



Meeting Agenda

Regular Membership Meeting
April 18 is cancelled

Come to the
43rd Legislative District
Caucus
Saturday, April 22nd
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Historic University District
Theater
5510 University Way NE

On Bus Routes 71, 72, 73

The business of the 43rd Legislative District Caucus shall be the election of Delegates and Alternates to the 2006 Democratic State Convention. A district platform and resolutions may also be considered at this meeting. There will be a registration fee of \$10.

Payment of fee shall not be condition of participation or election.

Next Regular Membership Meeting
May 16, 2006
7:30 – 9:00 pm
University Baptist Church
NE 47th and 12th NE

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 43RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CAUCUS

Three committees have been established to prepare for the 43rd Legislative District Caucus:

- **Rules Committee** – Charlie Bendock, Chair
Establish proposed rules for 43rd Legislative District Caucus.
- **Platform Committee** – Linda Clifton, Chair
Review resolutions and platform planks submitted at the Precinct Caucuses.
- **Credentials Committee** – Bill Sherman, Chair
Review and approve credentials of Delegates and Alternates.

The 43rd District will be electing 50 delegates and 25 alternates.

Any Democrat can be nominated to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate at a Precinct Caucus meeting, a Legislative District Caucus or a Legislative District Sub-Caucus held in conjunction with a County Convention. However, only Delegates (and seated Alternates) may vote at a given level. *For example, if you are seated as a Delegate at the 43rd LD Caucus, then you can vote on any matters at that Caucus. If you are not a seated Delegate, then you may not vote at that caucus. However, you may run for Delegate or Alternate for the next level—the State Convention.*

Save the Date!

43rd District Democrats Annual Spring Party

Saturday, May 20, 2006

7:00 pm

Washington Pioneer Hall

Madison Park in Seattle

1642 43rd Avenue East

For more information or to volunteer, call Julian Wheeler, Vice Chair for Events, at julianfwheeler@aol.com.

Agenda and Rules for 2006 Legislative District Caucus

AGENDA

1. 2:00 p.m. – Registration
2. 2:30 p.m. – Call to order.
3. Welcome
4. Adoption of Agenda and Rules
5. Credentials report, Seating of Alternates, Challenges
6. Appointment of Secretary, and Parliamentarian
7. 3:00 pm Election of State Convention Delegates and Alternates
8. 3:45 pm Adoption of Platform and Resolutions
9. Good of the Order
10. 5:00 pm Adjournment

RULES

1. The Legislative District Caucus shall be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006 commencing at 2:00 a.m., at The Historic University Theater, 5510 University Way NE.
2. Delegates to the Legislative District Caucus shall be the Delegates and Alternates elected at the Precinct Caucuses. An Alternate shall not have a vote unless seated to replace an absent or ineligible Delegate. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected. To the extent possible, of same gender as the Delegate being replaced. Precinct Committee Officers serving prior to January 31, 2006, shall be automatic Delegates to their Legislative District Caucus in addition to the allocated Delegates. In such cases, an additional, Alternate may be elected.
3. Any duly elected Delegate or Alternate who moves from his or her precinct prior to the Legislative District Caucus shall automatically forfeit his or her seat and an Alternate shall be seated in his or her place.
4. At the time of signing in, Delegates and Alternates shall sign in by Precinct. There will be a registration fee for all Delegates and Alternates to the Legislative District Caucus of \$10.00 at the door. Payment of this fee shall not be a condition of participation or election.
5. The Legislative District Chair or the Chair's designee shall serve as Chair of the Caucus.

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Editor's Note:

The Chair report is not published this month due to the Agenda and Rules for the 2006 Legislative Caucuses. The Chair report will resume in May's newsletter.

2006 Democratic State Convention

2006 Democratic State Convention will be held on June 2-4, 2006 at the Yakima Convention Center located at 10 North 8th St., in Yakima.

The business of the State Convention shall include the adoption of a platform or resolutions. Delegates to the State Convention shall be the duly elected Delegates or Alternates from the Legislative Districts within the State. In addition to the elected Delegates, the following are 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. There will be a State Convention Registration fee of \$40 for each Delegate. While this fee, like all fees in this process, is not a mandatory levy on each Delegate it would significantly help to defray the expenses of the Convention.

The host hotel for the State Convention is the Red Lion Hotel located at 607 East Yakima Ave., in Yakima. The price for a room at the Red Lion under the Washington State Democratic Party room block is \$80 per night for a single king room, \$90 per night for a double queen room. This is based on double occupancy; each additional person is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling the Red Lion at (509) 248-5900.

Action Committees

The Executive Board has approved the formation of Action Committees.

If you have successfully passed a resolution during a Regular Membership Meeting in the past calendar year you are eligible to form an Action Committee.

If you plan to form an Action Committee contact Lisa Stuebing, Chair43rd-Dems@aol.com or (206) 523-3644 and let her know three things. 1.) What your committee will address, 2.) Will you need assistance forming a committee or do you have committee members in mind? 3.) Also would you prefer to attend an Action Committee workshop before forming a committee and writing your strategic plan or are you are ready to hit the ground running.

After your Action Committee is formed, write a strategic plan. The idea is to bang this out as quickly and thoughtfully as possible.

What goes into a strategic plan? Just about anything. If you want to raise awareness in the District about hunger, then you might want to hold a letter writing campaign, have a canned food drive at the next 3 meetings, and line up volunteers to help out at the food bank (in their 43rd District T-Shirts).

Quagmire is not allowed. If your Action Committee is stuck, form a second Action Committee. Be sure that Lisa Stuebing knows that there is more than one Action Committee working on a strategic plan for the same issue.

The membership will vote on your strategic plan(s). They may adopt one or the other or both. Volunteer Plans will be drafted to help with volunteer recruitment.

In the words of Joey Ramone, "Hey, Ho, Let's Go!"

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6. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the report of the Credentials Committee which shall include the following:
 - a. The total number of Delegates certified elected within the District;
 - b. The total number of Delegates registered and seated at the time the report is given;
 - c. The total number of Alternates eligible to be seated at the time due to the absence of elected Delegates;
 - d. Supervision by name and Precinct of the seating of eligible Alternates;
 - e. Presentation of challenged Precinct documentation for decision by the Legislative District Caucus as a whole, starting with the lowest numbered Precinct or at the beginning of the alphabet and proceeding in alpha-numerical order until all challenges are resolved. If the challenged Delegate is not sustained, he or she shall be removed immediately and replaced by a qualified Alternate. A challenged Delegate may not vote on the question of his or her own challenge.

The Credentials Committee may seat unchallenged Delegates arriving after the Credentials Committee report.

7. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee.
8. The LD Caucus Chair shall appoint a Secretary and Parliamentarian.
9. The LD Caucus Chair shall announce the allocation of State Convention Delegates and Alternates to the Legislative District Caucus. (50 delegates and 25 alternates.)
10. The Election of State Convention Delegates and Alternates:
 - a. Each candidate for State Convention Delegate or Alternate must be a resident registered voter in the Legislative District.
 - b. All persons eligible and interested to serve as State Convention Delegate will fill out a "Self-Nomination to Serve as Delegate or Alternate" at the time of registration.
 - c. The Credentials Committee will alphabetize the cards and count the total number of eligible delegates and alternates. If there are 50 or fewer delegates then the entire list will be voted on as a slate. Unless any candidate is challenged. There will be one vote. It will be by the raising of hands.

If there are more than 50 delegates and fewer than 25 alternates, the chair will ask for volunteers to change their candidacy from delegate to alternate.

If no one wishes to change their candidacy from delegate to volunteer, and there are more than 50 eligible delegates and there are no challenges, then the delegates will submit their names on a designated slip of paper. The election will be by lot until 50 delegate slots have been filled. The Chair of the Credentials Committee will draw the lots.

If there are more than 25 eligible alternates, the Chair will ask if anyone wishes to resign their candidacy, and there are no challenges, then the delegates will submit their names on a designated slip of paper. The election will be by lot until 25 alternate slots have been filled. The Chair of the Credentials Committee will draw the lots.

- d. Each candidate for State Convention Delegate or Alternate shall be nominated individually. No second is required. A candidate who is not a Delegate to the Legislative District Caucus or who is not present must signify in advance, in writing individually, that he/she will serve if elected and that he/she is a Democrat and is willing to be known as such. The letter of any absent candidate shall be read by the Legislative District Caucus Chair and shall constitute a nomination, no second required. All other nominations shall be made by signing a self-nomination card at the registration table.

11. All meetings of the Credentials Committee are open to other Democrats and to the general public.

- a. Only persons who are harmed by an infraction have standing to file a challenge to the seating of any delegate reported as having been elected at a Precinct Caucus or to file a challenge to the procedures followed at a Precinct Caucus.
- b. No other person or organization may bring a challenge on behalf of a person alleged to have been harmed by an infraction of the rules.
- c. All challenges to the election of any Delegate or Alternate, or asserting a violation or non-implementation of the Delegate Selection Plan must be submitted to the Legislative District Chair in writing no later than seven (7) days before the Legislative District Caucus. The Legislative District Chair is responsible for scheduling all meetings of the Credentials Committee and for transmitting to the Committee all challenges and materials necessary for the Committee to conduct its business.
- d. The Credential Committee shall receive the challenge, examine the documents germane to the challenge, and interview any persons necessary to come to a ruling.
- e. The findings of the Credentials Committee are final only after they have been adopted by a vote of the Legislative District Caucus. No person involved in a challenge may vote on his/her challenge.

12. At the time of the election, each elected State Convention Delegate shall be requested to pay the \$40.00 State Convention Registration fee to the Secretary who shall send fees and a list of Delegates and Alternates with addresses and phone numbers to the State Chair within five (5) days. No person shall be excluded or disqualified from any part of the process for failure to pay such fee.

13. At the discretion of the Chair, consideration of platform amendments and resolutions may commence without suspension of the rules.

We will take up platform amendments first.

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We will consider each section of the platform at a time. Once the consideration for that portion of the platform is

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closed it will not be reconsidered at the LD Caucus.

14. The motion "to table" shall be out of order at all times.
15. Debate shall alternate pro and con, limited to three speakers for and three speakers against any motion, each speaker to speak no more than one minute.
16. A quorum shall consist of 30% of the number eligible to vote as shown on the Credentials report, as most recently amended.
17. Platform amendments shall be submitted in writing, and whenever possible by email to the Chair. Resolutions may be submitted prior to the meeting to: Lisa Stuebing, 6300 Latona Ave NE, Seattle, 98115; Chair43rd-Dems@aol.com

If the platform amendment is not submitted to the LD Chair on or before Monday, April 17th, 2006 at 5 pm then 100 copies of the amendment must be brought to the LD Caucus.

The Platform amendments will be sorted into the order of the subject headings of the District Platform. Each subject will be considered in the order of the document. Each platform amendment will be considered by subject order and then by order of receipt by the LD Chair.

18. Resolutions shall be submitted in writing, and whenever possible by email to the Chair. Resolutions may be submitted prior to the meeting to: Lisa Stuebing, 6300 Latona Ave NE, Seattle, 98115; Chair43rd-Dems@aol.com

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Resolutions will be considered in order of receipt by the LD Caucus Chair.

19. The unit rule shall not be permitted at any time.
20. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
21. All possible efforts shall be made to insure maximum participation of ethnic minorities, women, youth, persons over 65 years of age, lesbians and gays, Labor, persons with a high school education or less, disabled, and persons of economic disadvantage.
22. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail in other matters not specifically covered herein.

APRIL

- Daily**
Progressive Talk Radio AM 1090
Mondays—Marriage Equality Now
 7:00pm
 Public Meeting, Seattle Central Community College, Room 4144
www.marriageequalitynow.org
- Tuesdays—Drinking Liberally**
 8:00pm
 Montlake Ale House
 2307 24th Avenue E.
www.drinkingliberally.org
- 10 11th Annual Golden Shoe Awards Luncheon**
 12:00 pm
 Westin Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 1900 Fifth Ave., Seattle
 Featuring special guest Al Franken.
 RSVP to Amanda at 206-286-9199
- 18 43rd District E-Board Meeting**
 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
 6300 Latona Ave NE
- 18 House Democratic Caucus & Senate Democratic Caucus Spring Fundraising Reception**
 6 pm
 Spirit of Washington Event Center
 233 Burnett Ave S Renton WA 98055
 Contact: Nancy Case 206-381-1220
nancy@hdcc.org
- 18 Capitol Hill Neighbors for Peace and Justice**
 Screening of Chilean Civic Action
 7:00pm -8:30pm
 St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall
 732 18th Ave E.
- 24 City of Seattle City Neighborhood Council**
 6:30pm
 Public Meeting, West Precinct conference room at 8th and Virginia
- 29 Communication training by David Domke and Christian Thurlow**
 Prof. David Domke and Prof. Crispin Thurlow will perform a training on articulating our values as Democrats.
 10:00am - 4:00pm.
 First United Methodist Church Mount Vernon
 Contact: Ginny Wolff at 360-707-5561 or e-mail: lady-bug330@wavecable.com
 website: <http://www.wa-democ-rats.org/pdf/SkagitWkshpFlier.pdf>

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- 6 King County Convention**
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 IAM Hall, South Park
 9125 15th PI South
 Seattle
 \$40 suggested donation
- 16 43rd District Meeting**
 7:30 pm—9:00 pm
 University Baptist Church
 NE 47th and 12th NE
- 25- June 18 Seattle International Film Festival**
 The 31st Annual Seattle Film Festival promises to be an exciting Viewing Event. Experience 25 days of intense film viewing, where you can indulge in every type of cinema from the UW & around the globe.
 Prices vary: single tickets and packages available.
www.seattlefilm.com
- 29 43rd District Annual Spring Party**
 Come to an exciting opportunity to meet your neighbors, chat with elected officials, and sing along with your favorite tunes, revised to fit the latest political climes.
 1642 43rd Avenue East in Madison Park in Seattle
 7:00 pm—10:00 pm.
 Contact: Julian Wheeler, Vice Chair for Events at (206) 522-9495
 or e-mail: julianfwheeler@aol.com
- For more events, please visit**
www.43rddems.org.

Attention Contributors

We have expanded our newsletter in order to focus on more substantive and topical articles. We urge the contribution of articles from any member on a topic of general interest. Editing will be done because of space and/or page constraints. The editor reserves the right to reject any news item or article.

Articles: We welcome articles reporting on events and news. All items should be typed and spell-checked and submitted in an email, in Word or text format.

Events: All announcements and/or calendar events should be emailed including available hyperlinks.

Deadlines: The deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month.

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Next Meeting:

Saturday, April 22

**43rd Legislative
District Caucus**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR
43RD DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEEWOMAN**

At the regular 43rd district meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 pm, University Baptist Church, NE 47th and 12th NE, an election will be held for a new State Committeewoman. Any member wishing to be a candidate for State Committeewoman should contact Lisa Stuebing regarding election rules and publicity.