

## **Democratic Party of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin Constitution**

### **ARTICLE I.**

#### Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Democratic Party of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin.

### **ARTICLE II.**

#### Purpose.

The purpose of this organization shall be the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States who subscribe to the liberal principles of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and the coordination and augmentation in the District of the policies and programs of the Party.

### **ARTICLE III.**

#### Membership.

All members of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin who reside in the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin, shall be members of the Democratic Party of the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin upon payment of dues to and receipt of dues by any of the component counties.

### **ARTICLE IV.**

#### Organization.

Section 1. The elected officers of the District shall include a Chair, a First Vice-Chair, a Second Vice Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Such officers shall be elected for a term of two years.

Section 2. The Chair shall be the presiding officer at all District Party meetings and shall

act as administrative head of the organization. He/she shall have the power to make appointments with the consent of the Executive Committee. Such appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair or until his/her term expires. In addition, he/she shall serve as the District Representative on the State Administrative Committee of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

Section 3. The First Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence or incapacitation.

Section 4. The Second Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the First Vice-Chair in the First Vice-Chair's absence or incapacitation.

Section 5. The Secretary shall maintain the records of the organization, issue meeting notices, take care of District correspondence and file the statement of organization with the Secretary of State of Wisconsin and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the organization and shall make financial reports at each annual District convention and other meetings of the District Party. "He/she shall expend funds only in accordance with the directives of either the Executive Committee or the majority vote of the delegates in attendance at a meeting. The Treasurer also shall prepare such financial statements as are required by law and forward them to the Secretary of the State of Wisconsin and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives. The Treasurer's books shall be submitted regularly to an auditor or to an auditing committee appointed by the District Chair.

Section 7. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the First Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair until the next annual District Convention. In the event the First Vice-Chair declines to accept the office of Chair, the Second Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair until the next

annual District Convention. In the event, the Second Vice-Chair declines to accept the office of District Chair within ten days after notification by the State Chair, the District Executive Committee shall elect a successor at a meeting called for that purpose by the State Chair. In the event of a vacancy in any District office other than District Chair, the District Executive Committee shall elect a successor within sixty days after the vacancy occurs to serve until the next annual District Convention. All offices filled by succession or elected by the District Executive Committee, rather than by regular election, shall be filled by election at the next annual District Convention, and such officers then elected shall serve until the next regular elections.

## **ARTICLE V.**

### **Executive Committee.**

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the District and the Chair or his representative, of each component county organization within the District.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet not less frequently than every three months to consider and act upon matters of concern to the Congressional District.

Section 3. The time and place of such Executive Committee meetings is to be determined by the District Chair. Not less than ten days' written notice of every meeting shall be given by the District Chair to the elected officers and to the Chair of each component county organization within the District.

Section 4. Upon receipt of the written and signed petition of at least half of the Chair of the component units, the State Chair shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee, subject to the provisions regarding ten days' notice.

## **ARTICLE VI.**

### **District Convention**

Section 1. The annual District Convention shall be held within the time limits set by the Administrative Committee of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, prior to the annual State Democratic Party Convention. The time and place of the District Convention shall be set by the Executive Committee which shall provide for giving at least sixty days' written notice thereof to the Chair of each component unit within the District. The District Convention shall be held within the boundaries of the district.

Section 2. The purpose of the District Convention in odd-numbered years shall be to elect District officers as specified in Article IV, Section 1, of this Constitution, and to conduct any business that may come before the convention.

Section 3. Delegate and alternate quotas for each component unit shall be established by the State Administrative Committee of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin which shall also establish rules for the election of such delegates and alternates.

Section 4. Upon receipt of a written and signed petition of at least half of the Chair of the component units, the State Chair shall call the convention and shall give at least sixty days' written notice of such convention to all component units.

## **ARTICLE VII.**

### **Finances.**

The District Executive Committee shall be empowered to provide for funding for operating expenses and congressional campaign expenses by any means which do not conflict with county or State Party financing methods.

## **ARTICLE VIII.**

### **Endorsement.**

Neither in convention nor in any other manner shall the District organization endorse or support any candidate for any elective office in any primary election.

## **ARTICLE IX.**

### **Amendments.**

This constitution shall be amended by a concurrence of two-thirds of the registered and accredited District delegates present and voting at a regularly called District convention, providing such amendment is approved by the Administrative Committee. The required quorum for voting on a constitutional amendment shall consist of 51 per cent of the total registered and accredited District delegates.

## **ARTICLE X.**

### **Constitutional Precedence.**

Section 1. This Constitution shall supercede any previous constitutions, motions or rules by the District Party to the contrary.

Section 2. If and when it shall appear that this Constitution is in conflict with the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, the latter shall prevail.

Section 3. If and when it shall appear that this constitution is in conflict with the Constitutions of any of the component units, the Administrative Committee shall decide which shall prevail.

End of Constitution. Adopted at the District Convention, Prairie du Sac, WI, on April 30, 2005.