

Bylaws of the 46th District Democratic Organization

EXCERPTS by TOPIC – *Article related to District Committees*

ARTICLE 13: COMMITTEES

Section 13.1: Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

There shall be standing committees and such ad hoc committees as the Chair may appoint. The District Chair shall appoint all committee chairs and shall serve as an ex-officio voting member of all committees. All committee members shall serve at the discretion of the District Chair.

Section 13.2: Bylaws and Rules

The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for the biennial review of the district Bylaws, the periodic review as needed of any of the Standing Rules library, and the organization of consideration of any Standing Rules to be adopted.

Section 13.3: Communications

The Communications Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for assisting the District Chair to communicate with the District membership and the public.

Section 13.4: Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for developing and implementing an action plan for linking the 46th District Democrats with neighborhood and community organizations within or affecting North Seattle, Lake Forest Park, and Kenmore.

Section 13.5: Elections

The Elections Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for developing and implementing a plan for recruitment, training and support of the District's PCOs, and for coordinating the efforts of PCOs, Election Captains, and volunteers to support endorsed candidates and ballot measure positions. This may include the establishment and training of Area Coordinators, and the development and/or distribution of campaign literature for elections.

Section 13.6: Finance

The Finance Committee shall be a standing committee with responsibility for developing an annual budget and recommendations for strategies to support the solid financial management of the organization.

Section 13.7: Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee shall be a standing committee with responsibility for working with the Finance Committee to develop an annual budget and recommendations for fund raising strategies to support the political and program objectives of the organization.

Section 13.8: Inclusion

The Inclusion Committee shall be a standing committee with responsibility for developing recommendations for furthering the effort of ensuring the inclusion of marginalized and/or vulnerable individuals as members, including but not limited to: persons with disabilities, persons of color, persons descended from the indigenous peoples of North America and Hawai'i, persons of limited economic means, women, youth, elders, persons who identify as LGBTQQIA, immigrants, new Americans, and others who have been historically marginalized or discriminated against.

Section 13.9: Legislative Action

The Legislative Action Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for developing, and assisting the organization with implementation of, action plans to advance key issues consistent with the District platform. The Committee shall, insofar as feasible, coordinate its efforts with related activities of the Washington State Democratic Party, King County Democratic Party, and other interested organizations.

Section 13.10: Membership and Credentials

The Membership and Credentials Committee shall be a standing committee with responsibility for facilitating the growth and satisfaction of the membership, for maintaining the membership data in the district database, and for providing a credentials report at the call of the Chair.

Section 13.11: Platform and Resolutions

The Platform and Resolutions Committee shall be a standing committee responsible in even-numbered years for developing, and proposing for adoption by the membership, a platform representative of 46th District Democratic voters' values and views on matters of political relevance. The platform shall have local sections for Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and Seattle- specific issues in addition to more general issues. Suggested positions highly specific in nature, or on transitory issues, shall be considered proposed Resolutions and treated in accordance with Article 14 of these Bylaws.

Section 13.12: Program

The Program Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for the development of District meeting programs.

Section 13.13: Raymond T. Cole Fund

The Raymond T. Cole Fund Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for managing and ensuring the integrity of Raymond T. Cole's bequest to the 46th District Democrats. The Cole Fund shall be managed separately from the Operating Budget in accordance with criteria, developed by the Committee and approved by the District membership, for evaluating and approving grant requests and ensuring their adherence to the values of Raymond T. Cole. These criteria shall be included in the District's Standing Rules.

Section 13.14: Tally

The Tally Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for the smooth organization and administration of all business at meetings conducted by paper ballot or needing tally clerks for counting a division of the house.

Section 13.15: Technology

The Technology Committee shall be a standing committee responsible for ensuring the smooth operation of all technology deployed at meetings, for the maintenance of our district website and e-mail tools, for assisting the membership and communications committees with technology needs to ensure a robust email, online and social media presence, and other technology responsibilities as assigned.