Rules for the Election of Congressional District Representatives to the State Democratic Party Executive Board

The following rules shall apply to the election of Executive Board members elected by and from the SCC membership in each Congressional District:

At each reorganization meeting or in the event of a vacancy in one or more of these positions, the position or positions may be filled by election at any regular or special meeting of the SCC. Candidates interested in running for a position must notify the State Party at least a week in advance to be included in a published candidate guide. Parameters around candidacy declaration and permission of any accompanying materials like a statement or photo will be published in the official Call to Meeting during which the election will be held.

I. Congressional District Representatives:
   A. The State Chair shall appoint a convener, who is an eligible voter in the Congressional District Caucus election, who shall run the election and serve as temporary Chair of the caucus.

   B. Individuals allowed to vote in the election of Congressional District representatives to the State Party Executive Board shall be the regular or special members of the SCC who have signed into the meeting. SCC members may only vote in the election of the SCC representative for the Congressional District in which they reside.

   i. Proxy votes may only be cast in the CD in which the SCC member giving the proxy resides.

   C. A Congressional District representative on the Executive Committee must be a State Committee Member residing in the Congressional District which they are elected to represent. 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.

   D. All candidates shall be nominated and seconded by members of the SCC residing in their respective Congressional District. Each candidate may use up to two (2) minutes on their 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 two (2) minutes may be allocated at the candidate’s discretion.

   E. After all candidates for the office are nominated, the SCC members in a specific Congressional District 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 the highest total of votes and receives a majority on the first ballot 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.

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