

California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report
Friday, November 15, 2019

I. With 25 Members a Quorum was present additional members showed up as the meeting was in progress. The two CYD Ambassadors, Brook Pritchard and Luis Zamora, were introduced.

II. MSP Adoption of Meeting Agenda

III. Subcommittee Reports

A. ADEMs Subcommittee: Received an update on the work of the AdHoc Committee on ADEMs and the process going forward with the subcommittee.

B. Caucuses Subcommittee: At the request of the Renters Caucus proponents another hearing on their application will be set for January. MSP to adopt the following charge for the subcommittee.

“ The Subcommittee on Caucuses is charged with: conducting a review of the most recent Caucus certification/recertification/decertification process; identifying issues, concerns, bottlenecks, and successes; identifying guidelines or bylaws provisions that caused confusion or were the source of uncertainty; and reporting on its findings and its recommendations for changes to the bylaws, guidelines, processing procedures or forms aimed at resolving any concerns identified, as well as improving or streamlining the process.

The Subcommittee on Caucuses is also charged with reviewing the initial certification process to identify any guidelines or bylaws provisions that have been the source of uncertainty or other difficulty and reporting its recommendations for changes to the bylaws, processing procedures or forms aimed at resolving any concerns identified, as well as improving or streamlining the process.”

C. County Bylaws Subcommittee: Received an update on the progress on specific counties in having their Bylaws reviewed. There were no approvals needed at this meeting.

D. Endorsement Subcommittee: Received an update from the Endorsement Subcommittee on the process to take testimony going forward.

E. Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee reviewed various Bylaw amendments submitted for approval. MSP to adopt the Ramos proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4a, as follows:

The Executive Board shall convene in regular meetings at least ~~three~~ two times in each calendar ~~year~~ year, or at least one time in each calendar year in which This Committee convenes more than once. Such regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Board may designate so long as no two consecutive meetings are held in the same county.

F. Standing Committees Subcommittee: MSP to receive an update from the Standing Committees Subcommittee on various Bylaw amendments.

IV. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

A. MSP to refer Lowell Young’s proposal relating to the Resolution Committee process to the Subcommittee on Standing Committees.

B. MSP to refer Bob Mulholland’s proposal to add Chair and Vice Chair of the California High School Democrats to be members of This Committee back to the author to draft actual Bylaw amendments. Member Hernandez wanted to add the Chair of the College Dems and Vice Chair of the Young Democrats.

C. MSP, with Member Blackerby dissenting, approval of a Bylaw amendment to effectuate the CYD Ambassador Program by amending Article V:

Section 3. Appointment of Members of Committees

- a. Except as set forth herein below, The Chair of This Committee shall appoint from fifteen to thirty members of This Committee to each of the Standing Committees mentioned herein. For all Committees without exception, The Chair of This Committee, in making these appointments, shall take into consideration the Party's commitment to non-discrimination, affirmative action, inclusiveness, and diversity including, but not limited to such things as: race, color, creed, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, economic status. The geographical location of the appointees, including their residence in urban, suburban, or rural communities, shall also guide the Chair of This Committee in making appointments to each Standing Committee.
- b. The Chair of This Committee may also appoint up to three (3) members of the California Young Democrats (CYD) to each Standing Committee to serve as nonvoting Ex Officio members, with right of voice. These Ex Officio members shall be known as "CYD Ambassadors". In the appointment of these CYD Ambassadors, the overall appointment of such members shall, in their total number, adhere to the Equal Division Rule.

V. Caucus Bylaws Recertification Subcommittee

- A. MSP Approve the Subcommittees findings of compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and fully certify the Chicano Latino Caucus.
- B. MSP Approve the Subcommittees report of compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and continue provisional certification until the Caucus adopts the Code of Conduct and to authorize the Rules Committee Lead Chairs to fully certify upon verification of the adoption of the Code of Conduct for the African American, Arab American, Computer and Internet, Native American, Rural and Senior caucuses.
- C. MSP Approve the Subcommittees report of compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and continue provisional certification until the caucus adopts the recommended Code of Conduct language and to authorize the Rules Committee Lead Chairs to fully certify upon verification of the adoption of the recommended Code of Conduct language for the Disabilities Caucus.
- D. MSP to continue provisional certification until the subcommittee reports compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and the adoption of the Code of Conduct for the Asian Pacific Islander, Business and Professional, Environmental, Filipino American, Irish American, Labor, LGBT, Progressive, Veterans and Womens caucuses.

VI. Compliance Review Commission (CRC)

- A. MSP (26-0) Dismiss the challenge by Steve Hansen relating to the Democratic Party of Sacramento County due to the lack of proven jurisdiction. 26-0
- B. MSP (19-5) Dismiss the challenge by Jay Hansen relating to the Democratic Party of Sacramento County based on the fact the challenger failed to establish sufficient violation to establish jurisdiction.
- C. MSP to reject the challenge by Ms. Diddo Clark relating to the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County.
- D. MSP to receive and file a CRC Decision in a challenge relating to the Riverside DCC.
- E. MSP to receive and file a CRC Decision in a challenge relating to the Stanislaus DCC.

VII. Other Business

- A. MSP to approve the recommended Code of Conduct Investigators and Commissioners to be fully approved by the Executive Board in March 2020.

VIII. MSP Adjournment