

BL & SR 2018-017 Credentials Committee

Rationale: First, thank you to the Officers of the Central Committee, the Office Committee, the Rules Committee and various individuals that put in substantial time and effort to make this proposal what it is. It is time to create a Credentials Committee and tighten up how credentialing works at our Central Committee meetings. We will have close to 600 PCPs after the May election. Also, at the 1st Vice-Chair elections we had 151 ballots turned in and 119 credentialed attendees. This standing committee will address the credentials changes needed while not adding to the size of the executive board. A meeting between the Rules Committee, Office Committee, Chair, and Vice Chairs was held and a lengthy discussion was had. Everyone agreed there is a need for a Credentials Committee and an outline how to perform the duties.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 7: Duties

a. The Chair shall have the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Central **Committee** and Executive ~~Committee~~ **Board**; supervise paid staff; appoint a Parliamentarian and all Committee Chairs **except the Budget and Credentials Committee Chairs**, with the approval of a majority of the elected officers; be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, except the Nominating Committee; and execute, with the Secretary, all contracts on behalf of the Central Committee; and be an alternate signer of checks with the Treasurer. The Chair shall ensure that notice of all regular and special meetings is sent to all members of the Central Committee not later than the sixth day before each meeting (ORS 248.012)

c. The Second Vice-Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair in the absence or disability of the Chair and First Vice-Chair; **Chair the Credentials Committee**; and may coordinate the work of standing committees, as assigned by the Chair. The Second Vice-Chair shall be the opposite gender of the First Vice-Chair

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES & CAUCUSES

Section 1: The Executive ~~Committee~~ **Board**:

Shall consist of the current elected officers, the Chair of the State Democratic Central Committee delegates, the Chair of the First Congressional District delegates and the chairs of all standing committees; hold monthly meetings **and special meetings as needed**; have a quorum when a majority of its members are present; review and make recommendations on all Central Committee officer recall petitions prior to action by the Central Committee; hire paid staff; and conduct all necessary business required between regular meetings of the Central Committee. ~~No member of the Executive Committee shall hold more than one position on the Central Committee~~ **No officer may be chair of a standing committee. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one officer position, nor chair more than one standing committee**, with the exception of the Treasurer who is chair of the Budget Committee **and the Second Vice-Chair who is chair of the Credentials Committee**. No one person shall be

entitled to more than one vote in Executive ~~Committee~~ **board** meetings. Where a committee is represented by co-chairs, only one vote may be cast.

Section 5: Standing Committees' Duties

a. The Community Outreach Committee: Shall develop and strengthen the Central Committee by sponsoring and participating in community events to include Fairs, Parades, Values in Action events and other activities for PCPs and volunteers; ~~perform credentials/registration duties for the Central Committee~~; reach out and serve as liaison to other organizations with Democratic views in the county.

Add: Article VIII, Section 5, m

m. The Credentials Committee: Shall be chaired by the 2nd Vice Chair. The committee shall determine the eligibility of every Central Committee member attending and certify their eligibility to vote at that meeting. The Credentials Committee Chair shall have Voter File administrator access to assist the Secretary in maintaining accurate and up to date membership records of all Precinct Committeepersons including phone numbers and email addresses. The Credentials Committee shall provide other credentialing services as approved by the Executive Board.

Add Standing Rule:

Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee shall determine the eligibility of every PCP attending and certify each person by their signature on a preprinted PCP list which includes phone and email contact information. The PCP will verify their contact information when they sign, the committee member will hand the PCP a name badge and voting card giving each credentialed PCP the ability to vote on Central Committee business at that meeting.

The credentialing process will be conducted prior to each Central Committee, Special, and Organizational meeting. At Organizational meetings, elected and appointed PCPs will be given different color badges for voting purposes.

The only persons authorized to receive official PCP updates for the purpose of credentialing from the county elections office are the Secretary and Credentials Committee Chair.