

Amendment No. 1 – Protects Executive Board members against retaliation.

Amend Article IV, Section 2 by adding Subsection D:

D. An Executive Board member who loses their voting seat on the Central Committee during their term of office continues to serve on the Executive Board and Central Committee by sole virtue of being a member of the Executive Board, but serves on the Central Committee as a non-voting Associate Member until they acquire a voting seat.

Amendment No. 2 – Expanding eligibility to run for the Executive Board.

Amend Article IV, Section 2 by substituting Subsection B with the following:

B. A person may serve on the Executive Board only if the person is a member of the Central Committee, a registered Democrat, and registered to vote in Sacramento County.

~~B. Only persons resident in Sacramento County from the following Central Committee classes are eligible to be nominated as officers, to be officers, to hold Executive Board seats, and to vote on the Executive Board if elected or appointed as an Executive Board member:~~

~~1. Elected Members;~~

~~2. Ex Officio Members;~~

~~3. Club Representatives;~~

~~4. Alternate Members serving as alternates for Ex Officio Members, provided that the eligible Alternate Member is duly elected to an Executive Board seat in his or her own right rather than serving only in the capacity as an alternate to another person elected to serve on the Executive Board; and~~

~~5. Immediate Past Chair.~~

Amendment No. 3 – Allowing Honorary Members and the Immediate Past Chair to have alternates and empowering the Executive Board to temporarily fill unfilled alternate vacancies of Ex Officio Members.

Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Part 4 by striking “and Club Representatives” and inserting “Club Representatives, Honorary Members, and the Immediate Past Chair” as follows:

Members appointed by Elected Members, Ex Officio Members, ~~and Club Representatives~~ Club Representatives, Honorary Members, and the Immediate Past Chair to serve in the capacity of the appointing member only in the absence of the appointing member. If an

Ex Officio Member fails to appoint an alternate within three months of being able to do so, the Executive Board may appoint an alternate to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board until the next organizational meeting. The Ex Officio Member may not appoint a different alternate until the term of the Executive Board's appointment expires.

Amendment No. 4 – Requiring that clubs adopt policies on harassment, abuse, retaliation and prohibiting the endorsement of candidates who endorse Republicans.

Amend Article IX, Section 2 by adding Subsections F and G as follows:

- F. The club or organization shall maintain a policy on the prevention of harassment, abuse, and retaliation. The policy shall provide that a final decision rendered by the club or organization is reviewable by the DPSC for compliance with DPSC and other Democratic Party rules.*
- G. The club or organization shall maintain a policy that excludes from endorsement consideration candidates who publicly endorsed a non-Democrat against a Democrat endorsed by the Democratic Party within the past four years.*

Amendment No. 5 – Clarifying that Ex Officio Members are subject to the same residency requirement applicable to all other members, and adding President and Vice President.

Amend Article II, Section, Subsection B, Part 2 as follows:

~~a. An Ex Officio Member for district level office shall be the Democratic incumbent or last nominee for each congressional, state senatorial, state assembly, or state Board of Equalization district wholly or partly within, or composed of, Sacramento County.~~

a. The Democratic incumbent or last nominee for each United States House of Representatives, State Senate, State Assembly, or State Board of Equalization district wholly or partly within, or composed of, Sacramento County is an Ex Officio Member if registered to vote in Sacramento County.

~~b. An Ex Officio Member for statewide office shall be the Democratic incumbent or last nominee for the States Senate and statewide constitutional offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Insurance Commissioner, who is registered to vote in Sacramento County.~~

b. The Democratic incumbent or last nominee for President, Vice President, United States Senate, and statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Insurance Commissioner, is an Ex Officio Member if registered to vote in Sacramento County.

c. The Regional Director of the California Democratic Party for any region within Sacramento County ~~is shall be~~ an Ex Officio Member if ~~they are~~ registered to vote in Sacramento County.

d. All references to “nominee” ~~shall refer~~ refers to that registered Democrat ~~in a voter-nominated election~~ who received the highest number of votes in the last general election. Should there be no registered Democrat among the “top two” in the general election, “nominee” ~~shall refer~~ refers to that registered Democrat who received the highest number of votes in the last ~~top two~~ primary election.

Amendment No. 7 – Clarifying that the term of appointed positions expire at the next organizational meeting.

Amend Article VIII, Section 10, by adding Subsection D as follows:

D. The term of an appointment made pursuant to this section expires upon the calling to order of the subsequent organizational meeting.

Amendment No. 8 – Creating a process for challenging a rules violation outside of a meeting.

Amend Article XI by adding Section 5 as follows:

Section 5. Challenges and Appeals Relating to Rules

- A. A member who believes in good faith that an officer, member, club, or other party has violated these bylaws, or other applicable rules, may file a complaint to seek redress pursuant to this section.
- B. The complainant shall file their complaint with the Parliamentarian and Secretary stating in concise terms the relevant facts, what specific rules the complainant alleges have been violated, and what remedy the complainant seeks. A complainant has fifteen (15) days from the occurrence of the alleged violation to file a complaint. Failure to file a complaint within that time period waives the issue, unless the violation is of a continuing nature.
- C. A committee comprised of the Parliamentarian and at least two other persons appointed by the Chair shall hear the complaint. The committee shall decide whether to sustain or overrule the complaint, in whole or in part, and order an appropriate remedy. The complainant or other affected party may appeal the committee’s decision to the Executive Board which shall consider the appeal at its next regular meeting or at a specially-called meeting upon demand of the Chair or a majority of the Executive Board.
- D. The complainant or another affected party may appeal the Executive Board’s decision to the Central Committee by filing a request for appeal with the Secretary within five (5) days of the Executive Board’s decision. If a timely request for appeal is filed, the Secretary shall place the appeal on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Central Committee meeting that meets at least seven (7) days after the appeal is filed. The Central Committee’s decision shall stand as the final judgment of the DPSC.

Amendment No. 9 – Codify practice of letting the Executive Board approve associate memberships.

Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Part 5 by inserting “Executive Board or” after “Associate Member by the”:

5. **Associate Members:** Any registered Democrat, or person who has pre-registered to vote or is ineligible to register to vote who pledges to register to vote as Democrats as soon as eligibility is attained, designated as an Associate Member by the Executive Board or Central Committee. Associate Members shall have the right to receive general Central Committee communications and to attend functions like Elected and Ex-officio Members, and shall have a voice but no vote at Central Committee meetings; however, Associate Members may serve as voting members of Central Committee standing committees and subcommittees. Associate Members may hold proxies of Central Committee members at California Democratic Party functions, if otherwise eligible.

Amendment No. 10 – Clarifying the process for adoption of policy positions, including positions on legislation.

Amend Article XI, Section 5, Subsection A by striking it, substituting it with the following, and re-lettering the subsequent subsection:

- A. The Central Committee may adopt a policy position only if the Executive Board has considered the position before the Central Committee acts on it, unless the Central Committee adopts the position by a two-thirds vote.
- B. The Executive Board may, by two thirds vote, adopt a policy position subject to ratification at the subsequent Central Committee meeting
- C. A policy position adopted by the California Democratic Party in its biennial platform, in a resolution, or in a position on legislation is a policy position of the DPSC unless the Central Committee adopts a contrary position.
- D. “Policy position” means an expression of opinion on a matter of public policy, including, but not limited to, legislation.