

Washington State 39th Legislative District Democrats Biennial Reorganization Meeting, 6 Dec, 2008

Voting Procedures

At Registration, each PCO will receive a packet that contains all the ballots needed to vote for each office to be elected. These are: Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committee Woman, State Committee Man, King County Committee Person, Skagit County Committee Person, Snohomish County Committee Man, Snohomish County Committee Woman, Whatcom County Committee Person.

Nominations may be made from the floor. Written consent is required of a nominee not at the election before such nomination will be accepted.

Nominations will be taken for office in the order they appear in the first paragraph above. 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 will apply to voting for each office in turn.

Voting will be by secret ballot. A majority is required to elect. 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.

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 procedure repeats for each office in turn.

Each packet contains three ballots for each office. Each ballot is a different color. The 1st ballot for every office is **Blue**. The 2nd ballot is **Yellow**. The 3rd ballot is **White**. Be sure to use the correct ballot, as a wrong color ballot constitutes an illegal vote and will **not** be counted as a vote for your choice. Although it will be included in the basis for calculating a majority. **A candidate must receive more than half of all votes cast—legal and illegal.**

Procedures for marking the ballot:

Place a mark (an X or checkmark) or completely fill in the box to the right of the name of the person you wish to be elected. **Do not** mark the ballot in any other way.

If you mark the ballot in error or change your mind, **do not** attempt to correct the ballot. Instead write **VOID** across the face of the ballot and request a replacement.

Fold the ballot in half—**once**, folding top to bottom.

Do not sign your ballot.

Legal Votes	Illegal Votes
Properly filled out ballot	Votes for more than the number to be elected
A marked ballot when a blank and a completed ballot are folded together	Two or more marked ballots folded together equals one illegal vote
	Vote for an ineligible individual
	Vote for a fictional character
	Wrong color ballot used