

ALASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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ARTICLE I — PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Alaska Democratic Party, in order to secure the passage of legislation representative of the basic principles of Democratic government, to effect election of those representatives pledged to this idea, and to further the application and interpretation of those principles through appointment of men and women who will truly serve the desires and needs of the people of the State of Alaska, do by these rules and Plan of Organization endeavor to best accomplish the purpose herein set forth.

ARTICLE II PARTICIPATION

Section 1) Participation in the Alaska Democratic Party shall be open to all registered Democrats. Any qualified Alaskan voter or any person who will have all of the necessary qualifications of a voter at the next general election, who has filed a voter registration form designating his or her party as the Democratic Party, is qualified to vote at a Precinct Caucus or to serve as a delegate to a House District or the State Convention.

Section 2) Discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, religion or lack thereof, economic status, sexual orientation, ethnic identity, national origin, physical disability, or color in the conduct of Alaska Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.

Section 3) Meetings of the Alaska Democratic Party are open to members of the Party and shall be held in a place accessible to Party members. No meeting may be held in any building owned or operated by an organization or individual that discriminates against individuals on the basis of any grounds listed in Section 2 above. The time and place for all meetings shall be publicized in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. All reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section 4) Any person holding office in the Alaska Democratic Party shall be a registered Democrat.

Section 5) Any officer of the Democratic Party or any of its adjuncts who

A) Publicly endorsed or supported, or whose name was published as endorsing or supporting, the election of a candidate from another political party against a Democratic candidate in a partisan race between the date of the last primary and the general election, or

B) Publicly denounced a Democratic Party nominee in a partisan race between the date of the last primary and the last general election shall be ineligible to participate in any Democratic party caucus or subdivision meeting or serve as a

District, State, or National Convention delegate or alternate until after the next state convention. This does not bar participation in the initial Presidential Fanout. Such endorsement, and/or support shall constitute the officer's automatic resignation from office.

Section 6) Any candidate running for election as a Democrat who:

A) Publicly endorsed or supported, or whose name was published as endorsing or supporting, the election of a candidate from another political party against a Democratic candidate in a partisan race between the date of the last primary and the general election shall be ineligible to participate in any Democratic Party caucus or subdivision meeting, serve as a District, State or National Convention delegate or alternate, or receive any campaign service from the Alaska Democratic Party or any of its subdivisions or adjuncts until after the next primary election. This does not bar participation in the initial Presidential Fanout.

B) Before any money may be given to a candidate by the Democratic Party or any of its subdivisions or adjuncts, the candidate must sign an agreement with the Alaska Democratic Party stating that should he or she join a legislative organization not approved by the Democratic Party caucus (a majority of Democrats) in that legislative body any money received must be repaid to the Alaska Democratic Party. The terms of repayment must be approved by the State Central Committee unless repayment is waived by that committee.

Section 7) Any elected government official on the state or federal level who:

A) Publicly endorsed or supported, or whose name was published as endorsing or supporting, the election of a candidate from another political party against a Democratic candidate in a partisan race between the date of the last primary and the general election; or

B) Joins a legislative organization not approved by the Democratic Party caucus (a majority of Democrats) in that legislative body shall be ineligible to participate in any Democratic party caucus or subdivision meeting; serve as a District, State, or National Convention delegate or alternate; receive Party funds or any campaign services from the Democratic party or any of its subdivisions or adjuncts until after the next state convention.

Section 8) For reasons other than set forth in Sections 6 and 7 (A), (B) or (C), no person's rights to participate in Alaska Democratic Party activities can be taken away without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Grievance Committee of the House District or State Central Committee.

Section 9) Membership challenged under this article shall be referred to the appropriate Grievance Committee.

Section 10) It shall be the duty of Party Officers to take affirmative steps to encourage young people, women, and minority groups to seek election as delegates to Party Conventions and as members of Party Committees, to the end that they shall be represented on such delegations and committees in reasonable relationship to their presence in the State.

Section 11) For the purpose of filling a vacancy, any Democratic Alaskan voter who attends any precinct or district meeting of the Democratic Party may be elected to a vacant office of that body by majority vote of that body at the next attended meeting within ninety (90) days. Reasonable notice shall be given of this meeting. A precinct or district meeting is defined as a scheduled meeting at which the ongoing business of the body is conducted.

ARTICLE III PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

Referred to 2012 District Caucuses for consideration of complete revision of Article III: Precinct Organization.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1) A Precinct is a recognized subdivision of the Democratic Party as identified by the State of Alaska, Division of Elections.

Section 2) In order for a Precinct to be recognized as organized, it must elect a Precinct Chair and have three (3) Precinct Committee members.

Section 3) The Precinct Chair is the chief executive officer of the Precinct Committee and shall preside at all meetings and shall be responsible for all records of Precinct activities. This officer shall also act as Precinct Treasurer and is responsible for all finances which shall also be reported to the House District Committee. It shall be the duty of the Precinct Chair to hold meetings and to provide for the political organization of the Precinct.

CONSOLIDATION

Section 4)

A) Two (2) or more Precincts within a House District may consolidate to organize, elect officers, and hold meetings, if consolidation is approved by a simple majority vote of the assembled Democrats of each Precinct, meeting either jointly or separately.

B) This shall not alter, in any manner, Precinct allocations of delegate seats in the House District Convention unless the majority of assembled Democrats shall elect to be considered as one Precinct for the purposes of organization and allocation of delegate seats.

C) In the event the consolidated Precinct shall so elect, official notification to the House District Committee shall be made prior to the convening of the next House District Convention. A Precinct may withdraw from such an arrangement by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Precinct Committee.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1) A House District is a recognized subdivision of the Alaska Democratic Party. There shall be forty (40) House Districts, as identified by the State of Alaska, Division of Elections.

Section 2) The House District Committees shall consist of District Chair District Vice-Chair District Secretary District Treasurer, and Members elected at large at the District Conventions.

Section 3) The House District Chair shall be responsible for publicity throughout the House District and shall be required to post public notices and/or to publicize through newspapers, radio, and/or television, the time, date, and location of the District Convention. Notice shall be mailed to all Precinct Chairs and any identified pre-caucus delegates, thirty (30) days prior to the House District Convention.

Section 4) The State Chair shall appoint a Democrat from any unorganized House District to call a special Caucus of all Precinct Committee members in each such House District for the purpose of organization of the House District.

Section 5) The House District Committee shall establish a policy reflective of the State and National Party Policies at the House District level and shall do any and all things reasonably promoting the principles and programs of the Democratic Party.

Section 6) House District Committees shall conduct voter registration and Democratic Party programs; shall conduct their own fund-raising activities for their House District; and shall have general supervision over Democratic affairs within their House District areas.

Section 7) The House District Committees are encouraged to meet monthly.

Section 8) Proxies shall be recognized at all meetings of District Committees, provided that in no event shall any person cast more than four (4) votes, including his or her own.

OFFICERS

Section 9) The principal duties of the House District officers include the following:

- A) **House District Chair.** Chief executive officer of the House District Committee with authority to exercise the powers given to him or her by the Committee, except as provided elsewhere in this Party Plan. The House District Chair or designee shall be responsible for obtaining Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) reports filed from any district or precinct in their region and transmitting same to the State Treasurer in a timely manner. The District Chair shall designate someone to be responsible for District file maintenance and training of other District members in the use of VoteBuilder.
- B) **House District Vice-Chair.** In the temporary absence of the District Chair, the Vice- Chair shall carry out the duties of the Chair until his or her return.
- C) **House District Secretary.** Shall serve as principal recorder at meetings of the House District and shall distribute these minutes in an appropriate manner.
- D) **House District Treasurer.** Shall safely keep all funds of the Committee and shall keep a detailed account of all contributions, other receipts, and disbursements. This officer shall also submit to the House District Committee at each meeting a financial report and shall complete and submit all necessary APOC reports, with a copy to the State Treasurer.

SUCCESSION

Section 10) Should a District violate the principles of the Alaska Democratic Party in the succession of Party officers, the State Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee is authorized to act and to take all steps necessary to ensure that the succession is completed.

OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Section 11) The Alaska Democratic Party institutes a Party Outreach and Development Program to recruit, educate, and train new party members to become effective party participants. This program will be implemented by each regional committee consisting of the district chairs and Regional vice chairs.

The charge to each regional committee is to:

1. Develop and implement a region-appropriate plan to identify and recruit new Alaska Democratic Party members.
2. Develop and implement a region-appropriate plan to mentor and train party members interested in serving as delegates, party officers, candidates, and other leadership and activist roles.

The chair of each regional committee will be elected by committee members for the purposes of organizing, convening, and running meetings. A secretary may also be elected at the discretion of the chair. Each committee shall meet when called by the chair, but not less often than bi-annually.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Section 12) The House District Grievance Committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members who shall be elected at the biennial House District Convention. Members of this Committee cannot be members of the House District Committee. They shall meet upon the call of the House District Chair or at the request of forty percent (40%) of the House District Grievance Committee to hear grievances from the Precincts in that House District. This Committee will make a recommendation to the House District Committee after hearing both sides of the grievance. The House District Committee shall then act on the recommendation and shall resolve the issue, subject to the right of further appeal to the State Central Committee.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Section 13) The House District Convention shall be called to order by the House District Chair at the time and place specified in the call. The Convention thereupon shall proceed in the usual manner to the election of Convention officers and to all business coming before the Convention.

Section 14)

- A) A Democratic House District Convention shall be held in each of the House Districts no fewer than twenty-seven (27) days prior to the State Convention.
- B) All arrangements for the House District Conventions are the responsibility of the House District Chair and the House District Convention Committee.
- C) Any registration fees for the House District Convention shall be retained by the House District Committee.

Section 15) At the House District Convention, each House District

A) Shall elect the following House District Officers:

- I. House District Chair House District Vice-Chair
- II. House District Secretary House District Treasurer
- III. One (1) male and one (1) female representative to the State Central Committee
- IV. A three (3) member Grievance Committee whose members are not House District Committee officers.
- V. Delegates to the State Convention.

B) These newly elected officers shall take office immediately and shall serve for two (2) years or until their successors are chosen. All Party records and the authority to manage all assets and liabilities shall be transferred to the new officers within five (5) working days.

Section 16)

A) The number of members of the House District Committee shall be determined by the Bylaws of each House District as adopted at their respective conventions.

B) The By-laws of a Unified District may provide that a District Convention may vote that all attending Democrats shall be at-large District Committee members, provided they meet Democratic and District requirements.

Section 17) Those delegates elected at Precinct, or those delegates duly credentialed at the District Convention, shall be eligible to vote at the District Convention.

Section 18) The House District Convention shall elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention. Should a district be unable to fill its allowed delegation from members present at the District Convention, that district may choose delegates from District Democrats to fill their allotment. Those chosen delegates shall reflect the Presidential Caucus vote of that House District. It is the intention of the Party that delegates elected to the State Convention try to attain gender balance.

Section 19) The House District Convention:

A) shall select one (1) delegate to each of the following State Convention committees: State Convention Credentials Committee State Convention Platform Committee State Convention Resolutions Committee State Party Plan of Organization Committee

B) may nominate the following officers who will be elected at the State Convention: Convention Chair Convention Secretary State Chair State Secretary

State Treasurer Regional Vice-Chairs National Committeeman National
Committeewoman Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention

Section 20) In presidential years, the Caucus will fan out pursuant to the nationally approved Delegate Selection Plan.

Section 21) Each House District may formulate and advance House District plans and may also pass Resolutions for introduction and action at the State Convention.

Section 22) The House District committees may appoint their members to their counterpart committees at the State Convention. Nothing in this Section or any other Section is intended to limit the number of voting delegates or alternates who wish to serve on these committees at the State Convention.

Section 23) If a House District is going use a Nominating Committee, such committee shall be composed of one (1) member from each Precinct.

Section 24) For those elected to represent the House District at the State Convention, the officers of the House District shall sign and issue suitable credentials as certification of election.

Section 25) Minutes of the House District Convention shall be submitted to the State Party Chair not later than fifteen (15) days after said Convention by certified mail. The minutes shall include the date, time, and location of the Convention; officers, delegates, and alternates elected; and other actions taken; such minutes shall also include copies of ads or notices used to publicize the Convention.

Section 26) The recommendations of the Credentials Committee shall be the first order of business of the Convention after convening. Those challenged may not be seated until all challenges have been acted upon. In the event that more than one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the delegates are challenged, the body assembled shall revert to a Committee of the Whole to act upon the seating of delegates to the Convention in a sequence determined by lottery. In the Committee of the Whole, no Precinct may vote on its own challenge. Each individual member of the body assembled shall be entitled to one whole vote except where fractional votes have been authorized.

CONSOLIDATION

Section 27) Two (2) or more House Districts may consolidate to organize, elect officers, and hold meetings if consolidation is approved by simple majority vote of the assembled Democrats of each House District, meeting either jointly or separately. This shall not alter, in any manner, House District allocation of delegate seats in the State Convention.

Section 28) A House District may withdraw from such a joint arrangement by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the House District Committee.

DISTRICT CONVENTION PROCEDURES

Section 29) Any person elected as a delegate or alternate to a District Convention shall be registered upon presenting himself or herself in person.

Section 30) Delegates to the District Convention shall come from elections held at the preceding Precinct Caucus and shall hold office with the authority to be seated at reconvened Conventions or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 31) Apportionment of delegates shall be computed and assigned on the basis of State House Representative Districts and the delegates must reside within the House Election District upon which the apportionment is based.

Section 32) Any delegate may challenge the poll of the delegation when it is announced. Such challenge must be made before the roll call is completed and the results announced. In the event of such a challenge, the Convention Secretary shall call the roll of such delegation, or may designate a subcommittee of the Convention Credentials Committee to poll the delegation.

Section 33) Ten percent (10%) of the delegates represented from any House District may demand a secret ballot on any issue from their delegation. In the event sufficient delegates demand a secret ballot, ballots shall be distributed to each member of the delegation and provision made for secret balloting.

Section 34) The Chair of the delegation shall designate two (2) or more tellers, one (1) of whom shall be from the ten percent (10%) demanding the vote, to count the vote, and shall deliver the ballots to the Convention Secretary at the time of announcing the delegation vote.

Section 35) In the event that a delegate is not present in person, the vacant seat shall be filled where possible by seating of an alternate from the same Precinct as the delegate and in order of priority established at the Precinct Caucus.

Section 36) Each duly elected delegate to the House District Convention shall be entitled to one vote upon any questions coming before the Convention unless fractional votes have been apportioned by the House District. In the event of absence of a delegate from the Convention or from the floor, that delegate shall be represented by the person heading the list of alternates.

Section 37) In the event that sufficient delegates and alternates are not present to fully represent the Precinct, those delegates who are present from the Precinct may cast the

full vote to which the Precinct is entitled, and if there is division on any issue within the delegation, the vote shall be cast proportionately on the vote of those in attendance.

Section 38) The candidate receiving a majority of the votes of the Convention shall be declared elected. In the event no candidate receives a majority, a second roll call shall be taken, but if there are more than two (2) candidates, the candidate receiving the lowest vote shall be dropped and the election process continued until one candidate has received a majority.

Section 39) The presence in person of forty percent (40%) of the delegates registered in person (including alternates seated as delegates) shall constitute a quorum at the District Convention. If after thirty (30) minutes notification by the Chair, through a designated representative or the sergeant-at-arms, forty percent (40%) of the delegates are not present, those absent without excuse shall be deemed to have not registered. Additional alternates shall be seated as appropriate and a quorum shall be designated based on the current list of registered delegates, including alternates seated as delegates.

Section 40) Delegates and alternates may be temporarily excused by the Chair or designee provided that if such absence may endanger the presence of a quorum, such excuse may only be granted by consent of the District Convention.

Section 41) Ten percent (10 %) of all the delegates present at any convention held pursuant to this Plan may demand a roll call vote on any question.

Section 42) In the event a roll call is demanded, the delegates from each of the Precincts represented shall caucus for the purpose of polling their respective delegations. After the Precinct delegations have been polled, the Convention Chair shall call the Convention to order and the roll call shall be called by Precinct. The delegation Chair shall announce the vote when each Precinct is called by the Secretary of the Convention.

Section 43) Minority reports to the report of any Convention are in order when they are submitted in writing to the Convention Chair prior to or during the report in question. Such reports must be signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the Committee in question.

Section 44) Nothing in these rules prevents a House District Convention from meeting as a Committee of the Whole.

Section 45) Any District making an endorsement in a contested primary shall have Bylaws covering such endorsements on file with the state office.

Section 46) In a re-districting year when some district boundaries are in litigation, the Party Chair will, once the new lines are drawn, set a time and date for District Conventions in those districts whose boundaries have been redrawn. This special Call to the Caucus will follow the same procedure as a regularly scheduled District Convention.

ARTICLE V STATE CONVENTION

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1)

- A) A Democratic State Convention shall be held in Alaska in each even numbered year.
- b) There shall be a Convention Site Committee.
- c) The Regional Vice Chairs shall be the committee members. The First Vice Chair shall serve as Chair. Each Region will have one vote on the committee.
- d) At each Convention, the Convention Site Committee shall recommend a site for the State Democratic Convention to be held in four years. The Convention shall decide where each Convention will be held. In 2008 the committee will make recommendations for the 2010 and 2012 Conventions.

Section 2) The State Party Secretary shall send out the call to the House District Chairs specifying the time, place, and fixing the date. Such call shall be sent to the House District Chairs no later than ninety (90) days prior to the date set for the State Convention.

Section 3) Prior to the convening of the State Convention, the State Chair shall appoint a temporary chair and call into session the following committees:

- A) Platform
- B) Resolutions
- C) Party Plan of Organization
- D) Credentials.

The committees shall elect a Chair and prepare a proposed Platform, propose Resolutions, and recommend revisions to the Party Plan of Organization.

Section 4) All arrangements for the State Conventions shall be made by the State Chair and the State Central Committee in cooperation with the host House District.

Section 5) A registration fee may be charged for all delegates and alternates present at any Party Convention. Only those persons present shall pay registration. Fees may be established for each Convention by the State Central Committee as to the State Convention and by the House District Committee as to the House District Conventions, with regard to the convention site.

Section 6) No person shall be excluded from any stage of the delegate selection process for failure to pay a cost or fee if said person is unable to pay.

Section 7) Registration fees shall be retained by the host House District in agreement with the State Central Committee.

Section 8) Prior to the Convention, the State Chair shall appoint a Chair for the State Convention Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall meet within one (1) week prior to the Convention to conduct the normal business of the Credentials Committee and it shall consist of one (1) Credentials Committee member from each House District who was elected at the preceding House District Convention.

Section 9) The Credentials Committee shall have as its sole business the following:

A) Certification of delegates to the State Convention. Minutes of the House District Conventions shall be submitted to the Chair of the State Convention Credentials Committee within fifteen (15) days after the House District Convention adjourns.

B) Recommendations on challenges presented in writing to the State Convention Credentials Committee. Challenges must be filed with the State Chair within fifteen (15) days after the adjournment of the House District Convention. Copies must be sent to the State Chair, House District Chair, and those individuals who have been challenged within fifteen (15) days after adjournment of the House District Convention.

Section 10) Contests over seats in any Convention and contests concerning voting shall be decided by the Convention itself.

Section 11) The State Central Committee or House District Committee shall notify all delegates to their conventions of the time and place of their convention, the amount of registration fee, and that failure to pay the fee because of inability to pay will not exclude them from the delegate selection process, with mailing of such notice to occur no less than ten (10) days prior to said convention.

STATE CONVENTION PROCEDURES

Section 12) Any person elected as a delegate or alternate to a Party Convention shall be registered upon presenting himself or herself in person.

Section 13) Delegates to the State Convention shall come from elections held at the preceding House District Conventions and shall hold office with the authority to be seated at reconvened Conventions or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SUPER DELEGATES

Section 14) The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, the State Chair, and any elected Democratic Governor, Democratic United States Senator, Democratic United States Representative, Democratic State Senator, or Democratic State Representative shall be entitled to voting seats in any State Convention as Super Delegates. These votes are to be in addition to the delegates allotted to each subdivision. These votes shall not be used in any presidential fan-out voting.

Section 15) The number of delegates to be seated at the State Convention shall be determined on the basis of one delegate for each two hundred and fifty (250) votes, or fraction thereof, cast for the Democratic nominee for statewide office receiving the most votes statewide in the previous election, provided the State Central Committee has not changed the divisor. All such apportionment shall be computed and assigned on the basis of State House of Representatives Districts and the delegates must reside within the House Election District upon which the apportionment is based.

Section 16) A list of delegates from each House District, certified by the Chair and Secretary of the House District Convention, shall be furnished to the State Chair by the House District Chairs.

Section 17) If the full delegation from any House District is not present, those delegates or alternates elected from that House District who are present may cast the full vote to which the House District is entitled. If there is a division on any issue within the delegation, the House District's vote shall be cast proportionately on the vote of those present from said House District on the issue.

Section 18) Any delegate may challenge the poll of the delegation when it is announced. Such challenge must be made before the roll call is completed and the results announced. In the event of such a challenge, the Convention Secretary shall call the roll of such delegation, or may designate a subcommittee of the Convention Credentials Committee to poll the delegation.

Section 19) Ten percent (10%) of the delegates represented from any House District may demand a secret ballot on any issue from their delegation. In the event sufficient delegates demand a secret ballot, ballots shall be distributed to each member of the delegation and provision made for secret balloting.

Section 20) The Chair of the delegation shall designate two (2) or more tellers, one (1) of whom shall be from the ten percent (10%) demanding the vote, to count the vote, and shall deliver the ballots to the Convention Secretary at the time of announcing the delegation vote.

Section 21) Each duly elected delegate to the State Convention shall be entitled to one vote upon any questions coming before the Convention unless fractional votes have been apportioned by the House District at the time of delegate selection for the Convention. In the event of absence of a delegate from the Convention or from the floor, that delegate shall be represented by the person heading the list of alternates.

Section 22) The candidate receiving a majority of the votes of the Convention shall be declared elected. In the event no candidate receives a majority, a second roll call shall be taken, but if there are more than two (2) candidates, the candidate receiving the lowest vote shall be dropped and the election process continued until one candidate has received a majority.

Section 23) The presence in person of forty percent (40%) of the delegates registered in person (including alternates seated as delegates) shall constitute a quorum at the State Convention. If after thirty (30) minutes notification by the Chair, through a designated representative or the sergeant-at-arms, forty percent (40%) of the delegates are not present, those absent without excuse shall be deemed to have not registered. Additional alternates shall be seated as appropriate and a quorum shall be designated as appropriate of the then-current list of registered delegates, including alternates seated as delegates.

Section 24) Delegates and alternates may be temporarily excused by the Chair or designee provided that if such absence may endanger the presence of a quorum, such excuse may only be granted by consent of the Convention.

Section 25) Ten percent (10 %) of all the delegates present at any convention held pursuant to this Plan may demand a roll call vote on any question.

Section 26) In the event a roll call is demanded, the delegates from each of the House Districts represented shall caucus for the purpose of polling their respective delegations. After the House District delegations have been polled, the Convention Chair shall call the Convention to order and the roll call shall be called by House District. The delegation Chair shall announce the vote when each House District is called by the Secretary of the Convention.

Section 27) Minority reports to the report of any Convention are in order when they are submitted in writing to the Convention Chair prior to or during the report in question. Such reports must be signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the Committee in question.

ELECTIONS

Section 28) The State Convention shall be called to order by the State Chair or a designated representative or successor at the time and place specified in the call. The Convention shall thereupon proceed to the business of the Convention.

Section 29) The following officers shall be elected at the State Convention: Convention Chair, Convention Secretary, State Chair, State Secretary, State Treasurer, Regional Vice Chairs, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, except that Regional Vice-Chairs may be elected at a consolidated regional caucus.

Section 30) The State Chair, the State Secretary, and the State Treasurer shall be elected at each biennial State Convention and shall assume office at the first meeting of the State Central Committee following a November general election, and shall serve for two (2) years or until a successor is chosen. There shall be no term limits for these party officers.

Section 31) Regional Vice Chairs shall

A) be elected by the delegates from that Region at the biennial State Convention and will assume office at the first meeting of the State Central Committee following a November general election, and shall serve for two (2) years or until a successor is chosen. There shall be no term limits for these party officers. Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the region's Central Committee members until the time of the next Regional caucus or convention.

B) Be assigned rank by a majority vote of the State Central Committee. The First Vice-Chair shall be of the opposite gender of the Party Chair.

Section 32) In years of a Presidential election, the Convention shall elect the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman and delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention to be held thereafter in number prescribed by the Democratic National Committee or other National Democratic Party authority, and shall also elect the Party's State Electors to the National Electoral College. The Electors shall vote the people vote in the general (presidential) election. The Charter for the Democratic National Committee requires that the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman will take office "for terms commencing on the day the National Convention adjourns and terminating on the day the next National Convention adjourns." A vacancy in either office will be temporarily filled by a vote at the next State Central Committee meeting until the next State Convention.

Section 33) The officers of the State Convention shall sign and issue suitable credentials for all Party officers and delegates selected to attend the Democratic National Convention and the Electoral College.

STATE CONVENTION AFFAIRS

Section 34) Each regular State Convention shall

- A) Formulate and adopt a State Platform, a succinct document that reflects the values and principles of the Alaska Democratic Party.
- B) This format will be conveyed, by the State Party Chair, to each Precinct and District for use during each of their meetings, prior to the State Convention.
- C) Topics for submission, review, consideration, and approval by the Platform Committee shall be prepared and approved by the Precinct and/or the District and forwarded to the Party Chair at least fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of the State Convention. This shall not restrict the committee from taking up issues they deem appropriate, with priority given to those submitted before the fourteen (14) days.

Section 35)

- A) There shall be a Resolutions Committee. To be considered, a Resolution must be submitted in the proper format to the Party Chair at least fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of the State Convention.
- B) In addition to international and national issues, the Resolutions Committee shall be organized along the lines of standing committees established by the Legislature's Uniform Rules, including Community and Regional Affairs, Finance, Health, Education and Social Services, Judiciary, Labor and Commerce, Resources, State Affairs, and Transportation.

Section 36) There shall be a Party Plan of Organization Committee which shall propose Amendments to the Plan of Organization. Any change shall take effect after the adjournment of the Convention at which they were adopted, unless given immediate effect by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention. To be considered, an amendment to the Party Plan of Organization must be submitted by the Districts to the Party Chair at least fourteen (14) days prior to the convening of the State Convention. The Party Plan Committee chairs may accept amendments received after this deadline.

Section 37) Proxies shall be recognized at all meetings of State Convention Committees, provided that in no event shall any person cast more than four (4) votes, including his or her own.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Section 38) Guidelines for awarding the **James (Jim) Doogan Alaska Democratic Party Lifetime Achievement Award** at State Conventions.

A) 1. Awardee must have been an active member of the Alaska Democratic Party with fifteen (15) or more years' participation in party activities over the past twenty (20) years. 2. Awardee must be an elected official of the Democratic Party with a background of political volunteerism over the past twenty (20) years.

B) Awardee must be at least 60 years of age.

C) Awardee must have a record of full compliance with Article II of the Alaska Democratic Plan of Organization.

D) Awardee must have remained an active member of the Alaska Democratic party within the most recent five (5) years prior to the presentation date.

E) The award is presented based on merits of service provided to advancing the values and principles of the Alaska Democratic Party and the Democratic National Committee.

F) The number of recipients at each convention may vary.

G) The State Party Chair shall appoint each convention year an Awards Committee of no fewer than three (3) persons. The State Party Chair shall also appoint a chair of this committee. The Awards Committee shall identify each year's awardees and oversee the presentation of awards.

H) 1. Each recipient shall be presented with a plaque or other award. 2. A plaque identifying the recipients will be maintained at Party Headquarters and updated following each convention.

ARTICLE VI STATE PARTY ORGANIZATION

Section 1) Alaska Democratic Party shall be composed of the following positions:

- I. Precinct Chairs
- II. Precinct Vice-Chairs
- III. Precinct Secretaries
- IV. Precinct Committees
- V. House District Chairs

- VI. House District Secretaries
- VII. House District Treasurers
- VIII. House District Committees
- IX. House District Grievance Committees
- X. State Chair
- XI. State Vice-Chairs
- XII. State Secretary
- XIII. State Treasurer
- XIV. State Central Committee Members
- XV. National Committeeman
- XVI. National Committeewoman

Section 2) The National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall represent the Alaska Democratic Party at the national level, attending meetings of the Democratic National Committee and its sub-groups. They shall consult with the State Chair and other officers and members of the State Central Committee on matters important to the effective functions of the Alaska Democratic Party.

Section 3) No elected State or Federal official shall hold office as House District Chair or Vice-Chair, State Chair or Vice-Chair, or National Committeeman or National Committeewoman. In the event the incumbent in such Party office wins election to state or Federal office, the Party office shall be declared vacant as of the date the election is certified.

Section 4) It shall be the responsibility of any Party officer to submit his or her resignation in writing when he or she is unable to discharge the duties of the office held.

Section 5) After notice and opportunity for public hearing with good and sufficient cause, any Party subdivision may vote to remove a member upon concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership.

Section 6) Failure of the Chair of any Party Committee, without due cause, to call meetings required by this plan shall constitute cause for automatic removal from the Chair, but not from the Committee.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 7) The State Central Committee is an agency of the Alaska Democratic Party established by the State Convention with authority to take all appropriate actions to promote the principles and programs of the Alaska Democratic Party during the interval between conventions.

Section 8) Membership on the State Central Committee shall be open to all qualified Democrats. Inability to pay for travel and lodging should not be a barrier to participation in the Committee. The State Central Committee shall establish a travel fund, funded by voluntary contributions to assist in travel and lodging.

Section 9) Quorum for the State Central Committee shall be comprised of fourteen (14) House Districts represented, with at least one (1) House District from 4 Regions.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 10) The State Central Committee shall consist of the following members:

- Chair
- Regional Vice-Chairs (10)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Finance Committee Chair
- Immediate Past Chair
- House District Chair and District Member of opposite gender (40); or if two or more House Districts consolidate under Article IV, Section 27, they shall be represented by members equaling the representation of the number of Districts in the Consolidated Committee, as long as each District is represented by two (2) members of that District, while assuring gender parity.
- Young Democrats (10)
- Chair of the Young Democrats
- State House and State Senate representatives (2)
- Representatives of the Veterans' Caucus (2)
- Representatives of the Alaska Native Caucus (2)
- Any Chair of a Combined House District Organization that represents and is composed of at least two (2) districts as is officially recognized as an Adjunct of the Party as set forth in Article VII,

A) **State Chair.** The State Chair is the Chief Executive Officer of the State Central Committee and shall assume office at the first meeting of the State Central Committee following the general election. Until the Chair-elect assumes office, he or she may not act on behalf of, nor bind, the Alaska Democratic Party. However, the Chair-elect shall sit as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. 1) Vacancies in the office of State Chair shall be filled by the First Vice-Chair. 2) Should the First Vice-Chair decline, the State Central Committee, at a duly noticed meeting, shall from its membership, elect a new State Chair by a majority vote, without regard for gender. If necessary, the State Central Committee shall reorder the seating of the Vice- Chairs.

REGIONS BY ELECTION DISTRICTS

B) **Regional Vice-Chairs.** There will be (10) Regional Vice-Chairs, each carrying one-half (½) vote, one (1) male and one (1) female from each of the following Regions:

REGION A	DISTRICTS	1-5	SouthEast Prince William Sound
REGION B	DISTRICTS	S12*-13-16; 33-36	Kenai—Kodiak—Mat-Su
REGION C	DISTRICTS	17-32	Anchorage
REGION D	DISTRICTS	6-11; N12*	Interior
REGION E	DISTRICTS	37-40	Rural(Bush)

Each region shall be entitled to one (1) full vote if the Region is represented by one or both Vice-Chairs. *It is agreed that District 12 will be divided between Regions B (South 12) and D (North 12). C) **See Appendix 1 for Alaska Redistricting Board, June 6, 2002, map.**

Section 11) The principal duties and powers of the Party officers are the following:

A) **State Chair.** As the Chief Executive Officer of the State Central Committee, the State Chair shall have duties usually associated with such a position, as otherwise provided in the Party Plan, and shall carry out the programs and policies of the Alaska Democratic Party.

B) **Vice Chairs** shall be ranked by majority vote of the State Central Committee at the State Convention. The First Vice-Chair shall be the opposite gender of the State Chair and shall take office at the first Central Committee meeting following the general election. The Vice-Chairs may coordinate Party activities within their own regions and may represent the Party to the media and public on regional matters.

C) **State Secretary.** Shall serve as principal recorder at meetings of the State Central Committee and its Executive Committee and shall distribute these minutes as appropriate in a timely manner. He or she is also responsible for distribution in a timely manner of proposed agendas to State Central Committee meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for distributing adopted resolutions and the Platform to legislators, candidates, party officers, and other elected officials following a State Convention. Resolutions adopted at State Central Committee Meetings will also be provided to those listed above. The State Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current list of State Central Committee members, and having the list posted on the State Party website. The State Secretary shall take office at the first Central Committee following the general election.

D) **State Treasurer.** Shall be the banking officer for all funds at the State level, monitoring income and expenses as budgeted by the State Central Committee. The Treasurer shall take office at the first Central Committee following the general election.

1) The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the financial records of the Party and for filing reports with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) and the Federal Election Commission.

2) This officer shall, at least quarterly, furnish statements of the receipts and expenditures as requested by the Chair or State Central Committee, submit all necessary APOC and Federal Election Commission reports, and turn over all books and reports to the State Chair upon the conclusion of the term of office.

3) A report thereof shall be made to the State Chair for forwarding to the State Central Committee.

4) The Treasurer shall not while holding office in the Alaska Democratic Party be a treasurer of any other state-wide campaign or campaign committee, neither for a candidate nor for a ballot proposition.

E) **House Districts.** Each of the forty (40) House Districts shall have two (2) votes on the State Central Committee. One (1) District Chair and one (1) District Member of opposite gender, each carrying one (1) a vote, shall be elected from each of the forty (40) House Districts at the biennial House District Convention, and members shall serve for two (2) years or until a successor is chosen. Vacancies shall be filled by the House District Committee from which the vacancies occurred. A House District shall cast its full vote so long as it is represented in person or by proxy. A proxy shall only be carried by a registered Democrat from the same district, except for the offices of State Chair, State Secretary, State Treasurer, National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and Young Democrats representatives.

F) **Alaska Young Democrats.** Ten (10) representatives of the Alaska Young Democrats, each carrying one (1) vote, one (1) male and one (1) female from each of the regions described in Section 3(B) above, elected according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska Young Democrats. Each of the five (5) regions shall have two (2) votes, so long as it is represented by one (1) or both Young Democrats. Vacancies may be filled by majority vote Young Democrats of that Region at a duly noticed meeting. Proxies of the Young Democrats to the State Central Committee may be carried by a Young Democrat regardless of region.

G) One (1) member each from the State House of Representatives and State Senate, elected from the Democratic delegations, to be elected at the beginning of each legislature by their representative houses. Proxies for these votes may be given only to members of the legislature.

H) The Immediate Past Chair shall be a voting member of the State Central Committee.

I) VETERANS CAUCUS. Two (2) representatives of the Alaska Democratic Veterans Caucus, each carrying one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) vote, one (1) male and one (1) female. The initial representatives shall be selected by the members of the Veterans Caucus during the proceedings of the 2008 State Convention. Succeeding representatives shall be selected according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska Democratic Veterans Caucus.

J) ALASKA NATIVE CAUCUS. Two (2) representative of the Alaska Democratic Native Caucus, each carrying one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) vote, one (1) male and one (1) female. The initial representatives shall be selected by the members of the Alaska Native Caucus immediately after the proceedings of the 2008 State Convention. Succeeding representatives shall be selected according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska Democratic Native Caucus.

Section 12) The principal responsibilities and powers of the State Central Committee include the following:

A) To meet at least twice (2) a year at the call of the Chair or upon petition of one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the members of the Committee.

B) The newly elected Chair shall present at the first meeting of the State Central Committee following the General Election, for the State Central Committee's approval, a Plan for the Alaska Democratic Party, covering the following two (2) calendar years. The Plan will state the major goals and objectives of the Party, will specify tasks, and assign responsibilities and timetables for completing tasks. The plan shall include an income and expense budget for each of the two years, with particular detail given to fund-raising goals and strategies, and procedures for allocating funds among programs and candidates of the Alaska Democratic Party;

C) To promote, encourage, and sponsor Party organization at every level; distribution and communication of Party information through all available media; and the discharge and fulfillment by the Party of its platform pledges and other commitments publicly made;

D) To promote, aid, and assist in the election of all Democratic candidates for public office on the platform of the Democratic Party;

E) To plan, arrange, manage, and conduct the biennial State Convention in cooperation with the host House District;

F) To budget for and disburse all Party funds, including campaign funds;

G) To take any and all other actions to promote the principles and programs of the Democratic Party, unless otherwise prohibited herein or by state law.

H) The State Chair may call for public hearings during the preparation period on the Plan of Action and will have the responsibility for circulating draft plans among House District and Precinct officers. The Plan will be adopted by a simple majority vote of the State Central Committee and copies of the final approved version will be distributed by the State Chair to House District and Precinct officers, and to any member of the Party requesting same.

I) Financial planning shall be done in consultation with the Finance Committee. The Plan shall be reviewed and revised, if necessary, by the State Central Committee at each meeting.

PARTY PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

Section 13) The Party Plan of Organization may be temporarily amended by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the State Central Committee for the reasons listed below. Any proposed changes must be included in the proposed agenda of the State Central Committee meeting and copies thereof provided. Such changes shall be made permanent only by their adoption at the State Convention. A) To conform to changes in Democratic National Committee rules that would place this plan in conflict with National rules. B) To conform to legislation or State regulations that would affect Party rules. C) To amend the Plan for technical corrections.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 14) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Alaska Democratic Party which shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Democratic Party subject to this Party Plan of Organization.

Section 15) The duties of the Executive Committee shall be assigned to it by vote of the State Central Committee.

Section 16) Eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 17) The Executive Committee shall be composed of: State Chair, Immediate Past State Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, Regional Vice-Chairs (10), President of the Alaska Young Democrats or designee, One (1) At-large Representative chosen by and from the State Central Committee, Two members of the Alaska Legislature chosen by the Democratic Caucus.

Section 18) Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one (1) vote on the Executive Committee. Upon the resignation of a member, a successor shall be selected by the original authority to serve the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 19) The Executive Committee **may not** be delegated the following duties: Approval or amendment of the annual Party Budget. Removal or appointment of officers. Amendment of the Party Plan of Organization.

Section 20) The Executive Committee shall keep a record of its proceedings.

Section 21) Minutes of the Executive Committee and all activities must be promptly provided to State Central Committee members.

Section 22) Executive Committee actions are binding unless revised or overturned by a majority vote of the State Central Committee at its next meeting.

Section 23) The Executive Committee will meet at the call of the State Chair or at the request of one-third (1/3) of the membership of the Executive Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 24) There shall be a Finance Committee of the Alaska Democratic Party. The Finance Committee and members shall be appointed by the State Chair and ratified by the State Central Committee.

Section 25) The Finance Committee shall have the primary responsibility for raising funds for the Alaska Democratic Party and advising the State Central Committee on matters of financial management. The Finance Committee Chair shall sit as a voting member on the Party Executive Committee and the State Central Committee.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Section 26) The State Grievance Committee shall consist of one member from each region, who shall be elected at the biennial State Convention. They shall meet upon the

call of the membership of the State Central Committee to hear grievances from the House Districts and to hear appeals from Precincts that are not satisfied with House District actions. This committee will make a recommendation to the State Central Committee after hearing both sides of the grievance. The State Central Committee shall make the final decision on all matters coming before it, subject to the right of further appeal to the Democratic National Committee.

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Section 27) The State Redistricting Committee shall be composed of at least two members designated by the Regional Vice-Chairs from each region. This committee shall advise the State Central Committee concerning the redistricting plan.

Section 28) The Alaska Democratic Party shall establish and maintain a permanent redistricting account. Each year, the Party will forward fund to this account no less than SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500). Each year's budget will reflect this revenue and expense component.

ARTICLE VII — ADJUNCTS

Section 1) The following Party Subdivisions are recognized as adjuncts of the Alaska Democratic Party:

- Alaska Young Democrats and their affiliates
- Federation of Democratic Women—Alaska Chapter
- Greater Juneau Democratic District
- House Democratic Campaign Committee
- Senate Democratic Campaign Committee
- Anchorage Democrats
- Mat-Su Democrats
- Interior Democrats
- Alaska Progressive Democrats
- Mary McKinnon Fund
- Veterans Caucus
- Alaska Democratic Native Caucus
- GLBT Caucus

A club or organization may be recognized as an official adjunct of the Alaska Democratic Party upon application to, and approval by, the biennial State Convention. During the interim between state conventions, the State Central Committee may recognize a club or organization as an official adjunct; provided, however, that his action is ratified at the next State Convention.

Section 2)

A) Each official adjunct of the Democratic Party recognized under the authority of this Party Plan of Organization, shall adopt and conduct its affairs in accordance with written rules which shall be consistent with this Plan and other provisions adopted pursuant to authority of the Party Plan of Organization, including resolutions or other actions of the Alaska Democratic Party.

B) Each official adjunct shall keep on file with the State Party a copy of its current Bylaws, organizational documents, and a list of its current officers' names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

C) Copies of such rules and/or any changes or amendments shall be filed with the Alaska Democratic Party within thirty (30) days following adoption. The Alaska Democratic Party shall make them available upon request.

Section 3) Should an Adjunct of the Alaska Democratic Party violate the principles of the Alaska Democratic Party in the succession of Party officers, the State Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee is authorized to act and to take all steps necessary to ensure that the succession is completed.

Section 4) The Chair of the Alaska Democratic Party, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall exercise authority to ensure that the business of the Party, all of its adjuncts, subdivisions, and all entities under its domain is conducted in a manner consistent with its Party Plan and sound business practices; and that all party records and assets and the authority to manage assets and liabilities shall be transferred to the new officers within five (5) working days.

Section 5) Recognized subdivisions of the Party (Precincts, Districts, Adjuncts) shall contribute fifteen percent (15%) of net proceeds of all funds raised to the Alaska Democratic Party. There shall be two (2) exceptions to this section. They are: A) Moneys earned from regularly scheduled meetings and similar forums which are not intended to generate revenues substantially in excess of expenses. B) Moneys earned by the host district of any State Convention during the two years prior to the specified convention. Net proceeds of any State Convention are subject to "the 15 Percent Rule."

ARTICLE VIII RULES AND PROCEDURES

Section 1) The Alaska Democratic Party shall publish all procedures for selection of Alaska Democratic Party officers and representatives at all levels. The qualification shall be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the Alaska Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in

time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Alaska Democratic Party.

Section 2) The unit rule is abolished in all proceedings of the Alaska Democratic Party.

Section 3) Meetings of any Party Committee may be called by the Chair, the Committee at a previous meeting, one-half (1/2) of the members of the Committee, or by petition of one percent (1%) of the registered Democrats in the area, whichever is greater.

Section 4) All meetings shall be called by written notice to the members not less than seven (7) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting unless it is a regularly scheduled meeting. Meetings which are scheduled may be canceled only by a majority of the Committee in question and shall not be canceled less than three (3) days prior to the meeting date.

Section 5) Proxies shall be recognized at all meetings of Party Committees, provided that in no event shall any person cast more than four (4) votes, including his or her own.

Section 6) No meeting, caucus, or convention shall be called for or scheduled on any major religious holiday. In the event that such a meeting or caucus is so scheduled, it shall be held on the next business day. In the event that any such Convention is so scheduled, it shall be held on the following weekend.

Section 7) All subdivisions of the Alaska Democratic Party, Precincts, Districts, and affiliated Adjuncts, shall file in a timely manner all required reports with the Alaska Public Offices Commission and any other regulatory agency and submit a copy of that report to the State Treasurer.

Section 8) All meetings of the committees authorized by the Party Plan may be held by teleconference.

Section 9) The Party organization requests that each candidate read the State Party Platform. When this has been done, a candidate may choose to generally endorse the platform by signing a copy of it.

ALASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTION RULE

Section 10) The Alaska Democratic Party's primary election is open to all registered voters.

Section 11) The Alaska Democratic Party may not make an endorsement, monetary or non-monetary contribution in a contested Democratic primary except in the event that an incumbent or challenger is in violation of Article II, Section 6, or unless a candidate

has been endorsed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in a U.S. Senate Race, or by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in a U.S. House race, and subject to a 2/3 vote of the State Central Committee. Otherwise, if a non-monetary contribution is made, it must be equally available to all.

Section 12) In the absence of other provisions, *Robert's Rules of Order* (as most recently revised) shall govern the conduct of all Democratic Party meetings.

U.S. HOUSE OR SENATE VACANCY

Section 13)

A) Upon a vacancy of a U.S. Senate or U.S. House seat from Alaska, when an election for the replacement will be held not less than sixty (60), but not more than ninety (90) days following the declaration of a vacancy, the State Central Committee of the Alaska Democratic Party will convene within nine (9) days of the vacancy announcement to select the Democratic nominee.

B) Candidates will be provided an opportunity to address the State Central Committee prior to the vote.

C) The elections may be held via teleconference.

D) Members of the State Central Committee eligible to vote are:

- Chair – 1 vote
 - Regional Vice Chairs - 1 vote each (10 total)
 - Secretary – 1 vote
 - Treasurer – 1 vote
 - National Committee Man – 1 vote
 - National Committee Woman – 1 vote
 - Chair, Young Democrats – 1 vote
 - Alaska Young Democrats – 1 vote each (10 total)
 - State House representative (HDCC rep) – 1 vote
 - State Senate representative (SDCC rep) – 1 vote
 - State House District State Central Committee representatives – 1 vote each (80 total)
 - Immediate Past Chair – 1 vote
 - Veterans' Caucus representatives – 1 vote each (2 total)
 - Alaska Native Caucus representatives – 1 vote each (2 total)
- 113 total votes

Section 14)

A) Reasonable effort will be made to allow confidential balloting within the confines of teleconference, e-mail, and telephone.

B) QUORUM

(1) The presence in person of sixty (60%) percent of the eligible delegates registered in person or by proxy; or

(2) Representation by no fewer than 25 Districts.
C) Proxies will be permitted as set forth in ARTICLE VI, STATE CONVENTION, Section 37 "...in no event shall any person cast more than four (4) votes, including his or her own."

D) Proxies must be in writing sent by letter, fax, or e-mail; or made by personal phone call to the secretary.

E) Ballots will be counted by a committee made up of one Vice-Chair from each of the five regions, the secretary, and the treasurer. The secretary will serve as Chair of the balloting committee.

F) The candidate receiving the majority of the votes shall be declared the nominee. In the event no candidate receives a majority, a second roll shall be taken, but should there be more than two (2) candidates, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and the election process continued until one candidate has received a majority. (ARTICLE 5 CONVENTION Section 22)

G) Notice of the date, time, and place of the special election meeting, along with all other relevant information, will be e-mailed to those eligible to vote. Those persons without access to e-mail will be notified by telephone. The same information will be simultaneously posted on the Alaska Democratic Party website (alaskademocrats.org) no later than 48 hours previous to the meeting.

H) State Central Committee members eligible to vote are those persons in the positions identified in Section 13 above twenty-four (24) hours prior to the official notice of vacancy in the U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives.

Section 15) The dates of the State Precinct and District caucuses and the State Convention must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice, to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1) The Party Plan of Organization shall be effective upon its adoption by the Democratic State Convention and may be amended by a majority vote of the State Convention.

Section 2) Amendments to the Party Plan of Organization adopted at any State Convention shall take effect after the adjournment of the Convention at which they are adopted, unless given immediate effect by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention.

APPENDIX I Last amended: Saturday, May 8, 2010