

REPORT OF THE RULES AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Special Order Of Business

It shall be in order, at any time, for the Rules and Nomination Committee to report to the Convention a resolution providing a special order of business, for debate on any resolution, motion, committee report or minority report or amendments to a committee report or for the consideration of any matter for which provision is not made elsewhere in these rules.

B. Powers And Duties Of The Chair

It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to conduct and expedite the business of the Convention and to preserve order and decorum. The Chair is authorized to:

1. Appoint a secretary and such other officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention. (EX: Parliamentarian, vote estimators, and/or tellers)
2. Appoint any delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the Chair.
3. Take such lawful action as may be appropriate and necessary to preserve order.

C. Voting

1. Except as otherwise required, voting shall be by voice vote and in case of doubt, by standing division. A ballot may be ordered only after a standing division, upon a motion that is seconded and supported by a standing vote of more than fifty per cent (50%) of the authorized delegate body present. The Chair will make the determination as to when a ballot vote shall be used.
2. All questions, except as specified within these rules, shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting.
3. When the question has been put, the vote thereon may not be interrupted for any purpose other than for a point of order directed to the conduct of the vote.
4. The Rules and Nominations Committee shall collect and count the ballots and the Chair of that committee shall provide the

Convention Chair with the written results.

5. During the counting of the votes on any issue, the Chair of the Convention may place a new main motion on the floor and return to the previous motion after the counting is completed.

D. Appeals

The Chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to any delegate's appeal which may be debated for not more than six (6) minutes. The time will be equally divided between delegates appealing and delegates in favor of sustaining the ruling of the Chair.

An appeal shall not be in order:

1. While another appeal is pending,
2. From decisions on recognition,
3. From decisions on dilatory motions,
4. During a vote
5. On a question on which an appeal has just been decided,
6. When, in the opinion of the Chair, such an appeal is clearly dilatory. The Chair shall be entitled to briefly state the reasons for the ruling before the question is put to the Convention.

E. Motion To Suspend The Rules

The Chair may entertain a motion to suspend the rules *only for a stated purpose*. If seconded, the motion shall be decided without debate, but following an explanation by the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee as to the effect of suspending that one rule. To carry, the motion shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting, a quorum being present.

F. Motions

1. No question of privilege or any motion other than those provided under these rules shall be entertained, except the motion to recess, to a time certain or at the call of the Chair, which shall be privileged.
2. Motions to recess shall be in order at any time, except when the question has been put or when a vote is in progress, and

shall be decided without debate. The Chair shall not entertain motions to recess when such motion, in the opinion of the Chair, is dilatory.

3. A motion to recess shall be for a time period of not more than sixty (60) minutes.
4. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed.

G. Resolutions

1. Resolutions from the floor will be accepted through the Platform Committee. Resolutions must be submitted within one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after the initial Credentials Committee report.
2. All resolutions presented to the Platform Committee must be legibly written on the Resolution Submission Form or must be typewritten and include the same information as detailed on the Resolution Submission Form. All efforts will be made to provide equipment to aid in the typing of resolutions and amendments; however, there is no certainty that equipment will be available.
3. Debate on any of the resolutions from the floor will follow the rules in Section I.

H. Amendments

1. The maker of the amendment shall provide the Chair with a typewritten copy of the amendment before it is introduced.
2. Minority reports of committees shall not be considered by the Convention unless adopted by ten percent (10%) of the members of a committee present and voting at a committee meeting. Before it is introduced, the minority shall provide the Chair with a typewritten copy of their report that has been signed by the minority members.

I. Debate

1. Initial debate on any question shall be limited to a total of twelve (12) minutes and shall be equally divided between proponents and opponents, unless they or the Chair requests and the Convention as a whole approves a greater or lesser

amount of time.

2. Each speaker will be limited to one (1) minute during the time allowed for debate.
3. On motions relating to debate time, the ruling of the Chair upon standing votes shall be final, appeals for roll call and ballot votes being out of order.
4. Platform Debate. Debate of planks shall follow the same rules as all other issues.

J. Quorum

Forty per cent (40%) of the accredited delegates shall constitute a quorum. No motion questioning a quorum shall be in order after the delegates have indicated their preference for a candidate or issue during the nomination and delegate selection procedure.

K. Robert's Rules

When a point of order is not covered by these rules, or the approved Delegates Selection Plan, or the Rules and Nomination Committee Report, or the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution, or the charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, Robert's Rules of Order, as most recently revised, shall be used as the authority.

L. Ballots

A ballot shall be considered spoiled if:

1. Plunking has occurred. Plunking is voting for less than the number of positions to be filled on a given round of balloting. An example is voting for only one delegate when a round of balloting is to fill five positions.
2. Railroad ballots have been separated,
3. Voting for more candidates than instructed in any round of voting.
4. The ballot is presented by someone other than a duly elected Delegate or officially seated Alternate.

M. Alternates, Candidates, Press, And Guest Seating

Alternates, candidates, the press, and guests will be allowed in designated areas only and must have proper credentials from the Credentials Committee.

N. Nomination And Election Of Permanent Chairperson

The Rules and Nominations Chair shall nominate the permanent chair of the Convention. Nominations from the floor may be received. The election of the permanent Chair shall proceed as outlined in Section C.

O. Election Procedures for District/State Delegates and Alternates

1. The chair of the Credentials Committee shall report the total number of delegate votes as certified by the Credentials Committee. "The Credentials Committee has certified _____ (#) delegates to this convention." The chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall then report: "There is a quorum present. The convention shall elect 18 delegates to the District and State Conventions. Viability is _____ (#) delegates."
2. All delegates and party members who desire to run for District and State delegate positions shall inform the chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee by signing the candidate registration form at the credentials table. This must be done prior to the election proceedings.
3. Persons need not be present to be nominated, but a delegate must be present to vote. No proxy voting will be allowed.
4. A candidate for a district/state delegate position need not be a delegate or alternate to the county convention but must be 18 years of age by Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, and be registered as a Democrat and reside within the county from which they are seeking election, they must support the purposes of the Iowa Democratic Party (those 17 years old who otherwise qualify as candidates for delegate positions, but are not within six months of their 18th birthday are exempted from the registration requirement).
5. In accordance with the National Party Charter, delegates will

vote using a signed or identified ballot.

6. Candidates for the delegate positions shall be listed in alphabetical order and numbered. Additional nominations may be submitted from the floor.
 - a. No more than a simple majority of the delegates to be elected by the Convention may be determined by one (1) round of voting. Each candidate must receive more than fifty per cent (50%) of the votes cast in order to be elected. For example: if thirteen (13) people are seeking seven (7) positions, all of those voting shall write the names of four (4) candidates on the first ballot. They must vote for four (4) different people. Those who receive more than fifty per cent (50%) of the votes cast will be elected. Additional ballots shall be cast until all positions are filled or there are no more candidates.
 - b. If no candidate receives a majority of votes on any round, then the candidate who received the fewest votes shall have their names dropped for the next round of voting. Those names shall be added back in on succeeding rounds after someone is elected.
 - c. All candidates receiving the same number of votes must, without violation of any other rule, either be defeated as a group or else elected as a group.
 - d. Voting shall continue until all delegate positions are filled.
 - e. **If the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of delegate positions to be filled, the Chair may entertain a motion to elect all candidates. Any remaining delegate positions may be filled by nomination from the floor.**
 - f. **If the number of positions to fill is less than five (5), each elector shall vote for the number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled.**
 - g. **No candidate may be elected with less than five (5) votes. All candidates receiving the same number of votes must, without violation of any other rule, either be defeated as a group or else elected as a group.**

- h.** The ballots shall be collected and counted under the authority of the Rules and Nominations Committee. The ballots shall be preserved for one (1) year.
- i.** Those persons elected as district and state delegates shall be expected to attend those conventions as representatives of the county.
- j.** The Convention shall then proceed to elect its alternate delegates. Any number of alternates may be elected.

P. PREFERENCE GROUPS

The Nomination And Election Of District/State Delegates And Alternates By Preference Group

- 1.** The first realignment of delegates into preference groups shall take place following the final report of the credentials committee identifying the total number of delegates aligned with each preference group including Undecided. At this time, all delegates will be afforded a one (1) hour period to realign with other groups if they so desire.
- 2.** During this period, the convention may proceed with other business.
- 3.** Delegates at the county convention who choose to realign with a different presidential preference group during the first realignment period shall sign a statement that states: "I now support _____ for the Democratic nomination for President." This statement of support shall be signed prior to voting for district/state convention delegates.
- 4.** Upon completion of the one (1) hour preference group realignment period, the credentials committee or their designee shall report to the convention the viable and nonviable groups' status within the convention. Only members of nonviable groups shall then have a 30- minute period in which to realign into or with viable groups.

5. Delegates at the county convention who choose to realign with a different presidential preference group during the second realignment period shall sign a statement that states: "I now support _____ for the Democratic nomination for President." This statement of support shall be signed prior to voting for district/state convention delegates.
6. The statements of realignment shall be labeled First Realignment and Second Realignment to ensure that the final decision of the delegate is recorded correctly.
7. The number of district/state convention delegates to which a presidential preference or uncommitted group is entitled to elect shall be determined by multiplying the total number of delegates to be elected by the percentage of the total convention vote that each preference group represents. When a situation occurs where there are more viable preference groups than there are delegates to be elected, the preference group(s) with the largest fraction shall be awarded the delegate(s) in question.
8. The chair of the rules and nominations committee shall announce the number of delegates each preference group is entitled to elect to the district and state conventions. The convention will then divide into its respective preference groups - each seated delegate going to the preference group with which he or she is aligned.
9. The arrangements committee shall afford delegates the proper facilities to complete this process.
10. Each preference group shall elect a chair. All elections will be supervised and monitored by the appropriate rules committee chair or designee.
11. The first formal action of the preference group chairs shall be to read the following statement: "**All public meetings at all**

levels of the Democratic Party in Iowa shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, disability, or status. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action has been adopted by the Iowa Democratic Party. Discrimination on the basis of ‘status’ in the conduct of Iowa Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.”

12. The procedure to be used within a presidential preference or an uncommitted group to elect district/state delegates is outlined in Section O of these rules.
13. Each preference group shall then proceed to elect its alternates. Any number of alternates may be elected. The alternates must be elected as individuals, not as a group, thus “all Democrats in Jasper County” is not allowed. Careful record should be kept of the alternates elected, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails so as to avoid any confusion in seating the alternates at either the district or the state conventions. The procedure to be used within a presidential preference or an uncommitted group to elect alternates to District/State Conventions is the same as that for the Delegates and is detailed in Article O of these Rules.
14. The contact information for all duly elected delegates and alternates shall be collected by the preference group chair and provided to the credentials chair of the convention no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the convention.

Q. Election of District Convention Committee Members

1. The number of members to be elected by each county convention to the district convention committees has been apportioned in a manner using a proportional representation system based on the most recent presidential and gubernatorial results.
2. Jasper County will elect 2 members to each of the district convention committees. The committee members shall be elected by the convention as a whole.
3. If the county convention is to elect fewer than three (3) members to each of the district convention committees, then the committee members shall be elected by the convention at large.
 - a. At least ten (10) days prior to the county conventions, each of the county convention committees shall nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding committee at the district conventions.
 - b. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
 - c. When there are no further nominations or upon adoption of a motion to cease nominations, the convention chair shall, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline the nomination, conduct an election to fill the allotted positions.
 - d. The same voting rules as outline in Section O shall apply.
4. If the county convention is to elect three (3) or more members to each of the district convention committees, then the committee members shall be apportioned and elected by preference group.
 - a. The number of district convention committee members to be elected within preference groups shall be determined in the same manner that delegates are allocated to the

preference groups - proportional to their percentage of the entire convention.

- b. At least ten (10) days prior to the county conventions, each of the county convention committees shall nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding committee at the district conventions.
 - c. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
 - d. When there are no further nominations or upon adoption of a motion to cease nominations, the preference group chair shall, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline the nomination, conduct an election to fill the allotted positions.
 - e. The same voting rules as outline in Section O shall apply.
- 5. A simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to elect district convention committee members.
 - 6. A legible list of elected district convention committee members which includes name, address, phone number, and email address (if available) shall be provided to the chair of the respective committee to which elected.

R. Nomination and Election of County Affirmative Action Committee Chair

- 1. The Rules and Nominations Committee shall receive nominations for one (1) person to serve as the District Affirmative Action committee member. This person is also the chair of the County Affirmative Action Committee.
- 2. When there are no further nominations, the Convention Chair shall, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline their nomination, conduct the vote pursuant to Section C of these rules.

S. Ratification of all Elections

- 1.** The entire Convention shall ratify the election of the entire slate of delegates, alternate delegates, and convention committee persons to the District and State Conventions. Ratification shall mean only that it is the sense of the Convention that the procedures used were in conformity to required procedures under the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party, and under applicable Convention procedure and rules.
- 2.** The standard policies concerning challenges and minority reports shall apply, with such being carried to the District Affirmative Action committee and then to the District Convention Credentials Committee.