

California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report
Friday, April 30, 2021 at 2:00pm

- I. With 21 Members a Quorum was present. Additional members showed up as the meeting was in progress.
- II. MSP Adoption of Meeting Agenda with an amendment adding item V.C.4.
- III. Reviewed Proposed Bylaw Amendments – Referred to next Executive Board Meeting
 - A. Reviewed final Rules Committee language: Amend Article II, Section 2.a. PUBLIC OFFICE MEMBERS
 - B. MSP adoption of proposed wording change to the non-discrimination clause of the Code of Conduct with the addition of the word “caste”.
 - C. MSP adoption of proposed amendment to Article XIII sections 1,2 and 4 to add the word “caste”.
- IV. Subcommittee Updates
 - A. ADEMs Subcommittee: Process was reviewed in 2019-20 and new procedures were adopted due to the pandemic. The subcommittee will review the procedures and will continue to take testimony on how to improve the process for the 2023 ADEMs. Note that a hearing to take testimony was held on April 14, 2021.
 - B. Caucus Subcommittee:
 1. The following Caucuses have been fully certified as of November 2020: Arab-American, Chicano Latino, Computer & Internet, Rural, Senior, and Veterans. The Caucus Bylaws and statement of measurable goals of following Caucuses have been found to be in substantial compliance with the Bylaws and Guidelines. Accordingly, it was moved, seconded and approved to recommend that the following caucuses be converted from provisional certification to full certification: African American, Children’s, Disabilities, Environmental, Filipino American, Irish American, Labor, LGBTQ, Native American, Progressive, and Women’s. The following Caucuses have been found to be acting in good faith, their statements of measurable goals have been approved and it has been reported that Caucus Bylaws conforming to the CDP Bylaws and Guidelines have been adopted. Accordingly, it was moved, seconded and approved to recommend that provisional status be continued and to delegate authority to Lead Co-Chairs Shay and Bowler and Co-Chair Zakson to recommend the Caucuses for full certification upon verification of the actual adoption of complaint Bylaws for the following caucuses: Asian Pacific Islander and Business & Professional.
 2. Subcommittee Chair Zakson reported that the Subcommittee on Caucuses will be reviewing the process for certification, recertification and decertification of Caucuses, including reviewing the purposes and scope of activities for Caucuses and will recommend to the full Rules Committee such changes to the CDP Bylaws and Guidelines. Hearings on these issues will be scheduled after the Rules Committee is reconstituted after the Convention.
 - C. County Bylaws Subcommittee: Received LA DCC Bylaws for review. There were no approvals needed at this meeting.

- D. Endorsements Subcommittee: The subcommittee continues to review the endorsement process for the 2022 elections especially due to redistricting. Note that a hearing to take testimony was held on April 7, 2021, and that all further written testimony should be submitted by July 1, 2021 using the testimony form on the Rules Committee webpage.
- E. Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee: MSP to receive and refer to the subcommittee a Standing Committee on Credentials motion (voted 11-9-2) regarding DSCC membership for former members who became cabinet members.
- F. Standing Committees Subcommittee: received an update on various Bylaw amendments. Receipt and referral of request for amendment of Voter Services, Organizational Development and Legislations Committee Procedures from these respective Standing Committees, for review and possible amendment.
- G. Officers/Elections Subcommittee: received an update on various Bylaw amendments as they are still working through various proposals. Next subcommittee meeting on June 15, 2021 at 7pm.

V. Compliance Review Commission (CRC)

- A. MSP (18-0) to affirm the CRC Decision and reject the challenge by Ms. Jillynn Molina-Williams relating to the CDP Veterans Caucus.
- B. MSP unanimously affirm the CRC Decision and reject the appeal by Mr. David Abbasi relating to Kern DCC.
- C. MSP to receive and file the following CRC Decisions:
 - 1. Challenge relating to the Orange DCC
 - 2. Challenge relating to the Fresno DCC
 - 3. Challenge relating to the Riverside DCC
 - 4. Challenge relating to the 2021 ADEMs in AD 50, 59, and 74.

VI. Receipt and referral of matters

- A. MSP Receipt and referral of complaints regarding the California Democratic Party's Progressive Caucus PAC to the Caucus Subcommittee.
- B. MSP Receipt and referral of Resolution (21-04-051 Wessinger) regarding officer duties to the Officers/Elections Subcommittee

VII. New Business

- A. Heard testimony from various witnesses regarding the African American Caucus Officer elections, the Credentials Committee referral, and disseminating more widely the subcommittee meeting information.

VIII. MSP Adjournment