

## Rules Committee Report

The following is the result of nearly a year of hard work. The rules committee members were amazingly dedicated workers, often meeting twice a month. My thanks to all my members who contributed to our many many hours of thoughtful discussion and debate. This ended up being a much more in depth process than I had planned but it was my understanding that a serious in depth review was long past due. We hope that the following set of bylaws will allow the Marion County Democrats to grow and become a bigger and stronger party.

A few technical notes, each and every change of these bylaws will need to be approved by the members. Each change can be amended and/or adopted by a majority vote. Once all the changes have been adopted, then at the following meeting the new bylaws will be adopted in full by a 2/3 majority vote.

### Proposed Special Rules for Debate

(Requires a 2/3 majority to adopt these rules)

1. Debate for each question will only last for 10 minutes, unless the members vote otherwise by a 2/3 vote to suspend these rules.
2. Each member may only speak for minute, and may speak twice for each question.

# MARION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

## Article I. Name

The name of this organization is the Marion County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC), also referred to as the Central Committee.

## Article II. Goals

The goals of the Central Committee are to:

- ◆ Elect Democratic candidates to public offices at all levels of government,
- ◆ Assist with the recruitment of candidates,
- ◆ Support campaigns,
- ◆ Assist with funding whenever possible,
- ◆ Promote and communicate Democratic values and principles.

## Article III. Membership

All events and meetings are open to the public, but the membership of the Central Committee is ~~composed~~ **comprised** of elected and appointed Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs). The Central Committee seeks wide representation in the community and prohibits discrimination based on race, gender, age, **disability**, creed, national

1 origins, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic  
2 status or marital status.

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4 Section 1. Qualifications

- 5 A) The membership of the *Marion County Democratic* Central  
6 Committee shall be  
7 ~~composed~~ **comprised** of Democratic **PCPs** residing in Marion  
8 County ~~;~~  
9 ~~Oregon~~, whether elected at state primary elections or appointed  
10 by the ~~MCDC~~ **Central Committee**.  
11 B) A person seeking to be appointed as a PCP must attend at least  
12 one Central Committee meeting.

13 Section 2. Voting

- 14 A. State law **(ORS 248.035)** requires that only elected PCPs may  
15 vote for officers of ~~MCDC~~ **Central Committee at the**  
16 **Organizational meeting**.  
17 B. PCPs, both elected and appointed, may vote ~~for on Bylaw~~  
18 ~~amendments, budget, resolutions, endorsements,~~ delegates to  
19 the State Central Committee **(SCC)** and **the Fifth** Congressional  
20 District **(CD5)** ~~5~~ Committee, **filling officer vacancies outside**  
21 **of the Organizational meeting,** and such other Central  
22 Committee matters as may arise.  
23 C. Persons who are not PCPs may not vote **on matters before the**  
24 **Central Committee**.

25 Section 3. ~~Application for Appointed PCPs~~ **Appointment of Precinct**

1 **Committee Persons**

2 At any meeting after the Organizational Meeting, the Central  
3 Committee may elect, by majority vote, persons to fill vacant PCP  
4 positions. Prospective PCPs shall attend at least one meeting of the  
5 Central Committee and apply to the Membership committee. The  
6 prospective PCP shall stand for election at the next Central Committee  
7 **meeting** at which they are present. Selection and removal of  
8 appointed PCP's shall be in accordance with **state law (ORS**  
9 **248.026)**.

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11 **Article IV. Officers**

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13 Section 1. Roster

14 Officers of the Central Committee are Chair, ~~two Vice Chairs~~, **1<sup>st</sup>**  
15 **Vice-Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair**, Secretary, and Treasurer. The MCDCC  
16 shall strive for gender equity in the selection of Chair and **1<sup>st</sup>** Vice-  
17 Chairs.

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19 Section 2. Eligibility

20 Any registered Democrat who resides in Marion County is eligible to  
21 hold office on the Central Committee. A person elected to an office  
22 need not be a member of the county central committee **in**  
23 **accordance with state law (ORS 248.035 (1) (b))**.

1 Section 3. Election

- 2 A) Officers are elected **by written ballot, unless the body**  
3 **suspends this rule by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote,** at  
4 the bi-annual Organizational Meeting by a majority **vote** of  
5 elected PCPs *attending*.
- 6 B) Officers are recruited by an ad hoc nominating committee  
7 appointed by the Membership Committee two months before the  
8 Organizational **al** meeting. Nominations also may be made from  
9 the floor at the Organizational **al** Meeting by an elected PCP and  
10 added to the ballot. ~~*A PCP may speak for a maximum of five*~~  
11 ~~*minutes about a nominee.*~~
- 12 C) Ballots for each office are prepared in writing by the nominating  
13 committee.
- 14 D) Nominations from the floor are added by ballot holders as the  
15 nominations are made.

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17 Section 4. Term of Office

- 18 A) The officers are elected for terms of approximately two years ~~*7*~~ or  
19 until their successors are elected.
- 20 B) Officers are limited to three consecutive terms ~~*z*~~, not including  
21 fulfillment of any unexpired term.

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23 Section 5. Removal of Officers **of the Central Committee** ~~*except*~~  
24 ~~*Chairs of Standing Committees*~~

25 Officers are subject to removal for cause by a **two-thirds (2/3)**

1 majority vote of the Central Committee at any **Central Committee**  
2 meeting. ~~, provided written~~ **Written** notice of the basis for the  
3 removal ~~was~~ **must be** given the officer **to be removed** at least 10  
4 days before the meeting in which the removal vote is to be held.

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6 Section 6. **Unintended** Vacancies

7 A vacancy in any office is filled by a special election at the next  
8 meeting after the vacancy occurs or after notice of the resignation is  
9 received **by the Executive Committee**. When the vacancy is due to  
10 a ~~recall~~ **removal** vote **per Section 5**, the special election is held at  
11 the same meeting. Whenever possible, names of available candidates  
12 are included in the notice for the meeting at which a special election  
13 is to be held.

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15 Section 7. Duties

16 ~~The retiring officers shall turn over all committee property, records,~~  
17 ~~and funds to the newly elected Central Committee officers.~~

18 **The retiring Central Committee officers shall within 7 days of**  
19 **the Organizational Meeting turn over all committee property,**  
20 **digital access and files, records, and funds to the newly**  
21 **elected officers. All property belongs to the office, not the**  
22 **office holder.**

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24 A. The Chair:

25 1. Presides at all meetings of the Central Committee and ~~its~~ **the**

1 Executive Committee.

- 2 2. Is responsible for all committee property, records, **digital**  
3 **files and digital access,** and funds of the *registered-*  
4 *Democrats of Marion County* **Marion County Central**  
5 **Committee.**
- 6 3. Represents the *registered Democrats of Marion County*  
7 **Marion County Central Committee** as a member of the  
8 State Central Committee **(SCC)** and the *5th* **Fifth**  
9 Congressional District Committee **(CD5).**
- 10 4. Insures that the succeeding Central Committee meets and is  
11 organized.
- 12 5. Appoints a convener for each standing committee at the  
13 Organizational**al** Meeting. The Chair directs the convener to  
14 recruit committee members, organize the committee, and  
15 meet with the committee within 30 days of the Organizational**al**  
16 Meeting. The convener's charge ends when the committee  
17 elects its own chair.
- 18 6. The chair appoints a different convener when a standing  
19 committee fails to meet within *three months* **30 days** of the  
20 Organizational**al** Meeting. **Should the second convener fail**  
21 **to convene the standing committee within 30 days, the**  
22 **Executive Committee shall appoint a convener who shall**  
23 **convene the standing committee within 15 days of the**  
24 **appointment.**
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1 B. First Vice-Chair:

- 2 1. Presides in the absence of the Chair.
- 3 2. Assists the Chair with the Chair's duties as requested.
- 4 **3.** Represents the ~~registered Democrats of Marion County~~
- 5 **Marion County Central Committee** as a member of the
- 6 State Central Committee and the 5th Congressional District
- 7 Committee.
- 8 **4. Convenes the first meetings of half of the House District**
- 9 **committees.**
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11 C. Second Vice Chair:

- 12 1. Presides in the absence of the Chair and First Vice-Chair.
- 13 **2.** Assists the Chair with the Chair's duties as requested.
- 14 **3. Convenes the first meetings of half of the House District**
- 15 **committees.**
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17 D. Secretary:

- 18 1. Takes minutes of all Executive and Central Committee
- 19 meetings. Minutes are open to inspection by any interested
- 20 member. A copy of the minutes ~~may be~~ **will be** provided upon
- 21 a ~~reasonable~~ **member's** request **within 7 days.** ~~The~~
- 22 ~~Secretary provides a summary of the minutes to the~~
- 23 ~~Communications Committee to be included in the newsletter.~~
- 24 2. Keeps an official copy of the Bylaws **and Standing Rules,** as
- 25 currently amended.



- 1 3. Prepares a written notice of the Organizational Meeting  
2 designating the time, date, and place of the meeting and a  
3 list of all ~~officers and delegates to be elected~~ **candidates**.
- 4 4. Files a copy of the Organizational Meeting notice with the  
5 Marion County Clerk at least seven days before the meeting  
6 and mails **or provides an electronic** ~~a~~ copy to the Secretary  
7 of the ~~retiring~~ State Central Committee.
- 8 5. Notifies the Marion County Clerk when a Precinct Committee  
9 Person ceases to be a resident of the precinct from which that  
10 Precinct Committee Person was elected or appointed, or dies,  
11 and when a Precinct Committee Person is appointed to fill a  
12 vacancy.
- 13 6. Sends a list of newly elected officers to the Marion County  
14 Clerk and the Secretary of the ~~retiring~~ State Central  
15 Committee within forty-eight hours of the election.
- 16 7. Is responsible for the Central Committee correspondence as  
17 directed by the Chair or the Executive Committee.
- 18 8. Maintains accurate records of current Precinct Committee  
19 **Persons**.
- 20 ~~9. Prepares ballots for election of officers.~~
- 21 ~~10.~~ Is responsible for all notices of *General* **Central Committee**  
22 and Executive **Committee** meetings.

#### 24 E. The Treasurer:

- 25 1. Keeps account of all funds received and spent by the

1 ~~organization~~ **Central Committee**.

- 2 2. Is authorized to sign and disburse checks at the direction of  
3 the Executive Committee.
- 4 3. Presents or delegates the presentation of a financial report at  
5 ~~each~~ **the** Executive **Committee** and ~~each~~ **the** Central  
6 Committee meeting.
- 7 4. Brings unbudgeted items of \$200.00 **or more to the**  
8 **Executive Committee and \$500.00** or more before the  
9 Central Committee for approval.
- 10 5. Keeps the Treasurer's books available for open inspection by  
11 any member of the Central Committee, upon 48 hours  
12 notice.
- 13 6. Submits the Treasurer's books for ~~audit~~ **inspection** at any  
14 time required by the Central Committee or ~~its~~ **the** Executive  
15 Committee.
- 16 7. Submits reports as required by state statute to the Secretary  
17 of State's accounting office in a timely manner.
- 18 8. Assures compliance with state regulations regarding the use of  
19 ~~party~~ **Central Committee** funds.
- 20 9. Creates a budget based on proposals from the Standing  
21 Committees and presents it to the Executive Committee for  
22 review and to the Central Committee for adoption.

1 Committee note: This section has been struck out of its current position and now  
2 is Article XII of these bylaws.

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4 ~~F. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the State Central  
5 Committee (SCC) and Congressional District (CD5):~~

6 ~~1. Delegates and Alternates to the State Central Committee and  
7 the Fifth Congressional District are elected and ranked based  
8 on the number of votes received at the Organizational Meeting.  
9 Those with the most votes are Delegates and those with fewer  
10 votes are Alternates.~~

11 ~~2. All Delegates and Alternates must attend at least one meeting  
12 of the Central Committee each quarter. The Central Committee  
13 will replace Delegates and Alternates that fail to do so.~~

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15 ~~G. Delegates and Alternates to the State Central Committee and to  
16 the Fifth Congressional District:~~

17 ~~1. Delegates represent the registered Democrats of Marion  
18 County as voting members of the State Central Committee and  
19 of the Fifth Congressional District.~~

20 ~~2. Delegates report to the MCDCC on matters of interest to the  
21 MCDCC and they bring MCDCC concerns to SCC and CD5  
22 committees.~~

23 ~~3. Delegates and Alternates to SCC and CD5 committees shall  
24 select a chair to represent them on the MCDCC Executive  
25 Committee.~~

26 ~~4. If a delegate is unable to attend his/her meeting, the chair of~~

1 ~~that committee shall select an alternate. The Alternate with the~~  
2 ~~highest number of votes as described in Paragraph F (1) shall~~  
3 ~~become the substitute delegate.~~

4 5. ~~Alternates replacing delegates to a committee meeting have~~  
5 ~~full voting privileges for that committee meeting.~~

## 7 **Article V. General Meetings**

### 8 Section 1. Number

9 MCDCC shall hold at least six ~~business~~ **Central Committee** meetings  
10 per year, including the Organizational Meeting.

### 12 Section 2. Organizational Meeting

13 Marion County Democratic Central Committee shall hold an  
14 Organizational Meeting ~~every two years within fifty days after the~~  
15 ~~general election~~ **within 25 months of the previous**  
16 **Organizational Meeting (ORS 248.033)** for the purposes of  
17 organizing, adopting bylaws, and electing officers **and delegates.**

### 19 **Section 3. Special Meetings.**

20 **A Special Meeting may be called by fifteen (15) PCPs by**  
21 **notification which includes the purpose of the meeting to the**  
22 **Chair. The Chair must call the Special Meeting within ten (10)**  
23 **business days of the notification to the Chair. Notice of the**  
24 **Special Meeting must include the purpose of the meeting. No**  
25 **other business aside from the stated purpose may be**

1 **conducted at the Special Meeting.**

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3 Section ~~3.~~ **4.** Notice

4 Notice of all meetings shall be mailed or e-mailed to Precinct  
5 Committee Persons ~~and to other Central Committee members~~ at least  
6 six days before the date of meeting.

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8 Section 4. **5.** Quorum

9 A quorum consists of fifteen members of the Central Committee.

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11 **Article VI. Executive Committee**

12 Section 1. Roster

13 The Executive Committee consists of the Chair, Vice-Chairs,  
14 Secretary, Treasurer, chair of the State Central Committee  
15 delegation, chair of the Fifth Congressional District delegation and the  
16 chairs of each Standing Committee **and House District leaders.** The  
17 immediate past Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member.

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19 Section 2. Function of the Executive Committee

20 A. ~~Sets~~ **Proposes** agendas **for all Central Committee meetings.**

21 **B.** Makes appointments to all positions except where such  
22 appointing authority is specified elsewhere in these bylaws, or  
23 where such appointment requires a vote of the general  
24 membership.

25 ~~B.~~ **C.** Implements the Bylaws and any other rules adopted by

1 MCDCC, or state law.

2 ~~C.~~ **D.** Carries out specific actions authorized by the Central  
3 Committee.

4 ~~D.~~ **E.** Coordinates activities of the Standing Committees.

5 ~~E.~~ **F.** Arranges for an *audit* **inspection** of the Treasurer's books  
6 ~~at the conclusion of the Treasurer's term of office and~~ within sixty  
7 days following the Organizational meeting. An ~~Auditing committee~~  
8 **Inspection Committee** shall be appointed by the Executive  
9 Committee and shall consist of three Central Committee members  
10 who are not **current or outgoing** Executive Committee members.  
11 Alternatively, an audit may be conducted by a certified public  
12 accountant. If a Treasurer resigns before the end of the term, an  
13 *audit* **inspection** shall be conducted as set forth above.

14 ~~F.~~ **G.** Acts upon matters requiring immediate attention between  
15 meetings of the Central Committee **and reports** ~~Deals with~~  
16 ~~housekeeping matters and, when necessary, presents~~ these  
17 matters ~~to the general~~ **at the next Central Committee** meeting.

### 18 Section 3. Executive Meetings

19 A. The Chair shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee at  
20 least six times per calendar year.

21 B. Each member of the Executive Committee has one vote even if  
22 the member holds more than one office or holds an office and is  
23 chair of a Standing Committee.

1 Section 4. *Authority* **Quorum**

2 Action by the Executive Committee requires a majority vote of the  
3 members *attending the Executive Committee.*

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5 ~~Section 5. Removal of member of Executive Committee~~

6 ~~A Standing Committee Chair may be removed for cause by a majority~~  
7 ~~vote of the Executive Committee. A Standing Committee Chair may~~  
8 ~~also be removed by a majority vote of that Standing committee.~~  
9 ~~Written notice of the reason for the proposed removal shall be~~  
10 ~~provided to the Standing Committee Chair at least 10 days before the~~  
11 ~~meeting in which the removal vote is to be held.~~

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13 **Section 5. Hiring Authority**

14 **The Executive Committee has authority to employ and to**  
15 **release all paid personnel for positions approved by the**  
16 **Central Committee.**

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19 **Article VII. Delegates and Alternates to State Central**

20 **Committee (SCC) and Fifth Congressional District (CD5)**

21 **Section 1. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the SCC and**

22 **CD5**

23 A. **Delegates and Alternates to the SCC and the CD5 are**  
24 **elected by majority and ranked based on the number of**  
25 **votes received at the Organizational Meeting. Those with**

1 **the most votes are Delegates and those with fewer votes**  
2 **are Alternates.**

3 B. **All Delegates and Alternates must attend at least one**  
4 **meeting of the Central Committee each quarter. The**  
5 **Central Committee will replace Delegates and Alternates**  
6 **that fail to do so.**

7 C. **If a delegate resigns or is removed, the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate shall**  
8 **replace that delegate and the remaining Alternates shall**  
9 **move up in rank. The Central Committee shall fill the last**  
10 **Alternate position. The election to fill the last Alternate**  
11 **position shall be held at the next Central Committee**  
12 **meeting after the vacancy occurs.**

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14 **Section 2. Duties of Delegates and Alternates to the SCC and to**  
15 **the CD5**

16 A. **Delegates represent the Central Committee as voting**  
17 **members of the SCC and of the CD5.**

18 B. **Delegates report to the Central Committee on matters of**  
19 **interest to the Central Committee and they bring Central**  
20 **Committee concerns to SCC and CD5 committees.**

21 c. **Delegates and Alternates to SCC and CD5 committees**  
22 **shall elect a chair to represent them on the Executive**  
23 **Committee.**

24 D. **If a delegate is unable to attend a SCC or CD5 meeting,**  
25 **the chair of that delegation shall select the highest**



1 ranking Alternate present at the SCC or CD5 meeting.

2 E. The chair of the SCC of CD5 delegation or the the chair of  
3 the Central Committee is authorized to temporarily fill a  
4 vacancy in the delegation at a SCC or CD5 meeting with a  
5 registered Democrat that resides in Marion County for the  
6 duration of that meeting if there is no alternate delegate  
7 available.

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9 **Article VIII. House District Leaders**

10 **Section 1. Election of House District Leaders**

11 A. House District Leaders are elected by a majority of elected  
12 and appointed Precinct Committee Persons in that House  
13 District.

14 B. A Vice-Chair shall convene each House District committee  
15 in January following the Organizational Meeting.

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17 **Section 2. Duties of House District Leaders**

18 A. House District Leaders are responsible for the  
19 neighborhood leadership program within each House  
20 District.

21 B. House District Leaders coordinate Precinct Committee  
22 Persons and volunteers within that House District.

23 C. House District Leaders assist and coordinate with the  
24 Standing Committees within that House District.

25 D. House District Leaders assist and coordinate with

1            **campaigns within their districts and report to the**  
2            **Candidate Support Committee.**

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4            **Article ~~VII~~ IX. Standing Committees**

5            Section 1. Committee Membership and Duties

6            ✎ Membership on Standing Committees is open to any  
7            registered Democrat.

8            ✎ Each Standing Committee elects a chair who must be a  
9            Precinct Committee Person.

10          1. No person can chair more than one Standing Committee.

11          2. If the chair does not call a meeting for three months the  
12          Central Committee Chair may appoint another chair.

13          ✎ Within 90 days of the Organizational Meeting, each  
14          Standing Committee shall

15          ~~1. Submit a work plan to the Executive Committee for approval.~~

16          ~~2. Submit~~ **Submit** a budget proposal to the Executive  
17          Committee for approval and inclusion in the Central  
18          Committee Budget.

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20          Section 2. Roster

21          The Standing Committees of this organization are: Candidate Support  
22          Committee, Communications Committee, Program Committee,  
23          Fundraising Committee, Legislative Committee, Membership  
24          Committee, and Rules Committee. Standing Committees are  
25          authorized to form sub-committees.

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Section 3. Standing Committee Functions

A. Candidate Support Committee:

- 1. Recruits potential Democratic candidates for public office in Marion County.
- 2. Reviews candidate qualifications and makes recommendations to the *Executive* **Central** Committee.
- ~~3.~~ Supports and assists the recommended candidates through the election.
- ~~4.~~ *Conducts* **Coordinates** voter registration drives **with the Membership Committee.**
- ~~5.~~ **Coordinates with House District leaders for campaign committees.**

B. Communications Committee:

- ~~1. Publishes a periodic newsletter and disseminates additional information between newsletters when necessary.~~
- 2. **1.** Maintains the Central Committee web site and the Central Committee e-mail list.
- ~~3. Encourages and helps members write letters to print and web media and to legislators.~~
- 4. **2.** ~~When appropriate,~~ places **Places** notices and press releases for local media.
- ~~5. Shall assist with email notices of general meetings.~~
- 3. Maintains the e-mail, group and social media**

1        **accounts.**

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3        C. Program Committee:

- 4        1. Devises programs for Central Committee meetings.
- 5        2. ~~Creates programs such as the DemoForum as out reach to the~~  
6        ~~community.~~ **Maintains programs, such as DemoForum.**
- 7        3. **Creates activities for outreach to the community in**  
8        **partnership with the Fundraising and Membership**  
9        **Committees.**

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11       D. Fundraising Committee:

- 12       1. Develops fundraising programs to support the Central  
13       Committee.
- 14       2. Creates and maintains a fundraising database.
- 15       3. Develops fundraising literature and maintains contact with  
16       ~~likely~~ **prospective and current** donors.
- 17       4. **Creates activities for outreach to the community in**  
18       **partnership with the Program and Membership**  
19       **Committees.**

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21       E. Legislative Committee:

- 22       1. Contacts elected officials to communicate recommendations  
23       for legislation and concerns from the Central Committee **and**  
24       **provides updates to the Central Committee.**
- 25       2. ~~Attends~~ **Encourages and helps members to attend**

1 hearings on important bills.

2 **3. Encourages and helps members write letters to print**  
3 **and web media and to legislators.**

4 ~~3.~~ **4.** Reports on ~~bills,~~ proposed **bills,** resolutions and legislation  
5 to the Central Committee, ~~and~~ suggests support or opposition  
6 to such bills, **updates the Central Committee on their**  
7 **status.**

8 ~~4. Keeps the general membership updated on legislative activity.~~

9 ~~5. Reports on communications with elected officials to the~~  
10 ~~Central Committee.~~

11 6. **5.** Forms liaisons with organizations that monitor county and  
12 city issues.

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14 F. Membership Committee:

15 1. Recruits Precinct Committee persons and verifies eligibility.

16 2. Creates and maintains a training and support program for  
17 Precinct Committee persons

18 ~~3.~~ Refers members to Standing Committees.

19 ~~4. Keeps attendance records of membership meetings~~ **Assists**  
20 **Secretary in maintaining accurate records of PCPs.**

21 ~~5.~~ **Credentials members for Central Committee meetings.**

22 6. ~~Shall appoint~~ **Appoints** an office management subcommittee  
23 to recruit, train, and schedule office volunteers **and**  
24 **coordinates cleaning duties.**

25 7. Appoints an ad hoc Nominating Committee for officers **and**

1 **delegates** at least two months before, the Organizational  
2 Meeting.

- 3 8. **Creates activities for outreach to the community in**  
4 **partnership with the Program and Fundraising**  
5 **Committees.**

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7 G. Rules Committee:

- 8 1. Reviews the Bylaws at least *annually* **biennially** and proposes  
9 amendments as needed.  
10 2. Writes **standing** rules, as necessary, to administer the  
11 Bylaws.  
12 3. **Provides interpretations of the Bylaws and Standing**  
13 **Rules at the Central Committee's request.**

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15 **Section 4. Removal of a Standing Committee Chair**

16 **A Standing Committee Chair may be removed for cause by a**  
17 **two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Committee or**  
18 **by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of that Standing**  
19 **Committee. Written notice of the reason for the proposed**  
20 **removal shall be provided to the Standing Committee Chair at**  
21 **least 10 days before the meeting in which the removal vote is**  
22 **to be held.**

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24 **Article ~~VIII~~ X. Parliamentary Authority**

25 Roberts Rules of Order, most recent edition, shall determine all

1 matters of parliamentary procedure which are not otherwise covered  
2 in these Bylaws or by Oregon Revised Statutes, or in such standing  
3 rules as the Central Committee may adopt from time to time by a  
4 simple majority vote.

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## 6 **Article ~~IX~~ XI. Amendments**

7 ~~A. Procedure for amending these Bylaws:~~

8 ~~B. A proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted~~  
9 ~~in writing at a meeting of the Executive Committee.~~

10 ~~C. The text of the proposed amendment(s) shall be included in~~  
11 ~~the notice of the next general meeting.~~

12 ~~D. The proposed amendment(s) shall be voted upon at the~~  
13 ~~following general meeting.~~

14 ~~E. A two thirds vote of the general membership attending shall~~  
15 ~~be required for adoption of a Bylaws amendment(s).~~

### 16 **A. Procedure for Submitting Amendments to These Bylaws**

17 1. **The proposed change(s) shall be submitted to**  
18 **the Chair, Rules Chair or in person at a Central**  
19 **Committee Meeting as a motion to refer to the Rules**  
20 **Committee.**

21 2. **The Rules Committee shall have up to 60 days to**  
22 **review the proposal and submit the proposal to the**  
23 **Executive Committee**

24 3. **Once reviewed by the Rules Committee, the**  
25 **proposal with the committee's recommendation must**

1 be submitted at the next Executive Committee meeting  
2 so it may be included in the next Central Committee  
3 agenda.

- 4 4. Proposed Bylaws amendment(s) may be  
5 submitted to the membership at a Central Committee  
6 meeting. The proposed amendment(s) may be  
7 submitted from the floor with the signature of ten (10)  
8 PCPs.

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10 **B. Procedure for Amending These Bylaws**

- 11 1. A proposed amendment or amendments shall be  
12 submitted in writing from the Rules Committee at a  
13 meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 14 2. The text of the proposed amendment(s) shall be  
15 included in the notice of the next Central Committee  
16 meeting. The Rules Committee report shall include a full  
17 reading of the amendment(s).
- 18 a. If an amendment is submitted from the floor, it shall  
19 be read for the first time at that Central Committee  
20 meeting and voted upon at the following Central  
21 Committee meeting.
- 22 3. The proposed amendment(s) shall be voted upon at the  
23 following Central Committee meeting.

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