

Washington State 39th Legislative District Democrats

Report of the Bylaws Committee

2008 Reorganization Meeting Rules of Order

1. The 39th Legislative District Democratic Reorganization Meeting shall be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 commencing at 12:00 pm, at Patty's Eggnest Weller's in Arlington.
2. Voting members shall be restricted to Elected Precinct Committee Officers meeting the statutory requirements of RCW 29A.80.051 as noted here.

[Note: RCW 29A.80.051 Precinct committee officer — Election — Term. The statutory requirements for filing as a candidate at the primaries apply to candidates for precinct committee officer. The office must be voted upon at the primaries, and the names of all candidates must appear under the proper party and office designations on the ballot for the primary for each even-numbered year, and the one receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected. However, to be declared elected, a candidate must receive at least ten percent of the number of votes cast for the candidate of the candidate's party receiving the greatest number of votes in the precinct. The term of office of precinct committee officer is two years, commencing the first day of December following the primary.]

[2004 c 271 § 149.]

3. The sole purpose of the 39th Legislative District Democrats Reorganization Meeting is to elect the presiding officers of the 39th Legislative District Democrats for the next biennium. These officers shall be: Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeewoman, State Committeeman, King County Committee person, Skagit County Committee person, Snohomish County Committeeman, Snohomish County Committeewoman, Whatcom County Committee person.
4. Any duly elected PCO who moves from his or her precinct prior to this Reorganization meeting shall automatically forfeit his or her voting privileges and shall not be seated.
5. Registration of attendees will begin at 12:00 pm and will end at 12:30 pm. At the sole discretion of the Chair of the Credentials Committee, registration may be extended past 12:30 pm.
6. All current officers of the 39th Legislative District Democrats shall continue to serve in their offices Pro-Tem during the meeting until the election or appointment of their replacements.
7. The Chair Pro-Tem shall call the Reorganization Meeting to order no later than 12:30 pm.
8. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the Credentials report for adoption by the voting members., which report shall include:
 - A. The total number of PCOs certified as elected for the 39th Legislative District by the County Auditors of King, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties and the number certified by each County Auditor separately.
 - B. The total number of PCOs certified as elected for the 39th Legislative District by the County Auditors of King, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties meeting the ten percent requirement of *RCW 29A.80.051* as noted above and the number of PCOs certified meeting the ten percent requirement by each county separately.
 - C. The total number of PCOs certified as elected for the 39th Legislative District by the County Auditors of King, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties **not meeting** the ten percent requirement of *RCW 29A.80.051* as noted above and the number of PCOs certified **not meeting** the ten percent requirement by each county separately.

- D. The total number of seated PCOs.
- E. The names and precincts represented of those PCOs present and seated.
- E. The Credentials Committee may seat Elected PCOs meeting the statutory requirements of RCW 29A.80.051 as noted above arriving after the presentation and adoption of the Credentials Committee report.
9. The Chair of the Bylaws Committee shall present the rules report of the Committee for adoption by the voting members.
10. A quorum shall consist of 25% of the Elected Precinct Committee Officers meeting the statutory requirements of RCW 29A.80.051 as noted above.
11. Nominations may be made from the floor. Written consent shall be required of a nominee not at the election before such nomination may be accepted.
12. Any person who is a registered voter, residing within the boundaries of the 39th Legislative District, and who makes a public declaration to be known as a Democrat, and to publicly support the principles and goals of the Democratic Party, and to support the work of the Democratic Party in the 39th Legislative District, may be nominated and elected to office. Elected PCOs who filed for office made such a declaration at the time of their filing for office.
13. Nominations will be taken for office in the order they appear in Article 3 of these rules. Once nominations have been closed for an office, each nominee, in alphabetical order by last name, will be afforded two minutes to address the membership. Voting for the office will proceed immediately, followed by tallying the votes. The same procedure shall apply to voting for each office in turn.
14. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority is required to elect. The Chair Pro-tem shall provide the ballots. If, after nominations have been closed, there is only one candidate for an office, the Chair can declare that the nominee is elected by acclamation. A motion to close nominations is not in order as long as there is an objection in such a case.
15. The Chair Pro-tem shall appoint two PCOs (not nominated for office) to serve as Tellers on an ad hoc Elections Committee. The Parliamentarian shall Chair the Elections Committee. The Parliamentarian shall not oversee the tallying of ballots of any office for which he or she is a nominee. In such a case, the newly elected Chair shall appoint a temporary replacement.
16. After the votes are collected and tallied, the person receiving a majority of the votes cast shall have been elected. Lacking a majority, the candidate receiving the least votes shall be dropped and votes cast again with the remaining candidates. The same procedure shall apply on succeeding ballots.
17. Each report of the Elections Committee shall be entered in full in the minutes, becoming a part of the official records of the 39th Legislative District Democrats.
18. After completion of the election, the ballots and the original Elections Committee reports shall be filed with the Secretary for thirty days or until after the next regularly scheduled meeting whichever is longer. After which they can be ordered to be destroyed by the Chair.
19. At no time during this meeting will the following motions be in order: To lay a question on the table; to postpone a question to a certain time; to postpone a question indefinitely.

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