

## CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS REORGANIZATION MEETING

December 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Jefferson School, 12<sup>th</sup> & Lincoln, Port Angeles

Attendance is not a part of these Minutes, as the sign-in process was not a part of the Recording Secretary's duties.

Chair Roger Fight called the meeting to order at 10:23.

**Flag Salute** – Ed Grier led the Membership in the Flag Salute.

Roger Fight announced that the acting Parliamentarian is John Marrs, and the Sergeant-at-Arms is Lee Whetham. Catherine Harper is the Recording Secretary.

**Election of Temporary Chair** – Mike Chapman nominated Roger Fight as Temporary Chair. Chanda Masta stated that the Progressives would get behind Roger Fight as the Chair for today's meeting.

Motion to name Roger Fight as Temporary Chair, seconded. Voice vote; the ayes have it. Roger Fight was named as Temporary Chair.

**Report on Attendance** – Virginia Shogren announced that 48 PCOs (out of 55) were present today, and 119 Members (including 43 new members).

**Adoption of the Agenda** – Motion to approve the Agenda was made and seconded. Voice vote; the ayes have it. The Agenda was adopted.

**Adoption of the Rules** – Chanda Masta moves to strike 7D and 7E from the rules. These rules stipulate that questions may be asked of the candidates and they may answer. The motion was seconded.

Discussion followed. Norma Turner spoke in opposition to this motion.

Voice vote; the nays have it. Candidates will be asked and have the opportunity to answer questions from the voting PCOs and Members.

**Overview of the Election Process** - Roger Fight explained that the Nominating Committee has created a slate of candidates, and that additional nominations may be made from the floor.

There will be a two-minute presentation from each candidate; Tom and Helga Montgomery will be the timekeepers. Mike Chapman is the microphone holder. Questions are limited to 30 seconds.

Roger Fight explained the privileges and obligations of the election: PCOs only may vote for the top four positions per State Law; all members may vote on all other positions.

## **Election of Initial Officers**

**Chair** – The nominees are Craig Ritchie and Virginia Shogren. Roger Fight asked for additional nominees – none were noted.

Marie Trillingham moves that the male candidate be removed from consideration as Chair, citing someone having been told that he could not run because he was male. Ms. Trillingham believes that this is "policy" and thus Craig Ritchie is not eligible to run. This motion was seconded.

Kris Grier stated that the elected Chair and Vice Chair have to be of different genders, but that we do not have a policy of excluding candidates based on gender.

There was discussion in favor of and in opposition to such a motion. It was decided that everyone had had a chance to be nominated, and that this is not the time and place for a change of rules.

Nomination from floor: Bill Kildall. Bill Kildall withdraws, and thus is not nominated.

Motion on floor to remove Craig Ritchie from the ballot. There is a second. Voice vote; the nays have it. Craig Ritchie remains on the ballot.

Two-minute presentations by Craig Ritchie and Virginia Shogren.

Questions: Virginia Shogren passes on questions/answers to save time; Craig Ritchie answers four questions posed by the PCOs.

The ballots are marked, collected and counted.

Dale Wilson announces an open house on Tuesday, December 13, 5-8 pm, for the Public Access TV station.

Before the counting was certified, Virginia Shogren and Craig Ritchie proposed that they be co-chairs; while irregular, this is not improper.

Vote was taken on allowing co-chairs: 26 for, 12 against. The co-chairmanship is accepted.

The Parliamentarian raised no objections.

Motion is made and seconded to allow this exception to the bylaws. Voice vote; the ayes have it.

## **Vice Chair**

There are three candidates for Vice Chair: Kris Grier, Bill Kildall and Nancy Martin. There is no gender issue because there are candidates of both genders. Roger Fight calls for nominations from the floor – none. Motion is made and seconded to close nominations. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. Nominations are closed.

The first-round ballots are counted, and the lowest candidate is dropped (Bill Kildall). The second-round ballots are voted on remaining two candidates.

Before the vote was certified, Kris Grier and Nancy Martin proposed that they be co-vice chairs. Parliamentarian John Marrs moves to accept this; this motion is seconded.

Chair Roger Fight asked for any comments. Liz Bumgarner commented that having co-chairs and/or co-vice chairs creates a lack of responsibility. We need to be careful to hold BOTH responsible. Mike Libra suggested that in cases of no agreement, the co-chairs and co-vice chairs go to the PCOs and ask for direction.

Motion to accept co-vice chairs, PCO Barbara Feligno; Barbara Huntsman seconded. Voice vote; the ayes have it. Co-vice chairs are elected.

### **State Committeewoman**

Julie Johnson and Jessica Hernandez are the nominees. Chair Roger Fight asked for further nominations from the floor – none. Motion is made and seconded to close the nomination. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. Nominations are closed.

Two-minutes statements were made by Jessica Hernandez and Julie Johnson. There were no questions.

John Marrs clarified that you must be present to vote, you may not sign your ballot and leave it behind – it won't count.

The ballots were counted. Julie Johnson was elected State Committeewoman.

### **State Committeeman**

Joe McGimpsey and Andrew Shogren are the nominees. Chair Roger Fight asked for further nominations from the floor – none. Motion is made and seconded to close the nomination. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. Nominations are closed.

Two-minute statements were made by Joe McGimpsey and Andrew Shogren. There were no questions.

The PCOs counted off to show how many ballots should be returned: 44.

The ballots were counted. Andrew Shogren was elected State Committeeman.

### **Election of Additional Officers**

#### **Treasurer**

Ken Reandeu and Kimiko White are the nominees. Chair Roger Fight asked for further nominations from the floor – none. Motion is made and seconded to close the nomination. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. Nominations are closed.

Two-minute statements were made by Ken Reandeau and Kimiko White. Mr. Reandeau endorsed Kimiko for the position (although he did not withdraw). There were no questions.

Kris Grier stated that he will work with either candidate, and create a Treasurer's Notebook to make the transition easier.

The ballots were counted. Kimiko White was elected Treasurer.

### **Recording Secretary**

Katherine Angel and Catherine Harper are the nominees. Chair Roger Fight asked for further nominations from the floor – none. Motion is made and seconded to close the nomination. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. Nominations are closed.

Two-minute statements were made by Catherine Harper and Katherine Angel. Ms. Harper endorsed Katherine Angel for the position (although she did not withdraw). There were no questions.

The ballots were counted. Katherine Angel was elected Recording Secretary.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Carlyn Syvanen and Leslie Springrice are the nominees. Chair Roger Fight asked for further nominations from the floor – none. Motion is made and seconded to close the nomination. Voice vote; motion passes unanimously. Nominations are closed.

Two-minute statements were made by Carlyn Syvanen and Leslie Springrice. Chanda Masta posed the question to both candidates: as Corresponding Secretary, how would you use social media for outreach, and how well-versed are you in social media/website design? Both candidates answered the question.

The ballots were counted. Leslie Springrice was elected Corresponding Secretary.

### **Election of Trustees**

The membership broke into three groups, by District. Each member received 6 ballots for his/her district. Nominations were made from the floor.

A chair for the election was selected, as well as a recording secretary, and volunteers to tally the ballots.

Each member voted on all candidates; clear majority winners were elected, and the lowest candidate was dropped. If additional trustees needed to be elected, members voted again on the remaining candidates. Gender rules apply: two men/1 woman or 2 women/1 man.

As many ballots were voted as were needed to elect three trustees for each District.

**Results** – The following trustees were elected

District One: Liz Bumgarner, Steve Schneider, Sheridan Stenberg

District Two: LeRoy Martin, Bob Hosek, Casey Williams

District Three: Terri Heilman, Georgina Borte, Tree Stokken

At this time, the "ceremonial gavel" was passed by Roger Fight to new co-Chairs Craig Ritchie and Virginia Shogren.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.