

BYLAWS
OF
WASCO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ADOPTED: March 13, 2007

The Wasco County Democratic Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as “WCDCC”, shall be organized and operated pursuant to these bylaws, the bylaws of the Democratic Party of Oregon, and all relevant state and federal statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances.

I.
PURPOSE

The purpose of the WCDCC shall be to:

- (1) Promote the interests of the Democratic Party;
- (2) Recruit and elect Democratic candidates for public office; and
- (3) Represent the concerns of Wasco County Democrats at the State and Second Congressional District levels of the Democratic Party.

2.
MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the WCDCC, including the rights and privileges to attend all meetings and participate in all discussions, shall be open to:

- (1) Voting members who are:
 - (a) Precinct Committee People duly elected in accordance with the provisions of the Oregon Revised Statutes;
 - (b) Precinct Committee People duly appointed by elected precinct Committee People; and
 - (c) All elected officers of the WCDCC.

(2) Non-voting members who are voter residents of Wasco County and registered in the Democratic Party, and all Democrat elected officeholders who are elected in a partisan race and who are residents of Wasco County. Non voting members are not counted toward a quorum of WCDCC.

3. OFFICERS

At every organizational meeting, as required by statute, the WCDCC shall adopt bylaws and hold elections for the following offices, for a term to be effective until the next organizational meeting:

- (1) Chair;
- (2) Vice-chair;
- (3) Secretary;
- (4) Treasurer; and
- (5) Two (2) delegates and one (1) alternate to the DPO State Central Committee.

4. FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS

The officers shall function as follows:

- (1) The Chair shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committee persons, except as hereinafter provided, and shall have a deciding vote on all matters before the WCDCC or the Executive Committee, in the event of a tie vote. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member¹ of all committees; and
- (2) All other officers shall have the duties provided for under parliamentary practice, including the right to vote.

¹One who is a member of a board, committee or other body by virtue of his title to a certain office, and who does not require further appointment.

5.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the WCDCC shall be elected as follows:

(1) At the organizational meeting required by statute. This order of business shall immediately follow the credentials report. Only elected Precinct Committee Persons shall be allowed to participate in the election of officers;

(2) In the event of contested races, the WCDCC officers shall be elected by secret ballot;

(3) Vacancies among the officers shall be filled at the next regular meeting following the declaration or occurrence of such vacancy, but in no event sooner than four (4) weeks after the office has been declared to become vacant. All contested elections to fill vacancies shall be by secret vote; and

(4) An officer of the WCDCC does not have to be a precinct person.

6.
REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Any officer may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the committee members present and voting at such central committee meeting. Removal action against any officer may be moved by either the Executive Committee or by petitions of no less than twelve (12) Precinct Committee Persons. The committee members shall be notified at a regular meeting of such motion, which motion shall be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the central committee. Any officer subject to removal action shall have the right to receive a copy of the charges against said officer, to confront the officer's accusers, to examine witnesses and to present rebuttal evidence. In addition, delegates shall also be subject to DPO bylaws regarding participation and attendance at the State Central Committee meetings.

7.
MEETINGS

The WCDCC shall meet at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. Advance notice, stating the purpose, shall be made of all scheduled meetings. Five (5) or more duly elected and/or appointed Precinct Committee Persons or officers present shall constitute a quorum of the voting membership. Non-voting members and the general public will be allowed to attend all meetings, save and except for Executive Committee meetings.

8.
Executive Committee

An Executive Committee shall be formed, consisting of the four (4) elected officers and all delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall have such authority as may be delegated to it, from time to time, by the WCDCC. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of proposing party programs to the WCDCC. The Executive Committee has the power to authorize payment of bills in the absence of a quorum of the voting members at regularly scheduled meetings.

9.
VACANCIES IN PUBLIC OFFICE

In the event of a vacancy relating to any public office within Oregon, held by a Democrat or for which a Democrat is nominated, where the WCDCC is called upon to recommend or appoint candidates to fill such public office, the following procedure shall apply unless otherwise provided by state law and the bylaws of the DPO:

- (1) Notice of the vacancy and the application procedure for said public office shall be made public;
- (2) The Chair shall appoint a Screening Committee of at least three (3) voting members to review applications and interview applicants;
- (3) The Screening Committee shall present their recommendations to the WCDCC at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called by the Chair;

(4) At the meeting called for the purpose of voting on vacancies, nominations for additional candidates may be made from the floor but must be approved by a majority of the voting members present;

(5) The vote on all approved nominees shall be made by secret ballot;

(6) The three (3) candidates receiving the most votes will be recommended by the WCDCC to the appropriate authority responsible for filling the public office.

10.
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed at any regularly scheduled meeting under the topic of New Business. A vote shall be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting following proposal of such amendment and requires a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the voting members for passage.

11.
RULES OF PROCEDURE

Except as herein otherwise provided, meetings shall be conducted according to the most recent revised edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2007.

Chair

Secretary

Vice Chair

Treasurer