



MEMORANDUM

TO: Democratic National Committee (DNC) Members
Interested Parties

FROM: Lorraine Miller and James Roosevelt, Jr.
Co-Chairs, DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee

SUBJECT: DNC Officer Election Candidate Materials

DATE: December 21, 2016

As you may be aware, the Democratic National Committee's (DNC) Charter requires the DNC to elect its officers by March 1 following a presidential election. In anticipation of the officer elections at the February 23-26, 2017, DNC meeting, we have prepared the enclosed Officer Candidate Materials Packet that includes information about the process and the rules that will govern these elections.

Officer Election Rules of Procedure

The Rules and Bylaws Committee (RBC) has recommended the enclosed proposed Rules of Procedure for adoption by the full DNC. The following Rules are based on Rules of Procedure adopted by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) for officer elections beginning with the National Committee meetings on February 9, 1989, through the elections held on January 22, 2013. For 2017, these Rules have been updated to utilize electronic roll call voting as used at the 2016 Convention Standing Committee meetings. The following changes to the Rules of Procedure have been proposed by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee:

- The Rules of Procedure have been amended to allow for the use of electronic voting, at the discretion of the Chair;
- Each candidate for officer must file a nominating statement and petitions with the DNC Secretary by 8:00 pm Eastern of the Tuesday before the scheduled election (February 21, 2017);
- The nominating and seconding speakers no longer must be DNC members; and
- For the office of Chair, there will be a period of at least 10 minutes between ballots.

Also attached is a fact sheet that highlights the pertinent sections from the Rules of Procedure.

Officer Election Nominating Statement and Petition Forms

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, each candidate for National Office shall file a nominating statement along with petitions signed by at least 20 DNC members with the DNC Office of the Secretary no later than February 21, 2017, at 8:00 pm Eastern. The nominating statement and

petitions shall be submitted at one time and can be filed electronically. Once submitted, the DNC Office of the Secretary will verify that the petitions have been completed by DNC Members, as required by the Rules.

The additional documents attached include the relevant sections from the DNC Charter and Bylaws that pertain to the DNC Officer Elections, a legal memo on campaign finance and party rules applicable to DNC Officer Elections and a DNC Member Roster as of December 21, 2016.

Should you have any questions about these documents and the process in general, please feel free to contact the staff in the DNC Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection at partyaffairs@dnc.org or the DNC Office of the Secretary at secretaryoffice@dnc.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Enclosures

Proposed Rules of Procedure for DNC Officers Election

Rules of Procedure Fact Sheet

DNC Officer Nominating Statement and Nominating Petition Forms

Relevant Sections from the DNC Charter & Bylaws Pertaining to DNC Officers

Legal Memo - Campaign Finance and Party Rules Applicable to Elections for
National Party Office

DNC Member Roster as of December 21, 2016