

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

**RULES COMMITTEE WORKING DRAFT**

*2/21/2022 – Zoom meeting*

**BYLAWS AMENDMENTS 2022-03**

*Adopting Bylaws Amendments to separate parliamentarian from Rules Committee chair*

**Amendments to Articles VIII & XI and Addendum 1**

Separate parliamentarian from Rules Committee chair position

**ARTICLE VIII – STANDING COMMITTEES, AD HOC COMMITTEES, & SUBCOMMITTEES**

Strike parliamentarian as Rules Committee chair

Section 1. Rules Committee

The Central Committee shall have and maintain a standing Rules Committee or Constitution Committee, ~~which shall be chaired by the Parliamentarian.~~ The Rules Committee, without limitation, shall:

Section 10. Appointment of Chair & Members of Ad Hoc & Standing Committees

The Executive Board shall appoint the ~~Parliamentarian and~~ the Chairs of the **Rules Committee and the Resolutions & Platform Committee**, subject to approval by the Central Committee membership, who the Executive Board may remove by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rds</sup>) vote, subject to approval by the Central Committee.

**ARTICLE XI - CONSTITUTION & RULES**

Replace reference to parliamentarian with Rules Committee chair

Section 1. Proposing Bylaw Amendments

Any voting member may propose a Bylaw amendment in writing at any regular membership meeting. The Chair or member proposing the amendment shall announce the proposal at the meeting and announce that the Central Committee shall vote on the proposal at the next regular membership meeting unless the Central Committee takes alternate action on the proposal before the vote on whether to approve the proposal. If the Central Committee takes no alternate action, then the Chair shall place the proposal on the agenda of the next regular membership meeting. If the Central Committee refers the proposal to the Rules Committee, then the ~~Parliamentarian~~ **chair of that committee** shall schedule a meeting of the Rules Committee to consider the proposal. The Rules Committee shall provide a recommendation on the proposal at the next regular membership meeting.

**ADDENDUM 1 – TRANSPARENCY POLICY**

## Strike reference to parliamentarian

### Section 6. Documents to Be Maintained

The DPSC shall maintain the following documents in an electronic format accessible to the Chair and the officer responsible for the documents' custody and maintenance:

1. A log of all dues payments and waivers, to be maintained by the Controller;
2. A log of all resolutions introduced and adopted, to be maintained by the Secretary jointly with the Resolutions & Platform Chair; and
3. A log of all bylaw amendments or standing rules formally proposed and adopted, to be maintained by the Secretary ~~jointly with the Parliamentarian.~~

### **Amendments to Articles III & XI**

Grant authority to appoint parliamentarian to DPSC chair and define powers of position

### **ARTICLE III – OFFICERS & DUTIES**

Grant the chair the sole power to appoint a parliamentarian with duties detailed in Robert's Rules of Order.

#### Section 1. Chair

The Chair shall:

- A. Serve as chief executive officer of the Central Committee;
- B. Preside and govern at each Central Committee and Executive Board meeting;
- C. Execute the policies of the Central Committee and Executive Board;
- D. Manage and employ persons as authorized by the Central Committee and Executive Board;
- E. Serve in ex officio capacity with a vote on each standing committee;
- F. Appoint committee chairs and members, as provided for in Article VIII, Section 10;
- G. Serve as official spokesperson of the Committee;
- H. Approve all public documents, correspondence and communications on behalf of the Committee;
- I. **Appoint a parliamentarian whose duties shall be defined in the parliamentary authority;**
- J. Sign and administer all contracts on behalf of the Committee; and
- K. Perform other duties as directed by the Central Committee and Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE XI – CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

Revise Section 3 by striking:

### Section 3. Robert’s Rules of Order

The latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the Central Committee to the extent it is not inconsistent with the Constitution and the law.

And replacing with:

### Section 3. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

Also, to conform to the revised language:

Strike the word “constitution” and replace with the word “bylaws” throughout the governing documents.