

Instructions for the Model Delegate Selection Plan For the 2012 Democratic National Convention

This **Model Delegate Selection Plan** is furnished to State Democratic Parties (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad) to assist with the preparation of their respective Plans for the 2012 delegate selection process. In preparing their Plans, State Parties are welcome, but not required, to follow this “model” format.

Provisions applicable for both typical primary or caucus states are included in this Model Plan. A State Party can adapt this document to the requirements of its own unique primary or caucus system. State or date references appear in parentheses (e.g., (*state*) or (*date*)); state/system-specific choices or notations are indicated in brackets (e.g., [*indicate system: primary or caucus*]). All of these variables appear as ***bold and italicized*** text.

State Plans must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee by May 2, 2011. Before submitting the Plan, it must be approved by the State Party following a 30-day public comment period.

The Model Plan is available to State Parties electronically from the Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection at the Democratic National Committee.

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RHODE ISLAND DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

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The Rhode Island Delegate Selection Plan For the 2012 Democratic National Convention

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Section 1

Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Rhode Island has a total of **41** delegates and **2** alternates. (CALL, I. & APPENDIX B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (CALL, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (REGS. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (REG. 2.9)

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Rhode Island will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary for apportioning delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Rhode Island’s delegate selection process will occur on April 24, 2012, with a *Presidential Preference Primary*
3. Voter Participation in Process
 - a. Participation in Rhode Island’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democrats are identified as those registered on the RI Voter Registration roles as Democrats. Unaffiliated voters who wish to vote in the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary may do so in accordance with RI Election Law.

- (1) Rhode Island voters interested in participating in the delegate selection process must register at least 30 days prior to the filing deadline. In the case of Election Year 2012, potential delegates would need to register by January 24, 2012 in order

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to participate. **This differs from the voting deadline which is 30 days prior to the primary date, or March 24, 2012.*

- (2) Unaffiliated registered voters are automatically affiliated with the Democratic Party upon their Democratic Primary vote in accordance with RI Election Law. (RULES 2.A. & 2.C. & REG. 4.3.) (R.I.G.L. §17-9.1-23C)
 - b. At no stage of Rhode Island's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (RULE 2.D. & REG. 4.4.)
 - c. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (RULE 2.E.)
 - d. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (RULE 3.E. & REG. 4.6.)
4. Rhode Island is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The State Party has taken (*or will take*) provable positive steps to:
 - a. Promote the acquisition of accessible precinct-based optical scan systems, wherever possible. (RULE 2.H.(1))
 - b. Seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to ensure that direct recording electronic systems include a voter verified paper trail (RULE 2.H.(2))
 - c. Seek enactment of legislation, rules and policies at the state and local level to ensure that both optical scan and direct recording electronic systems include recognized security measures. These measures include automatic routine manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error. (RULE 2.H.(3))
 - d. These provable positive steps have included: public endorsement by the state party of such legislation; efforts to educate the public on the need for such legislation; active support for the legislation by the state party lobbying state legislators, other public officials, Party officials and Party members; and encouraging consideration of the legislation by the appropriate legislative committees and bodies. RI currently employs optical scan voting equipment in

all precincts throughout the state and each voting machine is equipped with a hard copy “paper trail” record.

Section II Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Rhode Island ballot by meeting the following conditions: (RULES 11.B., 14.A., 14.B., 14.D., 14.E., & 14.H.)

- * Any person seeking the endorsement of a national political party for which a primary is being held shall between January 19, 2012 through January 21, 2012 submit a statement of intent to the State Party and Secretary of State.
- * The petition paper of a candidate for president shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least one thousand (1,000) eligible voters and shall be submitted on or before 4 p.m. on February 2, 2012 to the local city or town board of canvasser where the signers reside. Petition papers will be provided by the RI Secretary of State Elections Division, 148 West River Street, Providence, RI 02904, by 6 p.m. on the same day upon receipt of the statement of intent of those eligible to serve. Further information is also available with the RI Democratic Party, 151 Broadway Suite 310, Providence, RI 02903. **The final day for statement of intent filings for Election Year 2012 falls on a Saturday. If potential presidential candidates submit their notifications by noon, petition papers will be prepared by 2 p.m. If later, papers will be prepared for the following Monday.*
- * If any candidate whose name has been announced as a presidential nominee does not thereafter wish his or her name to appear on the ballot, the candidate shall, at least sixty-three (63) days, February 21, 2012, prior to the date for the primary, file an affidavit with the Secretary of State stating his or her name may not be placed on the ballot and the Secretary of State shall not place that candidate’s name on the ballot. Names of delegates committed to the withdrawn candidate, who are otherwise qualified, shall appear on the ballot as uncommitted.

B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the Secretary of State and the Rhode Island Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) simultaneously with submission of their notification to run: January 19 through January 21, 2012. (Rule 12.D.(1))

C. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I.)

Section III Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Rhode Island is allocated 22 district-level delegates and N/A district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., I.I. & Appendix B.)

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2. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a
 - a. two-part primary- a presidential preference primary that includes the election of delegates. This Presidential Preference Primary shall occur on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. Rhode Island’s district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving: (Rule 8.A.; Regs. 4.10., 4.11 & Appendix A)

- (1) Equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 and 2008 presidential elections.

- b. Rhode Island’s total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)

- c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	5	6	11	0	0	0
#2	5	6	11	0	0	0
Total	10	12	22	0	0	0

- d. The apportionment of male and female delegates to be elected from each of the Congressional Districts is based upon the percentage of Democratic males and females in each district. According to the latest voter registration figures, 45% of the Democrats in the First Congressional District are males, while 53% are female. Similarly, 46% of the Democratic voters are males and 53% are females in the Second Congressional District. (Rule 8.B.)

4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (Rule 12.H.)
- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by fulfilling the requirements as outlined in the Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17, Section 12.1, as amended: (Rules 12.B. & 14.F.)

c. From February 22, 2012 until 4 p.m. on February 23, 2012, preceding the Presidential Preference Primary, each voter desiring to be a delegate at the forthcoming convention shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Rhode Island Secretary of State, Elections Division 148 West River Street Providence, RI 02904. Declarations may be mailed or delivered in person to the aforementioned address. Original signature is required, so fax and email are not acceptable. Candidates should also bear in mind that mailing the form does not guarantee it will arrive on time. Said form requires the following: (R.I.G.L. § 17-12.1-3)

- (1) The voter to sign one's names as it appears on the voting list
- (2) Print one's name and address as they appear on the voting list, party designation, place of birth, and length of residence in the state and in the city or town in which one resides
- (3) Candidates must include their gender on the pledge of support form
- (4) A statement that, if elected, one would comply with all party rules of the Rhode Island and national committees of the Democratic Party
- (5) Upon receipt of the Declaration of Candidacy form, the Secretary of State shall prepare nomination papers for each candidate who has qualified. By the next business day after filing the RI Secretary of State must deliver nomination papers to the proper candidate or to such persons designated in writing. (R.I.G.L. § 17-12.1-5)
- (6) The nomination papers of a qualified candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least one hundred fifty (150) qualified Democratic voters from their Congressional District from which said voter seeks to be a delegate. (R.I.G.L. § 17-12.1-6)
- (7) Each nomination paper shall be submitted on or before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 to the local board of canvassers of the city or town where the signers appear to be voters. The nomination papers shall be checked, processed, and certified to the Secretary of State by the local boards before 4 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012. (R.I.G.L. § 17-12.1-7)
- (8) The number of signatures required in the aforementioned districts do not exceed one half of one percent (.5%) of the registered/enrolled Democrats in the district or one half of one percent (.5%) of the total votes in such district for all Democratic presidential candidates (including uncommitted) cast during the 2008 presidential nominating process. (Rule 14.C.)

- (9) Candidates for delegate or alternate positions are required to file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Rhode Island Democratic Party and the Rhode Island Secretary of State by 4 p.m. at the same time as the declaration of candidacy filing. (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-3)
- (10) All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions, except that the state may allow candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level to be considered at the alternate level. (Rule 12.C.)

5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 4, 2012 at 4 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 12.D. & 12.F.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair and the Secretary of State by March 6, 2012 at 4 p.m., a list of all such candidates he or she has approved. (Rule 12.E.(1), Reg. 4.23.)(R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-7) The presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may approve a number of delegate candidates or alternate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates or alternates allocated to the district. (Rule 12.E.(1))
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair not later than March 6, 2012. Decisions on objections shall be rendered by the state board not later than 4 p.m. on March 8, 2012.
- d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.23.) Furthermore, pursuant to the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, delegate candidates may be elected as a delegate only for the presidential preference or uncommitted status to which (s)he pledged when filing his/her statement of candidacy on February 22, 2012 through February 23, 2012. If such delegate candidates do not receive approval from the authorized representative of the presidential preference to which they have pledged, the delegate candidate is eligible to be elected at the level as a delegate pledge to uncommitted preference.

- e. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in section III.A.5.b of this Plan; no later than March 9, 2012.

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 13.A., 13.B. & 13.D.) The Rhode Island presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.
- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.) If a presidential candidate is to be allocated delegate(s) but cannot reach this goal because of the lack of delegate candidates, the Democratic State committee shall elect such delegates using the following procedures:
 - (1) All persons wishing to be a delegate candidate or alternate must file a statement of candidacy form designating the presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support form for the presidential candidate the person favors, if any, with the Rhode Island Democratic Party on February 22, 2012 or before 4 p.m. on February 23, 2012. (Rule 12.G.) The state chairman shall convey to the presidential candidate or that candidate’s authorized representative no later than 4 p.m. on March 4, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed a delegate pledge of support form to the presidential candidate.
 - (2) Each presidential candidate’s authorized representative or steering committee shall cause to be transmitted to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair on or before 4 p.m. on March 6, 2012, documentation that said delegate candidate has the approval of such candidate for presidential nominee.
 - (3) National Convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate or that candidate’s

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representative(s) may not be elected as a delegate or alternate to that presidential candidate at that level. (Rule 12.E.)

- (4) The selection of these delegates and alternates may take place prior to the selection of pledged party leader and elected official delegates and At-large delegates on June 21, 2012. Members of the RI Democratic State Committee shall elect delegates and alternates. (Rule 13.C.)

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned. The delegate allocation within each district will begin with the delegate of the advantage gender who received the highest number of votes being assigned to the presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)
- b. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded, using the same process described above.
- c. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

B. Unpledged Delegates

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.(1), Call, I.F., J., & Reg. 4.13.)
 - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2., Call I.G.)
 - (3) The Democratic Governor (if applicable): (Rule 9.A.(4), Call I.H.&J)
 - (4) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); *[Persons who qualify as "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates are: all former Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents, all former Democratic*

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Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.] (Rule 9.A.(5), Call I.G., and Reg. 4.13.)

- b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 1, 2012, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Rhode Island. (Rule 9.A.)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1)
 - (3) The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state's unpledged delegates ten (10) days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call, IV.B)

C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates

1. Rhode Island is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call, I.D., E. & Appendix B)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); Rhode Island legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. (Rule 9.B.(1) & Reg. 4.15.)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by submitting a statement of request to the Rhode Island Democratic Party located at 151 Broadway Suite 310 Providence, RI 02903 (mail: PO Box 6004 Providence, RI 02940) on or before 4 p.m. on May 28, 2012. (Rules 9.B.(3), & 14.G., Reg. 4.16.)
 - c. Pledged PLEO delegate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status. (Rule 9.B.(3) & Reg. 4.16.)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 4

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p.m. on May 29, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 9.B.(3) & 12.D.)

- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair, by June 4, 2012, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair not later than 4 p.m. on June 4, 2012.
- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in section III.C.3.b of this Plan.

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.B.(2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.)
- b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at a time and location to be publicly announced on 6/21/12 at a time and location to be determined and publicly announced, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. The alternative filing deadline for PLEO delegate candidates, if a special post-primary caucus is necessary is June 21, 2012 within 30 minutes after the selection of district-level delegates. If persons eligible to Pledged Party and Elected Official delegate positions have not made their presidential preference as candidates for congressional district-level or At-large delegate position, their preference shall be ascertained by filing the certificates of candidacy and pledges of support to be filed with the state party at the State Committee meeting. (Rule 9.B.)
- c. These delegates will be selected by: (Rule 9.C.)

(1) the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee, provided that:

- i) Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population. Two (2) members are elected per state

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- representative district of which there are seventy-five (75) equally apportioned. (Rule 9.C.(1))
- ii) Members of the Rhode Island Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection (Rule 9.C.(2))
 - iii) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (Rule 9.C.(3))
 - iv) Members of the Rhode Island Party Committee shall have been elected on November 2, 2010. (Rule 9.C.(4))
 - v) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 9.C.(5))
- d. Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit. Voting will be by voice vote. (Reg. 4.30.)
5. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Rhode Island is allotted 7 at-large delegates and 2 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., II. & Appendix B)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the Rhode Island Party by May 28, 2012. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G.; Regs. 4.21. & 4.27.)
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the Rhode Island State Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 18.A.)
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- a. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than May 29, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.) (Reg. 4.22. & 4.27.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair within 15 minutes following the selection of PLEOs on June 21, 2012, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair not later than June 4, 2012.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in section III.D.3.b of this Plan.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to (Rule 10.C.)
 - (1) the state-wide primary vote.
 - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 13.E.)
 - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
 - d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C.)

- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 18.B., Call, I.I. & Reg. 4.30.& 4.33.)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates may occur on June 21, 2012 after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. Delegates shall be elected by voice vote. (Rule 8.D. & Call, III.)
- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by: (Rules 10.B. & 8.E.)

(1) The Rhode Island Democratic State Committee, provided that:

- i) Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. (Rule 9.C(1))
- ii) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 9.C.(2))
- iii) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (Rule 9.C.(3))
- iv) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no earlier than the date of the previous presidential election. (Rule 9.C.(4))
- v) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 9.C.(5))

c. Priority of Consideration

- (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African-Americans; Hispanics; Native Americans; Asian Pacific-Americans; women; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals (LGBT). (Rule 6.A.)
- (2) In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), & Reg. 4.7.)

- (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A. & 6.C.)
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the Rhode Island Democratic Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rules 6.A.(3), 10.A. & Regs. 4.8 & 4.19.)
6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(2))
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - i) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - ii) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 18.D.(2), the Rhode Island Democratic Party shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.32.)
 - b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(3))

- (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: (Rule 18.D.(1))
- (1) The delegation chooses the alternate. The alternate that receives the most votes becomes the delegate.
- d. Certification of Replacements
- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair. (Rule 18.D.(2))
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the Rhode Island's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call, IV.D.1.)
 - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call, IV.D.1. & Reg. 4.31.)
 - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet (Call, VIII.F.3.d., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.5.)
- e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 18.E.)
2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.)

- a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call, IV.D.2.a.)
- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2012 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b.)
- c. Unpledged distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call, IV.C.2.c.)
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (Call, VIII.F.3.d.)

Section IV

Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Rhode Island has been allocated (1) member(s) on each of the three standing committees for the 2012 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of (3) members. (Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.A.3.)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G.)

B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting

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- a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Rhode Island's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 21, 2012. (Call, VII.B.1.)

- (1) A quorum shall consist of no less than 40% of the state's delegates to the National Convention.

- b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call, VII.B.1.)

2. Allocation of Members

- a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Rhode Island shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call, VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.7.)

- b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Rhode Island. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call, VII.C.2.)

- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call, VII.C.3.)

- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call, VII.C.4.)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the Rhode Island delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call, VII.D.1.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair, by May 28, 2012, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call, VII.D.2.)

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Rhode Island's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)
- b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. for example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a male, the second position for a female, and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
 - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
 - (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call, VII.E.1.)
 - (3) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call, VII.B.3.)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. (Call, VII.B.4.)

Section V The Delegation

A. RHODE ISLAND will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 2 to serve as Convention Pages. (Call, IV.E., F.1. & Appendix C.)

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 21, 2012. (Call, IV.E.)

(1) A quorum shall consist of no less than 40% of Rhode Island's delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

- b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C.)

2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. (Call, IV.E.)

C. Convention Pages

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as Rhode Island's Convention Pages by the Rhode Island State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place June 21, 2012. (Call, IV.F.3., Appendix C & Reg. 5.6.)

2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.6.A.)
3. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Rhode Island's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call, IV.F.3. & Reg. 5.6.B.)

Section VI

General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The RHODE ISLAND Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the 'six basic elements' as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rules 4.A. & C.)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Rhode Island should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B.(1))
 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Rhode Island should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(2))
 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Rhode Island on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.(3))
 4. The Democratic Party in Rhode Island, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(4))
 5. The Democratic Party in Rhode Island should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. (Rule 4.B.(5))

6. The Democratic Party in Rhode Island should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the Rhode Island State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.(6))

- B. Discrimination on the basis of 'status' in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)

- C. RHODE ISLAND's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C.)

- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.A.)

- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 12.I.)

- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 12.J.)

- G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H. & Reg. 4.24.)

- H. No less than forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 15)

- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having appeared at such meeting and having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than three (3) proxies at one time. (Rule 16 & Reg. 4.28.)

- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.A.)
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.B.)
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and the presidential candidate filing steps allowed by the Rule 11.B. waiver. (Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention, RHODE ISLAND thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic National Convention. (Call, II.B.)

Section VII

Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Rhode Island. (Rule 5.A.)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Rhode Island should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race,

sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.(1))

- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Rhode Island has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2012. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7.)
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Rhode Island Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.(1))
 - (2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.(2))
- f. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities and youth, persons over 65 years of age, persons of low and moderate income, workers, persons with a high school education or less, rural Democrats, ethnic individuals and others historically underrepresented in Party affairs, the Rhode Island Democratic Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion Programs. (Rule 7)

2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2011. (Rule 6.F.)
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State’s Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)

- c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.
 - d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair.
 - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair.
 - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
 - (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G.)
 - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, women and others aforementioned. (Rule 6.E.)
 - e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on or before September 16, 2011 with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F.)

B. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2011. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A., 3.C. & 3.D.)

2. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
3. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than October 1, 2011. (Rule 1.H.)
4. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C.)

C. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)
2. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. (Rules 4.B.(3) & 6.D.)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student

newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.

- b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of conventions and meetings shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D.)
4. Not later than September 16, 2011, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
 - b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
 - c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2012 Convention; and
 - d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. Representation Goals

1. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 6.A.)
2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation.

The Rhode Island Democratic Party computed the Representation Goals for the 2012 Delegate Section Plan using adjusted combined data from the 2010 U.S. Census, 2008 CNN exit polling, Roper Center 2008 exit polling, as well as other information from our voter file.

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	African Americans	Hispanics	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth 18-34
% in Democratic Electorate	3.74%	8.41%	1.32%	5.71%	2.5%	6.63%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	2	3	1	2	1	3

3. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance.
4. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.(3))

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Rhode Island Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by February 21, 2012 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Rhode Island's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H.(1))
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.(2))
4. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

Section VIII Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2012 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2012 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 20.B. & Call Appendix A.)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2012 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg., 3.1.)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2012 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.B.5.)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

B. Challenges to the Status of the State Party and Challenges to the Plan

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A. & Reg. 3.4.A.)

2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Rhode Island Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B.)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C.)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B.) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C.)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

Section IX Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Rhode Island will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the primary apportioning its delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Rhode Island’s delegate selection process will occur on April 24, 2012, with a primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	22	N/A	4/24/12 4/24/12	Selecting Body: Presidential Preference Primary <i>February 22-23, 2012 filing period; February 28, 2012 deadline for nomination papers with 150 signatures to be submitted to local boards of canvassers; March 6, 2012 Presidential right of approval deadline; April 24, 2012 Election Day</i>
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	9	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2012 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	**	6/21/12	Selecting Body: RI Democratic State Committee <i>May 28, 2012 filing deadline with RIDP by 4 p.m.; May 30, 2012 Presidential right of approval; June 21, 2012 Election</i>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	7	2	6/21/12 6/21/12	Selecting Body: RI Democratic State Committee <i>May 28, 2012 filing deadline with RIDP; June 21, 2012 selection of at-large delegates and alternates after all unpledged delegates and Party leader and Elected Officials Delegates have been selected by voice vote of the RI Democratic State Committee</i>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	41	2		

* Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2012 Delegate Selection Rules. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates. [Applicable to most states.]

B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	June 21, 2012	<i>Names of individuals must be submitted by the presidential candidate or authorized representative(s) to the RI State Chair by May 28, 2012. Elected by RI’s National Convention Delegates.</i>

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C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 21, 2012.

2 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 21, 2012.

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must submit a notification of intent to the Rhode Island Secretary of State by January 19-21, 2012. Petition papers will be issued on the same day by 6 p.m. unless the deadline falls on a Saturday. In which case, if prospective candidates submit by deadline noon, papers will be issued by 2 p.m. If past the noon deadline, papers will be issued on the Monday. Petition papers must be returned no later than 4 p.m. on February 2, 2012 and will be certified by February 15, 2012 (Rule 11.B. & 14.E.)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by March 8, 2012.

E. Timetable (REG. 2.2.B.)

Date	Activity
2011	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 15	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee including names, contact information and demographic data.
June 19	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment
June 20	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
July 20	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
August 1	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
August 2	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 16	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
2012	
January 3	Deadline for parties to certify party rules with the Secretary of State.
January 19-21	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
January 19-21	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 21	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
February 20	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, 151 Broadway Suite 310 Providence. Information will also be available on the State Party's web site at www.ridemocrats.org
February 21	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.) Deadline for Presidential candidates to withdraw.

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Date	Activity
February 22-23	Delegate and alternate candidates' filing deadline to declare. Each voter desiring to be a delegate at the forthcoming convention shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Rhode Island Secretary of State, Elections Division 148 West River Street Providence, RI 02904. Declarations may be mailed or delivered in person to the aforementioned address. Original signature is required, so fax and email are not acceptable.
February 28	Deadline for delegates to return nomination papers to local boards of canvassers.
March 4	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
March 6	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
March 6	Deadline for delegate candidates to withdraw.
March 7	Ballot placement lottery (conducted by Secretary of State, 5 p.m. at the State House)
April 24	Presidential preference primary.
April 25	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
May 4	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 28	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party.
May 29	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 30	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
June 21	State Committee convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. State Committee selects at-large delegates and alternates.
June 21	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
June 21	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
August 1	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
August 1	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
August 1	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Unpledged Delegates.

Exhibits to the Affirmative Action Plan

A. Members of the Affirmative Action Committee

Name	Jurisdiction	Address	City	Zip	Home#	Cell#	Email	Gender	Ethnicity	Notes
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Teresa Tanzi	South Kingstown, House District 34	57 Hillcrest Rd.	S. Kingstown	02879	(401) 789-7854	(401) 527-9468	teresatanzi@mac.com	F		State Rep
Raymond Hull	Providence, House District 6	616 Mount Pleasant Ave.	Prov.	02908		(401) 573-0602	m94ppd@aol.com	M	African-American	State Rep
Jenna Lafayette	Providence	45 Firglade Ave.	Prov.	02906		(802) 318-3180	jenna.lafayette@gmail.com	F		LGBT
Frank Ferri	Warwick, House District 22	38 Lippitt Ave.	Warwick	02889	(401) 737-5113		rirepfrankferri@cox.net	M		LGBT, State Rep
Josh Miller	Cranston, Senate District 28	41 Talbot Mnr	Cranston	02905	(401) 461-8689	(401) 225-7455	joshua.miller@cox.net	M		State Senator
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B. Media Outlets to be Contacted Regarding the Delegate Selection Process
Daily Newspapers

The Providence Journal

75 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02902-0050

A BELO Subsidiary

Publisher: Howard G. Sutton, Publisher, President & CEO
Telephone: (401) 277-7000 (press 2 for newsroom)
Fax: (401) 277-7346
Web site: www.projo.com
Email: pjnews@projo.com
Frequency: Daily (7 days a week)
Circulation: 170,000 daily; 250,000 Sunday
Area: Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts

The Call

75 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Rhode Island Media Group

Publisher: Barry Mechanic
Telephone: (401) 767-8557 City Editor
(401) 767-8544 Executive Editor
Fax: (401) 765-2834
Web site: www.woonsocketcall.com
Email: news@woonsocketcall.com
Frequency: Daily (7 days a week)
Circulation: 15,000 daily; 20,000 Sunday
Area: RI: Glocester, Cumberland, Lincoln, Woonsocket, North Smithfield, Burrillville
MA: Blackstone, Bellingham, Uxbridge, Millville

Kent County Daily Times

P.O. Box 589
West Warwick, RI 02893-0589 (Located at 1353 Main St.)
Hometown Newspapers, Southern Rhode Island Newspapers

Publisher: Terri Leifeste
Telephone: (401) 821-7400
Fax: (401) 828-0810
Web site: www.RIcentral.com
Email: kceditor@ricentral.com
Frequency: Daily (6 days a week)
Area: West Warwick, Coventry, West Greenwich, Hope

The Newport Daily News

P.O. Box 420

Newport, RI 02840-0936

(located at 101 Malbone Road)

The Edward A. Sherman Publishing Co.

Publisher: William Lucey III

Telephone: 401-849-3300

Fax: 401-849-3306

Email: newsroom@NewportRI.com

letters to the editor: editor@NewportRI.com

Web site: www.newportdailynews.com

Frequency: Daily (6 days a week)

Circulation: 13,600

Area: Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Jamestown

The Times

23 Exchange Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Rhode Island Media Group

Publisher: Barry Mechanic

Telephone: (401) 722-4000, (401) 727-9292 (after 5 p.m.)

Fax: (401) 727-9280

Web site: www.pawtuckettimes.com

Email: editor@pawtuckettimes.com

Frequency: Daily (6 days a week)

Area: RI: Cumberland, Lincoln, Central Falls, Pawtucket, East Providence
MA: Attleboro, Seekonk

The Westerly Sun

56 Main Street

Westerly, RI 02891-0520

The Sun Publishing Co.

Publisher: Timothy Ryan

Telephone: (401) 596-7791

Fax: (401) 348-5080

Web site: www.thewesterlysun.com

Email: aalgier@thewesterlysun.com

Frequency: Daily (7 days a week)

Circulation: 12,000

Area: RI: Westerly, Hopkinton, Charlestown, some areas of Richmond
CT: Mystic, Stonington, Noank, Pawcatuck

Weekly Newspapers

Barrington Times

1 Bradford St.
Bristol, RI 02809
East Bay Newspapers

Publisher: Matthew D. Hayes
Telephone: (401) 245-6000
Fax: (401) 253-6055
Web site: www.eastbayri.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 5,146
Area: Barrington

The Block Island Times

P.O. Box 278
Block Island, RI 02807 (Located on Ocean Avenue)
Block Island Times, Inc.

Publisher: Fraser Lang, Betty Rawls Lang
Telephone: (401) 466-2222
Fax: (401) 466-8804
Web site: www.blockislandtimes.com
Email: PVOSKAMP@blockislandtimes.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 3,500
Area: Block Island

Bristol Phoenix

P.O. Box 90
Bristol, RI 02809 (*located at One Bradford Street*)
East Bay Newspapers

Publisher: Matthew D. Hayes
Telephone: (401) 253-6000
Fax: (401) 253-6055
Web site: www.eastbayri.com
Email: bristol@eastbaynewspapers.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 5,869
Area: Bristol

The Charlestown Press

56 Main Street
Westerly, RI 02891-0520
The Sun Publishing Co.

Publisher: Timothy Ryan
Telephone: (401) 596-7791
Fax: (401) 348-5080
Web site: www.thewesterlysun.com
Email: dsmith@thecharlestownpress.com
Primary Contact: David Smith, Editor, ext. 364
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 13,000, mailed free to every home in circulation area
Area: Charlestown, Kenyon (Charleston-Richmond), Richmond and South Kingstown

The Coventry Courier

P.O. Box 589

West Warwick, RI 02893

Southern Rhode Island Newspapers (Rhode Island Media Group)

Publisher: Terri Leifeste
Telephone: (401) 821-7400
Fax: (401) 828-0810
Web site: www.RIcentral.com
Email: kceditor@ricentral.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 1,350
Area: Coventry, West Greenwich

Cranston Herald

1944 Warwick Ave.

Warwick, RI 02889

Beacon Communications Inc.

Publisher: John I. Howell, Jr.
Telephone: (401) 732-3100
Fax: (401) 732-3110
Website: www.rhodybeat.com
Email: megf@rhodybeat.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 4,500
Area: Cranston

The East Greenwich Pendulum

P.O. Box 350

East Greenwich, RI 02818 (*located at 580 Main Street*)

Southern Rhode Island Newspapers (Rhode Island Media Group)

Publisher: Terri Leifeste
Telephone: (401) 884-4662
Fax: (401) 884-9819
Web site: www.RIcentral.com
Email: jgibbs@ricentral.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 3,500
Area: East Greenwich, and the Cowesett and Potowomut sections of Warwick

East Providence Post

1 Bradford St.

Bristol, RI 02809

East Bay Newspapers

Publisher: Matthew Hayes
Telephone: (401) 434-7210
Fax: (401) 434-9469
Primary Contact: Victor Alvarez, Editor, valvarez@eastbaynewspapers.com
Email: post@eastbaynewspapers.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 12,000
Area: East Providence

The Jamestown Press

42 Narragansett Avenue

Jamestown, RI 02835

Publisher: Jeffrey J. McDonough

Telephone: (401) 423-3200

Fax: (401) 423-1661

Web site: www.jamestownpress.com

Email: news@jamestownpress.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 6,500

Area: Jamestown, Portsmouth, Middletown, Newport Narragansett, N. Kingstown, S. Kingstown

The Johnston Sun Rise

1944 Warwick Ave.

Warwick, RI 02889-2400

Beacon Communications, Inc.

Publisher: John I. Howell, Jr.

Telephone: (401) 732-3100

Fax: (401) 732-3110

Web site: www.rhodybeat.com

Email: megf@rhodybeat.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 8,000 (free)

Area: Johnston

The Narragansett Times

212 Main Street, Unit #3

Wakefield, RI 02879

Southern Rhode Island Newspapers (Rhode Island Media Group)

Publisher: Terri Leifeste, Publisher

Telephone: (401) 789-1081

Fax: (401) 789-4907

Web site: www.ricentral.com

Email: msouza@ricentral.com

Frequency: Twice weekly

Circulation: 6,500

Area: Narragansett, South Kingstown, Kingston

North-East Independent

P.O. Box 244

North Kingstown, RI 02852-0244 (*located at 10 High St. Wakefield, RI 02879*)

South County Newspapers aka Independent Newspapers

Telephone: (401) 294-8700

Fax: (401) 792-9176

Web site: www.neindependent.com

Email: editorial@neindependent.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 4,700

Area: North Kingstown, East Greenwich

North Providence Breeze

592 Putnam Pike

Greenville, RI 02828

Breeze Publications, Inc.

Publisher: Thomas V. Ward

Telephone: (401) 949-2700

Fax: (401) 949-2420

Web site: www.breezeobserver.com

Email: news@breezeobserver.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 7,000

Area: North Providence

The Providence Phoenix

150 Chestnut Street

Providence, RI 02903

Phoenix Media/Communications Group

Publisher: Stephen M. Mindich, Publisher and Chairman

Telephone: (401) 273-6397

Fax: (401) 273-0920

Web site: www.thephoenix.com

Email: dscharfenberg@phx.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 60,000 (free)

Area: Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts

Sakonnet Times

1745 Main Road

Tiverton, RI 02878

East Bay Newspapers

Publisher: Matthew D. Hayes

Telephone: (401) 624-3035 or 683-1000

Fax: (401) 624-6637

Web site: www.eastbayri.com

Email: sakonnet@eastbaynewspapers.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 7,000

Area: Little Compton, Portsmouth and Tiverton

South County Independent

P.O. Box 5679

Wakefield, RI 02880

(Located at 10 High St.)

South County Newspapers aka Independent Newspapers

Telephone: (401) 789-6000

Fax: (401) 792-9176

Web site: www.scindependent.com

Email: editorial@scindependent.com

Frequency: Weekly

Deadline: Prior Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Circulation: 5,500

Area: Charlestown, South Kingstown, Narragansett

The Standard-Times

P.O. Box 355

North Kingstown, RI 02852 (located at 13 West Main Street)
Southern Rhode Island Newspapers (Rhode Island Media Group)

Publisher: Terri Leifeste
Telephone: (401) 294-4576
Fax: (401) 294-9736
Web site: www.RIcentral.com
Email: jswanson@ricentral.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 6,000
Area: North Kingstown, Exeter, Jamestown

The Valley Breeze

2190 Mendon Road, Suite 1
Cumberland, RI 02864-3830
Breeze Publications, Inc.

Publisher: Thomas Ward
Telephone: (401) 334-9555
Fax: (401) 334-9994
Email: news@valleybreeze.com
Website: www.valleybreeze.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 17,500 - Cumberland/Lincoln
16,500 - North Smithfield/Woonsocket
9,000 - Pawtucket
Area: Three editions: Cumberland/Lincoln,
North Smithfield/Woonsocket/Blackstone
Pawtucket

The Valley Breeze & Observer

592 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI 02828-0950
Breeze Publications, Inc.

Publisher: Thomas V. Ward
Telephone: (401) 949-2700
Fax: (401) 949-2420
Web site: www.breezeobserver.com
Email: news@breezeobserver.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 10,500
Area: Smithfield, Scituate, Foster, Gloucester

Warren Times-Gazette

P.O. Box 90
Bristol, RI 02885
Located at 1 Bradford St., Bristol
East Bay Newspapers
Publisher: Matthew D. Hayes
Telephone: (401) 245-6000
Fax: (401) 253-6055
Web site: www.eastbayri.com
Email: valvarez@eastbaynewspapers.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 3,026
Area: Warren

Warwick Beacon

1944 Warwick Avenue
Warwick, RI 02889-2400
Beacon Communications Inc.
Publisher: John I. Howell, Jr.
Telephone: (401) 732-3100
Fax: (401) 732-3110
Web site: www.rhodybeat.com
Email: johnh@rhodybeat.com
Frequency: Twice Weekly
Circulation: 9,000
Area: Warwick

The Westerly-Pawcatuck Express

56 Main Street
Westerly, RI 02891-0520
The Sun Publishing Co.
Publisher: Timothy Ryan
Telephone: (401) 596-7791
Fax: (401) 348-5080
Web site: www.thewesterlysun.com
Email: dsmith@thecharlestownpress.com
Published: Wednesday (Only weekly in this group not published on Thursday.)
Circulation: 15,000, mailed free to every home in circulation area
Area: Westerly, Bradford (Westerly) and Pawcatuck, CT

The Wood River Press

56 Main Street
Westerly, RI 02891-0520
The Sun Publishing Co.
Publisher: Timothy Ryan
Telephone: (401) 596-7791
Fax: (401) 348-5080
Web site: www.thewesterlysun.com
Email: dsmith@thecharlestownpress.com
Frequency: Weekly
Circulation: 9-10,000, mailed free to every home in circulation area
Area: Hopkinton, Hope Valley, Ashaway, Carolina(Charlestown-Richmond),Rockville (Hopkinton), Wood River Junction (Charlestown-Richmond), Wyoming (Charlestown-Richmond),West Kingston (S. Kingstown), Exeter

Minority Media

American News

P.O. Box 743

Pawtucket, RI 02862

(Located at 69 Division St., 2nd Floor,
Central Falls, RI 02863)

Telephone: (401) 722-6369 or 369-3272

Fax: none

Web site: www.americannewsne.com

Email: americannews@yahoo.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 90,000

Coverage: Bilingual news for Latino communities in Providence, Boston, Hartford

Cape Verdean News

P.O. Box 3063

New Bedford, MA 02741

(located at 147 Auburn Street)

Publisher: Thomas D. Lopes

Telephone: (508) 997-2300

Fax: (508) 997-2300

Web site: www.cvntv.com

Email: cvn@comcast.net

Frequency: Monthly (occasionally twice monthly)

Circulation: 2,000

Area: Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut; mails to 35 states

El Latino Expreso

10 Purchase St.

Fall River, MA 02722

A Journal Register Company Newspaper

Publisher: Ric Oliveira

Telephone: (508) 678-3844 Ext. 20

Fax: (508) 678-1798

Email: ellatinoexpreso@yahoo.com, with a copy to estisa2002@yahoo.com

Web site: www.neexpreso.com

Frequency: weekly

Circulation: 18,500

Area: Rhode Island and Southeast Massachusetts

Nuevos Horizontes

34 Sherwood Ave.

North Providence, RI 02911

Publisher: James A. Salazar

Telephone: (401) 723-2268

Cell (401) 499-4447

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Email: newhorizonsnews@aol.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 15,000 (free)

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Fall River, MA 02722

A Journal Register Company publication

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Fax: (508) 678-1798 or (508) 676-3795

Web site: www.ojournal.com

Email: editorial@ojournal.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 16,000

Area: Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts through Boston

El Planeta Providence

200 Allens Ave

Studio 7F, 2nd Floor

Providence, RI 02903

Hispanic News Press

Publisher: Luis F. Velez

Telephone: (401) 454-3004, 1-877- 237- 5263

Fax: (401) 633-6916

Web site: www.elplaneta.com

Email: luisv@elplaneta.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 20,000

Area: Rhode Island and parts of Massachusetts

Portuguese Times

P.O. Box 61288

New Bedford, MA 02746

(located at 1501 Acushnet Ave.)

Telephone: (508) 997-3118

Fax: (508) 990-1231

Web site: www.portuguesetimes.com

Email: ptimes@aol.com

Frequency: Weekly

Area: Southern New England

The Providence American

131 Washington Street

Providence, RI 02903

Published by the Amerzine Company

Publisher: Peter C. Wells

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Fax: (401) 351-8865

Web site: www.theprovidenceamerican.com

Email: PeterWells@theprovidenceamerican.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 10,000

Area: Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts

Providence En Espanol

77 Eddy St. 4th Floor

Providence, RI 02903

Hispanic Media Publishing, Inc.

Publisher: Victor H. Cuenca

Telephone: (401) 865-6120

Fax: (401) 865-8125

Web site: www.providenceenespanol.com

Email: news@providenceenespanol.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 25,000

Area: Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts

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316 Essex St.

Suite 305

Lawrence, MA 01840

Telephone: (978) 687-2652, 1-800-836-0272

Fax: (978) 687-1569

Web site: www.siglo21.com

Email: director@siglo21.com

Frequency: weekly

Circulation: 25,000

Area: Hispanic community in Massachusetts, RI and New Hampshire

Tiempo Social

P.O. Box 25686

Providence, RI 02905

(Located at 150 Colfax St.)

Publisher: Yuri Liriano

Telephone: (401) 427-1078

Fax: none

Email: tiemposocial@yahoo.com

Frequency: Monthly

Area: Latino community

WALE Supermax 990 AM

P.O. Box 6443

Providence 02940

(Located at 1185 Main St.)

Supermax WKKB Inc.

Telephone: (401) 521-0990

Fax: (401) 521-5077

Email: manolopazos@aol.com

Web site: www.supermax990am.com

Format: 24 hours in Spanish, Sox in Spanish, news, sports, traffic, weather. Targets 34+

General Manager: Craig Rapoza

Program Director: Dr. Manolo Pazos

WKKB FM Latina 100.3

P.O. Box 6443

Providence, RI 02904

Located at 1185 North Main St.

Supermax WKKB Inc.

Telephone: (401) 521-0990

Fax: (401) 521-5077

Email: juan@latina1003.com

Web site: www.latina1003.com

Format: 24 hours in Spanish, targeted to ages 18-34, news, sports, traffic, weather

General Manager: Craig Rapoza

Program Director: Juan Gonzalez

Poder 1110 WPMZ Radio

1270 Mineral Spring Avenue

North Providence, RI 02904

Telephone: (401) 726-8413

Fax: (401) 726-8649

Website: www.poder1110.com

Email: info@Poder1110.com

Format: Latino talk, news and tropical music

Frequency: Every Sunday 11 a.m. to noon on Poder 1110 AM

Senior Citizens**Senior Digest**

P.O. Box 74.

Seekonk, MA 02771

Olivia Publications

Publisher: Paul V. Palange

Telephone: (508) 761-7177

Fax: (401) 633-6749

Email: sdpublisher@gmail.com

Contact: Paul V. Palange

Frequency: monthly

Circulation: 20,000

Area: All of RI, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Fall River, Rehoboth and Attleboro

Prime Time Magazine

1944 Warwick Avenue

Warwick, RI 02889

Beacon Communications Inc.

Publisher: Barry W. Fain, Richard G. Fleischer and John I. Howell, Jr.

Telephone: (401) 732-3100

Fax: (401) 732-3110

Email: donnaz@warwickonline.com

Frequency: Monthly

Circulation: 18,000 (free)

Area: Statewide

Religious

The Jewish Voice & Herald

130 Sessions Street

Providence, RI 02906

Publisher: Jewish Federation of Rhode Island

Telephone: (401) 421-4111

Fax: (401) 331-7961

Web site: www.jfri.org

Email: voiceherald@jfri.org

Frequency: Every other week

Circulation: 10,000

Area: Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts, national subscriptions

The Rhode Island Catholic

184 Broad Street

Providence, RI 02903

Diocese of Providence

Publisher: Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D.

Telephone: (401) 272-1010

Fax: (401) 421-8418

Web site: www.thericatholic.com

Email: rsnizek@thericatholic.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 31,000

Area: Diocese of Providence

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Issues

Bay Windows

46 Plympton Street

Boston, MA 02118

Phone: (617) 266-6670

Fax: (617) 266-5973

Publishers: Jeff Coakley, Sue O'Connell

Web site: www.baywindows.com

Email: lkiritsy@baywindows.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 22,000

Notes: Focuses on issues relevant to GLBT community in New England

Get RI Magazine

73 Fort Ave.

Cranston, RI 02905

Publisher: Bonnie Simon, (401) 941-1368, getmag@cox.net

Primary contact: John Speck, Editor (401) 722-3001

Web site: <http://get-ri.com>

Email: editor@get-ri.com

Frequency: Monthly

Circulation: At least 10,000, more for events like Gay Pride

Notes: Focuses on Rhode Island gay scene and issues, distributed free

In Newsweekly

450 Harrison Ave. Ste. 414

Boston, MA 02118

Phone: (617) 426-8246

Fax: (617) 426-8264

Web site: www.innewsweekly.com

Email: editor@innewsweekly.com

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 20,000

Notes: Focuses on issues relevant to GLBT community in all New England

College & University Media**The Anchor**

Rhode Island College

Media Center

Student Union Plaza

600 Mount Pleasant Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

Telephone: (401) 456-8280

Fax: (401) 456-8792

Web site: www.anchorweb.org

Email: executive@anchorweb.org

Frequency: Weekly

Area: Rhode Island College, Mount Pleasant area

Brown Daily Herald

P.O. Box 2538

Providence, RI 02906

Telephone: (401) 351-3260

Fax: (401) 351-9297

Web site: www.browndailyherald.com

Email: herald@browndailyherald.com and business@browndailyherald.com

Frequency: Daily (5 days a week) excluding college vacations

Circulation: 4,000

Area: Brown community, Providence and national news

Brown Student Radio (WBSR) 88.1 FM

Box 1930

Providence, RI 02912

Telephone: (401) 863-9600

Email: news.director@bsrlive.com

Web site: www.bsrlive.com

Format: College radio, music and news programs

Campus Connection

167 Valley St.

Providence, RI 02903

East Side Newspapers Inc.

Publisher: Barry W. Fain, Richard G. Fleischer, and John I. Howell, Jr.

Telephone: (401) 521-0023

Fax: (401) 521-0024

Web site: www.providenceonline.com

Email: providencemonthly@providenceonline.com

Frequency: Monthly

Circulation: 10,000 (free)

Area: Rhode Island

The Campus Herald

8 Abbott Park Place

Providence, RI 02903

Johnson & Wales University

Newsroom: (401) 598-2867

Fax: (401) 598-1171

Web site: http://www.jwu.edu/prov/osa/publ_herald.htm

Email: campusherald@jwu.edu

Frequency: Bi-Weekly

Circulation: 6,000 (free)

Area: Johnson & Wales University, Providence Downcity & Harborside

The College Hill Independent

Box 1930

Brown University

Providence, RI 02912-1930

(Located in Faunce 302, Brown University)

Independent newspaper at Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design

Phone: (401) 863-2008

Fax: (401) 863-1155

Web site: www.theindy.org

Email: theindy@gmail.com

Frequency: Weekly during Brown University's academic years, 20 issues annually

Circulation: 2,000 copies distributed at Brown, RISD, East Side and downtown

The Cowl

Providence College

549 River Avenue

Providence, RI 02918-0001

Telephone: (401) 865-2214

Fax: (401) 865-1202

Web site: www.thecowl.com

Email: thecowl@providence.edu

Frequency: Weekly

Circulation: 4,000

Area: Providence College

The Good Five-Cent Cigar (University of Rhode Island)

50 Lower College Road
Memorial Union Room 125
Kingston, RI 02881
Telephone: (401) 874-4325
Fax: (401) 874-5607
Web site: www.ramcigar.com
Email: cigar@etal.uri.edu
Frequency: Daily (4 days)
Circulation: 5,000
Area: URI community, South County area

The Hawk's Herald

Student Programs and Leadership
Roger Williams University
One Old Ferry Road
Bristol, RI 02809-2921
Telephone: (401) 254-3229
Fax: (401) 254-3355
Email: hawksherald@gmail.com
Frequency: weekly
Published: Fridays
Circulation: 1,500
Area: Bristol campus and a little of the surrounding community

WBRU 95.5 FM

88 Benevolent Street
Providence, RI 02906
Telephone: (401) 272-9550, ext. 5
Fax: (401) 272-9278
Email: brunews@wbru.com
Web site: www.wbru.com
Format: Alternative Rock

WDOM 91.3 FM

Providence College
Slavin Center
549 River Ave.
Providence, RI 02918
Telephone: (401) 865-2460 for Executive Board
Fax: none
Email: wdomdj@yahoo.com
Format: Non-commercial radio

WXIN 90.7 FM - RIC Radio

WXIN Studios
600 Mount Pleasant Ave.
Providence, RI 02908
Telephone: (401) 456-8288
Fax: (401) 456-1988
Website: www.ricradio.org
Format: college radio, music and talk

Radio Stations
AM Radio Stations

WADK 1540 AM

11 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard
Newport, RI 02840
Telephone: (401) 846-1540
Fax: (401) 846-1598
Web site: www.wadk.com
Email: news@wadk.com
Format: News, talk

WALE Supermax 990 AM

P.O. Box 6443
Providence, RI 02904
Located at 1185 North Main St.
Supermax WKKB Inc.
General Manager: Craig Rapoza
Program Director: Dr. Manolo Pazos
Telephone: (401) 521-0990
Fax: (401) 521-5077
Web site: www.supermax990am.com
Email: manolopazos@aol.com
Format: 24 hrs in Spanish, Red Sox in Spanish, Targets Ages 34+, news, sports, traffic, weather

WARV 1590 AM

19 Luther Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
Blount Communications Group
Telephone: (401) 737-0700
Fax: (401) 737-1604
Email: studio@warv.net
Web site: www.warv.net
Format: Religious, occasional local news, public affairs

WCNX 1180 AM

19 Railroad Ave.
Westerly, RI 02891
The Judson Group
Telephone: (401) 596-6795
Fax: (401) 596-6782
Email: arruda@classical959.com
Web site: www.1180wcnx.com
Format: All news

WNRI 1380 AM

786 Diamond Hill Road

Woonsocket, RI 02895

Telephone: (401) 769-0600

Fax: (401) 762-0442

Email: rogerwnri@prodigy.netWeb site: www.wnri.com

Format: News/talk

WOON 1240 AM

One Social Street

Woonsocket, RI 02895-3136

Telephone: (401) 762-1240

Fax: (401) 769-8232

Web site: www.onworldwide.comEmail: email@onworldwide.com

Format: Full service

WPRO 630 AM

1502 Wampanoag Trail

East Providence, RI 02915

Telephone: (401) 433-2200

Fax: (401) 433-1183

Web site: www.630wpro.com

Format/Talk: News/Talk

WRNI 1290 AM -(Rhode Island Public Radio) and WXNI 1230 AM

One Union Station

Providence, RI 02903

Telephone: (401) 351-2800

News Room Phone: (401) 351-2244

News Room Fax: (401) 351-0246

Web site: www.wrni.org

Format: NPR News/Talk

Television Stations**New England Cable News**

160 Wells Avenue

Newton, MA 02459

Telephone: (617) 630-5000

Fax: (617) 630-5055

Web site: www.necn.comEmail: newsdesk@necn.com

Area: All five New England states

Notes: 24-hour news station

NBC 10 - WJAR

23 Kenney Drive
Cranston, RI 02920
Telephone: (401) 455-9105
Fax: (401) 455-9140
Web site: www.turnto10.com
Email: atefft@wjar.com

ABC 6 - WLNE

10 Orms Street
Providence, RI 02904
Telephone: (401) 453-8000
Fax: (401) 331-4399
Web site: www.abc6.com
Email: news@abc6.com

CBS 12 - WPRI / FOX 64 WNAC

25 Catamore Boulevard
East Providence, RI 02903
Telephone: (401) 438-3310
Fax: (401) 431-1012
Web site: www.wpri.com
Email: desk@wpri.com

Rhode Island PBS - WSBE

(Rhode Island public broadcasting station)
50 Park Lane
Providence, RI 02907-3124
Telephone: (401) 222-3636
Fax: (401) 222-3407
Web site: www.ripbs.org
Email: lhoule@ripbs.org
Discussion Program: The Thirteenth State
Discussion Program: A Lively Experiment

Media Services**Associated Press Bureau**

10 Dorrance Street, Suite 601
Providence, RI 02903-2084
Telephone: (401) 274-2270 is best, during legislative session (401) 272-3350
Fax: (401) 272-5644
Web site: wire.ap.org
Email: approvidence@ap.org

Metro Networks

10 Charles Street
Providence, RI 02904
Telephone: (401) 243-8320 (News Dept.)
Fax: (401) 243-8390
Web site: www.metronetworks.com
Email: prov_news@metronetworks.com
Notes: News Service provider for radio - wire service/audio service

Web Sites and Blogs

All Pawtucket, All the Time

A Media 365 website

www.allpawtucket.com

allpawtucket@gmail.com or mybackyard@comcast.net

Telephone: (508) 212-4454

Updated: Daily

Area: Pawtucket

The Bucket Blog

<http://pawtucketri.blogspot.com/>

speck22@gmail.com

Notes: News and commentary about civic and cultural life in Pawtucket with a progressive, New Urbanism slant.

RI Future

www.rifuture.org

progress@rifuture.org

Updated: Daily

Notes: Most widely read political blog in Rhode Island with over 40,000 visits per month.

Features news and commentary on Rhode Island politics and culture.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

[As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.]

1. **A summary** – selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section IX. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.A.)

Rhode Islanders wishing to participate in the 2012 Democratic National Convention must do the following to become delegate candidates:

- January 24, 2012 – Deadline to register to vote
- February 22 & 23, 2012 – Deadline for delegate and alternate candidates to obtain and file candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from the State Party headquarters in person, via mail or Internet (www.ridemocrats.org)
- February 28, 2012 – Deadline for delegate candidates to return nomination papers with at least 150 valid signatures.
- May 28, 2012 – Deadline for PLEOs and At-Large delegates to file statement of candidacy pledge of support forms to the State Party.
- June 21, 2012 – State Party Convention, selection of delegation chair, convention pages and PLEOs

2. **A timetable** reflecting all significant dates in the state’s delegate selection process. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state’s Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.B.)

Date	Activity
2011	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 15	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee including names, contact information and demographic data.
June 19	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment
June 20	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
July 20	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
August 1	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
August 2	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 16	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
2012	
January 3	Deadline for parties to certify party rules with the Secretary of State
January 19-21	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
January 21	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
February 21	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.) Deadline for Presidential candidates to withdraw.
February 22-23	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party’s web site at www.ridemocrats.org
February 28	Deadline for delegates to return nomination papers to local boards of canvassers.
March 6	Deadline for delegate candidates to withdraw.

Date	Activity
March 8	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
March 2	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
March 6	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
March 7	Ballot placement lottery (conducted by Secretary of State, 5 p.m. at the State House)
April 24	Presidential preference primary.
April 25	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
May 4	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 28	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 29	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 30	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
June 21	State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party.
June 21	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
June 21	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
August 1	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
August 1	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
August 1	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Unpledged Delegates.



**2012 Democratic National Convention
Delegate Selection Plan**

Chair's Certification of Plan

The Rhode Island Democratic State Committee, in accordance with our By-Laws, officially adopted the State of Rhode Island Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action and Inclusion plans for the 2012 Democratic National Convention on August 1, 2011.

Edwin Pacheco, Chairman

Date

Chair's Certification of Compliance with Rule 1.C

The Rhode Island Democratic State Committee has provided for a thirty (30) day public comment period soliciting opinion on the State of Rhode Island Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action and Inclusion plans for the 2012 Democratic National Convention prior to its formal adoption on August 13, 2007. The draft plan was adopted on August 1, 2011 with the public comment period beginning on June 20, 2011.

Edwin Pacheco, Chairman

Date

5. A copy of all written public and online comments submitted through the process provided above on the Plan. *[Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.]* (Reg. 2.2.G.)

Google docs ☆ Draft 2012 Delegate Selection Plan Private to only me

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Timestamp	Full Name	Your Email Address	Full Street Address	Phone Number	Subject	Comments
2	6/21/2011 0:03:54	Tony Roza	tonyr@thegreenpaper	200 W Columbine F8 Santa Ana, CA 92707-4329 (formerly from East Providence and Bristol)	714-979-3677	Section IX A math error	A minor note-- in Section IX A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates the total number of delegates should be 35 not 37. $17 + 9 + 3 + 6 = 35$.
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Stephanie DeSilva <desilva.stephanie@gmail.com>

comments on delegate plan

Peter Asen <peterasen@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 29, 2011 at 11:46 AM

To: Stephanie DeSilva <sdesilva@ridemocrats.org>

Excellent job. Here are my minor suggestions, changes and questions

Pages 12 and 13 - There are references -- Section III, B4(c)(1)(a) on page 12 and Section III B4(c)(1)(d) on page 13 -- to the state committee that I believe are now incorrect based on the changes that were made. Or did those changes not go into immediate effect and will not apply until 2013?

Page 14 - Section III, C(5)(a) -- seems odd to specify that delegates will be elected by voice vote. What if there is an opposing slate? Maybe it should say instead "Delegates may be elected by voice vote" so that if there is not only one choice, you can do a roll call if needed -- this is, after all, the "Democratic" party

Page 16- Section III D -- lettering is off, Temporary Replacement of a Delegate" should be (b), "The followign system" should be (c), and so on

Also in that section, under what is now b, I think the "Choose one or any combination of the following alternatives" is a boilerplate piece that no longer makes sense

Page 21 - Section VI-A(4) - Wondering what this thing about the broadest possible registration means,"

Page 23 - Section VII - A(1)(b) - I'd add the words "as defined is subsection (c) below" after the word "status".

Page 25 - Section VII - C(4) - Ensuring that district lines are not gerrymandered to discriminate -- the lines in question are those set in last redistricting or the upcoming one? Maybe this comes from national language but it seems a little problematic to me, because if the Aff Action committee doesn't like the district lines, obviously the state party is not going to change its method for electing delegates, right? If this is just to cover bases with DNC than I guess there's no problem with it

Page 27 - Section VII - D(1) - If you have those demographic percentage goals, how come they are not in the boxes on that page? I would be curious to see them

Page 28 - Section VII - E(2) - is the date October 1, 2007 an error?

Include here also a phone conversation with Lauren Nocera, Providence City Committee Chair, in late June with advice on LGBT percentages.

6. **A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F.**, which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. (Reg. 2.2.I.)