

**BYLAWS OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY
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ARTICLE I – Preamble

A. Name.

1. The name of this organization shall be the Democratic Party of Lane County (DPLC), hereafter referred to as the Party.
2. Membership shall consist of all registered Democrats in Lane County.

B. Purpose.

1. Elect Democratic candidates;
2. Adopt a Party Platform and work to ensure its enactment; and
3. Promote the interest, ideals, and principles of the DPLC.

C. Authority.

1. The Party shall have all power not inconsistent with Oregon Revised Statutes (*ORS*) and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) to manage its affairs and to transact its business.
2. The Central Committee shall be the governing body of the Party.

D. Affirmative Action and Non-discrimination.

1. The Party shall ensure the widest and fairest representation of members in its organization and its activities. All rules shall be adopted by procedures that assure the fair and open participation of all interested Democrats.
2. Discrimination in the conduct of Party affairs on the basis of gender, gender expression, gender identity, race, age, religion, economic status, ethnic origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation shall be prohibited.

ARTICLE II - Central Committee

A. Composition.

The Central Committee shall be constituted of the Democratic Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs) of Lane County and all elected Democratic County partisan office holders.

B. Election and Appointment.

1. PCPs shall be elected and or appointed pursuant to Oregon law.
2. To fill vacant precinct positions, the Central Committee may accept nominations at any meeting of the Central Committee.
3. Applicants will complete application forms and submit them to the officers of the Central Committee. Self nominations at the meeting are acceptable. Nominations must be seconded. Nominations made and seconded will be acted on at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Central Committee following the nomination. Following nomination, any objection to the appointment of a nominee shall be made to the chair of the Organization Committee. Or in the absence of the chair to the vice-chair, no later than one week after the nomination. The Organization Committee shall consider the objection and recommend to the Executive Committee, that the Central Committee appoint the nominee, not appoint the nominee, or refer to the Organization Committee for further investigation and report. The Executive Committee shall consider the report of the Organization Committee and make its own recommendation to the Central Committee.
4. The preceding paragraph will be waived for members of the Central Committee who have been elected or appointed according to *ORS*, but need re-appointment because of address or name change.

C. Attendance.

1. The Secretary shall keep a list of those PCPs in attendance at Central Committee meetings. This list shall be shown to any registered Democrat upon request.

D. Duties.

1. Elect the Party's officers.
2. Fill vacant Precinct Person positions.

3. Fill vacant Party officer position as directed under Article V(C)(1) of these Bylaws.
4. Recommend appointments as directed by **ORS** and Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) Bylaws to vacant positions of elected public officials.
5. Approve the Party's annual budget.
6. Pass substantive resolutions.
7. Other duties as it deems necessary.
8. Authorize, deactivate and set rules for County caucus.

E. Meetings.

1. The Central Committee shall meet at least once every two months.
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.
3. Central Committee meetings shall be held not sooner than ten days following the sending of notices for said meetings. Each meeting notice shall include an agenda of the principal matters proposed for consideration.
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 twelve (12) PCPs.
6. Each PCP present shall have one vote.

F. Standing Committees.

1. **The Budget Committee** shall work with the Treasurer and the Chair to develop the Party's annual budget to be submitted to the Executive Committee and the Central Committee for approval. The Budget Committee shall provide oversight on all aspects of the annual budget.
2. **The Platform Committee** shall be responsible for conducting the Party's biennial Platform Convention as provided in Article VIII, reporting on issues of public policy and related legislation, proposing changes in public policy and legislation consistent with the DPLC Platform, reviewing and recommending endorsements of local ballot initiatives, and proposing endorsements of legislation and resolutions consistent with the DPLC Platform.
3. **The Publicity Committee** shall prepare and disseminate the news and actions of the Party to PCPs and the public. This committee is responsible for the OutSpoken newsletter and website.
4. **The Organization Committee** shall be composed of the House District Chairs or Vice-chairs. The committee shall attempt to secure committee persons for all precincts, train PCPs in organizing, update precinct information packets, recruit volunteers for the Party's activities, register voters, and act as Credentials Committee as appropriate.
5. **The Fund Raising and Revenue Committees** shall be responsible for planning and coordinating all fund raising events and activities within the Party. The Fund Raising and Revenue Chair shall coordinate fund raising activities with the elected officials of Lane County, as appropriate or required by law.
6. **The Community Action Committee** shall implement grassroots community action as approved by the Central Committee.
7. **The Campaign Services Committee** shall recruit candidates for local and statewide offices, and provide services to democratic candidates, and endorsed non-partisan candidates.
8. **The Audit Committee** shall review and audit the books of the DPLC at the end of the term of office of the Treasurer and any other time upon the request of the Executive Committee. An audit shall include a report to the Executive Committee concerning the accuracy of the accounts, the recommendations of the Audit Committee concerning financial procedures and policies, and other matters as determined by the Audit Committee, the Executive Committee or the Central Committee.
9. **The Rules Committee** shall propose comprehensive rules of procedure for the Party organizational meeting, the County Platform Convention (in conjunction with the Platform Committee) and shall make recommendations on proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The committee shall propose rules for special circumstances as directed by the Executive Committee, and interpret DPLC bylaws to ensure the proper procedures for the DPLC Central Committee meetings and its standing committees.

G. House District Chairs and Vice chairs.

1. House District Chairs and Vice-chairs shall facilitate the work of PCPs within their House Districts.
2. District Chairs and Vice-chairs shall be selected as outlined in Article V.
3. District Chairs and Vice-chairs may be recalled for cause as outlined in Article III, Section C.

H. State Central Committee Delegates and alternates.

1. Delegates to the State Central Committee shall perform the duties prescribed by **ORS** and the Bylaws of the DPO.
2. Delegates to the State Central Committee shall be selected as outlined in Article V.
3. Delegates to the State Central Committee may be recalled for cause as outlined in Article III, Section C.
4. The First Delegate shall regularly report on the activities of the State Central Committee to the County Central Committee and will make reasonable efforts to ensure full delegations to the State Central Committee meetings.

I. Congressional Committee Delegates and alternates.

1. Congressional Committee Delegates shall perform the duties prescribed by **ORS** and the Bylaws of the 4th Congressional District (CD) Committee.
2. Congressional Committee Delegates shall be selected as outlined in Article V.
3. Congressional Committee Delegates may be recalled for cause as outlined in Article III, Section C.
4. The First Delegate shall regularly report on the activities of the Congressional Committee to the County Central Committee and will make reasonable efforts to ensure full delegations to the Congressional Committee meetings.

J. State Platform Convention Delegates.

1. The Party's delegation to the State Platform Convention shall be allotted to House Districts based upon the number of Democrats registered in each district on January 1st of the convention year.
2. Nominations shall be made by district caucuses at the County Platform Convention. All registered Lane County Democrats who reside in the district from which they are nominated and are present at the convention are eligible to be Delegates.
3. At the Central Committee meeting following the County Platform Convention, Delegates and alternates to the State Platform Convention shall be elected. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot, and a plurality vote shall determine the winners.
4. Delegates shall be determined within each House District caucus by the number of votes received.
5. Delegate positions left unfilled by lack of nominations from within the district shall be filled in order of the number of votes each remaining nominee receives regardless of District, with candidates receiving the most votes at the top.
6. In the event of a tie vote the winner(s) shall be determination by lot.
7. In the event there are not enough Delegates and Alternates elected pursuant to these rules, then the County Chair shall be empowered to appoint qualified persons to fill these positions.

ARTICLE III- Party Officers

A. Titles and Duties.

1. Chair:
 - a. The Chair shall preside at all Central and Executive Committee meetings.
 - b. The Chair shall appoint the office manager and all committee chairs and members and may remove the office manager and any committee chairs and members, except those elected as specified in these Bylaws.
 - c. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - d. The Chair shall be a Delegate to the State Central Committee .
 - e. The Chair shall have all the privileges of debate and voting accorded PCPs.
 - f. The Chair should not engage in debate without temporarily relinquishing the Chair.
 - g. The Chair shall prepare an annual report to be presented to the Central Committee in January.
2. Vice-Chair.
 - a. The Vice-chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair and shall act as Chair when the office is vacated, until a successor is elected.
 - b. The Vice-chair shall be first, or second alternate to the 4th CD Committee to provide gender balance, unless an elected Delegate.
3. Secretary:
 - a. The Secretary shall send meeting notices and shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee.
 - b. Copies of the minutes shall be provided for the Chair and shall be kept on file at the headquarters of the Central Committee.
 - c. The Secretary shall also maintain a correct copy of the Bylaws, with changes, and shall conduct appropriate correspondence as directed by the Chair.

d. The Secretary shall maintain other non-financial records (archives) of the Central Committee

4. Treasurer:

a. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Central Committee money and shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures.

b. The Treasurer shall issue checks only upon the authorization of the Executive Committee Central Committee or the adopted budget, and with the approval of the Chair.

c. The Treasurer shall submit a reasonable number of copies of a written financial report at each Central Committee and Executive Committee meeting.

d. The Treasurer's books shall be open to inspection on the written request of any member of the Central Committee.

e. The inspection shall occur no later than one week after the receipt of request.

f. The Treasurer shall have the books ready for audit at the end of the term of office or at any time upon demand by the Executive Committee.

g. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Budget Committee.

h. The Treasurer may maintain a petty cash fund, upon authorization by the Executive Committee for incidental expenses.

i. The term of office of the Treasurer shall run from January 1st of the odd numbered year through December 31st of the following even numbered year.

j. The Treasurer shall not issue reimbursements except as authorized by the Executive Committee or Central Committee except that the Treasurer may issue reimbursements from the petty cash fund with the approval of the Chair. No request for reimbursement shall be considered unless presented to the Treasurer, in writing, prior to the incurring of the expense.

k. Where the Treasurer is informed of expenses incurred, more than ten days after the expense occurred, and the expense was not approved by the Executive Committee Central Committee or the Chair and Treasurer, then the Treasurer shall regard that expense as having occurred independently of the Democratic Party of Lane County.

B. Resignation.

An officer of the Central Committee may resign by submitting written notice to the Chair. In case of the Chair, the resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt thereof by the Vice-chair.

C. Recall.

1. By vote of two-thirds of the PCPs at any meeting of the Central Committee any member of the Central Committee may be recalled for cause, including but not limited to:

a. Absence from 3 Central Committee meetings without notice during any twelve month period;

b. Absence from 3 Executive Committee meetings during any twelve month period-;

c. Declaration of candidacy for any non-Democratic partisan office;

d. Endorsement of any non-Democratic candidate for partisan elective office; or

e. Nonfulfillment of duties.

f. Recall of elected PCPs shall be in compliance with **ORS 248.029**

248.029 Recall procedure. (1) *Except as provided in this section, the provisions for recall of a public officer under ORS 249.002 to 249.013 and 249.865 to 249.877, apply to a recall election of a precinct committeeperson.*

(2) *A precinct committeeperson may be recalled by a petition signed by the number of party members equal to not less than 25 percent of the number of party members who voted in the precinct as it existed at the preceding primary election. The petitioners shall state in not more than 200 words on the recall petition the reasons for the recall. If the committeeperson resigns, the resignation shall take effect on the date of the resignation. If the committeeperson does not resign before the fifth day after the petition is filed with the county clerk, a special election shall be ordered by the county clerk to be held not later than the 25th day after the petition is filed to determine whether the committeeperson will be recalled. The recall election shall be held in the precinct as it existed when the committeeperson was elected. On the ballot shall be printed the reasons for the recall stated in the recall petition, and, in not more than 200 words, the committeeperson's justification of the committeeperson's actions in office. The committeeperson shall continue to perform duties of the office until the result of the special election is declared.*

(3) *The cost of the election shall be paid by the county central committee of the party of the committeeperson.*

[Formerly 248.053; 1981 c.173 §19; 1987 c.267 §11; 1995 c.712 §20]

2. Written notice of reasons for recall shall be mailed to PCPs at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which recall is voted upon.

3. At the next Central Committee meeting following the death, resignation or recall of any Party Officer, House District Chair or Vice-chair, or any State or 4th Congressional District Delegate, candidates to fill such vacancy

shall be nominated. At the next meeting, the Central Committee shall fill the vacancy from the list of candidates nominated.

4. The Executive Committee may make temporary appointments to fill vacancies in the positions of Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer from the time such vacancies occur until the unexpired terms can be filled by special election as provided in this article. Any person so appointed shall enjoy full powers of the office until such time as the vacancy is filled.

D. Conduct.

Elected Party representatives shall not use their official titles and offices to endorse or otherwise promote the election of one Democratic candidate over another in any election, other than an internal party election, unless the Party has made an endorsement as provided in Article VIII.

E. Liability of Directors.

The personal liability of each director and each officers of the committee, for monetary or other damages, for conduct as an director or officer shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by current or future law.

ARTICLE IV - Executive Committee

A. Composition.

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of;

a. Party Officers;

b. House District Chairs, or if the chair is not present, the House District Vice-chair, or appropriate State Rep. or Senator, or PCP of that House District designated by the House District Chair,

c. Chairs of the standing committees, or if the standing committee chair is not present; the standing committee vice-chair;

d. One Democratic representative of the Lane County Labor Council, to be elected or appointed by the Lane County Labor Council and approved by the Executive Committee.

e. First Delegates from the 4th Congressional District and State Central Committees.

f. The Office Manager.

B. Attendance.

1. Members of the Executive Committee will automatically forfeit their position if they miss two consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without:

a. Giving prior notice to the Chair or Secretary; and

b. Making every reasonable effort to provide a substitute.

C. Duties.

1. Conduct only necessary business which arises between meetings of the Central Committee.

2. Review activities of standing committees.

3. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to all PCP. The Executive Committee may go into Executive session pursuant to *ORS*.

4. Detailed minutes of each meeting shall be taken. Such minutes shall be readily available at the next Central Committee meeting, not occurring on the same date.

5. Actions of the Executive Committee may be overruled by majority of the Central Committee present and voting.

6. Within the budget limitations and pursuant to majority vote of its members present and voting, hire such staff, as it considers necessary and desirable.

D. Meetings.

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least once a month, except when the Committee may vote to waive a meeting.

E. Quorum.

A quorum shall be one-half (½) of the members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V - Party Organizational Meeting

A. The Organizational Meeting

1. The Organizational Meeting and County Central Committee requirements will be pursuant to the provisions in **ORS 248.033**.

248.033 Organizational meeting; notice. (1) *The organizational meeting of a county central committee shall be held no less frequently than every 25 months.*

(2) *The retiring county central committee shall prepare a written notice designating the time, date and place of the meeting and file a copy of the notice with the county clerk not later than the 40th day before the date of the meeting. The retiring county central committee also shall mail a copy of the notice to the state central committee.*

(3) *Upon request of a county central committee, the county clerk shall provide the county central committee, without charge, a list of the names, addresses and other contact information, including electronic mail addresses or telephone numbers, of persons holding the office of precinct committeeperson for that major political party on the date the clerk receives notice of an organizational meeting under subsection (2) of this section.*

(4) *The chairperson of the retiring county central committee shall mail a copy of the notice of the time, date and place of the meeting, not later than the 10th day before the meeting, to each member of the county central committee. If permitted by the bylaws of the county central committee, the county central committee may notify members by means other than by mail. [1965 c.407 §8; 1975 c.779 §6; 1977 c.644 §3; 1979 c.190 §80; 1981 c.862 §2; 1987 c.267 §12; 1995 c.712 §21; 2005 c.506 §1]*

2. Certificates of election; acceptance of office; list of precinct committee persons; offices declared vacant when no committeeperson elected shall be pursuant to

ORS 248.023

248.023 Certificates of election; acceptance of office; list of precinct committeepersons; offices declared vacant when no committeeperson elected. (1) *Not later than the 20th day after a primary election, the county clerk shall mail a certificate of election to each newly elected precinct committeeperson within the county. The clerk also shall mail an "Acceptance of Office" form to each person elected by write-in votes to the office of committeeperson. The form shall include a statement to be signed by the person elected that the person is qualified to hold the office.*

(2) *A person elected by write-in votes to the office of precinct committeeperson shall be certified for the office by filing with the county clerk, not later than the 27th day after the date of the primary election, a signed "Acceptance of Office" form.*

(3) *Not later than the 31st day after a primary election, the county clerk shall prepare, maintain and furnish to the chairpersons of the respective retiring county central committees within the county and the chairpersons of the state central committees, a list of the party precinct committeepersons elected and certified. At the same time the county clerk shall declare the other offices of committeeperson vacant. [1965 c.407 §4,5; 1975 c.779 §5; 1977 c.644 §2; 1979 c.190 §74; 1987 c.267 §10; 1995 c.607 §75; 1995 c.712 §19]*

B. Rules.

1. The Rules Committee shall propose comprehensive rules of procedure for the Party organizational meeting incorporating the provisions of this article, DPO Bylaws and **ORS**.

2. Rules shall be adopted by the Central Committee at the meeting prior to the Party organizational meeting.

3. The Rules Committee shall mail proposed Party organizational rules to PCPs at least ten (10) days prior to the Central Committee meeting where the rules will be considered.

4. Party Officers, State Central Committee Delegates and Alternates, 4th Congressional District Delegates and Alternates, and House District Chairs and Vice-chairs shall serve for two-year terms.

5. Candidates for all Party offices other than Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be PCPs when nominated and elected, duly certified as such by the Lane County Election Division. All newly appointed PCP's have the same voting privileges' as appointed PCP's on the Lane County Election Division list.

6. Selection of First Delegates from the 4th Congressional District and State Central Committee shall be done by caucus of the newly elected delegations at the organizational meeting.

7. All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

C. Election of Party Officers.

Party Officers shall be elected pursuant to **ORS 248.035**.

248.035 Transfer of property; election of officers; notice of election; eligibility to vote. (1) *At the organizational meeting of a county central committee:*

(a) *The officers of the retiring county central committee shall make available to the committee the property, records and funds owned or controlled by the retiring committee.*

(b) The committee next shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and other officers the committee considers necessary. The persons elected to the offices need not be members of the county central committee. The committee shall determine the term of each office. Only a newly elected precinct committeeperson may vote on the election of committee officers.

(2) The elected chairperson, within 48 hours of the chairperson's election, shall send a list of the officers of the committee to the county clerk and to the state central committee.

(3) Only a newly elected precinct committeeperson or a person appointed or selected to fill a vacancy in the office of committeeperson may vote to fill a vacancy in a committee office. Immediately before a meeting of the county central committee at which there may be an election to fill a vacancy in a committee office, the chairperson shall obtain from the county clerk a list of committee members. The list shall determine the eligibility of a committeeperson to vote to fill a vacancy in a committee office. [1965 c.407 §9 (1), (2), (3), (4); 1973 c.773 §5; 1975 c.779 §7; 1979 c.190 §81; 2005 c.506 §4]

D. Election of House District Chairs and Vice-chairs.

House District chairs and vice-chairs shall be elected at caucuses of PCPs from each House District. The House Districts (HD) may hold an election for officers or set a meeting for this function to be held within 45 calendar days of this Organization meeting. If no meeting occurs, the executive committee may appoint temporary officers until an election meeting is convened. Any democrat may run for HD office but MUST become a PCP before assuming the duties of the position.

E. Election of State Central Committee and 4th Congressional District Delegates and Alternates.

1. Separate balloting shall be held for State Central Committee Delegates and 4th Congressional District Delegates.
2. The Chair shall be a Delegate to the State Central Committee and the 4th Congressional District Committee.
3. The Vice-chair shall be first or second alternate (to provide gender balance) to the State Central Committee and the 4th Congressional District Committee unless s/he is an elected Delegate.
4. Each PCP shall cast one less vote than the number of delegates available to Lane County, with no more than one vote to be cast for one candidate.
5. The delegation will be gender balanced by filling the first delegate position with the candidate, with the largest number of votes, of the opposite gender as the Chair. Then proceeding in alternating genders until all delegate and alternate positions are filled.
6. Whenever a vacancy appears on the roster, whether by resignation or otherwise, the Secretary shall advance all names of the appropriate gender below the vacancy.
7. The subsequent vacancy in the alternate roster will be filled by an election by secret ballot at the next Central Committee meeting by a candidate of the appropriate gender.

ARTICLE VI – Budget

A. Annual Budget.

1. The Budget Committee shall submit a proposed annual budget for the following fiscal year prior to the meeting, of the Central Committee after review by the Executive Committee.
2. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

B. Revisions to Annual Budget.

1. Revisions to the adopted annual budget shall be approved by majority vote of the Central Committee.
2. Proposed revisions shall be sent to each PCP at least ten (10) days prior to consideration.
3. If an emergency arises and unanticipated income is received by the Party which could address the emergency, the appropriate standing committee should consider the income and recommend action to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee can then allocate the funds upon a two-thirds vote of the members present. The Chair shall report such action to the next Central Committee meeting.
4. If recommended by the Budget Committee and approved by two-thirds of the Executive Committee members present, up to ten percent (10%) of any line item may be transferred immediately to any other line item. The Chair shall report such action to the next Central Committee meeting.

ARTICLE VII - County Platform Convention

A. Schedule.

1. A Lane County Platform Convention shall be called prior to the State Platform Convention which occurs in even numbered years.
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.
3. The Organization Committee shall act as a Credentials Committee at the County 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.

C. Participants.

All Democrats registered to vote in Lane County shall be eligible to participate in accordance with the rules of the convention.

ARTICLE VIII - Party Endorsements

A. Criteria

1. The Campaign Services Committee shall develop and recommend criteria for Party endorsements to the Central Committee incorporating provisions of this article.
2. The minimum criteria shall be Democratic voter registration and other factors may be considered by the Campaign Services Committee and Central Committee as deemed appropriate.

B. Endorsement Procedures.

1. The Campaign Services Committee is responsible for developing all processes for endorsement of candidates.
2. The Platform and Legislative Committee is responsible for developing all processes for endorsement of ballot measures, legislation and local initiatives.. All processes will be approved by the Central Committee as a formal procedure, incorporating the provisions of this article.
3. The Central Committee shall approve any changes to the endorsement process for each election no less than one month prior to each filing date.
4. Only the Central Committee has the power to make endorsements.
5. The Central Committee may vote to endorse, oppose, or make a statement of no preference.
6. Endorsement request for candidates will be reviewed by the Campaign Services Committee prior to being considered by the Central Committee.
7. There will be no endorsements considered for statewide elected office.
8. If the Democratic candidate request endorsement and if he or she is the only democrat running in that partisan or nonpartisan race, endorsement may be granted by the Central Committee.
9. Endorsements require a simple majority of PCPs present at the Central Committee meeting.

ARTICLE IX - Chartered Organizations

A. Authority.

1. Any organization, which uses, or seeks to use, the name of or affiliation with the Democratic Party within the County, must be chartered by the Central Committee.
2. This article does not apply to groups authorized to use the name of the Democratic Party pursuant *to ORS*.

B. Recognition and Revocation.

1. The Community Action and Campaign Services Committee shall establish criteria and a process for reviewing all applications for charters, and for informing all organizations eligible to obtain charters, incorporating provisions of this article.
2. Chartered Democratic organizations shall not be politically affiliated with any other political party, or endorse or otherwise publicly support any other political party or its candidate(s).
3. An organization's charter shall be issued, revoked, or suspended by a majority vote of the PCPs present and voting at any meeting of the Central Committee.
4. Chartered organizations may submit a budget request to the Party or seek use of other Party resources.

ARTICLE X - Referral of Substantive Resolutions 403

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.

ARTICLE XI - Procedures

A. Rules of Order.

1. Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall be the authority on all considerations not covered by Oregon law or these Bylaws.
2. Unless otherwise specified, decisions of all committees shall be made by simple majority vote of those members present.

B. Committee procedures

The by-laws are rules and regulations governing our organization. Committee procedures outline how we implement the rules. Procedures and or changes are recommended by the standing committees and approved by the Central Committee.

ARTICLE XII - Amendments to Bylaws

A. Process.

1. These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote at any meeting of the Central Committee.
2. Proposed amendments must be sent to each PCP at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.