

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Article VII - Executive Board

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A. The four (4) elected At-Large members shall provide assistance, guidance, and input to the Executive Board regarding the club's affairs, events, and meetings, as necessary.

Article VIII - Elections

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A. In even-numbered years, the offices of President, Vice President for Resource Development, Secretary, and two (2) At-Large members shall be elected for two-year terms.

B. In odd-numbered years, the offices of Vice President for Political Action, Controller, Sergeant-at-Arms, and two (2) At-Large members shall be elected for two-year terms.

Section 2. Officers may be nominated in one of two ways, by the Nominating Committee or from the floor immediately prior to the voting for each office. The Nominating Committee shall report to the meeting that precedes the election meeting. Members shall be given at least one week's notice of both meetings.

Section 3. In developing its slate of nominees, the Nominating Committee shall make its best effort toward the attainment of a goal of having gender equity in all of the elected positions.

- Section 4.** The officers shall be elected individually in the order of President, Vice President for Resource Development, Vice President for Political Action, Secretary, Controller, and Sergeant-at-Arms (depending upon which offices are up for election). The election of officers shall be by secret ballot; however, if there is only one nominee for an office, and provided that no objection is raised, the candidate can be elected by acclamation without a ballot. To be elected, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast for that office. If no nominee receives a majority on the first ballot, a runoff shall be held between the two nominees receiving the greatest number of votes. In case of a tie, the candidates who tied will be included on the runoff ballot. If there is only one nominee for an office, the ballot shall include a choice of no election for that office which shall be included in tabulating the votes cast.
- Section 5.** Nominees for election as President must have been dues-paid members for at least 90 days prior to taking office and must have been dues-paid members for at least twelve months out of the two years preceding the election. Nominees for other offices must have been dues-paid members for at least 90 days prior to taking office.
- Section 6.** In the event a position is not filled in the annual election of officers, or there is a vacancy because of resignation or removal, with the exception of President, a special election shall be held to fill the position according to the procedures for nominating and electing officers in the annual election. An officer elected in a special election shall take office immediately. When there is a vacancy in the office of President, the position shall be filled by the Vice President for Resource Development and a special election shall be held to elect a new Vice President for Resource Development.
- Section 7.** Only the following are eligible to vote in the election of club officers in February: (1) Those persons who were current members as of November 1, provided they are also current on the date of the election (members may become current by payment of dues at the election meeting), and (2) those whose membership expired between August 1 and October 31 and renewed within 90 days of their expiration date. For the election of Club officers only, absentee ballots shall be accepted from members who are eligible to vote but unable to attend the meeting at which the election is held. Policies and procedures for absentee balloting shall be prescribed

by the Executive Board. For the election of Club officers, absentee ballots shall count toward a quorum.

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Article IX – Club Representatives

- Section 1.** Club representatives to the California Democratic Party's Pre-Endorsement Conferences shall be allocated as follows: one representative, resident in the Assembly District, for each full (not fraction thereof) 20 registered Democratic members in good standing in the Assembly District who are listed on a roster submitted, by July 1 of each odd-numbered year, to both the San Diego County Democratic Party and the appropriate CDP Regional Director(s). The roster shall be certified by the Club's President, Secretary, or Controller. Representatives should be equally apportioned between men and women to the extent possible.
- Section 2.** Under the club's charter with the San Diego County Democratic Party, its President is a representative to the SDCDP Central Committee as an Associate Member. If the President is already a Central Committee member or chooses not to serve, a different representative may be selected to serve their term by the President, or in their absence, the Executive Board. An Associate Member application, for the President or any other representative, must be submitted to the SDCDP within 30 days of their selection by the club.
- Section 3.** Club representatives to the CDP and SDCDP - and any other official representatives, delegates, and alternates from the club to conferences, caucuses, councils, conventions, and other meetings - shall be selected by a vote of members in good standing at a duly noticed club meeting or, if that cannot occur at a regular or special meeting, by designation of the President. Members may cast as many votes as there are representatives, delegates or alternates to be elected and they shall be considered elected upon receiving a plurality of votes. Candidates must have been members in good standing for at least 90 days prior to their election as Club representative. When selecting representatives, an effort shall be made to

reflect the diversity of the membership of the San Diego Democratic Club/San Diego Democrats for Equality.

Section 4. Club representatives described in this Article, when participating in voting and discussion in that capacity, shall adhere to and represent the club's official positions on endorsements and other matters wherever applicable for at least two ballots, and shall agree to do so prior to their selection.

PROPOSED:

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A. The four (4) elected At-Large members shall provide assistance, guidance, and input to the Executive Board regarding the club's affairs, events, and meetings, as necessary.

B. The Regional Directors shall serve in an organizational role as the club's Associate Members of the San Diego County Democratic Party, and represent the club's interests within the coinciding geographic areas. The geographic region in which the club's president resides shall not have a specified Regional Director, unless the President is already a SDCDP Central Committee member or chooses not to serve. The selection of the club's Associate Members shall pertain to the appropriate Article and Section pertaining to Club Representatives of these Bylaws. Should a Regional Director no longer qualify as the club's associate member of the San Diego County Democratic Party, the position shall be considered vacant.

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B. The President shall serve as an Associate Member to the San Diego County Democratic Party representing the coinciding geographic area of their residence. If the President is already a Central Committee member or chooses not to serve, a different representative may be nominated to serve their term by the President, or in their absence, the Executive Board, and shall be confirmed by the club's membership at the next immediate general meeting.

C. An Associate Member application, for the President or any other representative, must be submitted to the SDCDP within 30 days of their selection by the club.

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