



# Summary of State Delegate Selection Plan

*Information about selection of delegates, alternates and standing committee members for the 2008 Democratic National Convention*

A project of the National Stonewall Democrats

## AMERICAN SAMOA

### State Democratic Party Contact Information

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### Primary / Caucus Date

Caucus/Conv.  
 02/05/08

### Status of State Del Sel'n Plan

Pending RBC Review

### Overview of State Procedures for Selecting Official Participants to the National Convention

The Delegate Selection Plan for American Samoa provides for its 6 pledged delegates (casting 3 votes) and alternate to be allocated proportionally to presidential preferences based on a territorial caucus on February 5, 2008.

American Samoa's pledged delegates will be selected at-large by the territorial caucus on February 5, 2008. In addition, America Samoa's delegator includes unpledged delegates (the 4 DNC Members cast 1 vote each).

The delegation will select the standing committee members along with the Delegation Chair at a meeting immediately after the territorial caucus on February 5, 2008. The State Chair will name the Convention Page at that same meeting.

|                                   |           |                      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Number of Delegates</b>  | 9 (Votes) | 12 (Total Delegates) |
| <b>Total Number of Alternates</b> | 1         |                      |

| Category to be Selected     | Delegates | Alternates   | Filing Deadline | Date of Selection | Selecting Body   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| District-Level              | 0         | 0  | n/a             | n/a               | n/a              |
| Party Ldrs/Elec'd Officials | 0         |  | n/a             | n/a               | n/a              |
| At-Large                    | 3         | 1  | 02/05/08        | 02/05/08          | State Convention |
| <i>Unpledged Delegates</i>  | 6         | <i>(Unpledged delegates include the add-on unpledged delegate(s), the state's Democratic National Committee members, and Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and certain former Party leaders, if any, who automatically serve as delegates.)</i> |                 |                   |                  |

### Other Official Convention Participants

|                  |                      |   |   |          |                               |
|------------------|----------------------|---|---|----------|-------------------------------|
| Standing         | <i>Per Committee</i> | 1 | <i>(Credentials Committee, Platform Committee, and Rules Committee)</i> |          |                               |
| Comm. Mbrs       | <i>Total Members</i> | 3 | 02/05/08 (by pres. campaign)  | 02/05/08 | National Convention Delegates |
| Convention Pages |                      | 1 |   | 02/05/08 | State Party Chair             |

### Diversity Information (Outreach goals for delegates as set by State Party. Delegation must be equally divided between men and women.)

African Americans: 0 (1%)      Asian/Pacifics:      Hispanics: 0 (1%)      Native Americans: 0 (1%)  
 LGBT Americans: 0 (1%)      People w/ Disabilities: 0 (1%)      Youth: (47-95%)  
*Other Goals:* Pacific Islanders/Samoan- (88.2%)



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Information about running for delegate or alternate for the 2008 Democratic National Convention

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Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms for candidates for delegate and alternate are available from the State Democratic Party. These forms may be available on-line from the state party's website. Many state parties also provide additional information about the selection process and a link to the complete Delegate Selection Plan on their website.

### District Level Delegates and Alternates

A majority of each state's delegates are elected from local districts (usually Congressional Districts). Each district level delegate pledges support to a presidential candidate of his or her choice (or "uncommitted"). This is the first category of delegates to be selected. Any Democrat is eligible to run for one of these positions. These delegates are allocated to presidential candidates based on the results of the state's primary or caucus in the respective district. Candidates should refer to the state party's Delegate Selection Plan for information on the number of delegates and alternates to be elected in their specific district.

**Delegates** 0

**Alternates** 0

| Filing Deadline | Date of Selection | Selecting Body |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| n/a             | n/a               | n/a            |

### Filing Requirements for District Level Delegate & Alternate Candidates

American Samoa is allocated At-Large delegates only.

### Party Leaders & Elected Officials (PLEO) Delegates

Democrats eligible for PLEO delegates are big city mayors, statewide elected officials, state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Candidates for these positions must file a written statement of candidacy and a signed pledge of support for their presidential candidate. These delegates are allocated to presidential candidates based on the statewide results of the presidential primary or caucus.

**Delegates** 0

| Filing Deadline | Date of Selection | Selecting Body |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| n/a             | n/a               | n/a            |

### At-Large Delegates and Alternates

This is the final group of delegates chosen. Any Democrat within the state is eligible for one of these positions. Candidates for these positions must file a written statement of candidacy and a signed pledge of support for their presidential candidate. These delegates are allocated to presidential candidates based on the statewide results of the primary or caucus. At-large delegates help the delegation to reflect the demographics of the state's Democratic Party and competition for these positions is intense.

**Delegates** 3

**Alternates** 1

| Filing Deadline | Date of Selection | Selecting Body   |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 02/05/08        | 02/05/08          | State Convention |

### Presidential Campaign Contacts (Subject to Change)

Persons interested in running for delegate or alternate should contact the state or local Delegate Selection or LGBT Outreach staff person for the presidential candidate they support prior to filing to run. Each presidential candidate's national campaign headquarters, contact person and phone number is listed below.

**Hillary Clinton**  
Lisa DiBartolomeo  
703-469-2008

**Barack Obama**  
Myesha Ward  
312-819-2008