

MARION COUNTY DEMOCRATS RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

ELECTION PROCEDURE

Thank you for participating in the 2026 Re-Organization meeting of the Marion County Democrats (MCDCC). At this meeting we will elect a new slate of board officers as well as delegates who will represent our local party to the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) statewide committees, the State Central Committee (SCC) and Congressional District 5 (CD5) and Congressional District 6 (CD6). The Marion County Board Members will be elected first in order of position: Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, then we will elect SCC delegates and alternates, then CD5 and CD6 delegates and alternates.

There are a few special notes that you should be aware of:

A. Mr. Victor Dodier will be the official Parliamentarian to the Re-Organization meeting. All questions regarding procedure at the meeting will be addressed to the Parliamentarian.

B. Only PCPs who were elected in the May Primary election are qualified to vote on the Board Officer positions. All PCPs (elected and appointed) are qualified to vote for the State Central Committee (SCC) and Congressional District 5 and 6 (CD5/CD6) delegate positions. This election will take place at the same Re-Organization meeting, after the board positions are filled.

C. Each candidate has the right to have their own selected observer watch over the counting process by the appointed counters of the Ad Hoc or Membership Committees. Please contact the nominating committee in advance to provide the name of your personal observer.

D. The newly elected Chair to the Marion County Democrats must per the ByLaws name a convener to each of the Standing Committees: Membership, Legislative, Candidate Support, Program, Fundraising, Rules, Communications and Neighborhood Leader Program (NLP). The Bylaws state: "The Chair directs the Convener to recruit committee members, organize the meeting, and meet with the committee members within 30 days of the Organization Meeting."

Note: Anyone seeking the position of Chair should be prepared to name convenors for each committee at the Re-Organizational meeting, per the Bylaws.

Below is an outline of the process for the Re-Organization Meeting:

1) For this Re-Org, the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee will conduct credentialing of each PCP as they arrive at the meeting. The PCPs will be provided a different set of ballots based on whether they are Elected or Appointed. The elected PCPs will receive ballots that include the names of each Board Candidate who submitted their names in advance in the appropriate positions and blank spaces for candidates nominated at the meeting. Appointed PCPs will receive ballots with blank lines for completion of SCC and CD5 and CD6 delegate candidates, as they self-nominate at the meeting. All non-PCPs will be asked to sit at the back of the room as observers.

- 2) The current chair will open the meeting and provide about a 5 minute speech. The Chair will then introduce the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee who will introduce the candidates and ask for PCP nominations from the floor. Only a PCP can nominate from the floor for board candidate positions. Self-nominations are available on the date of the meeting. The nominating PCP will have 3 minutes to speak in favor of their nomination.
- 3) The board positions will be voted on in turn: Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. Upon completion of each board position's vote the elected candidate will immediately take their seat in that position. As the Chair is first to be elected, he/she will preside over the meeting immediately after being elected. The next to be elected are the 1st VC, 2nd VC, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 4) As each position is up for election, the candidates for the position will have 3 minutes to speak to the membership regarding their background, qualifications and goals for the party. They will then answer questions from the membership. (Observers will not be able to participate in the meeting.)

After each candidate has spoken and answered questions, the elected PCPs will vote on that position only. Counters who are appointed by the Ad Hoc Committee will count the ballots in a different room. The Personal Observer for each candidate will observe the counting of the ballots and provide their input to Gwen Carr (Ad Hoc Committee chair) should they observe an error or have a question regarding the results. The ballots will be separated by candidate chosen and then counted three times each by three different counters to assure an accurate count.

SCC / CD5 / CD6 Elections

In addition to the Board Office positions, the Re-Organization meeting includes the election of State Central Committee (SCC) and Congressional District 5 (CD5) and Congressional District 6 (CD6) delegates who represent our local Marion County party at these state level organizations. Recruiting for delegates to these positions is not provided in the bylaws as a responsibility for the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee; however, as the election will take place at the Re-Organization meeting, we provide information on these elections below.

After the Board Officer elections are complete, the election of Delegates and Alternates to the SCC and CDs will take place. The newly elected Chair and 1st Vice Chair are automatic members of both the SCC and the Congressional District in which they reside (CD5 or CD6). The remaining Delegate and Alternate positions are voted on by all the PCPs (elected and appointed). With the highest vote getters becoming full Delegates and the remaining candidates elected to Alternate positions according to the number of votes garnered. The Alternate with the highest vote count becomes the 1st Alternate, the second highest vote count becomes 2nd Alternate, and so on.

SCC Delegates: There are six (6) total SCC delegates, with the Chair and 1st VC as automatic delegates, thus we will elect four (4) SCC Delegates and six (6) Alternate delegates, divided evenly by gender, with non-binary candidates given a male or female position. The four highest vote-getters are elected to full Delegate positions with the Alternates chosen from the remaining candidates and ranked by highest votes received. These Alternates will be called upon to act as “substitute” Delegates at a meeting where a full delegate is unable to attend.

The “chair” of the Marion County SCC Delegation will reach out to all delegates to assure full attendance at the meeting and to replace full delegates with alternates, when necessary. The Alternate who will act as a substitute delegate for a given meeting is chosen by rank, as noted above. If a SCC delegate fails to attend two consecutive State Central Committee meetings, the highest ranking SCC alternate will replace that delegate as a full Delegate to the SCC. Should a full SCC delegate resign from their position for any reason, an alternate will move up to full delegate based on order of ranking. The alternates will move up in position based on the vacancy in alternates created. The PCPs will then elect a new alternate to replace the lowest ranking SCC alternate position.

After the election of the SCC delegates, the CD5 and CD6 delegates will be elected:

CD5 Delegates: There are three (3) CD5 Delegates (with the Chair and/or 1st VC becoming automatic delegates should they reside in the District), plus one (1) or two (2) additional CD5 Delegates will be elected, plus three (3) Alternate delegates, divided evenly by gender with non-binary candidates given a male or female position. The election will take place the same time as the SCC delegates, with the one or two highest vote-getters elected to full Delegate positions and the Alternates chosen in rank by highest vote getters. These Alternates will be called upon to act as “substitute” delegates at a CD5 meeting where a full delegate is unable to attend. The “chair” of the Marion County CD5 Delegation will reach out to delegates to assure full attendance and to replace delegates with alternates when necessary. The alternate delegate for a given meeting is chosen by rank, as noted above. If a CD5 delegate fails to attend two consecutive CD5 meetings, the highest ranking alternate will replace that delegate as a full Delegate to the CD5. Should a delegate resign the same procedure as noted for SCC delegates will be followed.

CD6 Delegates: There are six (6) CD6 Delegates (with the Chair and/or 1st VC becoming automatic delegates should they reside in the District), thus four (4) to five (5) additional CD6 Delegates will be elected, plus six (6) Alternate delegates, divided evenly by gender with non-binary candidates given a male or female position. The election will take place the same time as the SCC delegates, with the four or five highest vote-getters elected to full Delegate positions and the Alternates chosen in rank by highest vote getters. These Alternates will be called upon to act as “substitute” delegates at a CD6 meeting where a full delegate is unable to attend. The “chair” of the CD6 delegation will reach out to delegates to assure full attendance and to replace delegates with alternates when necessary. The alternate delegate for a given meeting is chosen by rank, as noted above. If a CD6 delegate fails to attend two consecutive CD6 meetings, the highest ranking alternate will replace that delegate as a full Delegate to the CD6. Should a delegate resign the same procedure as noted for SCC delegates will be followed.