



Washington State Democrats 2010 State Convention Proposed Agenda



Passed by the State Convention Rules Committee on 5/1/2010

- 1) Call to order by State Democratic Chairman Dwight Pelz
- 2) Presentation of Colors by the American Veterans Honor Guard
 - A) National Anthem performed by Kyra Smith
 - B) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Welcome to Vancouver and Clark County
 - A) Dena Horton, Chair of the Clark County Democrats
 - B) Steve Stuart, Clark County Commissioner
- 5) Appointment of Convention Officials
 - A) Secretary
 - B) Parliamentarian
 - C) Sergeant at Arms
 - D) Time Keeper
 - E) Tellers
- 6) Appointment of the Temporary Chair
- 7) Report of the State Chair
- 8) Roll Call by Counties and Legislative Districts
- 9) Report of the Credentials Committee
 - A) Jennifer Estroff and Javier Valdez Co-Chairs
- 10) Adoption of the Credentials Report
- 11) Report of the Rules Committee
 - A) Rose Ehart and Todd Nichols Co-Chairs
- 12) Adoption of the Rules of the Convention
- 13) Election of the Permanent Chair
- 14) US Senator Patty Murray
- 15) Governor Chris Gregoire
- 16) Elected Officials
- 17) Key Note Address
 - A) DNC Chairman Gov. Tim Kaine
- 18) Nominations for Federal Candidates
- 19) Recognition of Nominated Federal Candidates
- 20) Report and Adoption of Platform
 - A) Jennifer Sutton and Ken Caylor Co-Chairs
- 21) Adoption of Resolutions
- 22) Good of the Order
- 23) Adjournment



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1) Call to Convention

The 2010 State Democratic Convention shall commence on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 9:00 am in Vancouver, Washington. The State Chair shall issue the Call for the convention which shall be provided at least ten (10) days prior to the convention, to all delegates and alternates concerned.

2) Appointment of Convention Officials

The State Chair shall appoint the Temporary Chair of the Convention, and the Secretaries, Parliamentarian, Sergeants-at-Arms, Timekeeper, and as many Tellers as necessary.

3) Qualification of Delegates and Alternates

Each delegation shall be entitled to the number of delegates and alternates allocated to it by the State Committee. The total number of elected delegate positions is 1,200. The total number of elected alternate positions is 600. In addition to the elected delegates, the following shall be automatic delegates to the State Convention: all state committee members, county chairs, congressional district chairs, legislative district chairs, Democratic Members of Congress from Washington State, Democratic Statewide Elected Officials, and Democratic State Senators and Representatives.

Delegates and alternates must be legal residents and registered voters of the County and Legislative District they were elected to represent. Registered voters includes all registered voters and any 17 year old who will be eligible to vote on November 2, 2010. In the event that any delegate or alternate moves from the County or Legislative District he/she was elected to represent he/she shall automatically forfeit his/her seat and an alternate shall be seated in his/her place. In the event there is no alternate, the seat will be declared vacant.

4) Certification of Delegates and Alternates

Any delegate or alternate who has been properly certified by his/her respective County Chair or Legislative District Chair as being duly elected shall be seated as a delegate or alternate and shall vote and otherwise participate in the Convention.

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2 **5) Seating of Alternates**
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4 Alternates shall be seated in the order in which they were elected and, to the
5 extent possible, of the same gender. A delegate may be replaced only by an
6 alternate from his/her Legislative District. If a delegate is absent from a
7 Legislative District containing more than one County, an alternate from the same
8 County as the absent delegate shall be seated prior to any other alternate from
9 the Legislative District.

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11 **6) Removal of Delegates and Alternates**
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13 Delegates and alternates will be removed by (1) non attendance at the
14 convention or (2) if the delegate or alternate has a sustained challenged by the
15 Credentials Committee or the Convention at large. No person shall be permitted
16 to vote on his/her own credentials challenge.
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18 **7) Convention Committees**
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- 20 A) The Credentials, Rules and Platform Committees shall meet prior to the
21 opening of the Convention. No person may cast more than one vote. The
22 Co-Chairs of each committee shall vote only to break a tie. If after the Co-
23 Chairs vote the result remains a tie, the measure shall fail.
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25 B) The Convention Chair shall recognize the Co-Chairs of a Committee to
26 present the Committee's report. The Co-Chairs may yield part of their time
27 to others and may yield for the presentation and disposition of
28 amendments and minority reports without losing their right to the floor.
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30 **8) Report of Credentials Committee**
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- 32 A) The report of the Credentials Committee shall be acted upon before the
33 consideration of any other business. The report shall include the total
34 number of delegates seated at the convention. It shall also include the
35 total number of elected delegates seated, the number of elected alternates
36 seated, and the number of automatic delegates seated.
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38 B) After consideration and disposition of minority reports and amendments,
39 the Convention Chair shall put the question of the adoption of the
40 Credentials report before the body. Consideration of Convention business
41 may proceed upon adoption of the Credentials report
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43 **9) Amendment to Credentials Report**
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45 Unchallenged delegates, and alternates eligible to be seated, who arrive after the
46 adoption of the credentials committee report may be seated by the credentials
47 committee. Registration shall close at 12:00 noon. Promptly thereafter, the
48 credentials committee shall amend its report to include late arriving delegates.
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2 **10) Report of Rules Committee**
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- 4 A) The report of the Rules Committee shall include a proposed agenda and
5 rules and shall be provided to each delegate at least ten (10) days prior to
6 the State Convention.
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8 B) After consideration and disposition of amendments, the Temporary Chair of
9 the Convention shall put the question on the adoption of the Rules report.
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11 **11) Election of Permanent Chair**
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- 13 A) Candidates for Permanent Chair of the Convention shall be nominated and
14 seconded by at least fifty (50) delegates to the Convention. Each
15 candidate may use up to two (2) minutes on his or her own behalf for
16 nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate. The
17 two (2) minutes may be allocated at the candidate's discretion.
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19 B) A majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to
20 elect. If a majority is not achieved on the first vote, then the nomination
21 list shall be reduced to the two (2) receiving the highest vote and a
22 succeeding vote shall be taken.
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24 C) The Permanent Chair shall take the gavel on announcement of the vote and
25 shall preside until adjournment. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to
26 conduct and expedite the business of the Convention. He/she is authorized
27 to appoint a person to temporarily perform the duties of the Chair in the
28 absence of the Chair and to take such lawful action as may be necessary to
29 preserve order throughout the Convention Hall.
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31 **12) Nominations**
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- 33 A) Nominees for United State Senator and United States Representative, as
34 required, shall be selected at the Democratic State Convention in
35 accordance with the rules for the Convention.
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37 For the office of United States Representative, a caucus of delegates of the
38 Congressional District under consideration shall nominate a candidate. The
39 selection of the nominee from the Congressional District caucus shall be
40 subject to a vote of affirmation by the Convention in accordance with the
41 rules of the Convention.
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- 43 B) In the case of a vacancy in a partisan office, the nominee shall be
44 designated by the Democratic Central Committee acting through its Chair.
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1 **13) Preliminary Report of the Platform Committee**

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- 3 A) The preliminary report of the Platform Committee shall be provided to each
4 delegate and alternate at least ten (10) days prior to the Convention. The
5 draft platform and resolutions shall be available for comment on the State
6 Democratic Party website (<http://www.wa-democrats.org>) from May 18th –
7 28th.
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- 9 B) Platform Committee members may hold hearings in their Counties or
10 Legislative Districts or receive comments directly or indirectly through the
11 State Party’s website.
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- 13 C) The Platform Committee shall meet on May 1st, 2nd, and 16th and June 5th
14 and 25th.

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16 **14) Submission of Proposed Platform Amendments and Resolutions**

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- 18 A) A hard copy or a scanned copy of the amendment or resolution with
19 required signatures shall be presented to the office of the Washington State
20 Democratic Party located at 615 – 2nd Ave., Suite #580, Seattle, WA
21 98104, received by mail at PO Box 4027, Seattle, WA 98194, faxed to
22 (206) 583-0301, or emailed to gregh@wa-democrats.org by 5:00 pm on
23 Friday, May 28, 2010. It must be signed by at least fifteen (15) delegates,
24 no more than ten (10) of whom come from both the same County and the
25 same Legislative District, or by any twenty five (25) delegates. A version
26 in Microsoft Word (.doc not .docx) format must also be emailed to
27 gregh@wa-democrats.org by the same deadline. .
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- 29 B) A hard copy or a scanned copy of an amendment or resolution with
30 required signatures that is presented after the deadline in the preceding
31 paragraph (**Rule 14.A**) shall be presented to the office of the Washington
32 State Democratic Party located at 615 – 2nd Ave., Suite #580, Seattle, WA
33 98104, received by mail at PO Box 4027, Seattle, WA 98194, faxed to
34 (206) 583-0301, or emailed to gregh@wa-democrats.org by 12:00 pm (noon)
35 on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. It must be signed by at least 50 (fifty)
36 delegates. The amendment or resolution and supporting signatures must
37 be submitted as a single package. A version in Microsoft Word (.doc not
38 .docx) format must also be emailed to gregh@wa-democrats.org by the
39 same deadline.
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- 41 C) The Platform Committee will determine whether an amendment or
42 resolution meets the test of a platform amendment, resolution or neither.
43 If such a determination is challenged, the Platform Committee Co-Chairs
44 shall explain the determination and the challenge shall otherwise be non-
45 debatable.
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1 **15) Presentation and Adoption of Platform at Convention**
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- 3 A) The Convention shall adopt a platform that spells out the basic values and
4 core beliefs of Washington Democrats.
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6 B) The proposed platform shall be presented by the Platform Committee. At
7 the discretion of the Convention Chair, consideration of the platform may
8 commence at any time without amendment of the agenda or suspension of
9 the rules. The order of discussion of the sections of the platform shall be
10 determined by lot prior to the Convention by the Platform Committee.
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12 C) A motion for adoption of the platform as presented will be placed on the
13 floor by the Platform Committee. The Convention Chair will entertain
14 motions for debate. Amendments to delete platform language and make
15 grammatical corrections shall be accepted from the floor with fifty (50)
16 seconds. Amendments to add language will not be in order.
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18 **16) Adoption of Resolutions**
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- 20 A) Resolutions shall address specific or transitory issues, include actionable
21 language and be submitted in the required format as publicized on the
22 State Democratic Party's website (<http://www.wa-democrats.org>).
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24 B) Resolutions shall be considered by the Convention following final
25 consideration of the platform. Resolutions shall be consistent with the
26 platform. The Convention Chair shall have final determination on this
27 ruling. Resolutions shall be grouped by related platform topics. Within
28 each topic, the resolutions (if any) proposed by the Platform Committee
29 shall be considered first, followed by resolutions submitted by the
30 Legislative District Caucuses and County Conventions or in compliance with
31 **Rule 14.A** followed by **Rule 14.B** above. They shall be considered in the
32 order in which they were received.
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34 C) The Platform Committee shall consider all resolutions submitted and may
35 edit and make a recommendation on each of DO PASS, DO NOT PASS, or
36 CONSOLIDATE. Amendments and resolutions which are consolidated by
37 the Platform Committee shall be presented as consolidated. Amendments
38 to delete resolution language and make grammatical corrections shall be
39 accepted from the floor with fifty (50) seconds. Amendments to add
40 language will not be in order.
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42 D) Resolutions not acted upon at the Convention shall be referred to the State
43 Central Committee for action.
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1 **17) Procedures for Voting and Rules for Debate**
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3 Debate on any question before the Convention not otherwise covered in these
4 rules shall be limited in the following manner:
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- 6 A) Only delegates and alternates seated in place of absent delegates have
7 voice and vote from the floor of the Convention.
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- 9 B) Each speaker shall be limited to two (2) minutes.
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- 11 C) No more than two (2) speakers on each side of the question shall be
12 recognized by the Chair.
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- 14 D) Commencing at 3:00 p.m. or upon adoption of the platform, whichever
15 event occurs later, debate shall be limited to one (1) speaker on each side
16 of the question for one (1) minute each.
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- 18 E) Motions to table and to postpone indefinitely shall not be entertained.
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- 20 F) Except where a written ballot is required, votes from the floor shall be
21 demonstrated by display of delegate voting credential, rather than voice or
22 standing vote.
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- 24 G) Any fifty (50) delegates may demand a division of the body.
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26 **18) Quorum**
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28 A quorum shall consist of 30% of the delegates seated upon the report of the
29 Credentials Committee, as amended. A quorum call shall not be entertained prior
30 to 4:00 p.m., but in no event before at least one hour has been devoted to the
31 consideration of resolutions. Thereafter, in the event of a quorum call, the Chair
32 shall ascertain the presence or absence of a quorum by visual estimate or roll call
33 of the delegations. The Chair shall not proceed unless a quorum is present,
34 provided that (a) a motion to adopt the full platform without further amendment
35 or debate, or (b) a motion to adjourn, may be considered without a quorum
36 present.
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38 **19) Activity on the Convention Floor**
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40 Floor demonstrations shall not be permitted except for nominated federal
41 candidates. Special credentials will be issued in quantities established by the
42 Convention Sergeant at Arms to allow access to the staging area for these
43 campaigns to prepare their floor demonstrations, and access to the floor only for
44 the time of the demonstration. Upon completion of the demonstration these
45 credentials shall be returned to the Sergeant at Arms.
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1 **20) Speakers at the Convention**

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3 The Chair of the Convention, at his or her sole discretion, may recognize
4 candidates and other persons to address the Convention.

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6 **21) No Endorsements**

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8 The Convention shall not endorse candidates or initiatives.

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10 **22) Robert's Rules**

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12 In other matters not specifically covered herein, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly
13 Revised, shall prevail.