

45th District Democrats

General Meeting, December 4, 2024

7:00–8:40 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Attend online via Zoom ([registration required](#)). There is no physical location for this meeting.

Decision Summary

- **Approved without objection. Consent Agenda: 11/06/2024 general meeting minutes, 12/4/2024 amended agenda.**
- **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 1 – PCO.**
- **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 2 – Standing Committees.**
- **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 3 – Caucus Committees.**
- **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 4 – Monthly Payments.**
- **Motion passes as amended. Bylaws amendment 5 – Eboard Quorum.**
- **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 6 – Cleanup.**
- **Appointment passes: Keith Krumm as Operations Committee Chair for the remainder of this cycle.**
- **Appointment passes: Melissa Demyan as Organizing Committee Chair for the remainder of this cycle.**

Opening items

1. Call to order at 7:01 by 45th District Chair Aaron Schrader.
2. Land acknowledgement.
3. Opening remarks from the chair.
 - The 45th participation by PCOs is growing, increasing the 45th quorum requirement.
4. Remarks from elected officials and endorsed candidates.
 - No requests to speak.
5. Confirmed: Quorum present.
6. **Consent agenda** *[Member vote]*
 - **Approved without objection, Consent Agenda: 11/06/2024 General Meeting's minutes, 12/4 amended agenda.** Amendment: addition to Business of section 2 committee chair appointments (Aaron).

Presentations

1. Final election updates [Stacey D.] Review (screen share) analysis of 45th, King, and WA for major campaigns.
2. Reviewed actions to take given the upcoming national political environment:
 - [Indivisible: A Practical Guide to Democracy on the Brink](#)
 - Delete Twitter accounts. [Bluesky](#) and Threads* are similarly-purposed alternatives. **Chat feedback indicates Threads is less good as a replacement, being owned by billionaire Mark Zuckerberg.*
 - Read *On Tyranny* by Timothy Snyder.
 - Read *Strongmen* by Ruth Ben-Ghiat for an understanding of how such people come to power.
3. Review of draft 2025 legislative agenda. [Ken A.]
 - Review and Discussion: Legislative session calendar; review of priorities carried over from last session, elected 45th LD representative priorities for 2025, and member suggestions. Membership concerns regarding HB 1245, SB 6030, and nuclear power references were expressed.
 - Please fill out our [Google Form](#) or contact Ken at lac.chair@45thdemocrats.org.
 - Join the legislative action committee.
 - Sign-up to receive text messages about actions you can take to help advance legislation.
 - Submit important issues for the committee to consider adding to the agenda.

Business

1. Bylaws amendments [PCO vote]
 - a. Motions as per the recommendation of the Administration and Rules committee. Each amendment individually reviewed prior to vote followed by debate as requested.
 - i. **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 1 – PCO.** Vote: 14 aye, 0 nay.
 - ii. **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 2 – Standing Committees.** Vote: 14 aye, 0 nay.
 - iii. **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 3 – Caucus Committees.** Vote: 14 aye, 0 nay.
 - iv. **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 4 – Monthly Payments.** Vote: 14 aye, 0 nay.
 - v. **Motion passes as amended. Bylaws amendment 5 – Eboard Quorum.** Vote: 12 aye, 0 nay.
 1. Proposed amendment to the amendment [Terry Thorsos, Christy Ackerman): replace “that a committee vice chair” with “the name of a person who”. Debate followed. (Stacy, Patricia, Martin spoke in

- opposition). Vote: 4 aye, 10 nay. Amendment to the motion does not pass.
- 2. Proposed amendment to the amendment (Terry Thorsos, Ken Albinger). replace “that a committee vice chair” with “the name of another person on the committee who”. Vote: 12 aye, 1 nay.
 - vi. **Motion passes. Bylaws amendment 6 – Cleanup.** Vote: 12 aye, 0 nay.
- b. Motions from the floor.
 - i. Terry Thorsos – Suggestion regarding endorsement rules and nominee speaking times.
- 2. Committee Chair replacements
 - a. **Appointment passes: Keith Krumm as Operations Committee Chair for the remainder of this cycle.** Votes: 15 votes cast in favor.
 - b. **Appointment passes: Melissa Demyan as Organizing Committee Chair for the remainder of this cycle.** 18 votes cast in favor.

Reports

1. Chair:
 - a. Notification of December 30 executive board meeting at 7pm; [link](#).
 - b. Re-cap of December 1 social event. Additional comments (Becky Chaney, Ken Albinger, Stacey Doerr, Louise Pathe)
2. Reorganization committee:
 - a. Goals and rationale for this process.
 - b. Reorganization timeline. (Tentatively 1/8/2025 7pm, meeting will be virtual to comply with fair meeting access rules.)
 - c. Solicitation of interest in officer positions and chairs of committees.
3. Treasurer [Christy A.]: Budget and balances. Reported changes to and balances of the accounts. Noted interest in following up on listing endorsed initiatives on endorsement guides.
4. PCO Support [Aaron S. for Kamil Z.]: PCO appointments.
 - a. Please [apply for appointment](#) of your unrepresented precinct in the 2025-2026 biennium. This will be considered after our reorganization.

Announcements

Open call for news and announcements from our members and affinity groups.

1. Martin Chaney – reminder of King County reorganization meeting, December 15. Announcement of intent to run as State Committeeman.
2. Patricia Stauffer – reminder not to get complacent here in Washington to remember the rest of the country.
3. Jennifer Curtis – requests conversation regarding how to be involved in national politics.

4. Terry Thorsos – suggestion for action on Gaza, regarding federal representatives to declassify the Gaza casualty numbers

Motion to adjourn [Christy A., Stacey D.] 9:05.

Minutes submitted by Becky Chaney, Secretary 45th LD, December 4, 2024; approved by the membership January 15, 2025.

Appendix

See the next pages for bylaw amendments as proposed prior to the meeting. Note: Bylaw amendment 5 was amended during the meeting (see minutes), bylaws amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, passed as proposed.

PCOs

Explanation

Our organization is built from precinct committee officers (PCOs). The central role of PCOs is reflected in how only PCOs can vote for most officer positions, adopt or amend bylaws, and recommend the appointment of new PCOs. In each biennial reorganization, the 45th is first constituted by PCOs who are elected. PCOs extend membership in the 45th to other Democrats in the district. To be elected, the PCOs filed for election with the county in May of an even-numbered year. If they are the sole filer in their precinct, then they never appear on a ballot. If they are contested, one candidate is elected by ballot in the August primary. All elected PCOs start their two-year term on December 1.

If a precinct doesn't have an elected PCO, we can appoint a person to be that precinct's PCO. They have to fulfill the same requirements as an elected PCO. The district recommends the person for appointment, then the county chair approves the appointment.

There is a third term we have used, called an "acting PCO". This is meant to be a person who helps a precinct that lacks a PCO, where the person is ineligible to be that precinct's PCO—usually because they live in a different precinct. This role gives recognition to the work that the person does but confers no additional rights. The term "acting PCO" is confusing. To avoid this confusion, KCDCC changed to calling this role a "precinct coordinator".

This amendment follows KCDCC's change and cleans up some other language we use to talk about PCOs.

- Change the term "acting PCO" to "precinct coordinator".
- Article IV, Section 5: Appointed PCO votes require PCOs.
- Article IV, Section 8: note we are restating and aggregating two parts of the RCW.
- Article IV, Section 9: fold into section 10 and delete the parts that don't add anything to the RCW.
- Article IV, Section 11: note we add something beyond the required restriction on appointing PCOs from the RCW.

Amendment to Article III

- **Section 1.** The membership of this organization consists of all elected and, appointed, ~~and acting~~ 45th District Democratic Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs); precinct coordinators; and district residents who are at least sixteen years of age, declare themselves to be Democrats, and pay dues.
- **Section 4.** The effective date when an individual becomes a member is the earliest of:
 - (a) The date when their term of office as an elected PCO begins;

- (b) The date when the 45th District Democrats recommend their appointment as ~~an Acting PCO or Appointed PCO~~ or precinct coordinator;
- (c) The date when applicable dues are paid, if the individual was a voting member during the previous calendar year; or
- (d) Seven days after paying applicable dues
- **Section 9.** ~~Elected and appointed PCOs~~precinct committee officers may neither be suspended nor expelled, but the membership may consider and adopt a motion asking a PCO~~precinct committee officer~~ to resign.

Amendment to Article IV

Section 2. An appointed PCO supersedes ~~a precinct coordinator~~an acting PCO, who may or may not reside in the precinct. A primary task of each precinct coordinator~~acting PCO~~ is to recruit a precinct resident to file for PCO.

Section 3. Applications for precinct coordinators ~~acting~~ and appointed PCOs are considered at regular district meetings. ~~An applicant~~ prospective PCO must be in attendance at the meeting where their application is acted upon.

Section 4. Applications for precinct coordinators~~acting~~ and appointed PCOs are voted on one at a time. When only one person applies for precinct coordinator or PCO in a precinct, a vote of raised credentials is taken to direct the Chair to recommend that individual to the County Chair unless there is a request for a written ballot. Every application for precinct coordinator or PCO presented to the organization at a regular membership meeting must be approved or denied at that meeting and cannot be tabled or postponed.

Section 5. ~~Adoption~~Approval of a recommendation of any person to ~~the position of~~become a precinct coordinator~~acting~~ or appointed PCO requires a majority of ~~those PCOs who are~~ present ~~and eligible to vote~~. The ~~District~~ Chair is responsible for sending all recommendations to KCDCC in a timely manner.

Section 6. By a two-thirds vote of PCOs who are present at a regular meeting, the organization may temporarily delegate to the Executive Board the power to recommend to KCDCC the precinct coordinators~~acting~~ and appointed PCOs in the following month, provided the procedures of this article are otherwise followed. Delegation of this power is appropriate in a situation of heightened activity and impending deadlines (as for caucuses).

Section 7. Only ~~elected and appointed~~ PCOs may participate in a special nominating caucus to select candidates for appointment to fill a vacancy for state representative or state senator in this district.

Section 8. A precinct is deemed vacant if the ~~elected PCO or appointed~~ PCO dies, resigns from office; ceases to be a registered voter; or ceases to reside in the precinct from which the PCO was elected or appointed, -This section is in accordance with RCW 29A.80.041 (3) and RCW 29A.80.031.

~~**Section 9.** A PCO is considered to have resigned from the position upon written resignation directed to the organization, termination of registration to vote in the precinct which they represent, or any other manner declared by the Revised Code of Washington.~~

Section 910. A PCO may resign from office by providing written notice to the organization. The Chair must electronically transmit notice of any PCO resignations to the district membership within seven days of receipt. The Chair must also announce any PCO resignations at the next membership and executive board meetings.

Section 101. No applications for PCOs may be recommended to the County Chair between the certification of the general election in even numbered years and the reorganization meeting following the general election, in accordance with KCDCC bylaws and RCW 29A.80.031.

Revise standing committees

Explanation

Our organization has changed in membership and activity. We cannot staff all of the standing committees as required in our bylaws. This amendment updates the list of standing committees and allows us to add new standing committees outside of the bylaws.

Three committees have no or minimal changes: Communications, Endorsements, and Finance.
Three committees merge the previously defined responsibilities of other committees.

- Operations: merge
 - Administration and Rules.
 - Events and Hospitality plus add reserving physical locations for meetings.
 - Fundraising and Membership.
 - Outreach and Recruitment: the membership aspect.
- Organizing: merge
 - Legislative Action.
 - Outreach and Recruitment: the outreach aspect. Focus on liaisons and coordination with other values, political, and community groups.
 - PCO Support, plus add orientation around coordination of electioneering and canvassing.
 - Volunteer.
- Technology: merge
 - Data Management.
 - Technology.

Amendment to Article X

- **Section 1.** Standing committees not named here shall be authorized by a vote of the members. ~~The names and descriptions of standing committees shall be published electronically.~~ Within sixty days of either a district reorganization meeting or an authorization vote, the Chair shall establish or reestablish the ~~following~~ standing committees by appointing a chair or co-chairs plus at least two other voting members: ~~Administration and Rules, Data Management,~~ Communications, Endorsements, Finance, Operations, Organizing, Events and Hospitality, Fundraising and Membership, Legislative Action, Outreach and Recruitment, PCO Support, Technology, ~~and Volunteer~~. Within fifteen days of a district reorganization meeting, the Chair shall also establish or reestablish a standing Finance Committee ~~led by~~ with the Treasurer as its chair.

- **Section 2.** In consultation with the executive board, the Chair may at any time establish ad hoc committees. Every committee so designated shall have a chair or co-chairs and at least two other voting members.
- **Section 3.** Once appointed, committee chairs may designate one or more committee members to serve as vice chairs.
- **Section 4. Committee chairs may establish subcommittees, which shall have their scope and purpose defined in committee rules.**
- **Section 5. The names and descriptions of standing committees, and committee rules, shall be published electronically.**
- **Section 63.** The chair or co-chairs of all standing committees shall submit work plans on behalf of their committees to the executive board for approval no later than the date of the February executive board meeting each year, or, if the committee has been reconstituted after January 31st of the current year, thirty days following the appointment of the committee's leadership and members. The chair or chairs of ad hoc committees shall submit a work plan within thirty days of the committee's formation. Every work plan must identify the committee's objectives for that calendar year and a timeframe for accomplishing each one.
- **Section 74.** Committee chairs shall be responsible for calling meetings of their committees as necessary to develop and carry out their work plans. Committee chairs shall provide no less than twenty-four hours' notice when calling any meeting of their committee.
- **Section 85.** Any committee meeting may be held electronically, provided the meeting is conducted using a conferencing medium that allows all participating members to clearly hear each other in real time. Roll call votes must be taken and recorded on any and all motions considered by the committee at an electronic meeting. Notice of the meeting must be provided to all members of the committee at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting's start time in accordance with Section 4 of this article, and access instructions must be provided at least one hour in advance. Committees shall abide by the rules adopted by the executive board for the governance of electronic meetings of the executive board. Committee chairs must notify the executive board if a committee member requires assistance connecting to the conferencing medium chosen by the committee for an electronic meeting due to a disability or lack of access to the internet.
- ~~**Section 6.** The Administration and Rules Committee shall be responsible for drafting rules to govern the organization's meetings and committee operations, including the Code of Conduct and enforcement procedures for the Code of Conduct, and drafting updates to these bylaws for consideration by the membership. The committee shall also provide orientation to new members of the executive board and review resolutions submitted by members prior to their consideration by the membership. The committee may propose revisions to submitted resolutions in consultation with the drafters as part of its review process.~~
- ~~**Section 7.** The Data Management Committee shall be responsible for managing the organization's data systems. The committee shall make reports available for committee activities consistent with privacy and security standards and ensure that data flow is in compliance with campaign finance laws. The committee shall also provision access to VoteBuilder, any coordinated voter contact systems, and any successor voter file system.~~

- **Section 98.** The Communications Committee shall be responsible for communications between the organization, the membership, and the public, including announcements sent through email or mobile messaging services, the content of the website, social media, press releases, and the creation of voter literature.
- **Section 109.** The Endorsements Committee shall be responsible for vetting candidates, evaluating ballot measures, and making endorsement recommendations to the membership.
- ~~**Section 10.** The Events and Hospitality Committee shall be responsible for hospitality at meetings and the organization of special or seasonal events. The Events and Hospitality Committee shall assist with the organizing of regional events the 45th helps facilitate, such as the annual Eastside Dinner, if requested.~~
- **Section 11.** The Finance Committee shall be responsible for drafting budgets in consultation with the executive board and assisting the Treasurer in carrying out fiscal and compliance duties. The Finance Committee shall regularly scrutinize reports filed by the organization with the Public Disclosure Commission to check for errors.
- Section 12. The Operations Committee shall be responsible for events, membership, resolutions, and rules. "Events" includes reserving facilities for the in-person component of meetings, providing hospitality at meetings, and organizing special or seasonal events. The committee shall assist with the organizing of regional events the district helps facilitate, if requested. "Membership" includes strengthening the organization's financial resources, credentialing at meetings, orienting new members of the executive board, and recording officer attendance. "Rules" includes drafting rules to govern the organization's meetings and committee operations, including the Code of Conduct and enforcement procedures for the Code of Conduct, and drafting updates to these bylaws for consideration by the membership. The committee shall review resolutions submitted by members prior to their consideration by the membership and may propose revisions to submitted resolutions in consultation with the drafters as part of its review process.
- Section 13. The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for legislative advocacy, outreach, and PCO support. Legislative advocacy includes championing the organization's platform planks and policy priorities at the local, state, and federal levels. The committee may draft and recommend a legislative priorities agenda each year for adoption by the membership. Outreach includes building community relationships with voters, residents, and constituencies within the district and involving those not currently well represented. The committee shall also work with the executive board and representatives of peer local party organizations to identify and recruit candidates for office. PCO support includes providing precinct committee officers with the tools and resources they need to discharge their duties effectively; training, organizing, and coordinating electioneering and canvassing; and recruiting new PCOs to serve the Democratic Party in precincts within the district.
- Section 14. The Technology Committee shall be responsible for administration of the organization's website content management system and cyber assets, including its domain registrations, password management, and web hosting. The committee shall additionally be responsible for researching and recommending vendors and platforms for the organization's use at the request of the Chair. The committee shall make reports available for committee activities

consistent with privacy and security standards and ensure that data flow is in compliance with campaign finance laws. The committee shall also provision access to VoteBuilder, any coordinated voter contact systems, and any successor voter file system.

- ~~**Section 12.** The Fundraising and Membership Committee shall be responsible for the organization's development. It shall work with the other standing committees and the executive board to strengthen the organization's financial resources and run membership campaigns to grow the organization.~~
- ~~**Section 13.** The Legislative Action Committee shall be responsible for championing the organization's platform planks and policy priorities at the local, state, and federal levels. It may draft and recommend a legislative priorities agenda each year for adoption by the membership.~~
- ~~**Section 14.** The Outreach and Recruitment Committee shall be responsible for recruiting new members, increasing participation, and building community relationships with voters, residents, and constituencies within the 45th and involving those not currently well represented. The committee shall also work with the executive board and representatives of peer local party organizations to identify and recruit candidates for office.~~
- ~~**Section 15.** The PCO Support Committee shall be responsible for providing precinct committee officers with the tools and resources they need to discharge their duties effectively, and recruiting new PCOs to serve the Democratic Party in precincts within the 45th.~~
- ~~**Section 16.** The Technology Committee shall be responsible for administration of the organization's website content management system and cyber assets, including its domain registrations, password management, and web hosting. The committee shall additionally be responsible for researching and recommending vendors and platforms for the organization's use at the request of the Chair.~~
- **Section 17.** The Volunteer Committee shall be responsible for recruiting volunteers for committee membership and other internal roles and tasks, working with executive board members and committee chairs to identify volunteer needs, and facilitating best fit between the two.
- **Section 158.** Within fifteen days of a district reorganization meeting, the Chair shall appoint at least five members to serve as that cycle's initial Code of Conduct Committee, a special committee which shall be responsible for investigating alleged violations of the membership's adopted Code of Conduct and recommending constructive remedial actions or sanctions to the executive board upon finding that the code has been violated by a member of the organization. The Chair shall ensure that the special committee is continuously constituted of at least five voting members. Whenever a complaint alleging a Code of Conduct violation is received, the Chair shall designate one of the committee members as the presiding member for that particular complaint. The presiding member shall be responsible for calling meetings of the committee, organizing its investigation, and presenting its findings to the executive board. The committee shall use a preponderance of the evidence standard when investigating complaints. Members serving on the executive board may not be members of the committee and may not observe the committee's proceedings without an invitation. The committee shall not have any representation on the executive board.

- **Section 169.** At least ninety days prior to any date on which the Washington State Democratic Party has scheduled precinct or legislative district caucuses, the Chair shall establish the following caucus committees by appointing a chair or co-chairs and at least two other members: Logistics, Rules, Credentials, and Platform. The Logistics Committee shall secure any venues that are needed for the caucus or caucuses, the Rules Committee shall develop proposed rules, the Credentials Committee and its on-site representatives shall be responsible for preparing and certifying the list of participants that it has registered after finding them entitled to accreditation, and the Platform Committee shall be responsible for drafting a platform for delegates to the legislative district level to consider, as well as vetting any resolutions that are submitted.
- **Section 1720.** Not later than seven days following a general election day in an even numbered year, the Chair shall establish a temporary Reorganization Committee consisting of at least three members of the organization. The Reorganization Committee shall manage preparations for the biennial reorganization of the District, including the possible transfer of signing responsibilities on 45th's financial accounts and the establishment of an online filing system where candidates for officer positions may declare their interest and submit statements of five hundred words or less for precinct committee officers to consider. The Reorganization Committee's responsibilities shall cease after the newly elected officers hold their first executive board meeting of the term.

Optional platform caucus committee, trim reorganization

Explanation

- Article X, Section 19: In 2024 we did not hold a caucus. We had a candidate forum for people seeking to be a state convention delegate to introduce themselves to the voters. Also, the platform caucus committee that did meet found it hard to justify the work we did. There was no clear use for it.
- Article X, Section 20: Remove clause about online filing system. This is overly specified for reorganization committee responsibilities. The reorganization committee may still perform such actions.

Amendment to Article X

Section 19. At least ninety days prior to any date on which the Washington State Democratic Party has scheduled precinct or legislative district caucuses, the Chair shall establish the following caucus committees by appointing a chair or co-chairs and at least two other members: Logistics, Rules, and Credentials; and may establish a Platform Committee. The Logistics Committee shall secure any venues that are needed for the caucus or caucuses; ~~the~~ Rules Committee shall develop proposed rules; ~~the~~ Credentials Committee and its on-site representatives shall be responsible for preparing and certifying the list of participants that it has registered after finding them entitled to accreditation; ~~and the~~ Platform Committee, if constituted, shall be responsible for drafting a platform for delegates to the legislative district level to consider, as well as vetting any resolutions that are submitted.

Section 20. Not later than seven days following a general election day in an even numbered year, the Chair shall establish an ad hoc temporary Reorganization Committee ~~consisting of at least three members of the organization~~. The Reorganization Committee shall manage preparations for the biennial reorganization of the ~~D~~istrict, including the possible transfer of signing responsibilities on the 45th district's financial accounts ~~and the establishment of an online filing system where candidates for officer positions may declare their interest and submit statements of five hundred words or less for precinct committee officers to consider~~. The Reorganization Committee's responsibilities shall cease after the newly elected officers hold their first executive board meeting of the term.

Enable monthly payments

Explanation

First, modify the bylaws to allow us to provide alternate payment or dues plans for members. These alternates only expand the ways a person can become a member compared to what's written in the bylaws and never restrict them. Right now, if a person wanted to contribute \$5 per month, they would only become a member in September, when we had received the sum total of \$45, which is the annual membership dues. We would like to be able to author a policy that lets them become a member much sooner than that and continue as long as payments are received.

Second, authorize the executive board to extend membership after it would otherwise end. The motivating case here is to allow PCOs to still be members through the end of the year when their term expires on November 30. Otherwise, the bylaws would require they pay an annual membership to continue being a member in December, and then pay the annual membership a month later to be a member in the following year.

Article III

- Section 6. The district may establish standing for paying dues and becoming a member. These dues in aggregate shall not be less than the annual dues. The standing rules shall not be more restrictive for when membership begins and ends than Section 4 and Section 5.
- **Section 76.** Members shall not use any title of office or identify themselves as representing the 45th District unless authorized by the membership or the executive board.
- **Section 87.** A member's privileges may be temporarily suspended with cause for a specified period of time by an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership.
- **Section 98.** Motions to suspend or expel a member may only be made at a properly noticed meeting following a finding by the executive board or a disciplinary body appointed by the Chair that the member has violated the adopted code of conduct or behaved inappropriately. A member facing a suspension or expulsion motion must be notified at least seven days in advance of the meeting that such a motion will be introduced and considered.
- **Section 109.** Elected and appointed precinct committee officers may neither be suspended nor expelled, but the membership may consider and adopt a motion asking a precinct committee officer to resign.
- **Section 110.** The Executive Board may waive dues and extend annual membership status to any person for whom the payment of dues would constitute a hardship. If an individual's membership ceases after January 31st and before December 31st, the Executive Board may extend that individual's membership to December 31st.

EBoard attendance and quorum

Respond to executive board quorum problems

The executive board had one meeting that failed to meet quorum. A fair portion is that not all committee chairs can attend all meetings. Fair enough—they are already running their own committees and handling those meetings. This amendment enables a vice chair to attend in place of a committee chair. It both helps cover when chairs cannot attend, and it helps give more people a chance to participate on the executive board without committing to a long-term position.

Also, half of the uses of the phrase “executive board” were capitalized. Based on some other uses, standardize to the lowercase version.

Amendment to Article V

- **Section 3.** An individual may concurrently serve in up to two elected officer positions, except that an individual shall not concurrently serve in more than one of the following elected officer positions: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. ~~A person serving in more than one officer position shall retain only one vote on the Executive Board.~~

Amendment to Article VI

- **Section 1.** The ~~D~~istrict ~~E~~xecutive ~~B~~oard is composed of all elected ~~D~~istrict officers and the chairs of all standing committees. Standing committee chairs are appointed by the ~~D~~istrict Chair at the biennial reorganization meeting or thereafter as needed. Appointments are subject to ratification by either a majority of the membership present and voting at a membership meeting, or by a majority of the executive board present and voting at an executive board meeting.
- **Section 2.** The ~~E~~xecutive ~~B~~oard meets on a regular basis for the purpose of planning and directing the policy and activities of the organization. Meetings are called by the Chair or at the request of a majority of the members of the executive board. These meetings are open to all members of the district organization.
- Section 6. A standing committee chair may provide the Chair with written notice at least 24 hours in advance of an executive board meeting that a committee vice chair will attend in their place and exercise their vote.
- Section 7. Any person serving on the executive board shall only retain one vote regardless of the number of voting positions they hold.

- **Section 86.** The **E**xecutive **B**oard is responsible for the preparation of an annual budget. Approval of the budget requires a simple majority of those present and voting at a regular membership meeting.
- **Section 97.** A majority of the **E**xecutive **B**oard constitutes a quorum at its meetings.

Technical cleanup

Explanation

This amendment deals with minor “corrections”, things that maybe weren’t said correctly, precisely, or consistently. It doesn’t intend to change the meaning of anything.

- Article V, Section 1: Says “Terms of office are for two years”, but that’s imprecise. More clearly state between the District’s biennial reorganization meetings.
- Article V, Section 12: Replace ";" with ":".
- Article XII, Section 1: To eliminate a possible source of confusion, since state committee bylaws IX.B state only PCOs may adopt or amend LD bylaws, make our bylaws say the same thing.
- A couple places don’t use our full organization name.

Amendment to Article III

- **Section 6.** Members shall not use any title of office or identify themselves as representing the 45th District Democrats unless authorized by the membership or the executive board.

Amendment to Article V

- **Section 1.** The officers of this organization are the Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, two representatives with different genders to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, two representatives with different genders to the King County Central Democratic Committee’s executive board, two alternates with different genders to the King County Central Democratic Committee’s executive board, one delegate to the King County Young Democrats, and one alternate to the King County Young Democrats. Terms of office are for two years, commencing at the ~~45th District’s~~ biennial reorganization meeting and concluding upon the election of successors at the subsequent reorganization meeting.
- **Section 12.** In addition to committee chairs, the Chair may appoint the following non-voting officers: Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Amendment to Article XI

- **Section 1.** No money shall be paid from the funds of the 45th District Democrats except by bank or credit union account transaction through the Treasurer or the Chair. No member other than the Treasurer or Chair may incur a debt or otherwise obligate the 45th District Democrats for the future payment of funds without approval of the Treasurer, Chair, or Executive Board.

Amendment to Article XII

- **Section 1.** Amendments to these bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the ~~member~~PCOs in attendance at a regular meeting of this organization. Notice that bylaw changes are on the meeting agenda must be sent to all members at least seven days in advance.