

Proposed Rules

General

1. The meeting shall be 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) candidates for elected office who are not Voting Members 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 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 of officers, 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 Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) elected during the August 4, 2020 Primary (including any PCOs who were elected without appearing on a ballot because they were the only person to file in their precincts) who continue to reside in their precinct as of the date of the reorganization meeting.
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, December 4, 2020).
 - 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 of officers.
 - 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.

Business to be Conducted including the Election of Officers

9. The meeting shall be called to order by the current Chair, who shall preside over the meeting until such time as a new Chair is elected.

- a. The Chair shall appoint a Temporary Secretary and Timekeeper, and such other officers and/or committees as he/she/they deems to be appropriate.

10. The Body shall vote on the Agenda and the Rules.

11. The Election of Officers shall proceed in the following order:

- a. Chair.
- b. Vice-Chair.
 - i. The Vice-Chair may not share the same gender identity as the gender identity of the Chair.
- c. Two State Committee Members.
 - i. The election of State Committee Members shall be conducted at the same time on a single ballot. All candidates for State Committee Members will be listed on the ballot and voters must select exactly two (2) candidates of different gender identities.
 - 1. Example: a voter may choose:
 - a. One female and one male, or
 - b. One male and one gender non-binary, or
 - c. One gender non-binary and one female.
- d. Two Spokane County Executive Board Representatives.
 - i. The election of Spokane County Executive Board Representatives shall be conducted at the same time on a single ballot. All candidates for Spokane County Executive Board Representatives will be listed on the ballot and voters must select exactly two (2) candidates of different gender identities.
 - 1. Example: a voter may choose:
 - a. One male and one female, or
 - b. One gender non-binary and one male, or
 - c. One female and one gender non-binary.

12. Any individual eligible to serve as an elected officer may self-nominate by 12 noon on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 by submitting via email their name,

gender identity, and position for which they are running to the email address: candidate@thirdld.org.

- a. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours. An individual may submit their name for multiple positions but if they do, they need to expressly indicate whether they will accept the first position to which they are elected and withdraw their name from nomination for the other offices to be elected, or if they intend to occupy multiple offices if so elected.
- 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. Each candidate who timely self-nominates in advance may submit with their self-nomination declaration a written statement. Submitted statements shall be sent to all Voting Members by email no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Such statements shall also be sent via U.S. mail to Voting Members and posted on the Third LD's website, www.thirdld.org.
 - i. Chair candidates: Statement of no more than 500 words.
 - ii. Vice-Chair, State Committee Member and Spokane County Executive Board Representative candidates: Statement of no more than 300 words.

13. 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.

14. A majority vote of credentialed, Eligible Voters present and voting is necessary to approve any vote or elect an officer unless otherwise noted.

- a. Fifty-two (52) PCOs were elected in the August 4, 2020 primary in the 3rd Legislative District. One has subsequently moved outside the legislative district. If all 51 remaining elected PCOs are credentialed, present, and voting at the reorganization meeting, a vote of 26 is required to elect an officer or approve any vote.
- b. If only two candidates are running in a race for Chair or Vice-Chair and no one receives a majority vote on the first or a second ballot,

then voting shall continue by subsequent ballots until one person receives a majority vote.

- c. For State Committee Member and Spokane County Executive Board Representative positions, in the event that one or both of the two positions are not elected via a majority vote in the first round of voting, unsuccessful candidates will be removed until there are two (2) times the number of positions remaining available (example: if eight (8) people are running for two (2) State Committee Member positions and no one individual receives a majority in the first round of voting, then the bottom four (4) vote-getters are dropped, with four (4) remaining, following all applicable gender requirements.)
 - i. If only two candidates are running for a single remaining position on any subsequent ballot and no one receives a majority vote, there shall be one final additional subsequent ballot. If a majority vote is not attained by a candidate on the final additional subsequent ballot, then the election shall be decided by lot.
 - d. Proxies are not permitted at the reorganization meeting.
 - e. If any officer election is uncontested, the position(s) may be filled by an election by acclamation.
15. The process for nominating and electing all positions 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.

16. Ballot Procedures:

- a. A Tally Committee shall create and compile the ballot for all positions.
 - 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 elections have 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.