Rules for the Election of
State Democratic Party Officers
(Approved by the WSDCC on January 24, 2009)

Pursuant to the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of
Washington, the officers of the State Central Committee (SCC) shall be elected for
two-year terms at the first meeting of the SCC in the odd-numbered years
following the general election. The officers of the SCC are the Chair, Vice-Chair,
Secretary, and Treasurer. The following rules shall apply to such elections:

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

1. The elections for the four Party officers shall be nominated, counted and
   announced separately. The elections shall be held in the following order:
   Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

2. The officers of the SCC need not be members of the SCC. Candidates
   must be resident, registered voters of the State of Washington. A
   candidate need not be present to be elected but if not present must have
   filed a letter of intent with the State Chair prior to the meeting at which
   the elections will be held.

3. All candidates for Party officer shall be nominated and seconded by
   members of the SCC. Each candidate may use up to five (5) minutes on
   his or her behalf for nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by
   the candidate, to include the time spent by the temporary chair in
   reading the letter for a candidate not in attendance. The five (5) minutes
   may be allocated at the candidate’s discretion.

4. After all candidates for one of the above-listed Party offices are
   nominated, the State Central Committee shall vote as follows: a ballot to
   be counted must be signed, and clearly state one (1) name of a properly
   nominated candidate for that office. In order to be elected, a candidate
   must have a majority of the votes of those casting valid ballots. A
   candidate who receives a majority on the first ballot and is the highest
   vote getter shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority
   of the first ballot, then there shall be a runoff election between the two
   (2) highest vote getters for that office. Voting on the runoff ballot shall be
the same as the first ballot. If only one (1) candidate is nominated for an
office, voting shall be by voice.

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