

**34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats 2010 Legislative Caucus**  
**Sunday, March 14, 2010 @ Mount View Elementary School, White Center**

1:10pm – Caucus called to order by District Chair, Tim Nuse. Jimmy Haun was invited to lead the flag salute.

Chair offered a few welcoming remarks to attendees, including mention of the annexation issue as we are meeting right in the middle of the area under discussion. Besides serving as Caucus Chair, Nuse has appointed temporary Secretary, Michael Taylor-Judd, temporary Parliamentarian, Jimmy Haun, and temporary Sergeant-at-Arms, Les Treall.

Nuse recognized special guests in attendance, including the District's highest-ranking Democrat, King County Executive Dow Constatnine, and 34<sup>th</sup> District State Representatives Eileen Cody and Sharon Nelson. He then invited a number of speakers to address the body while we wait for the Credentials Report.

Since Executive Constantine has many other districts to try to visit today, [he kicked off the speeches](#): “We need a government that works... that is financially sound.”

Nuse next reviewed the goals of the caucus and the agenda ([attached](#)). He told everyone we need to get excited and ready to fight, and – echoing Constatine's call – we have a responsibility to not be complacent like in 1994.

State Committeeman, Chris Porter, was invited to read the [Affirmative Action Statement](#) from the State Party.

Rep. Nelson spoke about the Special Legislative Session scheduled to begin tomorrow, and which should last 7-10 days. She has been fighting for several bills including one against loan modification scams and one for a stormwater treatment tax on industry which would immediately fund new jobs projects.

Rep. Cody, who chairs the [Health Care & Wellness](#) Committee and sits on [Health & Human Services Appropriations](#) and [Ways & Means](#), talked about the budget and revenue packages being looked at for the special session.

34<sup>th</sup> member and candidate for [King Conservation District](#) Board of Supervisors Kirk Prindle spoke about the unusual election process for this Board. It has five members – two appointed and three elected, with one elected every year – and voting is conducted by paper ballot at drop boxes in designated local libraries. (See the website for this year's locations.)

Candidate for 34<sup>th</sup> District State Representative, Position 2, Sabra Schneider spoke about her candidacy.

34<sup>th</sup> District State Senator Joe McDermott, candidate for King County Council Position 8, also spoke about budget issues in Olympia. Last year, the Legislature passed an “all-cuts” budget; and this year there simply must be new revenues. One current proposal being considered would include a temporary three-year sales tax increase of .3%. He is also co-sponsoring [SB 6250](#), which would lower the sales tax and implement an income tax on “high earners.” It would be passed as an amendment to the Constitution which would go the ballot for voters to decide on in November.

2:00pm - Credentials Committee Chair, Marcee Stone, announced the Quorum Report: 79 registered Democrats have signed in. A required quorum of 30%, or 24, will be necessary to conduct business.

Hearing no credentials challenges, **Nuse entertained a motion to approve the Credentials Report. This was seconded by numerous attendees and passed unanimously.**

Schneider was appointed Tally Committee Chair, and gathered her committee members. Tim Nuse was elected permanent Chair of the meeting, and the appointed Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms were also confirmed with no objections.

Joshua Johnston, Chair of the Rules Committee, was invited to read the 2010 District Caucus Rules ([attached](#)) which would govern the remainder of the event. **Nuse moved to amend the distributed rules sheet to correct an error at #13 which incorrectly listed the quorum at 40%, which was seconded by Brian Earl and passed unanimously. Motion was then made to accept the rules, which was seconded by numerous attendees and passed unanimously.**

Questions were asked about the date and location of the [State Party Convention](#) that delegates are elected to and what business is to be conducted there.

2:15pm – Election of State Convention Delegates and Alternates commenced, with candidates asked to line up to provide their name and give a brief speech. (All candidates were eventually elected as either a delegate or alternate.)

There was a brief pause during nominations to hear from State Party Chair, Dwight Pelz, who joined us to congratulate us for turning out and to tell us that health care reform is going to happen in Congress. The historic House vote is expected to take place on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

One letter of candidacy, from District Finance Chair, Walter Sive, was read out loud by Nuse.

While attendees waited for votes to be tallied, additional speakers were invited to address the meeting, including Mary Embleton, candidate for King Conservation District Board of Supervisors; and Stone and 34<sup>th</sup> member Joe Fitzgibbon, candidates for 34<sup>th</sup> District State Representative, Position 2.

3:34pm - *Good of the Order* – Carlos Jimenez called for support of American-made, union-produced goods.

Porter asked for help organizing childcare for future 34<sup>th</sup> District events.

Outreach Chair, Les Treall, called for volunteers to help with information tables at numerous local events coming up in the next few months.

Nuse asked for help putting away chairs and tables and cleaning up from the event before announcing the elected Convention Delegates and Alternates:

Ted Barker  
Richard A. Bartlett  
Vicki Lee Baucom  
Layne M. Bautista  
Steve W. Butts  
Judith Cederblom  
Michael D. Coffman  
Walt Creekmore  
Karl de Jong  
Edward R. Dupras  
Jacqueline Dupras  
Raymond G. Fitzgibbon  
Bronwyn L. Freer  
Elizabeth R. Giba-Knowles

James A. Haun  
Michael Heavey  
Tara Jo Heinecke  
Arunkumar G. Jhaveri  
Carlos Jimenez  
Thomas C. Jurewicz  
Dina Lydia Johnson  
Sharon Rae Maeda  
Kimber McCreery  
Madeleine A. Nickele  
Meaza Ogbe  
Lisa C. Plymate  
Sabra S. Schneider  
Elizabeth Shedd

Tamsen R. Spengler  
Kathryn L. Sprigg  
Michael Taylor  
Jeff Upthegrove  
Keith J. Weir  
Ivan Weiss  
Heather O'Connor Woodruff

*Alternate #1: Steve E. Cole*  
*Alternate #2: Roderick D. Dimoff*  
*Alternate #3: Walter Sive*  
*Alternate #4: Minh Dinh*  
*Alternate #5: David Ginsberg*  
*Alternate #6: Naomi Cassirer*

4:29pm - There being no further business to pursue, Chair motioned to adjourn for the day.

Submitted by,

Michael Taylor-Judd, Secretary