

**34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2009 @ Hall at Fauntleroy**

7:03pm - Meeting called to order by Chair, Tim Nuse. Lisa Plymate was invited to lead the flag salute.

7:05pm – After some opening remarks about President Obama’s just aired speech on health care, Chair entertained a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the August meeting minutes ([attached](#)). The motion was moved and seconded, then passed by the body.

7:06pm - *Chair’s Report* - Chair is proud to announce that we had the biggest Membership Meeting ever in August, with over 400 people in attendance to hear Congressman Jim McDermott (WA-07) and our other guests speak regarding the status of health care reform and the debate in Congress. Thanks to the leadership of the 34<sup>th</sup> for working so hard. Nearly 50 new members were signed up!

Burien Oktoberfest is coming up on September 26 & 27, 2009 in Burien Town Square, SW 152nd and 5th Place. Our organization will have an informational table there. Please speak to Les Treall to volunteer, and be sure to come out in support of this community event!

Recruiting is underway for a new Parliamentarian after Stephen Lamphear was asked to step down. Chair has asked Brian Earl, By-Laws Chair, to serve until a replacement can be found.

Plans are underway to move to electronic distribution of our newsletter to cut costs and help reduce paper waste. Starting with tonight’s meeting; members may choose to *opt-in* to receive the newsletter by e-mail instead of post for the last three months of 2009. Beginning in January, *all members* will automatically begin receiving the newsletter by e-mail unless they choose to *opt-out* in order to continue receiving the newsletter by post.

7:12pm - *First Vice Chair’s Report* – Kim Becklund spoke briefly to urge members to take care with the big decisions facing the body regarding the current election cycle.

7:13pm - *Recommended Amendment to Endorsement Rules* – Chair read the proposed amendment (*attached*) which has been recommended by the Executive Board. It would change Section 2 of the [Endorsement Rules](#) according to the underlined section as follows:

General Election Endorsement Meeting - At the September general membership meeting every year the Organization will consider endorsements for races and ballot measures on the November General Election Ballot that have not already been considered. Any candidate already endorsed this year retains his or her endorsement for the General Election. A candidate who is certified for the General Election but not endorsed at an earlier meeting may return to request endorsement with the required 2/3 of eligible members present and voting in September.

**A motion to approve the amendment, as read by Chair, was made and seconded.** Questions were then asked by the body to help understand the proposal. After all questions had been answered, Chair called the question. **The motion passed overwhelmingly, with only approximately a dozen No votes.**

7:18pm - **Endorsements in Races Already Considered in July** – Dorsol Plants moved to endorse David Bloom for Seattle City Council Position #4, and Marcee Stone seconded. Plants ceded his time to the candidate, and speeches were heard for and against.

**Chair called for a hand count, which failed.**

**Chris Porter moved to suspend the Endorsement Rules, which was seconded by Ivan Weiss. The vote failed to reach the necessary 2/3 threshold, with 51 votes for and 27 against,** so voting proceeded by written ballot.

Christi Stapleton moved to endorse Mike O'Brien for Seattle City Council Position #8, and Stone seconded. There were no speeches against.

Chair called for a Credentials Report, and announced that there were 95 voting members in attendance.

**Chair announced results of the endorsement vote for David Bloom: Yes – 61, No – 26; 2/3 is sufficient for endorsement.**

Karl de Jong moved to endorse Joe Mallahan for Seattle Mayor, and Becklund seconded. De Jong ceded his time to the candidate, and speeches were heard for and against.

7:47pm - **Endorsements in Races Not Yet Considered** – State Senator Joe McDermott moved to endorse Bob Rosenberger for King County Assessor, and Stephen Lamphear seconded. Alan Munro moved to endorse Lloyd Hara in the same race, and Lisa Plymate seconded. Speeches were heard for and against.

Chair announced results of the endorsement vote for Mike O'Brien: Yes – 50, No – 37; this was insufficient for endorsement.

Chair also announced results of the endorsement vote for Joe Mallahan: Yes – 45, No – 45; this was also insufficient for endorsement.

Stapleton moved to endorse Betty Patu for Seattle School Board Position #7, and Susan Harmon seconded. Sharon Maeda moved to endorse Wilson Chin in the same race, and Stone seconded. Speeches were heard for and against.

Chair announced results of the endorsement vote for King County Assessor: Hara – 54, Rosenberger – 37; which was insufficient for sole endorsement of either candidate. This race moved automatically to a Second Ballot for Dual Endorsement.

Maria Ramirez moved to endorse Mary Bass for Seattle School Board Position #5, and Harmon seconded. Plants moved to endorse Kay Smith-Blum in the same race, and de Jong seconded. Time was ceded to the candidates, and speeches were heard for and against.

**Chair announced results of the endorsement vote for Seattle School Board Position #7: Chin – 62, Patu – 16; which resulted in the sole endorsement of Wilson Chin.**

Chair also announced results of the dual endorsement vote for King County Assessor: Dual – 54, No – 40; which was insufficient for dual endorsement of either candidate, so no position was taken in this race.

Joe Fitzgibbon moved to endorse Sue Blazak for Burien City Council Position #1, and Richard Bartlett seconded. There were no speeches against.

While voting was conducted, Julian Wheeler announced a Candidates Forum for mayor of Seattle, Seattle City Attorney, and two Seattle City Council races co-sponsored by the Alliance of People with Disabilities, the Resident Action Council of SHA, the Committee to Establish a Seattle Disabilities Commission and other groups. The event is to be held on September 18, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Community Room of the Seattle Housing Authority's Center Park building at 2121 26th Ave. S.

Chair announced results of the endorsement vote for Seattle School Board Position #5: Bass – 52, Smith-Blum – 29; which was insufficient for sole endorsement of either candidate. This race moved automatically to a Second Ballot for Dual Endorsement.

While voting was conducted, Chris Porter, Fundraising Chair, reported on the success of the Garden Party fundraiser, which netted a profit of ~\$7,500. He offered particular recognition and thanks to all three of our state legislators for their generous donation of the food, and to our host, West Seattle Nursery [<http://www.westseattlenursery.com>].

**Chair announced results of the endorsement vote for Burien City Council Position #1: Yes – 43, No – 20; which resulted in the sole endorsement of Sue Blazak.**

8:36pm - *Endorsements of Issues Not Yet Considered* – **Chair moved to endorse as a block Approve Referendum 71 (to retain domestic partnership expansions), Yes on Seattle Proposition 1 – the Housing Levy, and Approve King County Charter Amendment - Open Space Preservation act. Tom Carr seconded. Hearing no objections, Chair called for a vote of acclamation, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Fitzgibbon moved to endorse Burien Transportation Benefit District #1 – Vehicle License Fee for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and Michael Taylor-Judd seconded.** Speeches were heard for and against, and then **Taylor-Judd called for a hand count, seconded by Bartlett.** Hearing no objections, the vote was called, and **the endorsement passed: Yes – 40, No – 9.**

**Chair announced results of the endorsement vote for Seattle School Board Position #5: Dual – 52, No – 23; which resulted in the dual endorsement of Mary Bass and Kay Smith-Blum.**

8:47pm - *Election of King County Alternate* – Chair moved to amend the agenda due to the late hour, by postponing election of King County Alternate to October’s meeting. The election is necessary to replace Robin Hess, who has resigned from the position. Becklund seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8:48pm - *Contributions Recommendation from Executive Board* – Walter Sive presented the proposed list of campaign contributions which has been recommended by the Executive Board as follows, along with some context for the current state of the organization’s finances:

**\$3,434 to Dow Constantine for King County Executive**  
**1,000 to Max Vekich for Seattle Port Commission**  
**1,000 to Tom Carr for Seattle City Attorney**  
**1,000 to Approve Referendum 71**  
**500 to King County Democrats**  
**250 to David Ginsberg for Seattle City Council**  
**200 to Vote Yes on Proposition 1 – the Seattle Housing Levy**

Sen. McDermott motioned to approve the (above) proposal, and State Representative Sharon Nelson seconded.

Kathy Minsch moved to amend the proposal to decrease the contribution to Tom Carr to \$700, at his advice regarding limits on contributions in his race, and to increase the contribution to Dow Constantine by the \$300 difference. The motion was seconded by Carr, and accepted by unanimous consent.

Chair moved to vote on the amended motion by acclamation, and the proposal for campaign contributions passed unanimously.

8:55pm - *Resolutions* – Plymate read her proposed resolution (*attached*) resolving that the “34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District urges President Obama to fight hard for the public option he campaigned for and that the American people want” and urging our U.S. Senators and Representatives, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and State Senator Karen Keiser (D-33<sup>rd</sup>) to support, advocate on behalf of, and/or vote for a public insurance option. It was accepted by unanimous acclamation.

De Jong next read his proposed resolution (*attached*) resolving that “members of the Washington State Democrats shall produce all live productions, trade shows, electronically-generated or recorded media projects, for broadcast or internal use, under contracts with AFM, AFTRA, IATSE, IBEW, or SAG, and that they employ only members of unions in those productions” and “that members of the Washington State Democrats shall encourage their employers, both private and public” to do likewise.

Speeches were heard for and against before the vote was called. The resolution passed 26 for and 9 against.

9:09pm - *New Business* – Chair announced an application for Acting PCO in neighboring precinct 34-1484 was received from Brian Allen. **After submitting to qualifications questions, Brian Allen was approved as an Acting PCO by a unanimous vote of acclamation.**

*Good of the Order* – Porter called on all newly endorsed candidates to add language showing their endorsement of Approve Referendum 71 to their websites and/or campaign literature, and promised to compile a list of all candidates who agree to do so.

Mary Bass thanked the body for the dual endorsement in her race.

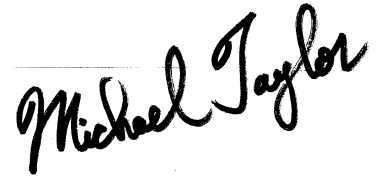
Senator McDermott invited members to come phone bank for the Dow Constantine campaign.

Max Vekich thanked the body for their generous campaign contribution.

De Jong invited everyone to the M.L. King County Labor Council's Mayoral Candidate Forum to be held September 16, 2009 at 4:30pm at the Seattle Labor Temple, Hall One, 2800 First Avenue.

9:16pm - There being no further business to pursue, Chair motioned to adjourn for the evening.

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