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All members were elected from House Sub-Districts at the 2017 Democratic Party of Denver (DPoD) Reorganization Meeting. The Chairperson of the Credentials Committee was appointed by DPoD Chair, Mike Cerbo.

An orientation and training meeting was held in August of 2017 with Mike Cerbo, DPoD Chair and Anne Murdaugh, DPoD Captain at Large for Leadership Training, in attendance. The Credentials Committee reviewed its basis in DPoD Rules and State Party Rules were as well as past DPoD Credentials Committee principles and practices.

The Credentials Committee served at the September 2017 and January 2018 DPoD Central Committee meetings to address member eligibility issues.

Following the March 2018 Caucus meetings, the Credentials Committee met twice to decide upon County Assembly Delegate and Alternate issues. Credentials Committee addressed, and rendered recommendations to the DPoD Chair, concerns about the seating of Delegates and Alternates in about 65 precincts. The Credentials Committee addressed, and rendered recommendation decisions as necessary, the situations of about one dozen Appeals to decisions “not to seat.” A detailed listing of these with individual identity redaction is presented as Appendix A.

All Precinct Committee Person selection issues from the 2018 Precinct Caucus events appear to have been voter registration concerns and were not addressed by the Credentials Committee.

Several principles emerged from this work based upon the value of inclusion rather than one of exclusion.

- (1) The process for action is that Credentials Committee recommends action to Chair who communicates decision to person along with information about appeal process.
- (2) Question around procedure: How to seat a person who did not provide a Preference.
If there is a clear path to assign a preference by the records presented, then Credentials Committee will assign that clear Preference option. If there is no clear path, then the Del/Alt will be assigned Uncommitted Preference.
- (3) The Credentials Committee confirm/endorse/agree that when there was an unfilled delegate seat with an alternate of the same preference, the alternate would be promoted to delegate as a principle.
- (4) The Credentials Committee decided to audit caucus math based upon recorded Preference Poll results, adjust Delegate and Alternate allocation as supported by audit, and recommend, to the DPoD Chair, revisions to reported Results in accordance with audit findings.
- (5) The Credentials Committee decided to consider evidence to challenges to unseat Del/Alt regarding clerical misunderstandings and errors.

The Credentials Committee wishes the DPoD Leadership to consider two recommendations.

The Credentials Committee recommends the term “Preference Poll” be used only once in the titles of the Caucus Worksheet sections.

The Credentials Committee recommends that the instructions for Caucus decisions on Delegates and Alternates, despite the extensive efforts already made, more prominently state that candidate preference constituencies (sub caucus groups) should select allocated Delegates and Alternates.

Appendix A : Precincts and Issues addressed by 2018 Credentials Committee (CredComm)

Precinct - Issues addressed:

103 – *Democrat 2*, assign Uncommitted

108 - assign Uncommitted

111 – Johnston campaign (Viederman) concern about alleged voting irregularity not supported by Caucus Chair and Caucus Secretary (who asserts to be a Johnston supporter)

116 - assign Uncommitted

122 - redid math – move to unseat *Democrat 3* because record shows because record shows no preference for a delegate with a Kennedy preference based on caucus worksheet math. CredComm voted to recommend unseat

124 – unanimous recommendation to unseat *Democrat 4* as Preference Poll math only supports one Kennedy delegate

126 – if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

132 – recommend both seats be assigned to Kennedy

215 – if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

217 – *Democrat 5* - - if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

220 – Affirmation by *Democrat 21*, who has no Delegate nor Alternate role, no action needed

231 – if a lot of process not recorded (i.e. tie decision making) but the math and the results sheet are consistent, then CredComm accepts results

241 – CredComm unanimously accepts record of caucus results

247 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

408 – if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

412 – motion/second/pass to recommend acceptance of all as Uncommitted

415 – no Preferences indicate, recommend all be assigned Uncommitted

418 – Affirmation by *Democrat 22*, who has no Delegate nor Alternate role, no action needed

420 – if affirmations not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

425 – Affirmation by *Democrat 23*, who has no Delegate nor Alternate role, no action needed

426 – recommend *Democrat 6* be assigned Uncommitted

430 – recommend *Democrat 7* be assigned as Polis Alternate

432 – no math worksheet, numbers for Results fit, unanimous yes

501 - if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; not affirmed

502 - data entry concern assessed to be ok; if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

507 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

518 – if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

523 - *Democrat 24* an Alternate with blank Preference was not affirmed as a voter, recommend to unseat

525 – no math worksheet, numbers for Results fit, unanimous yes

526 – No worksheet math support for *Democrat 28* an alternate with Polis preference, recommend unseat

528 – Democrats 30 and 31, Kennedy alternates, have a Democrat affiliation date outside the two month requirement, recommend to unseat

529 – recommend unseat *Democrat 8* (Del) and *Democrat 9* (Alt) because caucus record does not support one delegate for Uncommitted

543 - Recommend Unseat *Democrat 10* and *Democrat 11* due to unsupported Kennedy Preference

606 – unseat challenge/concern not supported by Poll and Math

611 – *Democrat 12* (Del) and *Democrat 13* (Alt) recommended to be unseated as math does not support any Kennedy Preference

615 - data entry concern assessed to be ok -

637 - *Democrat 25* a Delegate with blank Preference was not affirmed as a voter, recommend to unseat, *Democrat 26* moved from Alternate to Delegate

708. Uphold Unseat challenge due to name clarification for registration

714 - *Democrat 26* an Alternate with blank Preference was not affirmed as a voter, recommend to unseat

715 – recommend assign as Uncommitted

718 – m/s/p to recommend acceptance of caucus record

722 – assign Polis preference

726 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

729 – data entry concern assessed to be ok

737 – m/s/p to recommend acceptance of caucus record

743 - recommend assign as Uncommitted

744 – recommend assignment of Polis preference

745 - recommend assign as Uncommitted

801 - m/s/p to recommend acceptance of caucus record

810 – if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

812 – Affirmation by *Democrat 27* required no action as that person had no Delegate nor Alternate role

814 – if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; recommend ; affirmed assignment of Uncommitted Preference

819 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

821 – recommend unseat Johnston Delegate (*Democrat 14*) as unsupported Preference

823 - a person present named PCP, *Democrat 1*, was not there when delegates and alternates were chosen, as he was fulfilling Party business need in another Precinct. *Democrat 1* wished to be seated. There was a blank slot for Kennedy Alternate. Caucus Chair reported there was another person who wished that seat but left before giving any information. No way to reach that person. Solution proposed: recommend to Chair to seat *Democrat 1* as an Alternate, if other persons presents then the Caucus members decide on another solution. Consensus : yes

826 – recommend unseat *Democrat 15* as Delegate as record does not support 3rd Kennedy preference and recommend seat her as an Alternate in an open position;

Democrat 16 seated as an Alternate due to clerical error and promoted to Delegate as a result of math audit and correction of Preference results; *Democrat 16* seated as Kennedy Alternate due to clerical error

828 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

831 – recommend assignment of Kennedy Preference based upon records

835 – recommend *Democrat 17* moved from Alt to Del and *Democrat 18* assigned Uncommitted Alternate

837 – worksheet had a clerical error, when rectified then supported the Caucus Results Sheet, m/s/p

839 – m/s/p to recommend acceptance of Caucus record of results

842 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

843 – recommend assign to Alternate preferences to Kennedy based upon caucus preference poll results

849 – if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated -; affirmed

852 – only 3 Del/Alt to Kennedy preference supported, recommend unseating of *Democrat 19* and *Democrat 20*

855 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

856– if affirmations not supported by records check, recommend 2 delegates to be unseated, affirmed

902– if affirmation not supported by records check, recommend delegate to be unseated; affirmed

911 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

914 - data entry concern assessed to be ok

921 – *Democrat 34*, a Delegate with Polis Preference is recorded as registered in 923, recommend to unseat, Recommend changing *Democrat 35*, a Polis Alternate, to Delegate status

936 – *Democrat 36*, a Delegate assigned Uncommitted Preference due to blank preference on the Results sheet, was not found to be registered in the Precinct, recommend to unseat; there was no Alternate named to promote to Delegate