

Proposed Bylaw Amendments
Bylaws Committee
Feb. 25, 2010

These proposed Bylaw amendments are a continuation of the Bylaws clean-up begun several years ago and which we are bringing to the Central Committee a few at a time. Our effort is put the document into a consistent format, to standardize terms, to simplify and clarify, to remove inconsistencies and to correctly reflect Party organization. The proposed amendments today come from the first two articles that deal with Party purposes and Party Officers' responsibilities.

1. Art. I, 6, D

#6

At all stages of the delegate selection process, the Party shall ensure that there is no discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex or age.

Purpose

This proposal is to expand non-discrimination in the Party from just the delegates to all positions in the Party.

~~At all stages of the delegate selection process, the~~ The Party shall ensure that there is no discrimination in the election or appointment of any position in the Party on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex or age.

2. Art. II, 4, A, new 4, and renumber section

#16

Purpose

This is the Party practice and it ought to be specified that the vice chair has the authority and responsibility to appoint these positions that work directly with him. In practice, the vice chair does administratively ask the region chairs to propose legislative chairs when possible, but he has the power of appointment.

Appoint legislative and regional district chairs;

3. Art. II, 5, 5

#23

~~Certify all appointed convention delegates;~~

Purpose

In actual practice, this provision is understood to mean the preparing of a certificate or official list of State Convention delegates who are elected at the caucuses or, if not there, at the County Convention and sending it to the State Party. We propose to delete the unclear wording and insert the following:

Prepare and provide to the State Party an official list of State Convention delegates from the county;

4. Art. II, 5, 9 and new 10, and renumber

#26

Organize, maintain and archive all vital Party records, appoint an historian to serve at the pleasure of the officers by assisting and making a record of Party activities during the officers' terms;

Purpose

This provision is actually two separate ideas: party records and party historian. We propose to separate these and to word the historian section so that the Party secretary will have the option to either serve as the historian or appoint one. Some wording is simplified.

9. Organize, maintain and archive all vital Party records;

10. Serve as or appoint an historian to ~~serve at the pleasure of the officers by assisting and making~~ make a record of Party activities ~~during the officers' terms;~~ and

11. Actively promote the purposes of the Party.