

1 **Rules for the Election of**  
2 **State Democratic Party Officers**  
3 **(Approved by the WSDCC on January 24, 2009)**  
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5 Pursuant to the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of  
6 Washington, the officers of the State Central Committee (SCC) shall be elected for  
7 two-year terms at the first meeting of the SCC in the odd-numbered years  
8 following the general election. The officers of the SCC are the Chair, Vice-Chair,  
9 Secretary, and Treasurer. The following rules shall apply to such elections:

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11 In the event of a vacancy in an office, the office may be filled by election at any  
12 regular or special meeting of the SCC, provided the written notice of the  
13 proposed election has been deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, to each  
14 member of the SCC at least fifteen (15) days in 15 advance of the meeting.

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16 1. The elections for the four Party officers shall be nominated, counted and  
17 announced separately. The elections shall be held in the following order:  
18 Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.  
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20 2. The officers of the SCC need not be members of the SCC. Candidates  
21 must be resident, registered voters of the State of Washington. A  
22 candidate need not be present to be elected but if not present must have  
23 filed a letter of intent with the State Chair prior to the meeting at which  
24 the elections will be held.  
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26 3. All candidates for Party officer shall be nominated and seconded by  
27 members of the SCC. Each candidate may use up to five (5) minutes on  
28 his or her behalf for nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by  
29 the candidate, to include the time spent by the temporary chair in  
30 reading the letter for a candidate not in attendance. The five (5) minutes  
31 may be allocated at the candidate's discretion.  
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33 4. After all candidates for one of the above-listed Party offices are  
34 nominated, the State Central Committee shall vote as follows: a ballot to  
35 be counted must be signed, and clearly state one (1) name of a properly  
36 nominated candidate for that office. In order to be elected, a candidate  
37 must have a majority of the votes of those casting valid ballots. A  
38 candidate who receives a majority on the first ballot and is the highest  
39 vote getter shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority  
40 of the first ballot, then there shall be a runoff election between the two  
41 (2) highest vote getters for that office. Voting on the runoff ballot shall be

42 the same as the first ballot. If only one (1) candidate is nominated for an  
43 office, voting shall be by voice.

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45 The Washington State Democratic Central Committee "PASSED" these rules at  
46 their meeting 45 held on January 24, 2009 in Olympia.