

Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland

Election of State Party Officers for Term 2019-2022

The Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland (DSCCM) will meet on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:00 am at IBEW Local 26, 4371 Parliament Place, Lanham, MD 20706. At that time, it will elect new officers to serve a four year term leading the Maryland Democratic Party.

Nominations

1. To be certified as a nominee for the officer of Chair, Vice-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary and Deputy Treasurer- No later than 10 day prior to the full state committee meeting, each candidate for these offices shall file with the State Party Secretary at the Party headquarters in Annapolis a nomination form (Appendix 1) signed by three voting members of the DSCCM who reside in different counties, indicating the county of residence of the candidate and the nominators.
2. When the time on the agenda shall arrive for the conduct of the election, the State Party's Parliamentarian shall take the chair to serve as the presiding officer for the duration of the election process.
3. Officers shall be elected in the following order: The Chair, three Vice Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary, and Deputy Treasurer.
4. Each certified nominee shall be entitled to a total of five minutes for all nominating and seconding speeches, which may be divided among no more than three (DSCCM) members. Nominating and seconding speeches may be made only by DSCCM members.
5. Once the nominating process has been closed, no additional nominations will be permitted. Votes cast for persons not nominated will be considered invalid.
6. The order for presentation of nominations shall be determined by lot by the presiding officer.
7. Each person making nominating speeches shall address the meeting from a location designated by the presiding officer.
8. Each candidate may also have an additional five minutes to address the DSCCM after the nominations have closed, and prior to the beginning of the vote. The order for speeches by the certified nominees shall be determined by lot by the presiding officer.

Majority Election

9. A majority of the votes cast by members of the DSCCM in person shall be required for election of an officer.
10. As the elections proceed in order, the presiding officer shall ensure that the candidates nominated adhere to the gender balance and geographical distribution requirements outlines in the By-laws.
 - a. Of the three vice chairs, no more than two shall be of the same gender. One Vice-Chair of the opposite gender as the Chair shall be designated as the First Vice-Chair, and the others shall be titled the Second Vice-Chair and Third Vice-Chair.

- b. At least one officer must be a resident of Western Maryland (Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll or Howard Counties), Southern Maryland (St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert or Anne Arundel Counties), the Eastern Shore (Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset or Worcester Counties), Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Baltimore City, respectively.

Voting

11. Voting for offices shall be conducted by an alphabetical roll call of the 24 local central committee delegations. The Party staff shall distribute to each local chair a roll call voting form indicating the weighted vote for members of their delegation (Appendix 2). The local committee chair shall poll their delegation and tally the votes for each candidate. The tally shall be reported by the local committee chair when called for by the presiding officer, with the tally form presented to the Secretary.
12. In any roll call vote, the vote of a local central committee as announced by its chair may be challenged by any member of that committee or the representative of a certified nominee prior to the time that the final result of all the votes is announced. The presiding officer or his designee will then conduct a poll of the challenged delegation, the result of which shall be final. A demand to poll a delegation may be withdrawn by the maker at anytime.
13. A vote shall be final when announced by the presiding officer. Members of a local central committee may change their votes until the local committee's votes is announced by the local chair.
14. A vote may not be interrupted for any purpose other than the safety of the members. Once a vote has begun, no recesses or adjournments for any other purpose will be permitted until the vote is concluded.
15. All roll call voting forms and tally sheets shall be preserved by the Secretary and State Party staff, and shall, on reasonable request, be available for inspection following the meeting.
16. If no candidate wins a majority on the first ballot, the presiding officer shall call for a second ballot. If no candidate receives a majority on the second ballot, additional ballots shall be conducted until a candidate receives a majority, but the candidate receiving the least number of votes on each preceding ballot shall be eliminated from the succeeding vote.

Promulgation of Rules & Candidate Information

17. The Maryland Democratic Party (MDP) will distribute the rules for Electing State Party Officers no later than thirty (30) days before date of the DSCCM meeting. The MDP will post the rules on its website and distribute to members by email unless a state committee member or candidate specifically requests delivery by standard mail or fax.
18. The MDP shall send, by email, to each member of the DSCCM a resume and cover letter prepared by each certified nominee for each office.