

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021 - Virtual meeting held via closed ZOOM

7:03pm – Call to Order by Chair Carla Rogers

Attendees: Nick Bonazza, Karen Richter, Rachel Glass, Jordan Crawley, Sara M. Smith, Leah Griffin, Dawn Rains, Bunny Hatcher, Jeff Sbaih, Ted Barker (guest), Steve Butts, Norman Sigler, Colleen Hinton, Julie Whitaker, Richard O’Neill, Gina Topp, Carla Rogers, Estey Chen

Opening Activities: Carla opened by discussing the next two years’ social contract and the need to work well together.

First activity: An ice breaker designed to help members understand what makes each person feel valued.

Name	Role	Feels Valued with:
1. Nick Bonazza	PCO Chair	loves communication; respect
2. Karen Richter	Co-Chair Outreach Committee	coordination, challenge, Communicating with each other, Direct interface with our community
3. Rachel Glass	First Vice Chair	communicating, human connections
4. Jordan Crawley	2nd Vice Chair, Chair Platform & Legislative Action Cmte	respect through understanding; culture of mutual respect
5. Sara M. Smith	Secretary	humor, holding heavy issues with a light hand
6. Leah Griffin	KCDCC Rep	keep things moving
7. Dawn Rains	Coalitions Chair	efficient & effective use of time
8. Bunny Hatcher	KCDCC Alternate	patience
9. Jeff Sbaih	Chair, Social Justice & Equity Cmte	candid conversations, chocolate and peanut butter
10. Ted Barker	Guest	acceptance – big tentedness
11. Steve Butts	Outreach Cochair, Newsletter	cross-pollination, history
12. Norman Sigler	KCDCC Committee Person	expectations; inclusive progressive community
13. Colleen Hinton	Caucus & Election Chair	openness to new ideas, creating community, not be afraid to speak up
14. Julie Whitaker	Treasurer	enhance understanding of behind-the-scenes Cmte work; wants to be acknowledged for what they contribute
15. Richard O’Neill		
16. Gina Topp	Parliamentarian	strong dialogue
17. Carla Rogers	Chair	open to new ideas
18. Estey Chen	Young Dems Rep	

Second Activity: “Where are you on the Democratic Spectrum”

All Democrats are welcome in the 34th District Democrats and we endeavor to treat each other well and provide a safe and welcoming environment. This activity was designed to showcase the variability of views within the 34th Dems.

Board Representation

Jordan Crawley shared maps of previous and current board members residences, which showed representation has not been proportional from districts, and encouraged more representation from under-represented districts. Specifically, there is a current need for an additional board member from White Center and from Burien. Link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MrDjOqyvufuGHQe_zUvkjd31aLne_qSzSaEGpEy1-4/edit?ts=6008fbf9#slide=id.gb7104e9c1a_0_0

Administrative Reminders

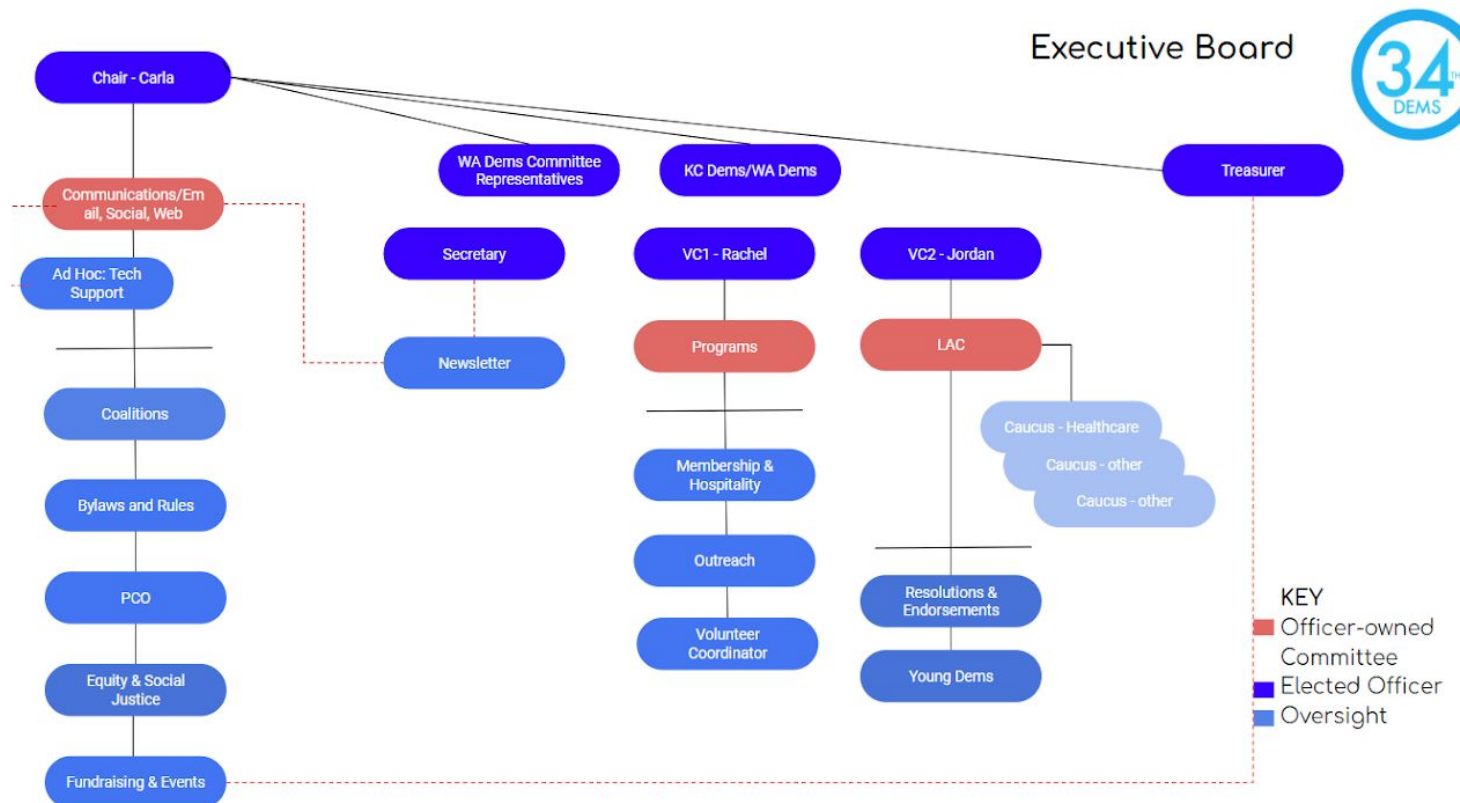
- New participants need to update their contact information on the online Google sheet, and send in headshots for the website
- In-person meetings will likely not resume until fall or winter due to Covid-19
- Communication via slack
- Using Google docs
- Board Reports shifting to written report in advance of the meeting instead of verbal report during the meeting
- EBoard Meetings will use the additional time as a working session
- Stay on schedule, start and end on time, and stick to agenda
- Upcoming retreat: March 6 (via closed Zoom meeting)
- Everyone needs to fill out the 34th membership form for tracking purposes
- Everyone will receive the Membership Survey: Policy Priorities to help track priorities for Legislative action.

Formal Business

1. Proposed Standard Rules change

- Carla, Jordan and Rachel reviewed the rules document and advised of changes, especially regarding added budget process details.
- Leah Griffin motioned to pass, Rachel Glass seconded. Unanimously voted to approve new rules.

2. Proposed leadership structure for board members and discussion.



- Norman Siglar suggested adding a Covid-19 resource page on the website to discuss community engagement, and current practice of Zoom meetings.

3. Legislation Tracker – Jordan Crawley presented, and demonstrated use.

- Link:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gF3n5l9rlpa569tL0K2u67WCJ6bU9T8DdoSrE5WfOg8/edit#gid=488627257>

- 4. 34th District Democrat Letters of Support discussion:** The 11th district has a way to ‘write a letter’ as a board to endorse, support, or promote something. For example, they wrote a letter regarding the recent resignation of the Odessa Brown physician due to systemic racism. This can be a faster way to communicate that “The Board of the 34th supports “X”” as opposed to “The 34th supports X” because that can take months. More discussion at the Resolutions and Endorsements committee level.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.