seconded and passed.
- Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Dean Fournier reported that the draft platform will be presented ten days before convention and be posted on the walls at the convention. The Chair of the 33rd LD asked about whether an internet link will be available for the LDs to get out to their members, and the Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Dean Fournier replied that there would be.
- The Chair of the 37th LD rose to inquire about the resolution in support of a living wage \$15/hour minimum wage from the 37th LD. Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Dean Fournier offered that it will be considered in the future.

Guests Cont.

- The KCDCC Chair made a point of Personal Privilege to invite Democratic State Central Committee Affirmative Action Chair Alec Stephens to say a few words. The KCDCC Chair reported that Mr. Stephens will act as the permanent chair of the County Convention. Mr. Stephens asked the question, “Are conventions necessary in non-Presidential election years?” to start a conversation on the topic.

PCO/Membership Committee

- KCDCC Second Vice-chair Ken Taylor is looking into 120-150 square feet of office space for the 12 interns in the new program. He put out a call to the KCDCC membership for possible locations, preferably free. Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD) asked about wiring, and the Chair of the 33rd LD asked about pricing. Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Co-chair Joel Ware asked Ken to discuss it with him after the meeting.
- The KCDCC Chair spoke about the long-term need for campaign space to grow the party and to win elections. Sergeant-at-Arms Ivan Weiss spoke about the need in the 45th and 48th, but recommended determining what campaigns are doing and coordinating with them. Delegate Phil Kouse (48th LD) asked whether the State Party is acting on this. The KCDCC Chair responded that he hadn't heard anything and that we can't wait in a vacuum. The Chair of the 33rd LD added that we could get space, and if the State Party decides to open an office, we could join them. When asked about State Party office space, the KCDCC Chair replied that when he asked the former State Democratic Chair, he was declined, but that the prime location for space for KCDCC is along the 45th and 48th LD borders. Please email chairATkcdems.org if you have any ideas.
- The KCDCC Second Vice-chair is holding a PCO Coordinator event this Thursday, May 29th at Luther's Table in Renton.

Adjourn

- A motion was made by the Chair of the 37th LD, seconded by the Elections Committee Chair, and passed to adjourn at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Minich

VOTE SHARI SONG FOR STATE SENATE DIST 30

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

April 22, 2014

Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws

In this busy month of biennial Convention and platform presentation, your Platform, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee has one resolution to present for your consideration at the April 22 meeting of the KCDCC Executive Board. It is designed to prevent recurrence of the various types of unfortunate outcome that have, in recent experience, plagued a few LDs' careful efforts to have interim vacancies in public office filled as provided by State law.

Our approach relies on two assumptions. The first is that caucusing PCOs will prefer to vote for candidates who have pledged in advance to respect their choice for who should fill the vacancy. Second is that a candidate for public office who has provably signed such a pledge will be deterred, by the certainty of automatic shame, from immediately turning around and violating that pledge. The latter assumption is supported by the likelihood that County Councilmembers would be loath to choose for public office a proven welcher, and furthermore that anyone who might attain office via such a demonstrable lack of integrity would inevitably be of diminished effectiveness due to mistrust by his/her intended fellow office-holders in terms of committee assignments, policy-making, etc.

It is of course possible that introducing a "voluntary declaration" into the process may not prove effective after all. But it's a step we can take on our own, and can put into effect immediately. If it proves unsuccessful, there may be other approaches we can try.

*Dean Fournier and Joel Ware,
PRB Committee Co-chairs.*



COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Endorsements Committee

Endorsements Committee

Michael J. Maddux – Chair
Betsy Walker – Vice Chair, North County
Bob Loeliger – Vice Chair, South County

Members:

KCDCC – Karl de Jong
5th L.D. – Jim Baum
11th L.D. – Kathy Nyland
30th L.D. – Keith Tyler
32nd L.D. – Dean Fournier
34th L.D. – Ivan Weiss
37th L.D. – Susan Sherbina
41st L.D. – Sara Franklin
45th L.D. – Dave Sell
46th L.D. – Larry Smith
48th L.D. – Mary Wirta
KCYD – Laura Williams
Stonewall Dems –
 Josh Castle, Ben Crowther
Labor Caucus – Ian Jacobson
Affirmative Action Caucus –
 Alec Stephens

The Endorsements Committee has begun the work of vetting candidates for the Legislature, Congress, and judicial positions. It is an exciting year, to say the least.

Part of that work includes sending the message early to the Republicans that we in the King County Democrats are going to move *forward* with our swing district candidates. The Endorsements Committee started the process early, and we have results that will help elect Democrats who, unlike the GOP, will work for *solutions*. We will continue to engage in our vetting process throughout the season, and are looking forward to a productive Endorsements Meeting in May.

Finally, the Endorsements Committee would like to make one technical amendment to the Endorsement Rules, in order to match the Rules with the Bylaws. Specifically, Rule A(2) calls for ten days' notice of endorsements, but the bylaws require candidates submit their questionnaires seven days before being considered for endorsement. Accordingly, the Committee would like to change A(2) to be seven days, as well, in order to comport with the Bylaws.

A. General

2. At least ~~10~~7 days' notice shall be given prior to any KCDCC Executive Board consideration of endorsement for elective office or ballot measure. Notice shall ~~consist of~~ be
 - a. ~~inclusion in the emailed agenda~~ emailed to members of the KCDCC Executive Board and
 - b. ~~posting~~ posted to the King County Democrats' website.

Officers & Committees

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Christina Lewis
Ken Taylor
Roger Crew
Devon Abdallah

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Digital Media

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Elections

Noel Renggli

Endorsements

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Ivan Weiss

Technology

Roger Crew

Training & Workshops

Roger Flygare

Voter Outreach/ Multicultural Networking

Devon Abdallah
Mohamed Mohamud

Status

The chart to the left represents the state of our PCO list as of April 21, 2014. District chairs or administrators are encouraged to periodically check the lists on <https://s.kcdems.org>, which, in addition to PCO lists, also has our listings of your district officers (which also determines who is currently known to be the KCDCC representatives of your organization and hence who gets email notices of Executive Board meetings meetings).

Please report any problems you see in the lists or if anyone is not receiving email who should be to me at admin@kcdems.org

Roger Crew

3rd Vice-Chair and Technology Chair

LD	# PCOs	# Populated Precincts in KC	% of Precincts with PCOs
1	16	48	33%
5	28	162	17%
11	44	141	31%
30	51	138	36%
31	5	52	9%
32	53	106	50%
33	95	137	67%
34	116	210	55%
36	166	239	69%
37	62	170	36%
39	0	2	0%
41	104	191	53%
43	183	209	87%
45	56	166	33%
46	122	219	55%
47	21	134	15%
48	52	175	29%
Total	1173	2499	47%

Calendar of Events

April

22nd: KCDCC Executive Board

May

11th: KCDCC Leadership

27th: KCDCC Executive Board

June

11th: KCDCC Leadership

27th: KCDCC Executive Board

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RESOLUTIONS

April 22, 2014

RESOLUTION URGING AN IMPROVED PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING NOMINEES TO FILL VACANCIES IN CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICES

WHEREAS the Washington State Constitution, in Article II, Section 15, confers on county councils and commissions a limited appointive power in the filling of vacancies in legislative positions and partisan county elected offices; and

WHEREAS such power is, in most instances, to be exercised by the county council or commission appointing to such office one of three nominees designated by the county central committee of a political party;

WHEREAS county councils' and commissions' exercise of such appointive power in recent years has increasingly produced problems and criticism, undermining public confidence in their county councilmembers and commissioners, and in the persons chosen thereby to fill vacancies in the specified public offices; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding provision in Article VII.D of the Washington State Democratic Party Bylaws that "The [State Central Committee] shall develop rules for the conduct of legislative appointment caucuses," no such rules have yet been promulgated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly urge the Washington State Democratic Party to develop a set of rules governing the choosing of three nominees for submission to county councils and commissions for the filling of vacancies in legislative positions and partisan county elected offices, such rules to provide in part that the nominees shall consist of:

- (a) the person who received, pursuant to properly promulgated rules, the majority of votes cast for that office by the PCOs of the relevant constituency in caucus assembled, and
- (b) two other persons, in descending order of the number of votes cast for that office, who have been accorded the opportunity to execute a prescribed written statement of support for the person receiving the majority of votes under those rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the set of rules attached to this resolution be considered for adoption as the Washington State Democrats' recommended rules for choosing nominees in such situations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Washington State Democratic Party to encourage the adoption of rules in accordance with the above.

Adopted _____ by _____

Submitted by KCDCC Resolutions Committee
Dean Fournier and Joel Ware, Co-chairs

RESOLUTIONS

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Procedures for the Nomination of Candidates to Fill Vacancies in the ____ Legislative District

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Washington State Democrats, the following are the procedures to be followed for caucuses called to fill any interim vacancy in the Legislature or other partisan elective office in _____ County:

1. The Chair of the _____ County Democratic Central Committee shall call a special caucus of the ____ Legislative District precinct committee officers (PCOs), for the purpose of filling the apparent vacancy/ies. The County Chair, or the Chair's designee, shall preside over the caucus.
2. Notice of the caucus shall be sent fourteen days in advance, and shall include the purpose of the caucus, the vacancy to be filled, the time, place, and date of the meeting, and a copy of these procedures. Said notice shall be e-mailed to all of the District's elected and appointed PCOs pursuant to the County Central Committee's bylaws.
3. Any person seeking appointment to fill the vacancy must be a Democrat, a registered voter in the ____ Legislative District, and otherwise qualified for the office.
4. Only duly elected and appointed PCOs (not including acting PCOs) within the district will be eligible to vote. No proxies or absentee ballots will be allowed. To be eligible to vote, appointed PCOs must have had their appointments approved by the County Chair at least four weeks prior to the caucus.
5. The County Chair (or his/her designee) will convene a ____ Legislative District sub-caucus of eligible voting PCOs and appoint a sub-caucus Chair, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, Credentials Committee Chair, Tally Committee Chair, Timekeeper and Parliamentarian.
6. Elections will be held to select three possible appointees for each vacant or imminently vacant position. Nominations for any given position shall be taken from the floor; individuals may nominate themselves.
7. Each person nominated must establish, to the satisfaction of the sub-caucus Chair, whether s/he has executed the "Voluntary Declaration" comprising the Appendix to these Rules. The names of those who have done so, and of those who have not, shall be announced to caucus participants before commencement of any voting.
8. Following all nominations, the caucus shall recess for a candidate forum, at the conclusion of which the caucus will be re-convened and each nominated candidate will have up to two minutes total speaking time, including speakers on his/her behalf. Following speakers, the vote shall be taken.
9. Voting procedure to determine the first-, second-, and third-ranked nominees:
 - a. Each PCO shall cast one vote on the ballot provided. Voting shall be by signed ballot. Ballots not signed, or having more than one vote cast, will not be counted.
 - b. Nominees for the first-, second-, and third-ranked positions shall be selected in a single round of voting. When those votes have been tabulated, the ranking of the candidates by vote totals shall be announced.
 - c. If there were more than three candidates, the top three vote-getters shall be retained for further balloting and all others stricken.
 - d. On the next round of balloting, each voter shall cast one vote for one of the remaining three candidates. Those votes shall be tabulated, the totals announced, and a ranking established by the number of votes each candidate received.
 - e. If no candidate received a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a recorded vote between the candidates ranked first and second. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast in this balloting shall be ranked first.
10. The names of the nominees selected thereby, and their respective vote totals, shall be promptly forwarded in rank order to the County Chair (or his/her designee) for presentation to the County Central Committee.
11. For each vacancy, the County Chair (or designee) shall present the three possible appointees' names and their vote totals to the County Central Committee for ratification. Upon such ratification, the names will be forwarded in rank order to the chair of the County legislative authority.
12. The County Chair shall retain custody of the ballots for three months.
13. In all matters not specifically covered herein, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail.

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APPENDIX: "Voluntary Declaration"

I am aware that, in the event of a vacancy in the office of _____, State law grants to the Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) in my Legislative District the authority to choose three candidates to fill that vacancy, and that from those three the selection of who will actually fill the vacancy is to be made by the _____ County legislative body.

Because I recognize that the PCOs in my Legislative District are the persons who best understand the wishes of the electorate in that District and are most closely and thoroughly familiar with the attributes of potential candidates to fill the pending vacancy, I hereby assure and pledge to the District's PCOs and my other would-be constituents that, if I am not those PCOs' first choice to fill that vacancy (as determined by the number of qualified votes recorded among candidates at a duly called meeting or caucus), I will:

- a) promptly ask the County legislative body in writing to select, by name, the person who did receive the most votes to fill that vacancy, and*
- b) refrain from communicating with any member or staff of the County legislative authority in any manner inconsistent with the above.*

Signed _____

Date _____



Shari Song (LD30 Senate Candidate) addresses the King County Convention. Photo by Al Garman