



DNC Officer Election Rules of Procedure Information Fact Sheet**

Officer Elections

- The National Chair, four of the five Vice Chairs (not including the ASDC President), the National Finance Chair, the Treasurer, and the Secretary must be elected by the DNC by March 1 following a presidential election. The Democratic National Committee will meet February 23-26, 2017 in Atlanta, GA to hold Officer Elections.

Nominations

- Candidates for any DNC Officer position to be elected must file a nominating statement and petitions with the DNC Secretary by 8:00 pm, Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Nominating petitions must include the signature of 20 DNC members with their respective state of residence.
- Each candidate for National Chair is entitled to a total of 10 minutes for nominating and seconding speeches to be divided among no more than 4 speakers.
- Each candidate for a DNC Officer position, other than National Chair, is entitled to a total of 5 minutes for nominating and seconding speeches to be divided among no more than 3 speakers.

Quorum & Proxies

- A majority of the full membership of the DNC present in person or by proxy constitutes a quorum, provided that at least 40% of the membership must be present in person.
- No DNC members may hold more than one proxy. All proxies must be in writing and signed and must be submitted to the DNC Secretary prior to the meeting. Proxies may be registered during the course of the meeting, however, no proxies will be accepted by the DNC Secretary while a vote is being conducted.

Voting & Election

- DNC Officers are elected by a majority vote of DNC members present in person or by proxy.
- The National Chair is the first officer elected. In voting to elect the National Chair, voting may be conducted by a show of hands or other means of division. If the Chair is in doubt as to the result of the division, the voting will be conducted by roll call.
- Elections for the other DNC Officers will be conducted in the following order: Treasurer, Secretary, National Finance Chair, Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Registration, and the other three Vice Chairs.
- The Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Registration is nominated and elected separately. All unsuccessful candidates for that position will automatically be considered candidates for the other three Vice Chair positions, unless they have indicated that they do not want to be considered for the other three positions.
- The Vice Chair for Civic Engagement shall be the candidate who receives a majority, regardless of gender. In the election of the remaining three Vice Chairs, an appropriate number of persons of each gender shall be elected to ensure that, with the exception of the National Chairperson and the President of the Association of State Democratic Chairs, the officers shall be equally divided as practicable according to gender.

**The information contained in this fact sheet is intended to give a brief overview of the Rules of Procedure to be used in electing DNC Officers and is not meant to take the place or supersede the actual Rules. For more information on the actual Rules of Procedure, please contact the DNC Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection at 202-863-8046.