

## PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Proposed by ADP Bylaws Committee for consideration September 21, 2019

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### PROPOSAL 1: CHANGE FROM BYLAWS COMMITTEE TO RULES COMMITTEE

The Bylaws Committee continues to bear responsibilities and conduct governance-related duties beyond bylaws. Consistent with many other states' committee nomenclature and with our committee's activities, the name "Rules Committee" is proposed. In addition, the list of duties has been expanded and re-ordered to better reflect the Committee's work.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

#### ARTICLE VI. OTHER COMMITTEES

##### Section 2. STANDING COMMITTEES.

2. ~~Bylaws~~ *Rules* Committee. The duties of the ~~Bylaws~~ *Rules* Committee shall be to (a) keep the bylaws of the ADP consistent with the aims and policies of the ADP, *and consistent with applicable laws*; (b) propose changes in the bylaws; ~~(c) report to the State Committee; and~~ *(d) review and recommend approval, rejection, or amendment of all proposed changes to the bylaws;* ~~(d)~~ *develop and recommend governance-related policies and procedures for consideration by the Executive Board;* ~~(e) report to the State Committee; and~~ *(e) report to the State Committee; and* ~~(f) conduct other activities as requested by the ADP Chair.~~

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### PROPOSAL 2: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Current bylaws require an Executive Committee schedule that is inconsistent with defined duties. The proposed language requires meeting yearly for financial business, and allows for additional meetings. The use of proxies is also clarified.

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#### ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

##### Section 4. MEETINGS.

~~The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times in a calendar year.~~

*The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per calendar year to review and approve budgetary matters. In addition, they may meet within seven (7) days upon the call of the State Chair to consider budgetary or other, non-financial matters. Meetings concerning non-financial matters may be held remotely. Proxies shall not be allowed for meetings held remotely.*

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### **PROPOSAL 3: RESTRICTIONS ON CONCURRENT BOARD POSITIONS**

This proposed amendment codifies the policy adopted by the ADP Executive Board, July 2019.

*"ADP Officers and other members of the ADP Executive Board shall not concurrently serve as officers of any political action committee."*

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

#### **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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**PROPOSAL 4: ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES** (The initial version of this proposal was tabled at the April 2019 SCM.)

A bylaws statement regarding contested primaries is long overdue. Thus, we propose the new section "Contested Primaries" to codify the ADP Executive Board's resolution on July 2018 *"The Arizona Democratic Party remains neutral in contested primaries and requires all materials to remain neutral with respect to candidates in contested primaries."*

In addition, the existing section regarding Vote of No Candidate Support (to become Section 2) has been altered for clarity.

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#### **ARTICLE XIII. ~~VOTE OF NO~~ ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES SUPPORT**

##### ***Section 1. CONTESTED PRIMARIES.***

*The Arizona Democratic Party and all of its caucuses, councils, projects, and programs shall remain neutral in contested primaries. They will neither endorse any candidate in a contested primary, nor take actions that could imply endorsement, nor otherwise give favor to or demonstrate bias toward a specific candidate.*

##### **Section ~~12~~. VOTE OF NO CANDIDATE SUPPORT.**

*In the event serious concerns are raised about a candidate's legitimacy or intent, the Executive Board may call for a vote of No Candidate Support by the Executive Committee. ~~when there appears to be serious questions about a candidate's legitimacy and intent. To be approved, a vote of No Candidate Support must be agreed to by no fewer than~~ Approval shall require the agreement of at least 90% of Executive Committee members voting. Executive Committee members will be notified by ~~both~~ mail or telephone, and by email, of the scheduled vote, which may be held remotely. ~~If the situation calls for action before the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting, the State Chair may call for telephonic voting.~~*