

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This document constitutes official notice required by Article XII, Sec. 2 of the DPLC Bylaws. These proposed bylaw amendments will be considered at the next Central Committee meeting on **September 16, 2021**.

In addition to stating the amendments in a formal manner, the proposed amendments are presented in a three-column format which indicates the **Current Wording**, the **Proposed Amendment**; and **If Adopted, Will Read**. Below each is the identity of the proposer, the rationale furnished by the proposer; and if the proposer is not the Rules Committee, the committee’s recommendation, which may include a proposed amendment, and rationale for the recommendation if other than adoption.

Provisio: Upon the adoption of any of the proposed amendments the Rules Committee is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the amendment provided that no changes are made that could have any effect on the meaning or interpretation of the bylaw provision.

Procedural Note: Amendments #1-6 are being presented as a package for the ease of consideration. As a package they will be considered seriatim to provide full discussion on each proposal. As they are dealing with different subjects, a single member may request an amendment to be considered separately, which will be considered in the order in which it is divided after the consideration of the others together. *See RONR Sec. 27.*

Amendment #1: In Article II, Section J(1), strike “at the first Central Committee meeting of the year when” and insert “after the call for convention but at least 30 days before”.

Current Language	Proposed Amendment	If, adopted will read
<p>J. State Platform Convention Delegates.</p> <p>1. The Central Committee will elect State Platform Convention Delegates at the first Central Committee meeting of the year when the State Platform Convention is held.</p>	<p>J. State Platform Convention Delegates.</p> <p>1. The Central Committee will elect State Platform Convention Delegates at the first Central Committee meeting of the year when <u>after the call for convention but at least 30 days before</u> the State Platform Convention is held.</p>	<p>J. State Platform Convention Delegates.</p> <p>1. The Central Committee will elect State Platform Convention Delegates at the after the call for convention but at least 30 days before the State Platform Convention is held.</p>

Proposed by: Rules Committee

Rationale: The DPO changed their rules to allow the State Platform Convention to be held at various times throughout the biennium. This change will allow the DPLC to elect the delegates to the convention in a timely manner prior.

Amendment #2: In Article II, Section J(2), strike out “all delegates as a slate” and insert “delegates without a ballot”.

Current Language	Proposed Amendment	If, adopted will read
2. If there are more delegate positions available than Democrats who have signed up to participate, a motion is in order to elect all delegates as a slate.	2. If there are more delegate positions available than Democrats who have signed up to participate, a motion is in order to elect all delegates <u>as a slate without a ballot.</u>	2. If there are more delegate positions available than Democrats who have signed up to participate, a motion is in order to elect delegates without a ballot.

Proposed by: Rules Committee

Rationale: The current provisions require an all or nothing approach when electing delegates without a ballot where allowed. This amendment will allow the Central Committee flexibility to elect delegates in a manner it deems fit.

Amendment #3: In Article II, Section J(4) strike out “qualified” and insert “eligible”.

Current Language	Proposed Amendment	If, adopted will read
4. Any Democrat who is registered in Lane County is qualified to serve as a Platform Convention delegate.	4. Any Democrat who is registered in Lane County is <u>eligible</u> qualified to serve as a Platform Convention delegate.	4. Any Democrat who is registered in Lane County is eligible to serve as a Platform Convention delegate.

Proposed by: Rules Committee

Rationale: While synonyms, the word “eligible” is a more appropriate term than “qualified”. There is no substantial difference in this context.

Amendment #4: In Article VII, Section A(1), insert “within 26 months of the previous county platform convention, and if possible,”.

Current Language	Proposed Amendment	If, adopted will read
1. A Lane County Platform Convention shall be called prior to the State Platform Convention.	1. A Lane County Platform Convention shall be called <u>within 26 months of the previous county platform convention and, if possible,</u> prior to the State Platform Convention.	1. A Lane County Platform Convention shall be called within 26 months of the previous county platform convention and, if possible, prior to the State Platform Convention.

Proposed by: Rules Committee

Rationale: The effect of DPO changing when the State Platform Convention can be held means it is harder for the DPLC to use it to plan the county platform convention. The preference is still to hold the county platform convention prior to the State Platform Convention but this language allows flexibility to plan the county platform convention within a specific (biennial-ish) time frame.

Amendment #5: In Article VII, Section A(2), strike “Community Action and”.

Current Language	Proposed Amendment	If, adopted will read
2. The Rules Committee in conjunction with the Community Action and Platform Committee shall develop and recommend rules of procedure for adoption by the Platform Convention delegates.	2. The Rules Committee in conjunction with the Community Action and Platform Committee shall develop and recommend rules of procedure for adoption by the Platform Convention delegates.	2. The Rules Committee in conjunction with the Platform Committee shall develop and recommend rules of procedure for adoption by the Platform Convention delegates.

Proposed by: Rules Committee

Rationale: Any members of the Community Action Committee who wish to participate in the rulemaking process may still participate as a member of either the Rules Committee or the Platform Committee.

Amendment #6: In Article VII, Section B, strike “and to nominate delegates to the State Platform Convention”

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B. Purpose. The purpose of this convention shall be to adopt a Party platform and to nominate delegates to the State Platform Convention.	B. Purpose. The purpose of this convention shall be to adopt a Party platform and to nominate delegates to the State Platform Convention.	B. Purpose. The purpose of this convention shall be to adopt a Party platform.
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Proposed by: Rules Committee

Rationale: The proposed change reflects that, in recent history, the number of those who have wanted to serve as state platform convention delegates has not exceeded the number allocated to DPLC. Further, it would allow the county platform convention to be held in a more timely manner in relation to the State Platform Convention without being required to be held prior to the first Central Committee meeting of the calendar year to fulfill the purpose of nominating delegates.

Amendment #7: In Article II, strike Section E in its entirety and insert:

“E. Meetings.

1. Regular meetings of the Central Committee shall occur at a time, place, and manner as determined by the Executive Committee, provided that all members have simultaneous aural communication, and provided that there is no more than a quarterly time interval between regular meetings.
2. Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called by the Chair and shall be called upon the written request of a quorum, which may include the time, place, or manner; provided that all members have simultaneous aural communication.
3. Notice for all meetings may be given via email unless the member specifically requests notice via first class mail each term. Notice of all items of business which: are required to be included in the call of the meeting; were introduced but not yet disposed of; were referred to a committee with instructions to report at that meeting; or which previous notice was provided, may be published conspicuously on the official website. In all cases, notice must be sent or published at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
4. Twenty-four (24) members shall constitute a quorum.
5. (A) Any member may introduce a substantive resolution in full text, or provide previous notice of an action item, at any meeting or in writing at least 25 days prior. Such items shall be referred to a committee with instructions to report at the next meeting at which in order. Such items may be adopted by:

- (1) A two-thirds vote if in order at that meeting, or a majority of the entire voting membership at any meeting, in lieu of a committee referral;
- (2) A majority vote regardless of the committee's recommendation;
- (3) A majority vote if discharged from committee consideration; or
- (4) A majority vote if the committee recommendation is included in the notice if not submitted 25 days prior to the meeting.

(B) A committee may introduce a substantive resolution in full text or provide previous notice of an action item within the notice which may be adopted by a majority vote. Such items not included in the notice may be adopted by a two-thirds vote or a majority of the entire voting membership.

(C) This section applies to new substantive resolutions or questions and does not apply to: questions which generally are considered routine, administrative, incidental, subsidiary, or privileged; questions that would bring back a question for consideration; questions that arise out of another item of business or committee report.

6. Each member present shall have one vote.”

Procedural Note: The following amendment, Amendment #7a, is a conforming amendment and will be adopted automatically if Amendment #7 is adopted. Conforming amendments are designed to fix unattended consequences that would occur if Amendment #7 was adopted alone. Amendment #7a must be adopted if Amendment #7 is adopted in order to leave the affected bylaw provisions coherent. These proposed amendments may not be divided. See *RONR (12th ed.) 12:15, 27:5, 57:3.*

Amendment #7a: To strike Article X in its entirety.

Note: Amendment #s 7 and 7a are being displayed below in a 2- column format to be able to compare the current and proposed language.

Current Language	If adopted, will read
<p>Art. II, E. Meetings.</p> <p>1. The Central Committee shall meet at least once every two months.</p> <p>2. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair, the Executive Committee or by petition of 10% of the PCPs. Petitions shall be submitted to the Secretary, specifying the date of the proposed meeting.</p> <p>3. Central Committee meetings shall be held not sooner than ten days following the sending of notices for said meetings.</p>	<p>Art II, E. Meetings.</p> <p>1. Regular meetings of the Central Committee shall occur at a time, place, and manner as determined by the Executive Committee, provided that all members have simultaneous aural communication, and provided that there is no more than a quarterly time interval between regular meetings.</p>

4. All action items before the Central Committee shall be first considered by the appropriate standing committee. This section may be suspended by approval of two thirds of those PCPs present.

5. A quorum for all Central Committee meetings shall consist of twenty-four PCPs.

6. Each member present shall have one vote.

Art. X. Referral of Substantive Resolutions

A. Any member of the Central Committee may submit a substantive policy resolution to the Chair for consideration at the first meeting of the Central Committee to take place more than twenty-five (25) days after the submission of the resolution. All such resolutions shall be included in the notice of the next meeting and shall be submitted by the Chair to the appropriate committee.

B. The Committee receiving the resolution may recommend adoption, rejection, offer a substitute, or make no recommendation.

C. The resolution shall be voted on at the first meeting of the Central Committee after the notice of the resolution has been sent to its members.

D. If the committee, to which the Chair submitted the resolution, fails to report back thereon before the time for consideration thereof by the Central Committee it shall be deemed to have made no recommendation thereon.

E. A substantive resolution which has not been submitted to the Chair at least twenty-five (25) days before meeting of the Central shall require a two-thirds vote for passage.

F. "Issue Opinions" dealing with substantive issues which reasonably relate to agenda items at any meeting of the Central Committee may be voted upon at that meeting without reference to this article.

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(2) A majority vote regardless of the committee's recommendation;

(3). A majority vote if discharged from committee consideration; or

	<p>(4) A majority vote if the committee recommendation is included in the notice if not submitted 25 days prior to the meeting.</p> <p>(B) A committee may introduce a substantive resolution in full text or provide previous notice of an action item within the notice which may be adopted by a majority vote. Such items not included in the notice may be adopted by a two-thirds vote or a majority of the entire voting membership.</p> <p>(C) This section applies to new substantive resolutions or questions and does not apply to: questions which generally are considered routine, administrative, incidental, subsidiary, or privileged; questions that would bring back a question for consideration; questions that arise out of another item of business or committee report.</p> <p>6. Each member present shall have one vote.”</p>
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Rationale: The proposed amendment clarifies the current provisions and provides flexibility to be able to provide notice and consider substantive resolutions.