



# 2017 Democratic Party of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Convention Agenda

Time	Event	Office
12:00pm	Registration Starts	
1:00pm	Convention Begins	
1:10	Joe Parisi	Dane County Executive
1:20	DPW Officer introductions	All candidates except DPW Chair Candidates
1:30	Congressman Mark Pocan	Member of Congress
2:00pm	Registration Closes	
2:00	Representative Jimmy Anderson	Wisconsin Assembly District 47
2:15	2nd CD Chair Nominations and introductions	
2:45	Break	
3:00pm	DNC Representative Candidates	
3:20pm	Vote for 2nd CD Chair	
3:30pm	DPW Chair Candidates	
4:00pm	Remaining 2nd CD Nominations and Elections	
4:30pm	Resolutions	
5:00pm (approximate)	Any remaining Convention business and Adjourn	

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN  
2017 CONVENTION**

**PROPOSED RULES**

**1 GENERAL RULES**

2 1. The conduct of the Convention shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order insofar as they do not conflict  
3 with these rules, the Constitution of the Democratic Party of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin ("the District Party"),  
4 or the Constitution or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin ("the State Party").  
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6 2. The presiding District Party Chairperson or Vice Chairperson ("Party Chair") may appoint temporary chairs to preside and  
7 temporary secretaries to record the proceedings during the Convention.  
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9 3. All registered delegates, which shall include registered alternates who are raised to delegate status, shall be permitted to  
10 participate in all convention business.  
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12 4. Only delegates and guests shall be permitted in the room in which the Convention is being held.  
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14 5. No speaking on a cell phone shall occur in the room in which the Convention is being held.  
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16 6. No audio or video recordings shall be permitted.  
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18 7. The Party Chair, at his or her discretion, may interrupt the Convention's business to permit a brief address to the Convention  
19 by, or by a representative of, any State Party officer, the Member of Congress for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, any state-level  
20 Democratic elected, the Democratic Leader of the Assembly or State Senate, any declared Democratic candidate for a state-level  
21 office. The Convention may, by majority vote, permit any such individual the opportunity to address the Convention.  
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23 8. A quorum for the conduct of convention business, other than amending the District Party's Constitution, is twenty-five percent  
24 (25%) of registered and accredited delegates. A quorum for amending the District Party's Constitution is fifty-one percent (51%)  
25 of registered and accredited delegates.  
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**27 RESOLUTIONS**

28 1. The Convention shall consider county party resolutions, which are resolutions, as provided in Article IV, Section 5(A),  
29 Paragraph 7 of the Bylaws of the State Party, from the Democratic parties of the counties which are wholly or partly in the District  
30 and resolutions from the Convention floor ("floor resolutions"). The resolving organization in all resolutions shall be, or prior to  
31 the Convention's consideration automatically be revised to be, "the DPW".  
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33 2. A motion to adopt a floor resolution shall be in order only after the Convention has considered all county party resolutions and  
34 only if the floor resolution (a) has 100 or fewer words, excluding its title, when the resolving organization is named "the DPW",  
35 (b) is line-numbered, (c) begins with a premise beginning with "Whereas", (d) ends with a resolving clause including the phrase  
36 "resolved, the DPW" (or the like), and (e) at least one hundred fifty (150) copies thereof, with one copy per sheet, are presented  
37 to the Chairperson of the Convention's Platform and Resolutions ("P&R") Committee ("P&R Chair") by 2:00 PM on April 23rd,  
38 2017.  
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40 3. Before discussion on a motion to amend a resolution, the amendment in writing shall be presented to the recording secretary.  
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42 4. A motion to amend a resolution shall not be in order if adoption of the amendment would cause the resolution, excluding its  
43 title, to have more than 100 words.  
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45 5. At the earlier of conclusion of the Convention's consideration of all resolutions for adoption or the Convention's adjournment  
46 *sine die*, each delegate shall be provided a ballot on which to indicate, from among all resolutions that were adopted by the  
47 Convention, the resolutions, not to exceed ten (10), that the delegate most favors, provided that a delegate may cast no more than  
48 1 (one) of his/her maximum of ten (10) votes for any resolution. Also at the same time, whether or not the Convention has  
49 adjourned, a period of time shall begin during which delegates may express their views on which adopted resolutions should be  
50 among the most-favored ten. During this period no more than ninety (90) seconds shall be allowed for any adopted resolution  
51 and no delegate shall consume more than thirty (30) of the ninety seconds. Delegates shall be allowed to submit their ballots until  
52 fifteen (15) minutes after this period concludes. Immediately after the deadline for submission of ballots, the ballots shall be  
53 tallied by the P&R Chair and another delegate ("the other delegate") who shall be appointed for the purpose by the Party Chair,  
54 to determine the Convention's ten (10) most-favored resolutions. If this tally results in a tie in the number of ballots that favor  
55 two or more resolutions and the tie prevents determining on the basis of the tally alone the resolution that was tenth most favored

1 by the Convention, the P&R Chair and the other delegate shall break the tie by lot to determine the Convention's ten most-favored  
2 resolutions. The P&R Chair shall, within two (2) working days after the Convention, submit the Convention's ten most-favored  
3 resolutions to the Chairperson of the State Party's P&R Committee.

#### 5 **REGISTRATION**

6 1. Registration of delegates, alternates, and visitors shall be conducted from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM on April 23rd, 2017.

8 2. Each delegate, and alternate raised to delegate status, shall be provided a card, which identifies him or her as a delegate and  
9 shall be used by the delegate to vote, when voting by hand-count; obtain a ballot for a secret vote; and obtain a ballot for indicating  
10 most favored, adopted resolutions as provided in Rule 5 under RESOLUTIONS.

#### 12 **ELECTIONS**

13 1. Nominations of candidates for an office may be made by the Nominations Committee or by any delegate from the floor.  
14 Nominations do not require a second. Any second or seconding speech is out of order. To qualify as a candidate in the election  
15 for an office, a nominee must personally consent to being a candidate before the election for the office commences. Such consent  
16 must be in writing if the nominee is not present to consent orally or has not provided consent to the Nominator.

18 2. There shall be elections for the following offices in the order the offices are listed in this Rule: (a) Chair, (b) Representative  
19 to the State Party's Administrative Committee (hereinafter "Administrative Committee"), with the Representative's gender  
20 being different to that of the person elected Chair; (c) First Vice Chair; (d) Second Vice Chair; (e) Treasurer; (f) Secretary; (g)  
21 An alternate to Administrative Committee for the Chair, who shall be a different gender than (b), (h) An alternate to the  
22 Representative to the Administrative Committee, with a different gender than the person elected Chair in (a), (i) Member of the  
23 State Party's P&R Committee for the 2017-2020 Term; and (j) Alternate on the State Party's P&R Committee for the 2017-2018  
24 Term.

26 3. Candidates for all offices to be filled by election as specified in Rule 2, or spokespersons for them, shall be allowed to address  
27 the Convention as recognized by the presiding Chair for no more than three (3) minutes per candidate, except for candidates for  
28 Chair and Representative to the Administrative Committee who may receive additional time. At the presiding Chair's discretion,  
29 questions from the Convention may be asked of candidates, provided that if any candidate for an office is so asked then the  
30 Convention shall have the opportunity to ask questions of all candidates for that office.

32 4. Voting for a position shall be limited to delegates on the floor at the conclusion of all candidates for the position having  
33 addressed the Convention as provided in Rule 3 or waived the right to so address the Convention.

35 5. If there be more than one nominee for a position, voting shall be by secret ballot and election shall be by a plurality of votes  
36 cast. One ballot shall be given each delegate who displays the card identifying her/him as a delegate. Distribution of ballots shall  
37 be under the control of the Chairperson of the Convention's Credentials Committee.

39 6. Ballots shall be counted by a committee of two delegates who are appointed by the Party Chair and not candidates for the  
40 office. Every candidate for the office may observe, or may appoint a representative to observe, the counting of the ballots.

#### 42 **FLOOR DEBATE**

43 1. The presiding Chair shall determine the time to be consumed on a debatable motion, which shall not exceed ten (10) minutes  
44 for a main motion together with all other motions pertinent thereto. On a contested debatable motion, equal time shall be allocated  
45 to the extent possible to each side and recognition shall be alternated between proponents and opponents. Upon being recognized,  
46 a delegate shall state her/his name and county and speak no more than (2) minutes. No delegate shall be recognized more than  
47 once on the same motion, except that a delegate may be recognized a second time, to speak no more than one (1) minute, on a  
48 contested debatable motion if, after the delegate has spoken the first time, a delegate on the opposite side of the question has  
49 spoken and, when the delegate seeks recognition for the second time, no other delegate on the same side of the question who has  
50 not already spoken seeks recognition. When a delegate who has the floor is called to order, such delegate shall relinquish the  
51 floor until the challenge is determined.

53 2. All motions must be for positive action. A motion to reject, defeat, not adopt, or the like is out of order.

55 3. A call for division of the house is not in order unless supported by ten (10) seconds.

57 4. At any time after 5:30 PM, if in the Party Chair's opinion the Convention is unduly protracted, the Party Chair may declare the  
58 Convention adjourned *sine die*, which the Convention shall be unless there is a prompt motion adopted by the Convention to  
59 overrule the Chair's declaration. Such motion shall require a second, be debatable, be not amendable, and require a 2/3rds vote  
60 for adoption. If a declaration by the Chair in accordance with this Rule is overruled by the Convention, the Chair may not make  
61 another such declaration until at least fifteen (15) minutes after the latest overruled declaration.

1 **Democratic Party of the Second Congressional District of**  
2 **Wisconsin 2017 Resolutions**

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4 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS**

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6 None submitted

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8 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL**  
9 **AFFAIRS**

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11 None submitted

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13 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMAN CONCERNS, AND**  
14 **DEMOCRACY**

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16 **17-JHD-01: UNIFYING MESSAGE (Green County, 97 WORDS)**

17 WHEREAS, to win elections the DPW needs to deliver a unifying political message, built from a  
18 visioning statement;

19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW adopts this statement:

20 Vision: All Wisconsin communities should thrive.

21 Mission: Elect Progressives to government.

22 Value: Build physical and educational infrastructure to support job growth; defend the dignity of our  
23 fellow citizens; achieve fair voter representation.

24 Strategy: Focus on winning elections.

25 Pillar: Use "fix" in a unifying message: "Just fix it." "Fix 'em" "Fix our schools" "Fix the internet"

26 FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPW party chair is authorized to amend this statement to make it more  
27 effective.

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29 **17-JHD-02: Our Wisconsin Rural Revival: 0% Interest Loans for small farmers(Sauk**  
30 **County, 87 WORDS)**

31 Whereas, Democratic candidates fared poorly in rural counties in the 2016 general election;

32 Whereas, state programs with an emphasis on rural economic issues would revive agricultural based  
33 businesses;

34 Whereas, revitalization of the rural economy will win back voters;

35 Whereas, one plank of the rural revival will be 0% interest loans for qualifying small family farmers  
36 backed by the State of Wisconsin;

37 Therefore, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will support a platform of economic issues which will  
38 recapture the vote in the countryside called Our Wisconsin Rural Revival

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2 **17-JHD-03: Our Wisconsin Rural Revival: no cost supplemental crop insurance (Sauk**  
3 **County, 89 WORDS)**

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5 Whereas, state programs with an emphasis on rural economic issues would revive agricultural based  
6 businesses;

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9 small family farmers backed by the State of Wisconsin;

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11 recapture the vote in the countryside called Our Wisconsin Rural Revival

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13 **17-JHD-04: Our Wisconsin Rural Revival: per student school funding tied to**  
14 **transportation costs (Sauk County, 84 WORDS)**

15 Whereas, Democratic candidates fared poorly in rural counties in the 2016 general election;

16 Whereas, state programs with an emphasis on rural economic issues will revive agricultural based  
17 businesses;

18 Whereas, revitalization of the rural economy will win back voters;

19 Whereas; one plank of the rural revival will be increased per student school funding tied into  
20 transportation per mile costs;

21 Therefore, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will support a platform of economic issues which will  
22 recapture the vote in the countryside called Our Wisconsin Rural Revival

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24 **17-JHD-05: Our Wisconsin Rural Revival: broadband Internet infrastructure (Sauk**  
25 **County, 88 WORDS)**

26 Whereas, Democratic candidates fared poorly in rural counties in the 2016 general election;

27 Whereas, state programs with an emphasis on rural economic issues will revive agricultural based  
28 businesses;

29 Whereas, revitalization of the rural economy will win back voters;

30 Whereas, one plank of the rural revival will be a broadband Internet infrastructure project to help  
31 rural businesses market their products across the globe;

32 Therefore, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will support a platform of economic issues which will  
33 recapture the vote in the countryside called Our Wisconsin Rural Revival

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35 **17-JHD-06: Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal: increase funding for Milwaukee Public**  
36 **Schools (Sauk County, 98 WORDS)**

37 Whereas, Democratic candidates typically fare well in urban areas, results in the 2016 general  
38 election show the party needs to strengthen its connection to these voters;

39 Whereas, a program to promote urban issues would renew the connection to urban voters;

40 Whereas, one plank of the urban renewal will be to increase funding for Milwaukee public schools and  
41 to empower the MPS school board to make decisions to ensure the future of Milwaukee public  
42 schools;

1 Therefore, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will support a platform of urban issues which will  
2 strengthen the Democratic vote called Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal.

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5 **17-JHD-07: Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal: support voter and civil rights (Sauk County,**  
6 **88 WORDS)**

7 Whereas, Democratic candidates typically fare well in urban areas, results in the 2016 general  
8 election show the party needs to strengthen its connection to these voters;

9 Whereas, a program to promote urban issues would renew the connection to urban voters;

10 Whereas, one plank of the urban renewal will be to support voter rights and civil rights of all citizens  
11 making it easier to vote;

12 Therefore, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will support a platform of urban issues which will  
13 strengthen the Democratic vote called Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal.

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15 **17-JHD-08: Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal: Repeal Right to Work, raise minimum wage**  
16 **to \$15 (Sauk County, 94 WORDS)**

17 Whereas, Democratic candidates typically fare well in urban areas, results in the 2016 general  
18 election show the party needs to strengthen its connection to these voters;

19 Whereas, a program to promote urban issues would renew the connection to urban voters;

20 Whereas, one plank of the urban renewal will be to support union rights including the repeal of Right  
21 to Work and workers' rights including \$15 minimum wage for all citizens;

22 Therefore, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will support a platform of urban issues which will  
23 strengthen the Democratic vote called Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal.

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25 **17-JHD-09: Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal: guarantee affordable or free Internet access**  
26 **(Sauk County, 88 WORDS)**

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28 election show the party needs to strengthen its connection to these voters;

29 Whereas, a program to promote urban issues would renew the connection to urban voters;

30 Whereas, one plank of the urban renewal will be a program to guarantee affordable access to the  
31 internet and free access to qualifying citizens;

32 Therefore, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will support a platform of urban issues which will  
33 strengthen the Democratic vote called Our Wisconsin Urban Renewal.

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35 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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37 None submitted

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