

2017 Rules for the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee

ACCESSIBILITY TO THE FLOOR:

For the purpose of these rules, the floor is defined as the area of the premises reserved for the seating and accommodation of the Democratic State Committee.

No one shall have access to the area which the Democratic State Committee will be seated, unless said candidate is a member of the State Committee.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

All nominations and seconds must be made by a member of the State Committee. Nomination speeches will be limited to two (2) minutes and seconding speeches will be limited to one (1) minute.

BALLOTING:

Where there are no counter-nominations, balloting shall be by voice vote; where there are counter-nominations, balloting shall be by the call of the roll*. The endorsement for National Committeeman shall go to the candidate receiving a simple majority** of the votes cast. If no simple majority is achieved on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be eliminated and the voting will resume with successive ballots until a candidate receives a simple majority. Proxy voting will not be allowed. Abstentions do not count as ballots cast.

**Roll call is the process in which each State Committee member is called and casts a vote if present. State Committee officers shall vote first before all State Committee members have voted, in the following order: First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Third Vice Chair, Fourth Vice Chair, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer.*

***Simple majority is defined as more than one half of the members present and voting.*

REMARKS BY CANDIDATES NOMINATED AS DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Each candidate requesting to be considered for the position of Democratic National Committee member and shall be permitted to address the State Committee. Each candidate shall be limited to **no more than three (3)** minutes for their remarks.

GENERAL:

The Chairman of the Democratic State Committee shall appoint a Sergeant -at-Arms and as many deputies as he deems necessary. It shall be the duty of these appointees to maintain order and decorum during the nominating and balloting procedure. It shall also be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to allow only authorized people on the floor. A Parliamentarian will also be appointed for the meeting, who shall not be a member of the Democratic State Committee.

State Committee Officers and State Committee members must vote in the Congressional District in which they reside in the relevant elections.

In all proceedings before this committee, the governing procedures not specifically provided for in these rules shall be: first, the rules, regulations and by-laws of the Democratic State Committee; second, Robert's Rules of Order.

Resolution of Disputes: Any and all items or issues in dispute shall, if not otherwise resolved, be decided by the Chair.

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