

## **Democratic Party of Denver Committees – Jan 22, 2019**

### **Rules (Current Chair is Susan Rogers)**

The Rules Committee evaluates proposed rules and rules changes. It also makes determinations in party disputes related to the rules of the Democratic Party of Denver. Depending on need, the Rules Committee meets monthly during odd-numbered years; it does not meet regularly during general election years. Each house sub-district can elect only one person to this Committee.

### **Credentials (Current Chair is Myles Edwards)**

The Credentials Committee oversees the process of validating the eligibility of members at certain Democratic Party of Denver meetings. Depending on the county party's meeting schedule, the Credentials Committee meets at least 2 times per year and always at the beginning of any County Party Central Committee meeting or county party assembly/convention. Each house sub-district can elect only one person to this Committee.

### **Permanent Organization (Current Chair is Beverly Edwards)**

The Permanent Organization Committee makes recommendations to the Democratic Party of Denver for the organization and agenda for Democratic Party of Denver Assembly held every even year, and Convention held in Presidential Election years. Depending on the county party's meeting schedule, the Permanent Organization Committee usually meets twice per year. Each house sub-district can elect only one person to this Committee.

### **Finance (Current Chair is Ken Hermann)**

The Finance Committee is comprised of the Finance Chairs from each sub-district plus the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Democratic Party of Denver. The Finance Chairs are appointed by the Captains and Co-Captains of the sub-district. (Some sub-districts choose to elect their Finance Chair). The Committee is tasked with assisting the Treasurer in creating a recommended budget for the Democratic Party of Denver. The Committee also provides assistance to house districts in fundraising and financial issues including, but not limited to, event planning, financial collections, keeping accurate financial records for sub-districts. The committee also provides support to the Treasurer at county-level fundraising events and for

compliance with state campaign finance laws, etc. The Finance Committee usually meets every other month but may also meet monthly.

**Diversity and Outreach (Current Chair is Sandy Pierce)**

The Diversity and Outreach Committee leads efforts to connect and coordinate with progressive organizations and individuals outside the Democratic Party and with under-represented and marginalized communities in Denver County. Because the Democratic Party values the participation of all diverse members and recognizes that diversity is our strength, the D & O Committee takes positive steps to foster participation at all levels of the Party and in all Party affairs of traditionally under-represented and marginalized groups in the electorate. The Committee organizes events in the targeted communities to learn about their needs and how the Democratic Party can better serve them, and also promotes Democratic Party participation in community events such as PrideFest, Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth, Black Arts Festival, Sloan's Lake Dragon Boat Festival, and Cesar Chavez Day Parade. The Committee provides opportunities for elected officials to interact with the targeted communities. The Committee reports its findings to the Executive Committee and makes recommendations to address the issues and concerns that are important to the targeted communities. The Committee provides education to the Executive Committee and to the House Districts to elevate the understanding of all Party officers and members concerning the issues and concerns raised by the targeted communities. Each house sub-district can appoint one or more persons to this Committee. The Diversity and Outreach Committee usually meets once a month.

**Get Out the Vote (GOTV) (Current Chair is \_\_\_\_\_; Betsy Daniel is Captain-at-Large for Voter Registration)**

The GOTV Committee oversees development of the county-wide GOTV plan, including our sample ballot project, and helps House Districts develop their plans for outreach to voters in each district. While the GOTV Committee is very active during the election season contacting voters about the upcoming election and reminding voters to vote for Democrats and initiatives that have been officially endorsed by the Democratic Party of Denver, the goal is to have a GOTV outreach effort in each precinct on a regular basis (ranging from voter registration, welcome/info flyers, legislative updates, event notices, and campaign related materials). The

Committee also works with the Diversity and Outreach Committee to oversee voter registration drives throughout the entire county. Each house sub-district can appoint one or more persons to this Committee. The GOTV Committee usually meets more frequently as elections near but may meet every other month during the off season.

**Platform (Current Chair is C.L. Harmer)**

The Platform Committee organizes the Democratic Party of Denver's recommended platform planks for presentation at caucus. Following caucuses, the Platform Committee meets to organize and compile the platform planks adopted by each precinct's caucus into one proposal for the Democratic Party of Denver's Platform which is then presented at the Democratic Party of Denver's County Assembly. Each house sub-district can elect only one person to this Committee. The Platform Committee usually meets regularly in the summer and fall leading up to an even year and then again several times between caucus and assembly in the early spring of that even year.

**Technology (Current Chair is Jacob Lawrence-Simon)**

The Technology Committee oversees the Democratic Party of Denver's technology development. The Committee manages development and establishes policies and procedures for the public website and use of social media; provides tools and services to facilitate internal party communication; provides contact management systems for maintenance of party lists and of the voter and volunteer databases (including the Voter Activation Network aka VAN); computer and services in the party office and for off-site party activities; development of software applications used to execute party activities such as caucus, conventions and assemblies. Each house sub-district can appoint one or more persons to this Committee. The Technology Committee meets monthly.

**Public Policy (Current Chair is Diane Dunn)**

The Public Policy Committee provides a forum for activists to become involved in policy initiatives at the local, state, and federal level. Using the Democratic Party's county and state platforms as guides, the Committee selects specific issues to follow, from inception through enactment. During sessions of the General Assembly, focus is placed on pending state legislation of greatest concern to the Democratic Party. Issues are studied in depth by

subcommittees called study groups, which report back to the whole Committee for general discussion and debate. For selected bills, members of the Committee engage legislators and testify at public hearings. Resolutions on major issues are formulated and sent to the county party Executive and/or Central Committees for endorsement. Every house sub-district is encouraged to designate a member to sit on the Public Policy Committee, but participation is open to all interested Democrats. Regularly scheduled meetings of the whole Committee are held the first Thursday of every month, and study groups meet at the call of their respective chairs.

**Fundraising/Events (Current Chair is \_\_\_\_\_; Century Club is led by Marc Kamin, Ruth Clevenger and Jean Richards)**

The Fundraising/Events Committee works to assist the Democratic Party of Denver with fundraising, targeted mailing campaigns, low dollar and high dollar events coordination. The Committee also oversees the Century, Victory and Millennium Club Programs (\$100/\$500/\$1,000 yearly donors), annual event coordination for fundraisers, as well as dialing for dollars programs. Often times, volunteer strengths lie within event coordination and management. Therefore, it is necessary to have a select group of people that are an integral part of organizing large dollar and small dollar events – including the Democratic Party summer picnic and the annual Edward M. Kennedy dinner. In addition, the Century/Victory/Millennium Club team plan 3-4 events a year that only Century/Victory/Millennium Club members can attend as well as oversee the processing of renewal letters to those whose memberships have expired. Each house sub-district can appoint one or more persons to this Committee. The Fundraising Committee usually meets every other month but may meet more frequently as major fundraising events come near.