

MCDCC Standing Rules

1. Notice of Bylaw or Standing Rule Changes:

Text of proposed changes to the Marion County Democratic Party Bylaws or Rules will be sent to the general membership via email at least six days prior to the Central Committee meeting in which they will be first read. Proposed changes will also be made available on the MCDCC website one week prior to the Central Committee meeting in which they are first read.

2. Procedure for Submitting a Bylaw or Standing Rule Change:

The proposed change shall be submitted to the Chair, Rules Chair or in person at a Central Committee Meeting as a motion to refer to the Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee shall have 60 days to review the proposal and submit the proposal to the Executive Committee. Please plan to attend the committee meeting to speak to the proposal.

The Rules Committee will be looking to make sure the proposal does not conflict with existing bylaws or statute.

The Rules Committee may also revise the language of the proposal if necessary.

The Rules Committee shall refer any changes that affect a standing committee to said standing committee for comments and consideration within 30 days.

Once reviewed, the proposal with the committee's recommendation must be submitted at the next Executive Committee meeting so it may be reviewed and included in the next Central Committee agenda.

The proposed change must be presented at the next regular Central Committee.

3. Procedure for the nominations and election for the Reorganization of the Central Committee:

The Membership Committee will announce the formation of an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee by the third Thursday of September in even numbered years. The Ad Hoc Nominating Committee shall consist of three to five members selected by the Membership Committee. The Communications Committee should send an announcement to all PCPs with 48 hours of the September meeting, informing all PCP's of the Nominating Committee and how candidates are to submit their names.

: Nominations for inclusion on a paper ballot must be submitted to the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee by the first of November.

4. VAN access for PCPs

All PCPs shall have access to minimum privilege van accounts for their respective precinct upon written request.

5. Local Candidate Endorsement

The MCDCC is an open forum for Democratic candidate in partisan and non-partisan races where a candidate's constituency is located with the boundaries of Marion County. VAN access for legislative, statewide and national races is controlled by the DPO and is not subject to the MCDCC Bylaws or Standing Rules.ⁱ

Endorsement of local candidates is by a majority vote of the MCDCC membership.

Only those local candidates endorsed by a majority vote of the MCDCC may receive a MCDCC issued VAN account.

Only those local candidates endorsed by a majority vote of the MCDCC may receive any neighborhood leader or other canvassing support from the MCDCC.

In primaries and non-partisan races, the MCDCC may endorse more than one local candidate for the same position.

A local candidate for any public office who receives a MCDCC VAN account must have a substantial percentage of the constituency for the office reside within the boundaries of Marion County.*

No Political Action Committee, other than one which supports a single candidate, may receive or use an MCDCC VAN account.*

Local candidates may seek endorsement by requesting an MCDCC endorsement from the Chair of the Candidate Support Committee or the Chair of the MCDCC.

Local candidates may be un-endorsed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ (75 percent) vote of the MCDCC membership. The Executive Committee must notify the candidate one week before the general meeting.

These rules will put the MCDCC in compliance with the VAN account rules as stated by DPO Chair Jean Atkins at the VAN roundtable during the 2018 4th quarter DPO general meeting.

i As amended- January 17th, 2019