



What Should we Look for in a Chair?

Fellow PCOs and members of the 34th District Democrats,

In 10 days we will come together to reorganize as required by the Revised Code of Washington and the charter of the Washington State Democratic Party. This communication is aimed primarily at the PCOs elected in August who will elect our new chair (as well as vice chairs and delegates to the county and state party central committees), but will be useful to all members of the organization who may attend our regular monthly business meetings.

We are Democrats, members of the Democratic Party, and we believe in democracy, fairness, and inclusion. As a deliberative body, we follow a set of rules and customs together known as parliamentary law. The following is adapted from Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised as well as The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure by Alice Sturgis as revised by the American Institute of Parliamentarians. I hope you will find it helpful as you think about who to support for chair at the reorganization meeting on January 9th.

Parliamentary Law is the Bedrock of Democracy

The customs and rules of parliamentary law are the bedrock of democracy and the mechanism by which a group of people can make fair and equitable decisions. Parliamentary law protects the individual and the group in their exercise of the rights of free speech, free assembly, and the freedom to unite in organizations for the achievement of common aims. The rules of parliamentary law are based on a regard for the rights of:

- the majority,
- the minority, especially a strong minority—greater than one third,
- Individual members,
- absentees, and
- all of these together

The most important decision we have to make on January 9th is the election of our new chair, so it's important to make sure we have a common understanding of what the role of the chair is and what makes a good chair.

The Role of the Chair

The role of chair requires a special combination of talents, and as this role is crucial to a well-functioning organization it demands our fullest consideration. A chair has three primary roles—leader, administrator, and presiding officer. Each calls for different abilities.

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**34th Legislative District
Reorganization Notice**

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**At The Hall at Fauntleroy
9131 California Ave SW (Across from the YMCA.)
On the "C" Metro Line**

**Social Time: 6:30pm
Meeting Starts at 7:00**

Every two years all Democratic Party Organizations in Washington elect new officers and appoint new committee chairs. While any Democrat is welcome to attend, only PCOs elected in the August, 2018, primary election can vote for most officers, but all 2019 members can vote for Treasurer and Secretary (see our by-laws, Article IV, Section 2). Although it is preferred that PCOs pay some level of membership dues, it isn't a requirement for elected PCOs to vote. Renewing members who are NOT PCOs must pay 2019 membership dues in order to vote - you can do so online or at the meeting. Proxy voting is not allowed.

See the meeting agenda here:

<http://www.kcdems.org/uploads/2018/12/34th-reorg-agenda.pdf>

Reorganization Rules are here:

<http://www.kcdems.org/uploads/2018/12/ld-reorg-rules.pdf>

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Executive Board

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Chair as Leader

There are fundamental qualities that most good leaders of an organization possess. One is the *ability to plan*—to sense what the members want and help them crystallize their ideas. Another is the *ability to unite*—to rally members behind a plan and behind their leader. Perhaps the most important is the *courage to win*—to overcome all obstacles. A good leader works with the members, and keeps them happy while they are working. Such a leader has power *with* people, not *over* them. An organization is not merely a group of people working toward a common aim. It is also a powerful medium through which members can realize their individual hopes. A competent leader forges ahead toward the collective goal, but is not blind to individual aims.

Chair as Administrator

The most important duties of the chair as administrator are:

1. Act as chief administrative officer and legal head of the organization
2. Exercise supervision over the organization and all its activities and volunteers
3. Represent and speak for the organization to other organizations and the public
4. Preside at business meetings
5. Appoint committees
6. Sign letters or documents necessary to carry out the will of the organization
7. Preside at meetings of the board

Chair as Presiding Officer

As presiding officer the chair is the leader and representative of the entire assembly. Respect for this position is respect for the organization. The chair must maintain firm control of the meeting, yet always act primarily as the “first servant of the assembly.” The chair must exercise wide discretion in a meeting, meeting each situation with flexibility and judgment, common sense, and fairness to all members, acting always impartially and in good faith. A presiding officer must be firm and decisive, yet not dictatorial; courteous and patient, yet alert to ensure progress. Presiding is an art that cannot be learned entirely from a book. A tactful presiding officer knows how to discourage courteously a member who talks too much or too often and how to encourage a shy member who speaks only when compelled by strong convictions. When an assembly is restive, a good presiding officer knows how to shorten discussion and how to make business move along, but senses when members are confused and when business should move more slowly. Above all, a good presiding officer must have a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure and how to apply it.

These are some of the key things we should all keep in mind as we decide who to support for chair of the 34th District Democrats. We want to elect a chair who will enable the will of the majority while respecting the minority and ensuring their voices are heard. We want to elect a chair who will help us realize our aims as an organization while enabling individuals to realize their dreams. Above all, we want to elect a chair who will be fair, who we can trust to listen to all voices and use the rules of parliamentary law never as a weapon, but solely in the interests of empowering our members to what we’re all here to do: elect Democrats and spread Democratic values.

In solidarity,

David

David Ginsberg

Chair, 34th District Democrats

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

All meetings of the 34th District Democrats are open to any of our members.

Executive Board

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 18th Ave SW
Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Please note new start time:
Tuesday, December 11, 12pm

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12-1:30 pm

Burien Drinking Liberally

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
Wednesday, January 23, 6:30pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

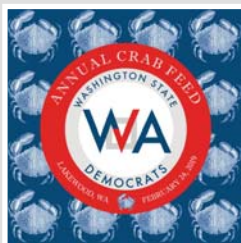
Contact Rachel Glass at werdachel@aol.com
For more information regarding the next meeting

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Carpenters Union Hall
231 Burnett Ave N
Renton, WA 98057
Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 pm

Save The Date

For the Annual Washington State Democrats
2019 Crabfeed and Grassroots Forum



Sunday, February 24th
at the
McGavick Conference Center
at Clover Park Technical
College in Lakewood.
**Reservation Info coming
soon - watch our calendar**

For questions, contact Joe Barden at
joebarden@wa-democrats.org or (206) 583-0664 ext.114



Donald Trump is still our president, and the rights and safety of anyone who is not a wealthy white man, are at still at risk. On the anniversary of Trump's inauguration, protest his inhumane policies by marching from Capitol Hill to Downtown at the third annual Seattle Women's March, participating in a day of action at venues around the city, and attending workshops, an opportunity fair, and a rally and march at the Seattle MLK, Jr. Day March and Celebration.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19: Rally + march to a central location for programming that connects, educates, and heals

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20: Hubs around the region will host deeper workshops, trainings, and community-specific events

MONDAY, JANUARY 21: MLK Jr. Coalition will lead the 37th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s celebration, with workshops, opportunity fair, a rally, and march

Info at:

<https://www.seattlewomxn marchingforward.org/anniv-2019/>

Join PSARA on MLK Day

January 21, 2019
Garfield High School, 400 23rd Avenue, Seattle

Schedule of events:

Opportunity Fair 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Workshops 9:30 - 10:50 a.m.

Rally in Gymnasium 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

March 12:30 p.m. - 1:30pm

Look for the PSARA banner.

Become a PCO!

Precinct Committee Officers are the backbone of our party. Consider taking on this vital role as either an appointed or acting PCO.

Contact
chair@34dems.org

Officer Candidates for 2019-2020

Please note that these statements do not represent every officer position. The elected officers of the 34th LD Democrats are: Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, 2 delegates to the state party organization (of different genders), 2 delegates and 2 alternate delegates to the King County Democrats (of different genders), Secretary, and Treasurer.

All are free to run for any position.

Gina Topp | Candidate for Chair

I am running for Chair of the 34th District Democrats because I want to energize our membership, make our party more inclusive, and concentrate on issues important to our district. We worked hard in 2018 for several electoral victories here in our state and across our nation, but we must stay vigilant as we fight our way out of this Trumpian nightmare.

I have had the honor of working with many of you. For those of you who don't know me I currently serve as the treasurer of the 34th where I have worked hard to ensure our organization is on strong financial footing. In 2019 we need to focus on our local elections while preparing for all that is to come in 2020. As chair I will work to:

- Make our party more inclusive
- Expand outreach to underrepresented communities
- Strengthen and build relationships with other community organizations
- Mobilize those who have never participated in our democracy before

Focus on issues

- Communicate our vision for the future- when Democrats articulate our values, we win votes
- Make our priorities a reality- organize and lobby on policy issues important to our district

Energize our membership

- Recruit and train active PCOs for every precinct in the district
- Engage our members—when people ask, “how can I help,” we need to have opportunities readily available
- Make our business meetings more welcoming

These goals are commensurate with the challenges we face, and I am confident together, one city, one issue, and one person at a time



Rachel Glass | Candidate for Chair



I look forward to energizing/growing our organization through my shared vision with our recently elected Congressman, State Senator, and King County Dems! I plan to reach out to/partner with our diverse community leadership to ensure success and security for our party as we plan for a victorious 2020 election! Meet Rachel:

- Lifelong Democrat, proud Board member of my union.
- 20-year-West Seattle resident.
- Elected State Delegate, Obama-2008; co-led my Precinct Caucus.
- Served as MC/Auctioneer for 34th LD Garden Party-2008; brought in \$12,000+ for the organization; procured auction items.
- Created/organized Change Makes \$ense-2008, fundraising campaign where I raised over \$10,000 for the Obama Campaign and other organizations.
- Elected PCO, State Delegate, Bernie-2016 (ran my Precinct Caucus; retained 100% of my delegates to the LD level!)
- Serving second term as Chair, West Seattle Democratic Women.
- Elected Vice Chair, WSDW, 2010-2016.
- WSDW membership has increased 132% since I was elected Chair.
- Co-Founder/lead organizer of Hate Free Delridge, a West Seattle community organization

fighting hate crimes.

My campaign priorities:

- More PCOs appointed/elected; increase membership
- Inclusive, collaborative focus in leadership/membership (include White Center, Burien)
- Organize Committee Chairs/volunteers; prepare for 2019 Burien election/ 2020 Caucuses
- Organize more fundraising; access to democracy shouldn't depend on ability to pay.

I'd be honored for your vote on January 9th – Rachel Glass for Chair!

Ivan Weiss | Candidate for Chair

"When David Ginsberg told us he would not run for a second term as 34th District Democrats Chair, some of us were stuck wondering who might succeed him. It was suggested that I run to return as Chair, and I'm ready to serve again.

I was Chair of the 34th from 2004-2008, fresh off a job as a Field Organizer in Pierce County for the WA State Democrats' 2004 Coordinated Campaign. We worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week for 7 months, training and mobilizing volunteers for campaigns for President, Senator, three House races, Governor, and legislative and other statewide races. That organizing experience paid off for us in the 34th.

By the time of the 2008 election, we had put together a team of 34th District volunteers that led the state in number of volunteers, most doors canvassed, most phone calls and contacts made, most members of any LD organization (1,100+), and most money raised (\$35K+). We ran successful Precinct and District caucuses. Our meetings were packed houses, with packed agendas, and action in the air. We kept things moving. We did a lot of business, and usually got out at the dot of 9, so we could hoist some beers and build our friendships.

My goal as chair would be to help the 34th be the top-performing district in the state again by 2020. I expect to devote a lot of personal time to this effort. If you are a PCO, I would love to have your vote. And I think that's all I have space for.

Ivan Weiss
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Ann Martin | Candidate for State Committeewoman



Thank you for the work you are doing for the Democratic Party. I am Ann Martin, candidate for State Committee Woman. My first Democratic caucus was in 1976; I have been active in the 34th LD ever since. I have served on and chaired committees and been an elected officer at the LD, county and state levels. I've volunteered to work for Democrats and Democratic values in our community and beyond. I believe in walking my talk and I hold Democrats to the same standard. At the 1978 state convention, for example, I collected the aluminum cans that had been distributed with sack lunches because I saw no recycling bins available to convention delegates. I step in when I see a role to play despite the passage of years.

We are now faced with some critical decisions about nominating a presidential candidate in 2020. I believe my long experience with the Democratic Party can benefit this organization and the state as we move forward. I would appreciate your vote on January 9.

Chris Porter | Candidate for State Committeeman

Fellow PCO Democrats of the 34th LD,
My name is Chris Porter and I am running for State Committeeman. Three things I hope to accomplish as state committeeman:

- Insist that the state party endorse democrats up and down the ticket even when there is more than one on the ballot.
- Insist that we lead an effort to restore felon's right to vote when they are discharged from prison, and not when parole is complete and fines are paid.
- Increase diversity in the LD and central committee's executive boards.

It has been a pleasure to serve and each year, and I feel challenged to do more than I did the year before. It was exciting to get elected as the Elector for the congressional district and stand up against those that refused to keep their word.

I have had the opportunity to lead a panel discussion on "Seattle Police and their relationship with communities of color.", and to speak to community and fellow members of the 34th about diversity. Working with other Democrats to staff booths at fairs and community events is the proud work of being a democrat and I am happy to do it. I led a site to caucus as an Area Caucus Coordinator during the Presidential cycle, and served as sub-caucus chair for the Bernie Sanders delegates.



Max Brown | Candidate for King County Committeeman



"My name is Max Brown, and I appreciate your consideration as I run for King County Committeeman from the 34th LD. While I got my start as a Field Organizer for the Obama Campaign in 2008, I've had an active professional role in Washington politics since 2010 and have worked in successive election cycles for statewide, top-ticket Democratic candidates since then. I served as the GOTV (Get out the Vote) Director for the WA Dems Coordinated Campaign in 2012, for the state House and Senate Democrats' Campaign Committees in 2014, and returned as Coordinated Campaign Director in 2016. I was then hired into a program consulting role for the WSDCC in 2018.

I'm running for the KC Committeeman position because I believe King County Democrats have an important role to play in shaping the electoral landscape of 2019 and beyond. King County turnout and support is a keystone of success not just for statewide candidates and progressive ballot initiatives, but also a host of regional swing LD and municipal races as well. If elected, I would strive to offer a unique campaign lens to the internal decision-making processes at the county, be a consistent voice of pragmatism and reason in contentious moments, and help to steward thoughtful, targeted volunteer capacity development efforts at each level of the organization. I hope to earn your vote on January 9th, and would look forward to serving you in the role of KC Committeeman."

Ted Barker | Candidate for King County Committeeman Alternate

I have been involved with the 34th District Democrats about 8 years. After serving as First Vice Chair for four years I decided after the 2016 elections to run for a smaller role to make way for all the new people that were excited to join the 34th and make a difference. My hope is to continue in that thread and run for re-election as King County Committeeman Alternate, under normal circumstances it is a small job, but allows me to keep "my toe in the pool" so to speak. The county organization has struggled to find its role vis-à-vis the LD's over the years. This is largely due to turnover of leadership at the county. With a new leadership group in place at the county we as an organization need to be engaged at the county level.



Carla Rogers | Candidate for Secretary



While I have been active in the 34th for only a short time, I bring extensive experience to the table having been very active in the Virginia 7th District Democratic Committee (Secretary), the Obama field organization (ran 5 precincts out of my home) and the Virginia State PTA (Communications Chair). I'm passionate about expanding the membership of the 34th to include a diverse cross-section of people who are willing and able to take our team forward. I contribute energy and positivity while sharing an inclusive and welcoming presence in the organizations which I'm involved. I live in the Alaska Junction area of West Seattle and hail from Virginia and New York. I am a technical project manager by trade and write the weekly West Seattle High School "Westside Weekly" online newsletter. I have sons age 16, 20 and 26 along with husband Bill. I would be thrilled serve this important organization! I'm running for Secretary and plan to be involved (or chair) the Communications Committee of the 34th.

Ben Reilly | Candidate for Treasurer



My name is Benjamin Reilly. I'm asking for your vote for treasurer for the 34th District Democrats at our meeting on January 9th, 2019. I'm new to politics; my wife and I have lived in the 37th District for the past ten years, and just recently moved to the 34th so we could live closer to our kids' schools. I'm a banker for US Bank Wealth Management and previously served in the Army for six years as a crew chief.

I've learned a lot since joining the 34th; the outgoing Treasurer, Gina Topp has helped train me to use and understand the software, rules, and reporting requirements essential to fulfilling the Treasurer's role, and I'm extremely comfortable with them. As treasurer I will ensure that funds are accounted for, that reports are filed accurately and on time, and that our finances are transparent and well-ordered.

Even after the Blue Wave that swept our national politics this past year, voters across our nation have seen their franchise marginalized by gerrymandered state legislatures and unfair voting laws; that's why it's more important than ever that we as citizens and neighbors step up in our local politics and ensure that our state and local representatives are working for all of us. I can't wait to support the

34th Dems in ensuring that these vital roles are filled with candidates who will stand up for our most marginalized neighbors.

Thank you for considering me and reading this statement. I would be honored to serve as your treasurer. If you have any questions, I can be reached at ben-reilly@live.com or at (732) 245-0170. Thanks!

December Holiday Party and 2018 Awards

We came together on December 12 for a final time in 2018 in celebration. We were excited by our electoral successes in November across the state, and around the country...We look forward to seeing more progressive legislation coming from our added strength in Olympia...And finally true checks and balances in the Other Washington after 2 years.

Awards were given to those that went beyond their duties - this year and for their years of dedication to the 34th LD Democrats. With sadness and with our deep esteem, we renamed the Member of the Year in honor of our late member Jackie Dupras, who embodied our progressive values and who worked tirelessly to help achieve them.

Awards for 2018:

Lisa Plymate – Cherisse Luxa Life Achievement Award

Steve Butts – Jackie Dupras Member of the Year

Gina Topp - Executive Board Member of the Year

Ivan Weiss - PCO of the Year

Outreach – Committee of the Year

Sharon Nelson – Elected Official of the Year

Joe Nguyen – Rising Star of the Year



Lisa Plymate receives the Lifetime Achievement Award.



PCO of the Year Ivan Weiss addresses the crowd with thanks.



Gina Topp admires her gift for being Executive Board Member of the Year.



Ann Martin and Chris Porter present the 2018 recognition awards.



Chair David Ginsberg with members of the Outreach Committee: Karen Richter, Nick Bonazza and Steve Butts



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