

Proposed Rules for Election of Officer

General

1. The election shall occur at a meeting held using Zoom technology, and only Voting Members of the Body shall be issued Zoom login credentials and be permitted in the virtual meeting room, provided, however, that (a) a candidate for election who is not a Voting Member shall be permitted to attend the meeting for the purpose of speaking when recognized by the Chair, and (b) other individuals who are assisting with the operations of the meeting may be present in the virtual meeting room.
 - a. Non-voting members and guests may view the proceedings of the reorganization meeting via a livestream of the meeting to the 3rd LD YouTube channel.
2. Individuals are to remain muted in the Zoom software throughout the election proceedings unless unmuted by the Chair or the Chair's designee after being granted the floor. To prevent debate that circumnavigates the standard speaking order or distracts focus from the recognized speaker holding the floor, Zoom chat functions shall be disabled, except to communicate with a host or co-host of the meeting.
3. To be recognized, a Voting Member must first communicate their desire to be recognized and the purpose for which recognition is sought. If a member would like to be recognized for debate or to provide a motion, or a nomination during the election, they may use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, provided the Chair or Chair's designee is able to monitor all participants equally well and assure fairness in recognition. The Chair or the Chair's designee will keep a running list of individuals who have their hands raised and the order in which they raised their hands to recognize them to speak.
 - a. When conducting debate, the Chair may bypass the next speaker in order to hear from additional individuals who have their hands raised to alternate debate between pro and con.

- b. A text number may also be provided for recognition purposes.
4. Requests for recognition to make a motion that requires interrupting the current speaker and requests for recognition when no other business is pending should be made by direct messaging the Chair or the Chair's designee directly by using a text number provided for that purpose.
 5. Debate will be limited to a maximum of one minute per speaker, and a maximum of two speeches pro and two speeches con, per motion.

Credentialing and Sign-in of Eligible Voters

6. Eligible Voters shall be limited to current elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) who continue to reside in their precinct as of the date of the meeting. No appointments of PCOs have been made since the date of the vacancy in the office (March 10, 2021).
 - a. An elected or appointed PCO may be represented by proxy (the proxy must be issued to another individual residing in the same precinct who considers themselves to be a Democrat) and the proxy must be submitted to the Secretary so that it is received no later than Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
7. Eligible Voters shall be credentialed by an electronic sign-in no later than 10:30 am on the date of the meeting by using a Unique Voter Identification code (to be sent via email or text directly to Eligible Voters by 12 noon on Friday, May 7, 2021).
 - a. Eligible Voters who fail to electronically "sign in" to the meeting using their Unique Voter Identification code as of 10:30 am shall not participate in the election.
 - b. The Chair may extend the credentials sign-in deadline if necessary or prudent due to technology difficulties.
8. Reasonable accommodations for electronic sign-in and voting shall be provided to Voting Members upon request to the Chair.

Election to Fill the Vacant State Committee Member A Position

9. The election shall be conducted by the Chair.
10. The Body shall first vote on approving these Rules.
11. Any individual eligible to serve as State Committee Member A may self-nominate by 12 noon on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 by submitting via email their name and gender identity to the Chair's email address: chair@thirdld.org.
 - a. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours.
 - b. An individual must self-identify as a Democrat and reside in the 3rd Legislative District to be eligible to serve as an elected officer.
 - c. For the vacant State Committee Member A position, an eligible candidate must have a gender identity of female or non-binary.
 - d. Each candidate who timely self-nominates in advance may submit with their self-nomination declaration a written statement of no more than 300 words. Submitted statements shall be sent to all Voting Members by email no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Such statements shall also be sent via U.S. mail to Voting Members and posted on the Third LD's website, www.thirdld.org.
12. In addition to the self-nomination process, any eligible individual may be nominated from the floor at the meeting by a credentialed Voting Member. A second shall not be required.
13. A majority vote of credentialed, Eligible Voters present and voting is necessary to elect an officer.
 - a. If only two candidates are running and no one receives a majority vote on the first ballot, then voting shall continue for one additional ballot. If a majority vote is not attained by a candidate on the subsequent ballot, the election shall be determined by lot.
 - b. If more than two candidates are running, in the event that the position is not filled via a majority vote in the first round of voting, the top two candidates shall appear on one subsequent ballot. If a

majority vote is not attained by a candidate on the subsequent ballot, then the election shall be decided by lot.

- c. If the election is uncontested, the position may be filled by an election by acclamation.

14. The process for nominating and electing shall include the following:

- a. Announcement of self-nominations received by email followed by a Call for nominations from the floor.
- b. Close of nominations.
 - i. The order of live speaking is determined by the order the nominations were received (including the time-stamp of nominations received by email).
- c. Each candidate is allowed three minutes to speak to the Body either by using the Zoom software or by using telephone access to the meeting.

15. Ballot Procedures:

- a. A Tally Committee shall create and compile the ballot.
 - i. Members of the Tally Committee may include individuals who are not Voting Members of the Body and may include individuals who do not reside in the 3rd Legislative District.
- b. Ballots must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Each ballot shall go “live” only open the conclusion of all live speeches for the respective position(s).
 - ii. A ballot must contain the Unique Voter Identification code provided prior to the meeting to ensure the integrity of the election. Any ballot that is not cast using the Unique Voter Identification code shall be considered spoiled and invalid.
 - 1. As noted, reasonable accommodations with respect to voting shall be provided upon request.
 - iii. Ballots must remain open for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes.
- c. After the election has concluded, two appointed Voting Members of the Body, neither of whom may be candidates themselves, shall audit and review the work of the Tally Committee and certify the election

results as timely as possible after the meeting and shall cause said certified results to be transmitted to the Voting Members and posted on the 3rd LD's website, www.thirdld.org.

- i. Any Voting Member shall be able to audit all ballots and election results upon written request to the Chair and/or another designated individual after the election is concluded.