

34th 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 34th 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 Constatnine'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.

34th 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 34th District State Representative, Position 2, Sabra Schneider spoke about her candidacy.

34th 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 21st.

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 34th member Joe Fitzgibbon, candidates for 34th 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 34th 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

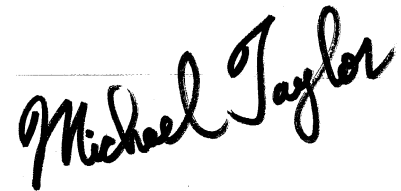
James A. Haun
Michael Heavey
Tara Jo Heinecke
Arunkumar G. Jhaveri
Carlos Jimenez
Thomas C. Jurewicz
Dina Lydia Johnson
Sharon Rae Maeda
Kimber McCreery
Madeleine A. Nickele
Meaza Ogbe
Lisa C. Plymate
Sabra S. Schneider
Elizabeth Shedd

Tamsen R. Spengler
Kathryn L. Sprigg
Michael Taylor
Jeff Uptegrove
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Taylor-Judd, Secretary