



Rules for the Elections of Iowa Democratic Party State Officers 2017- 2019

- A. Per the IDP Constitution, a quorum must be present to elect officers. A quorum is defined as a simple majority of the voting members. An SCC Member shall participate by attending the meeting in person or by accessing the teleconference line as directed.
- B. Nominations will be received from the floor.
 - 1. Nominations do not require a second
 - 2. The person making the nomination is allowed 1 minute to make their nomination.
- C. Nominations must be made by a member of the State Central Committee.
- D. Each nominee will be given an opportunity to decline.
- E. Each nominee will have four (4) minutes to address the SCC.
- F. Each nominee for Chair must state to the Committee whether or not they require compensation.
- G. After nominations have been completed, the nominees will be announced and listed in alphabetical order, and displayed clearly for the entire Committee to see.
- H. The following offices are to be elected: Chair, Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, 3rd Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - 1. At least one Vice-Chair position must be held by a person who identifies as being of a different gender than that of the elected Chair. If the Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair identify as being the same gender as the elected Chair, candidates for 3rd Vice-Chair will be limited to those who identify as being of a different gender than that of the elected Chair.
 - 2. Additional offices may be created by majority vote of the SCC.

Rules (cont'd)

- I. Officers will be elected by ballot in the order of Chair, Vice-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer.
 1. The Chair, or her Designee, shall explain the method of voting prior to any ballot being cast. For each ballot, the ballot number to be used and the number of candidates to be ranked shall be announced.
 2. Each ballot must rank every nominated candidate for the position being considered.

- J. A ballot will be considered spoiled and not counted under the following conditions:
 1. Any ballot that ranks fewer candidates than the number of nominees will be considered spoiled and therefore not counted.
 2. Any ballot that ranks more candidates than the number of nominees will be spoiled and therefore not counted.
 3. Any ballot that lists a single nominee in more than one ranked position will be spoiled and therefore not counted.
 4. Any ballot that lists a name other than the name of a nominee for that position will be spoiled and therefore not counted.
 5. Any ballot that is not signed will be considered spoiled and not counted.
 6. Any ballot that is not completed as instructed by the Chair or her designee will be considered spoiled and therefore not counted.

- K. Each ballot will be counted according to its First Choice Candidate. If no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the ballots supporting the candidate with the fewest First Choice Votes will be redistributed to their Second Choice Candidate. Redistribution will continue in this fashion until such time as a candidate receives a majority (over 50%) of ballots cast.

- L. In the case of a tie for fewest votes, the ballots for each candidate with the fewest votes will be redistributed simultaneously.

- M. In the event that a tie exists that would prevent moving forward, the candidate with the largest number of First Choice rankings shall be the winner of the tie. In the event that the number of First Choice votes shall also be tied, then the winner shall be determined by lot, in accordance with State Law. (Iowa Code 43.75, 50.44).

- N. The candidate who is the top remaining choice on a simple majority (over 50%) of ballots cast for that election will be declared the winner.

Rules (cont'd)

- O. No voting by absentee or proxy ballot shall be permitted. SCC Members who are participating via teleconference may vote using the instructions provided to them.
- P. Ballots will be counted by IDP staff under the direction of a Rules Committee Chair.
 - 1. Other business not relating to the election of officers may continue while ballots are being counted.
 - 2. The following observers will be allowed to observe phone voting and the ballot counting process:
 - i. The Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party.
 - ii. The Congressional District Chair from each Congressional District, or his/her designee. If a Congressional District Chair is Candidate for any office to be elected, that District Chair must designate an Observer from among the remaining SCC Members representing that district.
 - iii. The Chair of the State Affirmative Action Committee.
 - iv. The longest-serving member of the delegation to the DNC.
 - v. The Executive Director of the Iowa Democratic Party.
- Q. Ballots shall, on reasonable request, be made available by the Secretary for inspection following the meeting.
- R. Newly elected officers take their office upon the completion of the elections.