

February membership general meeting

DRAFT submitted by Bill Meyers, District Secretary

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Called to order by the District Chair, Julie Anne Kempf, at 8:00 PM, following watching the Democratic Party Presidential Debate in Nevada.

Hunter Brown thanked Indigenous Peoples. The idea of paying rent to Real Rent Duwamish was brought up.

The Agenda and Minutes from the November membership meeting were moved, seconded and approved.

Julie Anne Kempf announced that two of Washington State's four recently elected representatives to the Democratic National Committee are from the 46th LD: David McDonald and State Rep. Javier Valdez.

Caroline Ladd announced she is running for King County Superior Court, Position 51.

Marty Ross announced 4 new members applied to be PCOs: Catherine Creason, Michael Gifford-Santos, Siri Anderson, and Roselle Flory. All four were accepted by acclamation.

The Proposed Budget for 2020 was presented by Julie Anne Kempf. After discussion, Larry Smith moved for approval, seconded and approved unanimously.

2020 Endorsement Rules section

The proposed Endorsement Rules for 2020 were brought to the floor as the next order of business. The provided notes on the 2020 Endorsement Rules were read by the chair.

Notes on the 2020 proposed Endorsement Rules included: These proposed rules are identical to the district's adopted 2018 even-year Endorsement Rules with proposed technical non-substantive changes from the Rules Committee for 2020 brought to the floor.

The chair stated that she had been informed before the meeting that amendments were being offered by multiple members, and entertained a motion that they be sent together back to the Rules Committee for collective review and incorporation, where possible, so that one proposal could be returned with full analysis for membership consideration to the March 2020 meeting.

Margaret Shield stated she wanted the membership to consider her three amendments and the rules at this meeting as planned on the agenda, and did not want to send them to committee. Sarajane Siegfriedt explained the purpose of her amendment, and said she saw no need to send it back to committee.

The chair identified the technical changes contained in the proposal from the endorsement rules adopted by the body in 2018, for reference.

Hunter Brown made a motion to consider Margaret's three proposed amendments as a single amendment to the proposed full endorsement rules. The chair ruled that motion out of order at the moment, as no main motion for the original proposed rules was yet on the floor, but the chair clarified that amending motion could be made shortly.

Sarajane Siegfriedt moved the endorsement rules as put forward by the Rules committee, seconded.

Sarajane moved her first amendment (*later designated Amendment 1*) for section 3a: adding, "The 46th District Democrats do not have an endorsement committee. Instead, all members are responsible for informing themselves of the candidates' qualifications." Hunter seconded. Carried by raising cards. *The amendment is now part of the main motion.*

Hunter Brown moved to consider Margaret Shield's three amendments as a single amendment package (*Later designated Amendment 2*). Seconded.

As Sarajane Siegfriedt had been allowed to present the rationale for her motion as a presentation rather than debate, Margaret Shield was allowed to make a presentation as to the rationale for her amendments before formal debate was to commence. The presentation began with an explanation from Margaret of each sub-section of the amendment. There was discussion about some aspects of the motion and statements made about processes and questionnaires used by other Democratic organizations.

The chair (JAK) asked district Vice Chair Marty Ross to take the gavel and chair the meeting from that point onward, so she could provide missing information about the proposal, questionnaire, and process.

JAK (now speaking as a member in good standing, not as chair) suggested, without formally moving, to divide the question due to the different topics. Margaret objected, as she stated no one had spoken in opposition to any portion of her proposal. Margaret asked for anyone with concerns about the amendments to speak up.

JAK pointed out that debate had not commenced so there had been no opportunity for anyone to have made a statement against yet.

JAK was recognized to speak in opposition to the last section of the Amendment, the third proposal (*Later designated Amendment 2, Division 3*), to require the ballot handling designee to be a member of the executive board. Discussion ensued, including some of the rest of the Margaret Shield's amendment. As a part of debate, a member suggested changing "member of the Executive Board" to "member of the District." Margaret indicated agreement. However, no motion was made.

Larry Smith moved to divide the question, seconded, passed. The question was divided.

Larry Smith moved to vote on Amendment 2, Division 1. Hunter seconded. Discussion followed.

K Kelly moved to make "affiliation" in Amendment 1 "affiliations." Seconded. Passed. This amendment to the amendment is now part of Amendment 2, Division 1

Anne Udaloy moved to amend the first proposal to "after the word Democrat, on the first line of part B, have a comma, and retain the words that have been struck in your version." Larry Smith seconded.

Margaret objected. A procedure discussion followed with clarification that there is no such thing as a friendly amendment and Margaret withdrew her concern, agreeing that any member can validly move to amend.

Hunter Brown made a quorum call. There were 29 voters remaining in attendance, 24 is a quorum, thus a quorum was present.

Sarajane Siegfriedt moved to refer the endorsement rules and all amendments to the Rules Committee. The motion was otherwise uninstructed. Charmaine seconded. Passed 18-8-1.

When we pick up at the next meeting, Anne Udaloy's amendment to the amendment remains on the floor, having been moved and seconded.

[End of Endorsement Rules section]

The Resolution in Support of Restoring the State's Overtime Threshold was presented. Larry Smith moved for approval, there was a second, and the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.