

## **WARD 6 DFL CONVENTION PROPOSED RULES**

- 1.** Rules shall be considered in the order in which they are presented. Upon the adoption of each rule it shall be enforced.
- 2. Seating of Delegates/Alternates**
  - a. Delegates shall be seated at-large.
  - b. Challenge procedures shall follow the State Constitution.
  - c. Visitors and alternates shall be visibly separated from seated delegates in the process of the vote.
  - d. Badges shall show precinct and delegate/alternate status.
  - e. After the first credentials committee report, alternates shall be upgraded to vacant delegate positions within their precinct.
- 3. Voting Procedures**
  - a. A motion to “table” shall be construed as a motion to postpone indefinitely.
  - b. Appeal of a decision by the chair requires a majority of those voting, except as provided elsewhere in these rules.
  - c. A motion to suspend the rules requires a 2/3rds majority vote of those registered.
  - d. Each ballot shall be a test of a quorum. A quorum shall be a majority of those registered and present.
  - e. Voting shall be by voice vote, unless a standing vote or a secret ballot is requested. In order to obtain a standing vote, a delegate may call for a division. A secret ballot shall be held when supported by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the voting delegates or by order of the chair.
  - f. Tellers will distribute, collect and count ballots. Tellers will be appointed by the chair and each campaign may provide one observer each.
- 4. Speakers**
  - a. Except where otherwise provided, only delegates, shall be allowed floor and speaking privileges.
  - b. Each delegate speaker from the floor shall be allowed no more than two minutes. No more than three speakers for and three speakers against a motion shall be allowed to speak. No delegate shall be allowed to address a motion more than once, unless otherwise ruled by the chair.
  - c. As provided for in the agenda, visiting DFL candidates for Citywide office, elected DFL endorsed officeholders and others, will be allowed to address the convention for no more than two minutes. At the discretion of the chair, local DFL endorsed officeholders will be allowed to address the convention for no more than two minutes.
  - d. Unless otherwise ruled by the chair, no one shall be allowed to address the convention more than once on any one item of business.
- 5. Endorsement for City Council**
  - a. Candidates seeking endorsement by the convention for City Council shall be allowed ten minutes to be used at their discretion. This ten minute period can be used for nominating, seconding and nomination acceptance speeches. The order in which candidates shall present their ten minute period will be determined by lot, drawn by the Chair.
  - b. There shall be a limit to the number of ballots for endorsement of 5. Balloting for City Council endorsement shall be by secret ballot.
  - c. A 60% majority of delegates present and voting shall be required to endorse a candidate. This means that a candidate must receive 60% of the votes cast in a single ballot, excluding blanks and abstentions. Ballots for non-nominated candidates will be considered blank ballots. Delegates may vote “no endorsement” and these ballots are included in the calculation toward 60%.
  - d. In the event that there is no endorsement reached at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot, any candidate receiving less than 20% of the votes cast shall be dropped from the slate.
  - e. A credentials count shall be called for before each ballot.
  - f. Ballots may be marked by hand or by use of a pre-printed standard return address label sticker stating only the name of a candidate.

## **6. Delegate/Alternate Selection for the DFL City Convention**

- a. Balloting will occur if a contest exists.
- b. Nominations shall be taken from the floor. Each delegate may vote for as many nominees as there are positions to be elected. Nominees receiving the highest number of votes are elected.
- c. Subcaucusing shall not be used unless there is a contest.
- d. If Ward 6 Convention delegates equal to the number needed to elect one delegate request proportional voting, the Walking Subcaucus method of voting will be used.
- e. If the Walking Subcaucus method is used for the selection of City Convention delegates, subcaucuses must have a title which include candidates name(s) and/or issue(s), and/or uncommitted.
- f. No person may nominate more than one subcaucus.
- g. The election of Ward 6 City convention delegates/alternates will seek gender equality.

## **7. General**

- a. Floor passes. Each candidate seeking DFL endorsement for City Council shall be allotted five floor passes for use by campaign workers.
- b. Candidates seeking DFL endorsement for school board shall be allotted two floor passes.
- c. Individuals with floor passes shall exit the convention floor when each round ballot distribution begins and shall remain off the floor until the collection of each round is complete.
- d. A male and a female shall be elected Ward Coordinator by majority vote. In a contest a secret ballot will be used.
- e. Except as provided herein, procedural matters not governed by the State Party Constitution, 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Constitution, the Official Call to the Convention, the Ward 6 Constitution, or by law shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- f. Use of tobacco products or alcohol on the convention site or in the buildings is strictly prohibited.

# SAINT PAUL WARD 6 D-F-L CONVENTION



## OFFICIAL CALL

**Saturday, February 21st, 2015**

**Hazel Park School  
1140 White Bear Avenue, North  
Saint Paul's Eastside  
Saint Paul Minnesota**

**9 AM:** REGISTRATION OPENS

**10 AM:** CONVENTION CALL TO ORDER

**11 AM:** TIME CERTAIN: Endorsement for City Council

**VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION FEE: \$10**

### **PROPOSED AGENDA**

1. 10 AM - Convention called to Order
2. Preliminary Credentials Reports
3. Affirmative Action Statement
4. Election of permanent Convention Chairs  
Chairs will appoint secretary, parliamentarian, sergeants-at-arms, tellers and judges)
5. Adoption of Proposed Rules and Agenda
6. Credentials Report II
7. **11 AM TIME CERTAIN:**  
Endorsement for City Council, Ward 6  
\*Nomination of candidates  
\*Endorsement Balloting
8. Election of Ward Coordinators
9. Election of City Convention Delegates/Alternates
10. Election of City Convention Committee Members and Alternates
11. Other Business/Announcements
12. Adjournment

## Convention Day Facility Rules

No signage shall be permitted outside.

Candidates are limited to a total of 10 signs in the auditorium and the hallway/foyer approaching the auditorium.

No signs shall be larger than 18" x 24"

Only Blue painters table shall be used to affix signs to any surface.

No signs shall be affixed only to brick, concrete, glass and tile surfaces.

No signs shall be attached to the stage or on entry doors

Candidates and their volunteers shall remain behind the registration tables, and not impede access to the building or the registration area

Candidates are responsible for the removal of their materials at the end of the event.