

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE**



OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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PREAMBLE

We, the Democrats of the State of Oklahoma, united under the banner of the oldest political party in the world, hereby rededicate ourselves to the principles which have historically sustained our Party. While recognizing the limits of government, we regard democratic government as a force for good and a source of hope. We seek individual freedom in the framework of a just society. We pledge ourselves to uphold the United States Constitution and to work openly and honestly in our efforts to conduct public affairs in a manner worthy of a society of free and responsible citizens.

Article I: Authority

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Oklahoma Democratic Party. It shall be an unincorporated association open to all citizens of the State of Oklahoma who support its principles.

Section 2: Controlling Law

This Constitution shall be the supreme governing document of this organization. It shall be controlling unless in conflict with laws of the State of Oklahoma, or the Charter, Bylaws, rules and procedures of the National Democratic Party. However, nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver, modification, dilution or delegation of any right that this organization has under the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the right to determine its membership and officers, establish its internal rules and procedures, and establish methods of nominating candidates for public office.

Section 3: Parliamentary Law

On any question of procedure not otherwise covered by the Constitution or Bylaws, all bodies of the Democratic Party shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article II: Organization

Section 1: Delegates

Only voters who are registered as Democrats shall be delegates of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.

Section 2: Precinct Committees

There shall be a Precinct Committee for each precinct in the State of Oklahoma. Every delegate of the Oklahoma Democratic Party shall be a delegate of the Precinct Committee in the precinct in which he or she is registered to vote.

Section 3: County Conventions

There shall be a County Convention for each county in the State of Oklahoma. The County Convention shall be composed of:

- A. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of each Precinct Committee in the county,
- B. Any State delegates to which that county may be entitled,
- C. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of the County Convention,
- D. Members of the State affirmative action committee who are registered to vote in the county,
- E. The Democratic elected officials who are designated to be delegates in Article III and are registered to vote in the county,
- F. Members of the Democratic National Committee who are registered to vote in the county,
- G. The Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary of the Congressional District Convention in the county where they are registered to vote,
- H. The Secretary and Treasurer of the State Convention in the county where they are registered to vote.

Section 4: Congressional District Conventions

There shall be a Congressional District Convention for each congressional district in the State of Oklahoma which shall be organized as follows:

- A. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of each County Convention shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district in which the county is located.

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- B. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of County Conventions of counties that are in more than one congressional district shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district which has the largest number of registered Democratic voters in that county.
- C. The State delegates of each county shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district in which they are registered to vote.
- D. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of the Congressional District Convention shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention from which they are elected.
- E. The members of the State affirmative action committee shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention in the district in which they are registered to vote.
- F. Those Democratic elected officials who are designated to be delegates in Article III shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention in the district where they are registered to vote.
- G. The members of the Democratic National Committee shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention in the district where they are registered to vote.
- H. The Secretary and Treasurer of the State Convention shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention in the district where they are registered to vote.

Section 5: State Convention

There shall be a State Convention which shall be composed of the following delegates:

- A. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of each County Convention,
- B. The State delegates allocated to each County Convention,
- C. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of each Congressional District Convention,
- D. The chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer of the State Convention,
- E. The members of the Democratic National Committee from Oklahoma,
- F. The president of each recognized federation of State Democratic clubs, who shall be voting ex officio delegates,
- G. One delegate elected by convention from each recognized federation of State Democratic clubs,
- H. The members of the State affirmative action committee, and
- I. Those Democratic elected officials who are designated to be delegates in Article III.

Article III: Public Officials

Section 1: Members of Congress

Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate from Oklahoma shall be voting, ex officio delegates to the County Convention of the county in which they are registered to vote, the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district in which they are registered to vote and the State Convention.

Section 2: State Elected Officials

Democratic officials elected in a statewide race other than U.S. Senator shall be voting, ex officio delegates to the County Convention of the county in which they are registered to vote, the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district in which they are registered to vote and the State Convention.

Section 3: Other State Officials

Democratic members of the Oklahoma State Senate and Oklahoma House of Representatives and Democratic District Attorneys shall be voting, ex officio delegates to the County Convention of the county in which they are registered to vote, the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district in which they are registered to vote and the State Convention.

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Section 4: County Officials

Democratic county elected officials shall be voting, ex officio delegates to the County Convention of the county they represent.

Section 5: Party Office

An elected Democratic official may hold a Party office, but shall have only one vote.

Article IV: Party Officials

Section 1: Precinct Committee Officials

- A. Each Precinct Committee shall elect a precinct chair, vice-chair (who shall be of the opposite gender of the chair) and secretary to serve as its officers.
- B. Each Precinct Committee may elect two precinct committeewomen and two precinct committeemen, who shall not be delegates of the County Convention under Article II above.

Section 2: County Convention Officials

- A. Each County Convention shall elect a county chair, vice-chair (who shall be of the opposite gender of the chair) and secretary to serve as its officers.
- B. Each County Convention, or political subdivision thereof, shall elect the State delegates to which the county may be entitled.
 - B.1. One-half (1/2) of whom shall be male and one-half (1/2) shall be female, or as close thereto as mathematically possible. The county officers shall be considered in determining equal division of genders.
 - B.2. State delegates shall be allocated to each county as the total of that county's vote for the [V] the Democratic nominees for the U.S. Senate and Governor in the most recent general election, [W] all the candidates in the most recent Democratic primary election for those two offices, and [Y] the Democratic nominees for President in the two most recent Presidential election bears to [Z] the total of the statewide vote for all those candidates; the quotient of such fraction shall be multiplied by 528, with resulting fractions of .5 or greater rounded upward, i.e. $(V+W+Y) / Z \times 528 = \text{number of State delegates}$.
 - B.3. Where portions of a county lie in different congressional districts, that county's State delegates shall be allotted to each portion as that portion's Democratic vote for the above candidates bears to the total such vote in the county as a whole.
 - B.4. If a portion of a county should earn less than one-half (1/2) of a State delegate, it shall nonetheless be granted a State delegate in addition to those allocated to the county.
 - B.5. These State delegates shall be used to encourage full participation of groups frequently underrepresented in Party organization pursuant to the standards of nondiscrimination and affirmative action. The constituency percentages within a county of these groups shall be established as goals for representation of those groups among that county's officers and State delegates.
 - B.6. Upon a proper motion, second and approval by a majority of the credentialed delegates, including proxies, any county may vote to delegate the election of the county's state delegates to two or more ad hoc groups within the county convention, each group electing its proportionate share based on the number of votes held by that groups members compared to the total number of votes held by all such groups.

Section 3: Congressional District Convention Officers

Each Congressional District Convention shall elect a district chair, vice-chair (who shall be of the opposite gender of the chair) and secretary to serve as its officers.

Section 4: State Convention Officers

The State Convention shall elect a State Chair, vice-chair (who shall be of the opposite gender of the chair), secretary and treasurer (who shall be of the opposite gender of the secretary) to serve as its officers.

Section 5: National Committee Members

Positions on the Democratic National Committee allocated to the Oklahoma Democratic Party shall be filled by election every four years by a majority vote of delegates to a State Convention called pursuant to a National Call for the election of delegates to a National Presidential Nominating Convention of the Democratic Party.

Article V: Affirmative Action

Section 1: Commitment

The Oklahoma Democratic Party shall take action to encourage full participation and representation by minority groups in Party organizations and activities.

Section 2: Minority Groups

Minority groups shall mean those groups in the Democratic population that are frequently underrepresented in the Party organization. Specific attention shall be given to the participation of Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian/Native/Indigenous American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern American, LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual) population, and people who have Disabilities.

Section 3: American Indian/Native/Indigenous American

Indian/Native Americans shall mean those citizens who are able to provide proof of their Indian/Native American ancestry.

Section 4: Transgender Individuals

Any person who is Transgender shall be considered the gender of his or her present identity, rather than the gender of birth.

Section 5: State Officials

At its organizational meeting, the State Convention shall elect to the State Central Committee two men and two women who must be members of minority groups underrepresented in the Party.

Section 6: Affirmative Action Committee

- A. There shall be an affirmative action committee of the Oklahoma Democratic Party which shall consist of:
 - A.1. One man and one woman to be elected by each Congressional District Convention at its organizational meeting,
 - A.2. The four members elected by the State Convention, and
 - A.3. Five members, two men, two women, and one member, either a man or woman, to be appointed by the State Chair.
- B. All members of the committee must be members of minority groups frequently underrepresented in the Party organization.
- C. All members of the affirmative action committee shall be delegates to the State Convention and of their respective Congressional District and County Conventions.

Article VI: Central Committees

Section 1: County Central Committees

There shall be a County Central Committee for each county, which shall consist of the chair, vice-chair and secretary of the County Convention.

Section 2: Congressional District Central Committees

There shall be a Congressional District Central Committee for each congressional district, which shall consist of the chair, vice-chair and secretary of the Congressional District Convention, and the two (2) affirmative action members elected at the Congressional District Convention.

Section 3: State Central Committee

There shall be a State Central Committee, which shall consist of:

- A. The chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer of the State Convention,
- B. The chair, vice-chair and secretary of each Congressional District Convention,
- C. The members of the Democratic National Committee from Oklahoma,
- D. The president of each recognized federation of Democratic clubs, who shall be a voting ex officio member,
- E. Four affirmative action committee members,
- F. A representative selected from among them by Oklahoma's congressional delegation, a representative selected from among them by Democratic officials elected statewide, a State Senator selected by the Democratic Caucus of the State Senate, and a State Representative selected by the Democratic Caucus of the State House of Representatives.

Article VII: Committee Powers and Duties

Section 1: Precinct Committee

The Precinct Committee shall:

- A. Be the governing body of the Democratic Party within the precinct,
- B. Conduct and direct all Democratic Party activities within the precinct,
- C. Provide leadership and direction for the Democrats within the precinct,
- D. Operate under the direction of the County Convention and Central Committee,
- E. Propose resolutions to the County Convention and Central Committee,
- F. Raise funds for the county party, but may not retain or disburse any funds.

Section 2: County Convention

The County Convention shall:

- A. Be the governing body of the Democratic Party within the county.
- B. Provide leadership and direction for the Democrats, Precinct Committees and Democratic clubs within the county.
- C. Conduct and direct all Democratic Party activities within the county.
- D. Operate at the direction of the Congressional District and State Conventions and Central Committees.
- E. Have the authority to adopt by majority vote bylaws to organize and govern the county party. Such bylaws shall:
 - E.1. Be approved by the State Central Committee before becoming effective,
 - E.2. Be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party,
 - E.3. Not include any rule that delegates or reduces the authority of the County Central Committee; provided, however, that the County Central Committee may delegate authority to any subunit of the county party at its discretion, and may rescind such delegation at any time.

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- F. Provide that State delegates allocated to the county shall be used to encourage full participation by those groups frequently underrepresented in the Democratic Party organization and that affirmative action goals may be used, when appropriate.
- G. Having the authority to adopt a plan delegating the selection of State delegates to subunits of the county party.
- H. Adopt such rules or procedures as it deems appropriate, provided that such rules are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.
- I. Have the authority to establish by resolution policies to govern the activities of the Precinct Committees and the County Central Committee when the County Convention is not in session.
- J. Have the authority to issue letters of reprimand for violation of Party rules.

Section 3: County Central Committees

The County Central Committee shall have the authority to:

- A. Act for and on behalf of the County Convention when it is not in session, except for those matters exclusively vested in the County Convention in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.
- B. Call meetings of the County Convention.
- C. Nominate Democrats to positions on those county and precinct election boards to which the County Democratic Party may be entitled by State law.
- D. Propose bylaws, rules of procedure and resolutions to the County Convention.
- E. Establish standing committees, advisory committees, ad hoc committees and committees of political subunits within the county.
- F. Implement resolutions adopted by the County Convention; and it shall not have the power to abrogate any such resolutions.
- G. Raise and disburse funds and deposit any such funds in an account in the name of the county party.
- H. Submit a bid to host a meeting of the State Convention. The bid may be submitted jointly with other county central committees from Oklahoma and/or other Congressional District Central Committees from Oklahoma.

Section 4: Congressional District Conventions

The Congressional District Convention shall be the governing body of the Democratic Party within the congressional district, operate at the directions of the State Central Committee and have the authority to:

- A. Provide leadership and direction for the county parties within the congressional district.
- B. Conduct and direct all Democratic Party activities within the congressional district.
- C. Adopt such rules of procedure as it deems appropriate, provided such rules are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.
- D. Establish by resolution policies to govern the activities of the county parties and the Congressional District Central Committee when the Congressional District Convention is not in session.
- E. Issue letters of reprimand for violations of Party rules.

Section 5: Congressional District Central Committees

The Congressional District Central Committee shall have the authority to:

- A. Act for and on behalf of the Congressional District Convention when it is not in session, except for those matters exclusively vested in Congressional District Conventions by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.
- B. Call meetings of the Congressional District Convention.
- C. Propose Bylaws for county parties and rules of procedure and resolutions to the Congressional District Convention.

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- D. Establish standing committees, advisory committees and ad hoc committees.
- E. Implement resolutions adopted by the Congressional District Convention; and it shall not have the power to abrogate such resolutions.
- F. Raise and disburse funds and deposit any such funds in an account in the name of the Congressional District Party.
- G. Appoint a committee or committees to conduct an audit of the financial affairs of each county party in the district. Such committee(s) shall be appointed in January of each year and shall issue a report by April of that year.
- H. Submit a bid to host a meeting of State Convention. The bid may be submitted jointly with other County Central Committees from Oklahoma and/or other Congressional District Central Committees from Oklahoma.

Section 6: State Convention

The State Convention shall:

- A. Be the supreme governing body of the Democratic Party of Oklahoma, and all congressional district parties, county parties, Democratic clubs and federations of Democratic clubs shall be subordinate to the State Convention and shall operate under and at its direction.
- B. Have the exclusive authority to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.
- C. Have the ultimate authority to establish rules of procedure as it deems appropriate, provided such rules are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.
- D. Have the authority to establish by resolution policies to govern the activities of all organizations of the Oklahoma Democratic Party, and delegate passage or completion of resolutions to a sub-unit or special committee as defined in the bylaws.
- E. Have the authority to overrule the State Central Committee on any appeal it has decided.
- F. Raise and disburse funds and deposit any such funds in accounts in the name of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.

Section 7: State Central Committee

The State Central Committee must:

- A. Approve an annual budget, the disbursement of funds not covered within the budget, and approve any loan taken out in the name of the Democratic Party,
- B. Conduct an annual review — by a qualified, detached, and impartial committee — of the financial acts and activities of the Party and all controls. The review shall include a review of the bank statements, monthly reconciliations, tests of a representative sample of income and expenses, federal and state compliance and taxes. Said report shall be made available to any Democrat upon reasonable request.

The State Central Committee shall have the authority to:

- C. Act for and on behalf of the State Convention when it is not in session, except for those matters exclusively vested in the State Convention by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party,
- D. Call meetings of the State Convention,
- E. Provide leadership, direction and coordination for all Democratic organizations within the State,
- F. Propose rules of procedure, resolutions and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party to the State Convention,
- G. Adopt a plan to govern the Presidential delegate selection process pursuant to the direction of the National Democratic Party,
- H. Establish ad hoc committees to advise the State Central Committee and to implement its policies,

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- I. Establish long term and short term goals for the Democratic Party and develop both long term and short term plans to achieve them,
- J. Implement such policies as may be established by the State Convention by resolution; and it shall not have the authority to abrogate any such resolutions,
- K. Conduct political research and provide it to Democratic candidates,
- L. Establish a State Party office,
- K. Collect and provide election results and analyses and voter registration data,
- L. Assist Democratic nominees in all aspects of campaigning,
- M. Prepare and distribute Democratic literature to Democratic organizations and their members and to the general public,
- N. Conduct workshops for Democratic candidates, workers and Party officials,
- O. Conduct media campaigns on behalf of the Democratic Party and its nominees through print, radio, television and other media,
- P. Order an audit of any Democratic organization whenever the committee deems it appropriate; any costs of such audit shall be borne by the State Democratic Party,
- Q. Take such other action as may be specifically directed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party,
- R. Take other actions not herein above authorized, as may be deemed appropriate, to further the goals and policies of the Oklahoma Democratic Party but are not otherwise in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party,
- S. Appoint a committee or committees to conduct an audit of the financial affairs of each Congressional District Party. The committee(s) shall be established by March of each year and shall issue a report by May of that year.
- T. Determine the location of a meeting of the State Convention, from among bids submitted by the State Chair, County Central Committee(s), and/or Congressional District Central Committee(s) from Oklahoma.

Article VIII: Appeals

Section 1: Precinct Committee

In the event of a disagreement over the interpretation or application of any Party rule or procedure that may arise at a Precinct Committee meeting and is not satisfactorily resolved at that meeting, a Democrat may appeal the decision of the Precinct Committee at the next regular meeting of the County Convention. Should the decision of the County Convention not be deemed satisfactory, the aggrieved individual may appeal the decision to the State Central Committee.

Section 2: Other Appeals

In the event of a disagreement over the interpretation or application of any Party rule or procedure that may arise at any County Convention meeting, County Central Committee meeting, Congressional District Convention meeting, Congressional District Central Committee meeting, Democratic club meeting or State federation of Democratic clubs meeting and is not satisfactorily resolved at the respective meeting, a Democrat may appeal the decision to the State Central Committee.

Section 3: Appellate Procedure

Upon the receipt of a written appeal to the State Central Committee, the State Chair with the advise and consent of the State Central Committee shall attempt to mediate a settlement; or appoint a special master or appellate committee to review and investigate the grounds of the appeal and make a recommendation to the State Central Committee.

Section 4: State Central Committee

Upon the receipt of the recommendation of the special master or appellate committee and upon being fully informed of the grounds and circumstances of the appeal, the State Central Committee shall vote to uphold, overturn or modify the decision of the lower body.

Section 5: Conciliation

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the special master or appellate committee from attempting to resolve any dispute between the parties involved. Should the parties resolve their differences, they may enter into an agreement as to the action they will take or refrain from taking and, with the approval of the special master or appellate committee, make that recommendation to the State Central Committee.

Section 6: Reprimand

The State Central Committee may issue letters of reprimand to officers for violation of Party rules. Said letters shall be mailed, electronically or otherwise to the delegates of the committee from which the officer was elected.

Section 7: Supreme Authority

The decision of the State Central Committee may be appealed at the next regular meeting of the State Convention.

Article IX: Policy Rules

Section 1: Six Basic Elements:

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Oklahoma Democratic Party shall be open to all members of the Oklahoma Democratic Party regardless of race, gender, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or philosophical persuasion.
2. No test of membership in, or any oaths of loyalty to, the Oklahoma Democratic Party shall be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Oklahoma Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or philosophical persuasion.
3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Oklahoma Democratic Party on all levels shall be publicized fully and in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.
4. The Oklahoma Democratic Party on all levels shall support the broadest possible registration without discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or philosophical persuasion.
5. The Oklahoma Democratic Party shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested persons a full description of the procedures for selection of the officials and representatives of the Oklahoma Democratic Party on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such a fashion that all prospective and current members of the Oklahoma Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in the selection process at every level of the Oklahoma Democratic Party.

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6. The Oklahoma Democratic Party shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested persons a complete description of the qualifications for all positions as officials and representatives of the Oklahoma Democratic Party. Such publication shall be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within the Oklahoma Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

Section 2: Unit Rule

No convention or committee of the Oklahoma Democratic Party shall require any member to cast a vote or be recorded as voting contrary to that person's preference.

Section 3: Equal Division

In the selection, election or appointment of members to conventions or committees there shall be equal representation of men and women in so far as mathematically possible.

Article X: State Presidential Electors

Section 1: Selections

The State Central Committee shall select the Democratic nominees for Presidential electors.

Section 2: Distribution

There shall be one nominee selected from each congressional district and two selected from the State at large.

Section 3: Announcement

The names of the nominees shall be announced at the State Democratic Convention called to select delegates to the Democratic National Nominating Convention.

Section 4: State Officers

The State officers shall be empowered to take such further acts as may be necessary to have the names of the nominees placed on the ballot.

Article XI: Auxiliary Organizations

Section 1: Review

No organization functioning within the State of Oklahoma shall purport to represent the Oklahoma Democratic Party or use the words "Democrats" or "Democratic" in its name unless it shall have obtained a letter of recognition from the County Central Committee of the county in which it intends to function. Clubs shall apply for letters of recognition annually. No central committee of any unit of the Democratic Party shall refuse to issue such letter to any organization except for good cause, which shall be stated in writing.

Section 2: Establishment

Any group of registered Democrats may establish a Democratic club to promote the Oklahoma Democratic Party, its principles and its nominees.

Section 3: Membership

No Democratic club or federation shall restrict its membership or officers because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or philosophical persuasion.

Section 4: State Federations

Any State federation of Democratic clubs shall be established in the Bylaws of the Oklahoma Democratic Party. Every State federation of Democratic clubs shall annually apply for a letter of recognition from the State Central Committee and shall submit its Bylaws and amendments of its Bylaws to the State Central Committee for approval

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Section 5: Affiliation

Any Democratic club may affiliate with the appropriate recognized federation of State Democratic clubs, but it shall not be required to do so.

Section 6: Club Bylaws

Whether a Democratic club is affiliated with a State federation of Democratic clubs or not, it shall adopt a set of bylaws which shall be the club's governing document and shall submit them to the State Central Committee for approval. No County Central Committee shall issue a letter of recognition to any club whose bylaws have been rejected by the State Central Committee.

Section 7: Recording of Recognition

Each County Central Committee which recognizes a Democratic club shall forward a copy of the letter of recognition to the State Secretary.

Section 8: Officers

Every Democratic club shall annually submit a list of its officers and members with addresses and telephone numbers to the appropriate county secretary and the State Secretary.

Section 9: Denial of Recognition

No State federation of Democratic clubs shall admit as an affiliate any Democratic club that is not currently recognized.

Section 10: Financial Reports

Every Democratic club shall submit a financial statement to the vice-chair of the county in which it functions by February 1 of each year, as a part of its annual application for recognition. A copy of the financial statement shall also be sent to any federation of Democratic clubs of which it is a member. Every State federation of Democratic clubs shall submit a financial statement to the State Treasurer by February 1 of each year as a part of its annual application for recognition.

Article XII: Amendments

Section 1: Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at a regularly called meeting of the State Convention.

Section 2: Bylaws

Amendments to the Bylaws shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting at a regularly called meeting of the State Convention.

Section 3: Notice

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regularly called meeting of the State Convention provided that any proposed changes be received by the State By-Laws Chair no later than 35 days prior to the State Convention.

Section 4: Floor Amendments

A proposed amendment of the Constitution or the Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the State Convention present and voting. Amendments made from the floor must be reasonably related and germane to the subject matter of the section sought to be amended.

Section 5: Effective Date

All amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective immediately unless otherwise stated after the amendment.

Section 6: Record

The State Secretary shall make and preserve a verbatim transcript of the motions and debate on any proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws.