

The below listed bylaws changes will be presented at the March 28, 2018 Central Committee meeting for a vote. Please read through them carefully and if you have any questions, please email rules@washcodems.org and we will answer your questions.

Thank You,

Dan Jensen, Rules Chair

Red words will be removed and underlined words will be inserted in existing bylaws upon approval by the central committee.

BL 2018-002

Electronic Meetings

Rules Committee Recommendation: **DO PASS**

Rationale: This will bring the WashCo Dems into the 21st century with digital technology and modernize the way we conduct our meetings in emergency situations and when people are unable to physically attend.

Add Article VIII, Section 3

Section 3: Electronic Meetings

1. The Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Ad-hoc Committees may conduct electronic teleconference meetings.
2. Hybrid in-person/teleconference meetings may occur at the discretion of the committee chair, only when the need arises.
3. Electronic meetings require the same notice as other committee meetings.

4. **Electronic meetings must be run as follows:**
 1. **Identities of committee members will be verified after calling in. Verification may be done visually or aurally by the committee chair or another person designated by the committee chair.**
 2. **A roll call of the verified committee members will take place before the agenda is adopted.**
 3. **The committee chair will explain the teleconference process to all committee members.**
 4. **The conference call will allow for bidirectional aural communication while the meeting is in session.**
 5. **All committee members must have the ability to unmute themselves at their own discretion. Committee members will self-mute, except when speaking or raising a privileged motion, or raising a point of order.**
 6. **Other than privileged motions or incidental motions, the committee chair will recognize, to the best of their ability, committee members by digitally “raised hands” in the order raised, when possible.**
 7. **Digitally “raising hands” within the teleconference software shall be used to ascertain vote totals. If this is not possible, roll call votes shall be used instead. A vote by unanimous consent is also acceptable.**
 8. **The votes cast by committee members will be recorded in the minutes.**
 9. **The language of all motions will be displayed for all committee members who are visually connected.**
5. **A committee may approve a vote to be conducted by SurveyMonkey, or a similar service. Such votes will include all committee members, will have a set deadline, and be announced to all committee members via email. No votes shall be conducted by email.**

BL 2018-003

Notice of Meetings for Committees

Rules Committee Recommendation: **DO PASS**

Rationale: This will standardize notice procedures across committees and ensure people are aware of Committee meetings.

Add Article VIII, Section 4

Section 4: Notice of Meetings for Committees

1. The Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Ad-hoc Committees must provide notice to their committee members of meetings no later than the sixth (6th) day in advance of each meeting.
2. Notice must be sent by email or postal mail.
3. Notice requires time and location of meeting, agenda, and previous unapproved minutes.
4. Notice must also include whether the meeting will be conducted electronically, and any applicable call-in number or registration link.
5. All committee meetings must be placed on an electronic calendar accessible from the WashCo Dems website and can be seen at least by all PCPs, no later than the sixth (6th) day in advance of each meeting. Time and location must be included on the calendar.
6. All committees should hold a monthly meeting at a recurring time and date, unless there are valid reasons for doing otherwise.
7. All committees may hold additional meetings which must meet the same notice requirements and calendar posting as a standard meeting.

BL 2018-005

Amendments

Rules Committee Recommendation: **DO PASS**

Rationale: Clarification of ambiguity in bylaw as now written.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT

These **By-laws** Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Central Committee provided that:

a. The proposed amendment has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee;

b. **, and written** Copies of the proposed amendment are made available on the website not later than the fifteenth day in advance of the meeting; with the meeting notice;

c. All members are notified and provided either a link to the amendment and/or the text of the amendment by postal mail and/or email at least 15 days in advance;

db. Two-thirds of those present and voting vote to adopt the amendment. (ORS 248.045)

BL 2018-008

Notice of Meetings

Rules Committee Recommendation: **DO PASS**

Rationale: Clarification of ambiguity in bylaw as now written.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 5: Notice of Meetings

Notice containing date, time, and location shall be sent by postal mail to all members of this Central Committee not later than the sixth (6th) day in advance of each meeting (ORS 248.012). Any supplemental materials may be sent by email or postal mail.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

WashCo Dems Rules Committee