

Bylaws

Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club

A chartered club of the Democratic Party of Orange County

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Executive Summary - Bylaw Revisions

Respectfully submitted on March 2, 2021:

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The main purpose for this Bylaws revision is to ensure we have clearly identified our Members in Good Standing ("MIGS") which is the basis for both our DPOC Charter Renewal and CADEM Pre-Endorsement delegate allocation determination.

The Bylaw Committee has also taken the opportunity to update some of the language for consistence with current practices, and to be in alignment with CDP and DPOC mandates.

Only the significant revisions will be addressed in this summary. These significant changes will be highlighted in the draft bylaws presented for your vote to approve.

Membership / Vote Entitlement (see section IV. Membership Requirements)

Recognizing the confusion between having too many membership types (Regular, Associate, Members in Good Standing, Vote-Entitled Members, etc.), and adapting to the new CDP and DPOC standards, we have now condensed Member Types to two:

Regular Member: Anyone (any gender, any party affiliation) can be an "Regular" member. They have paid all Club dues in the prior calendar month (based on their status as a student or veteran or other), regardless of gender, and will be bound by the Code of Conduct.

Member in Good Standing (members who are entitled to vote): Regular members who are also who are also registered Democrats, and who have attended at least one meeting in the last 12 months.

Meetings (for more, see section VI. MEETINGS)

Executive Board shall consist of the elected Club officers, and appointed Assistant Officers and Committee Chairs. Executive Board voting procedures shall be by majority votes by voice, email or ballots.

Notice of Meetings: Regular Club and Executive Board Meetings shall be given at least two weeks notice; special meetings may be called by the Chair at any time with 3 days notice.

Officers (for more, see section VIII. OFFICERS)

Club Officers: only self-identified female MIGS can run for or hold Elected Office in the NBWDC. Appointed Committee Chairs and Assistant Officers on the Executive Board may be MIGS of any gender.

CDP Pre-Endorsement & DPOC Endorsement (see sections X. & XI.)

We recommend you read these brand new sections in their entirety. Section X.G sets out requirements and qualifications for being a Club Representative. The NBWDC Executive Board will make the selection from the list of qualified members. Section X.G-H states that Representatives will be bound by the voice of the majority of the Club to vote for the candidate selected by the club. Representatives have responsibility to the Club, not a candidate. If no candidate receives the Club's endorsement, then the Club should take a "No Endorsement" position. Club Representatives must agree to adhere to and represent the Club's official positions on endorsements and other matters.