

**2018 ORGANIZATION RULES**  
**Democratic Party of Lane County**  
**Central Committee (DPLCCC)**

**Adopted October 18, 2018**

Upon arrival at the Organization Meeting all Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs) will sign in. Only PCPs **elected** in the May 2018 Primary will receive ballots for Officer Positions (ORS 248.035 and DPLC Article V, B 5). All PCPs may vote for State Central Committee Delegate and 4th District Delegate positions.

1. The retiring Chair shall officiate at the meeting unless a candidate for re-election. If a candidate for re-election, the Chair shall appoint, and the DPLCCC shall confirm, someone who is not a candidate for an officer position to be the Presiding Officer at the Organization Meeting. After the election for Chair is held, the new Chair may choose to preside over the remainder of the meeting, or may designate that the Presiding Officer do so.
2. Any registered Democrat from Lane County may be a candidate for DPLCCC officer (Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer).
3. DPLCCC Officer Candidates shall be nominated from the floor by a member of the DPLCCC or self-nominate.
4. Nominees for Chair and Vice-chair will each have three (3) minutes to speak, and then will each have five (5) minutes each for questions from the floor. Nominees for Secretary and Treasurer will have two (2) minutes to speak, with three (3) minutes each for questions from the floor. After all for a position have spoken, ballots for that office will be distributed and cast.
5. A majority is necessary to elect, if there are more than two (2) people on the ballot and no person receives a majority, the person receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and a new ballot cast. If only a single candidate is nominated, that candidate may be elected by acclamation.
6. Voting will be by secret ballot. The ballots will be counted by at least three (3) persons appointed by the retiring Chair. Candidates may each have one (1) representative to witness the ballot counting. All newly appointed PCP's have the same voting privileges as appointed PCP's on the official Lane County Elections list.
7. Only PCPs and newly elected officers may be nominated for State Central Committee (SCC) and/or 4th District Committee (4CD) delegate. No more than eight (8) delegates and eight (8) alternates shall be chosen to each committee.
8. The newly elected Chair shall be an automatic delegate to SCC. DPLC Bylaw V.E.5 requires gender balance. The DPLCCC will cast ballots for 16 delegates and alternates. No more than 50% of delegates or alternates shall be of any one gender. The top vote recipients in the election shall be the delegates and the next vote recipients shall be the alternates. A plurality is sufficient to elect. In case of a tie in any race, a coin flip will be drawn to determine the winner, as is done by Lane County Elections.
9. The same procedure for electing SCC delegates shall be used to elect 4th CD delegates.
10. Following the balloting for State Central Committee and 4th Congressional District Committee, the DPLCCC will recess and caucus by House District, and then by State Central

Committee delegation and 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Committee delegation. The House Districts (HD) may hold an election for chair and vice chair/chairs or set a meeting for this function to be held within 45 calendar days. If no meeting occurs, the executive committee may appoint temporary officer / 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. Following completion of House District caucuses, the SCC and 4<sup>th</sup> District delegations shall caucus separately and select a chair from each delegation. The Central Committee shall then reconvene and the results of Central Committee balloting and District Caucuses shall be announced.

11. A motion to adjourn is not in order until the installation of the new officers and announcement of all voting results.

**ORS 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]