

Calling of County Committee Biennial Reorganizational Meetings: As provided in RCW 29A.80.030, sometime after the general election in each even-numbered year but before the 2nd Saturday of the following January, the PCOs of each county meet to elect new officers for their county central committee. As provided by Article VIII.C of the WSD bylaws, these officers shall include the Chair, (1st) Vice-Chair, and male and female representatives to the State Democratic Central Committee.

Proposed Agenda for the King County Democratic Central Committee Reorganization Meeting

- Call to Order by Temporary Meeting Chair
- Flag Salute
- Appointment of Secretary, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at Arms and Tally Committee
- Credentials Report
- Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Rules
- Adoption of Bylaws and Standing Rules
- Election of KCDCC Officers per Bylaws
 - County Chair (who presides from this point on)
 - 1st Vice-Chair
 - 2nd Vice-Chair
 - 3rd Vice-Chair
 - 4th Vice-Chair
 - State Committeeman
 - State Committeewoman
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- Old Business
- New Business
- Good of the Order
- Adjournment

Proposed Rules for the King County Democratic Central Committee Reorganization Meeting

1. The 2014 County Chair shall appoint a temporary chair for the initial phase of the reorganization meeting, and a Credentials Committee to administer sign-ins for King County's Democratic Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs).
2. The temporary chair shall:
 - a) call the meeting to order and appoint, for the meeting, a Secretary, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Tally Committee; and
 - b) preside until the election of a County Chair for the 2015-2016 term.
3. Only Democratic PCOs residing in King County and elected at the August 5, 2014 primary – including those elected by virtue of being the only candidate to file in a precinct – shall be eligible to vote.
4. Any time after adoption of the Agenda and meeting Rules, the body may adopt bylaws. In the event no new bylaws are adopted at the meeting, the existing KCDCC bylaws [as amended March 25, 2014] are acknowledged as remaining in effect.
5. Pursuant to RCW 29A.80.030, only persons of gender opposite to that of the newly elected County Chair may be nominated for 1st Vice-Chair. Under the existing bylaws, no more than two of KCDCC's four vice-chairs may be of the same gender as the Chair.
6. The process for nominating and electing each position shall include the following:
 - a) Call for nominations. Each nomination shall require a second.
 - b) Close nominations.
 - c) Two minutes of speeches on behalf of each candidate, in the order of their nomination, delivered by candidates, PCOs, and/or other residents of King County willing to publicly declare themselves as Democrats.
 - d) For the position of Chair only, a 30-minute question and answer session moderated by the Temporary Chair. Each candidate for Chair who is present will be afforded a maximum of 1 ½ minutes to speak in response to each question, unless the asker requests a simple yes or no response. All questions must be submitted in writing by PCOs eligible to vote at the meeting. The Tally Committee shall assist the Temporary Chair in sorting through written submissions from PCOs and selecting questions to be asked.
7. A simple majority is required to elect a candidate to any KCDCC office.

In any inconclusive balloting round with three or more candidates, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped, except to the extent that candidates withdraw voluntarily or the body votes to reopen nominations before the next round.

Elections require written ballots for as long as they are contested. Uncontested candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Written ballots need not be signed. Instead, pursuant to WSD Charter VII.G.2, there shall be a mechanism to ensure the eligibility of those who cast ballots; e.g., a check-off list, sign-in-sheet, or ballot receipts.

References:

RCW 29A.80.030

County central committee — Organization meetings.

The county central committee of each major political party consists of the precinct committee officers of the party from the several voting precincts of the county. Following each state general election held in even-numbered years, this committee shall meet for the purpose of organization at an easily accessible location within the county, subsequent to the certification of precinct committee officers by the county auditor and no later than the second Saturday of the following January. The authorized officers of the retiring committee shall cause notice of the time and place of the meeting to be mailed to each precinct committee officer at least seventy-two hours before the date of the meeting.

At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall elect a chair and vice chair of opposite sexes.

WSD Charter VII.G.2: When a person votes as an elected representative, open ballots shall be used.

This provision does not apply to the election by precinct committee officers of organizational officers (e.g., chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, state committeepersons), provided that there is a mechanism to ensure the eligibility of those who cast ballots (e.g., a check-off list, sign-in-sheet, ballot receipts).

WSD Bylaws VIII.B: In any county central committee, only elected precinct committee officers and precinct committee officers appointed after the organizational meeting shall vote for county chair, vice chair, state committeewoman, state committeeman and any representative the county central committee is authorized to send to other Party organizations and on the adoption or amendment of bylaws. County central committees may allow other Democrats to participate in all other functions.

WSD Bylaws VIII.C: Each county central committee shall be organized according to state law, the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington, and other provisions pursuant to the authority of the Charter. Its organizational meeting shall take place in December or January following each state general election held in even-numbered years. At the organizational meeting, the committee shall elect a chair, a vice chair, a state committeewoman, a state committeeman and any representatives it is authorized to send to other Party organizations.

KCDCC Bylaws

Article V: Officers and Their Duties

Section 5.1: Officers

The elected officers of the KCDCC shall be the County Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Third Vice-Chair, Fourth Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman. No more than two Vice-Chairs may be the same sex as the County Chair. As required by [RCW 29A.80.030](#), the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be of opposite sex.

Article VI: Special KCDCC Meetings

Section 6.1: Reorganization Meeting

The KCDCC shall meet for its reorganization meeting following the general election held in even-numbered years, subsequent to the certification of PCOs by the county and no later than the second Saturday of the following January ([RCW 29A.80.030](#)). Rules for the reorganization meeting shall be drafted by the Chair and adopted by the Executive Board of the retiring KCDCC. Notice¹ of the time, place and rules for the meeting shall be sent to each PCO at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.