

Proposed Bylaw Amendments
Bylaws Committee
December 3, 2009

The Bylaws Committee is proposing four amendments. Party leadership asked the Committee to review Party officer responsibilities regarding handling finances – amendments 1 and 2. The Committee also worked on a proposed amendment from June that was referred back to us by the Central Committee – amendment 3. And lastly, an amendment was explored to address a specific problem of maintaining delegate representation when a delegate cannot serve for unforeseen reasons and is unable to resign – amendment 4.

Purpose

- | |
|---|
| 1. The duties of the Treasurer (Art. III, 6, 6) require that all checks be signed by the Treasurer and one other Party officer. However, the Party Chair's duties also require him to sign all checks. This amendment is proposed to allow the flexibility of any two officers to sign checks, but still gives the Party Chair ultimate responsibility for funds without needing to be the other check signer in all circumstances. |
|---|

Art. III, 3, A, 11 (Duties of the Chair)

~~Sign all checks issued by the Party in conjunction with the Treasurer;~~

Authorize all Party expenditures;

Purpose

- | |
|--|
| 2. A similar change needs to also be made to the Vice Chair's duties when acting as chair in the absence of the Chair: |
|--|

Art. III, 4, B, 3, a (Duties of the Vice Chair)

~~In conjunction with the Treasurer, sign all party checks; and~~

Authorize all Party expenditures; and

Purpose

- | |
|---|
| 3. * March – Central Committee passed an amendment changing the mailing of convention minutes to providing copies at a Central Committee meeting.
* June – A Central Committee member proposed to add emailing minutes to delegates and keeping them on the web site for two years. This was referred back to Bylaws for work.
* Today – Bylaws is proposing an amendment that gives all delegates and all Central Committee members access to convention minutes upon request saving the Party time and costs but making minutes available to any who want them. (An additional benefit, which is not stated but is implicit in being “upon request”, is that minutes could be sent in any format requested – email, fax or mail.) |
|---|

Art. II, Sec. 5, 2, d (Duties of the Secretary)

A. (as it is currently – *Bylaws proposes to delete this*)

County Conventions – ~~provide minutes to Central Committee at their next regular meeting.~~

B. (as it was proposed in June – *Bylaws does not support this change*)

County Conventions – provide minutes to Central Committee at their next regular meeting. Email minutes to Central Committee members and that convention's delegates within one (1) month of the convention and include on the County Party's website for at least two years from the convention date.

C. (as *Bylaws is proposing to amend it today*)

County Conventions – provide minutes to Central Committee members and convention delegates upon request.

Purpose

- | |
|---|
| 4. Presently the only authorized reason for a delegate to be replaced is death, moving from the district or resignation, but other circumstances may legitimately prevent a delegate from serving or attending convention leaving the precinct unrepresented. An additional category – “inability to serve” – broadens the Party's ability to help precincts be represented at convention and better reflects our human condition |
|---|

Art. VIII, Sec. 3, A, 1 (Party Conventions)

Vacancies shall be appointed in writing by the voting precinct chair or acting chair and filed with the Party no later than fourteen (14) days prior to convention. Vacancies only apply in cases of death, resignation, inability to serve, moving of primary residence from the voting precinct or violation of Article I, Section 3 of these Bylaws.