

Proposed Rules for the Electronic Election of State Democratic Party Officers

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 only in the event that the Executive Committee determines that a physical meeting is not possible and reorganization must be done virtually 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 a resident 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 must be nominated and seconded by a duly elected member of the State Central Committee. A candidate's nomination and second may be provided in advance of the meeting in the form of an email clearly indicating the individual being nominated sent to PartyAffairs@wa-democrats.org, and CCing dnc@wa-democrats.org. WSD Staff will provide all nominations to all other DNC members at the time of confirmation of receipt. Candidates who are nominated and seconded will receive the following resources along with their confirmation of receipt:
 - a. The contact information of all currently elected State Committee Members
 - b. An invitation to draft up to two letters to all elected members, to be sent by staff at a time of the candidates choosing. These statements may be made public.
 - c. A list of other candidates who have submitted nominations and seconds for their position, to be updated as new candidates join.
 - d. The Call to Meeting and requisite logistical information for the meeting where the election is to be held, if available.

Candidates who are nominated ahead of the meeting may submit pre-recorded nomination and seconding speeches, as well as remarks. Pre-recorded remarks submitted less than 24 hours in advance may encounter technical obstacles. Candidate nominations may be made from the floor using the same method as outlined for making a motion in the Rules for Virtual Meetings. Candidates will be provided 5 total minutes for either pre-recorded remarks or live speeches, to be distributed 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: All voting members must be provided a UVIN (Unique Voting Identification Number) ahead of voting which will secure their individual ballot. All votes will be conducted via google forms, following the limitations outlined in the Virtual Meeting Rules. All ballots will be initially audited by the Senior DNC member in order to produce an audit log for future record keeping. All ballots must contain a google sheet that is shared with 1 designated representative of each campaign, as well as each DNC member to observe for abnormalities as votes are recorded. Balloting will remain open for 15 minutes for each election, followed by a 15-minute verification window, where each campaign and DNC member may audit the results and audit log for accuracy. 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.