

BYLAWS

Pacific County Democrat Central Committee And The Pacific County Democrats

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I. Purpose and Powers

1.1 The Pacific County Democrat Central Committee is constituted under the authority of RCW 29.42.030.

1.1.1 The purpose of the Pacific County Democratic Central Committee is to organize and direct the activities of Democrats in Pacific County. It does so by carrying out the concepts of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Charter of the Democrat Party of the State of Washington.

1.1.2 The Pacific County Democrat Central Committee adopts and promotes statements of policy, nominates and assists in the election of Democrat candidates, promotes fair campaign practices, disburses funds for party purposes, encourages voter registration and voting, and monitors policy and conduct of elected officials.

1.2 The Pacific County Democrats are constituted on the authority of it's dues paying members.

1.2.1 The purpose of the Pacific County Democrats is to carry out all Democratic political functions not reserved by law to the Pacific County Democrat Central Committee.

1.2.2 The Pacific County Democrats, jointly with the Pacific County Democratic Central Committee, adopts and promotes statements of policy, nominates and assists in the election of democratic candidates, promotes fair campaign practices, raises and disburses funds for party purposes, encourages voter registration and voting, and monitors policy and conduct of elected officials.

1.2.3 Unless otherwise designated, the term Pacific County Democrats encompass members of both Pacific County Democrats and the Pacific County Democratic Central Committee in Articles II through XII.

II. Membership

2.1 The member of the Pacific County Democratic Central Committee are the elected and

appointed Democratic Precinct Committee Officers, the elected officials of the Pacific County Democratic Central Committee, elected Pacific County Democratic officials, the elected State Democratic Committee members, and elected State Democratic officials who are residents of Pacific County.

- 2.2** The Pacific County Democrats has a long tradition in Pacific County as an active and effective body. All citizen of Pacific County who wish to declare themselves Democrats are eligible, upon payment of a yearly fee, to be members of the Pacific County Democrats. All dues paid and moneys earned by the Pacific County Democrats are under the sole control of the Pacific County Democrats and shall be distributed by majority vote of Pacific County Democrats. Pacific County Democrats members enjoy voice and vote after 30 day have elapsed from the initial payment of dues and whose dues are current.
- 2.3** Pacific County Democratic Central Committee members who wish to leave office should submit a resignation to the Executive Board.
- 2.4** Vacancies in the office of Precinct Committee Officer may be filled by appointment by the Chair. Note: Precinct Committee Officers Vacancies, which exist because of failure to elect at a state general election will not be filled until after the reorganization meeting of the Pacific County Democrats /Pacific County Democratic Central Committee is held and a new Chair is selected.

III. Executive Board

- 3.1** The Executive Board of Pacific County Democrats consists of the Chair, the First and Second Vice-Chairs, the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- 3.2** The Executive Board conducts business, referred to it by the Chair, which must be transacted between regular meetings. A quorum shall consist of four members of the Executive Board. Minutes of the meeting shall be kept with the regular meeting minutes.
- 3.3** The Chair and the First and Second Vice-Chairs shall perform duties usually ascribed to these offices.
- 3.4** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, issue all notices of meetings, conduct required correspondence, and keep all membership records in a permanent membership record. Membership cards shall be of the type with stub and membership cards with corresponding numbers.
- 3.5** The Treasurer shall be custodian of Pacific County Democrats funds, keep an adequate set of books, and make a financial report at each meeting. The Treasurer's books shall be internally audited prior to the first week in December each year and before a new Treasurer assumes his or her duties.

IV. Election of Officers

- 4.1** Following each state general election held in even numbered years, the Pacific County Democrats /Pacific County Democratic Central Committee shall meet for the purpose of reorganization as per RCW 29.42.030. This meeting will be after the certification of Precinct Committee Officers by the County Auditor and no later than the second Saturday of the following January. At this meeting the Pacific County Democrats /Pacific County Democrat Central Committee shall elect a Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, Secretary, and a Treasurer. The term of office shall be two years. The Chair and First Vice-Chair will be of opposite sexes. The Second Vice-Chair shall be elected to provide equitable balance to overall representation.
- 4.2** All members of the Pacific County Democratic Central Committee as defined in 2.1 and Pacific County Democrats as defined 2.2 are eligible to hold office.
- 4.3** An officer may be removed from office by two thirds vote of the Pacific County Democrats /Pacific County Democratic Central Committee provided at least fifteen days prior notice of the meeting and grounds for removal are given in writing to members and the officer whose removal is sought.

V. Meetings

- 5.1** The Pacific County Democrats shall meet at **7:00 PM** on the second Monday of each month. The Chair may call special meetings for the transaction of unforeseen business. Meeting places shall be alternated to equitably divide transportation time.
- 5.2** Written notice of all meetings shall be sent to members of Pacific County Democrats at least one week before the meeting.
- 5.3** Meetings of the Pacific County Democrats shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- 5.4** A quorum for meetings of Pacific County Democrats shall be ten members.
- 5.5** Voting by proxy is permitted if the proxy is in writing, designates its use and bearer, and is signed by the member. The holder of the proxy must register the proxy with the Secretary before votes are taken. The holder must be a member of the Pacific County Democrats.
- 5.6** All meetings of the Pacific County Democrats are open to the public.

VI. Committees

6.1 The chair shall appoint special and standing committees. Pacific County Democrats will approve all appointments at the next regular meeting.

6.2 Standing Committees shall include:

6.2.1 Publicity Committee consisting of three members

6.2.2 Nominating Committee consisting of three members. They will nominate candidates to fill Precinct Committee Officer vacancies or other vacancies which may occur.

6.2.3 Membership Committee consisting of the Secretary, the Treasurer, and two members to provide overall equitable balance. They will collect dues and transmit them to the Treasurer.

6.2.4 Resolution Committee consisting of three members. They will review and present resolutions.

6.2.5 Candidates Committee. They will recruit candidates. They will evaluate requests for support and or endorsement and make recommendations to the full body.

6.2.6 Scholarship – Memorial Committee. They will recommend policies regarding the donations in memory of departed members or other prominent Democrats. They will develop and implement the scholarship selection process.

VII. Resolutions:

7.1 Resolutions may be presented by any member at a regular meeting. The resolutions shall be referred to the Resolution Committee without reading and shall be presented and considered at the next regular meeting. A simple majority is required to pass a resolution.

7.2 Upon the written petition of five members a resolution may be presented for immediate Consideration. A 2/3rds majority is required to pass a resolution presented by petition.

VIII. Candidates:

8.1 Pacific County Democrats may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, endorse Federal & State Democratic candidate for political office prior to the primary election. After the primary election, Democratic candidates may be endorsed with a simple majority.

8.2 Pacific County Democrats may ask any legally qualified Democrat to run for political office.

8.3 Any member may take part as an individual in the campaign of any Democratic

Candidate.

8.4 Only candidates endorsed by the body or nominated in a primary election are eligible to receive campaign donations from the body.

IX. The Pacific County Crab Feed

9.1 Sponsored by the Pacific County Democrats the Pacific County Crab Feed in March is a traditional event of importance in Washington Politics. Serving as the premier annual social event of the Pacific County Democrats the Crab Feed is it's most important fund raising activity.

9.2 The Chair shall appoint a Crab Feed Committee no later than January, The Committee may appoint other members to assist in various elements of the event, i.e. publicity, tickets, food procurement and preparation, raffles and logistics.

X. Pacific County Democrat of the Year

10.1 A Democrat of Pacific County who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Democrat Party in a previous year may be designated Pacific County Democrat of the Year.

10.2 If the Pacific County Democrats determines it appropriate to select a Democrat of the Year he or she shall be selected by past Democrats of the year.

10.3 The Democrat of the Year shall be publicly honored at the Crab Feed by presentation of a certificate of achievement and/or a trophy.

XI. Life Democrats of Pacific County

11.1 Democrats of Pacific County who have consistently demonstrated outstanding service to the Democratic Party and to the people of Pacific County over an extended period of time may be designated Life Democrats.

11.2 Life Democrats are nominated by the Executive Committee. They must then be elected by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting.

11.3 Life Democrats are granted permanent non-dues paying membership in the Pacific County Democrats and are presented with an engraved, numbered membership card.

XII. Amendments and Bylaws

12.1 These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the Pacific County Democrats provided that notice shall be provided at a meeting of the Pacific County Democrats

and include the amendment to be considered. Action may not be taken at this meeting but shall be on the agenda of the next meeting.