

## **Summary of the Changes to the DCSRA Bylaws**

(Revised from the previous bylaws dated December 11, 2015)

**There are two notable changes in these bylaws from the previous edition:**

1. The language in Article I that previously stated that we were an “official unit” of the Pima County Democratic Party has been deleted. The Arizona Democratic Party (ADP), in its latest revision of bylaws on April 13, 2019, does not mention clubs and caucuses as part of the Party’s organization. The Pima County Democratic Party (PCDP) has yet to determine if it includes Clubs and Caucuses as part of its organization. DCSRA remains a Political Action Committee (PAC), however, and can proceed as that, with or without any official affiliation with either organization.

2. At the request of the Board, the position of V.P. of Headquarters was created. Since the person already managing the HQ was on the Board as a member at large, the number of members at large decreased from three to two. We could not add another member at large without making the number of members even.

**Of lesser importance, two other changes were made.**

1. The committee firmed up the job descriptions of members at large to include new/more duties, i.e. chairing ad hoc committees & attending other committees as needed.

2. The terms of election and service were re-worded to be less confusing, but while the wording was changed, no changes were made to content.

All changes were approved unanimously by the Board at the monthly meeting on May 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Myra Christeck, Chairperson of the DCSRA Bylaws Committee

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF THE SANTA RITA AREA**  
**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of the organization will be The Democratic Club of the Santa Rita Area, herein referred to as “DCSRA”.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

DCSRA shall influence, foster, encourage and promote the aims and objectives of the Democratic Party and aid in the election of Democratic candidates for public office.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Members**

Membership in DCSRA shall be open to all interested persons in the Santa Rita area. Voting members are those members who are dues-paying registered Democrats.

**Section 2. Dues**

Dues shall be paid annually and are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The amount of the dues will be set by the Executive Board and be approved by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a regularly scheduled DCSRA meeting. Methods for notification and collection will be determined by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE IV**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1. Members**

The Executive Board of DCSRA shall consist of a President, a Vice-President for Voter Outreach, a Vice-President for Fundraising, a Vice-President for Publicity, a Vice-

President for Programs, a Vice-President for Membership and Recruitment, a Vice-President of Headquarters, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and two Members at Large. In addition, the Immediate Past President shall serve as an ex-officio member. The Executive Board shall be responsible for handling the day-to-day affairs of DCSRA. To insure the purpose of Article II, a representative to the Pima County Executive Committee and an alternate shall be chosen by the DCSRA Board.

## **Section 2. Duties**

The President shall preside at all meetings of DCSRA and the Executive Board and shall appoint all standing and ad hoc Committees subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member at all committees except the Nominating Committee.

- a. The Vice-President of Fundraising shall, in the absence of the President, assume all the duties of the President.
- b. The Vice-President for Voter Outreach shall, in the absence of the President and Vice President of Fundraising, assume the duties of the President.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the DCSRA meetings and have such other duties as necessary, including official correspondence. The Secretary shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and the Vice Presidents of Fundraising and Voter Outreach. The President may assign other duties as required.
- d. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all funds in a manner approved by the DCSRA and Executive Board. The Treasurer shall keep all financial records and submit regular reports to the Board, serve as an ex-officio member of the Fundraising Committee and file reports as required by state law. In the event of expenditures not included in each committees' budgeted expenses, the Treasurer shall reimburse expenditures of three hundred dollars or less and any expenditures exceeding three hundred dollars shall require approval by the President or by the Executive Board. A financial review committee must be appointed by the President to review the financial records biannually or upon the resignation of the Treasurer.
- e. In view of the expectation of fairness and equal treatment for all Democratic candidates, DCSRA Executive Board members should not use the titles of their offices in public endorsements of candidates involved in contested Democratic Primary elections. Board members acting as individual citizens may make such endorsements.

### **Section 3. Nominations**

No less than 60 days prior to the December DCSRA meeting, the President shall appoint three members of the DCSRA to serve as a Nominating Committee. No less than 30 days prior to the December DCSRA meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees at a regular or special DCSRA meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

### **Section 4. Elections**

Elections will be held at the December DCSRA Business Meeting. Every Executive Board member is elected for a two-year term. The President, the Vice President for Membership, the Vice President for Programs, the Treasurer, the Secretary and one Member at Large shall be elected in December of an even-numbered year and begin their two-year tenure the following January.

The remaining Executive Board members, consisting of the Vice President of Headquarters, the Vice President of Fundraising, the Vice President of Voter Outreach, the Vice President of Publicity, and one Member at Large shall be elected in the December of an odd-numbered year and begin their two-year tenure the following January.

When there is only one candidate for an Executive Board position, the election shall be by raised hands of the voting members of the DCSRA present. When there is more than one candidate for an Executive Board position, the election shall be by secret ballot of a majority of voting members present. Elections require a simple majority of members present at the December DCSRA meeting.

### **Section 5. Removal from Office**

Any DCSRA Executive Board member with three consecutive unapproved absences from the Executive Board meetings, or who fails to fulfill the duties of the office, may be asked to resign by the President. An Executive Board member may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Executive Board at a specially-called Executive Board meeting.

### **Section 6. Vacancies**

Any vacancy occurring on the DCSRA Executive Board shall be filled with a DCSRA member elected by a majority of the Executive Board. The President shall appoint

three members of the DCSRA to serve as a Nominating Committee. This Committee shall present a slate of one or more nominees for the DCSRA Executive Board. The member so elected shall serve until the next election scheduled for that position (Section 4). In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the VP for Fundraising shall act as President until the election is held. Any Executive Board member running for public office shall resign prior to announcing their candidacy.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** There must be at least six (6) regular membership meetings each calendar year, with no more than two (2) months between the meetings. Executive Board meetings shall be held monthly with cancellations authorized by the President.

**Section 2.** The President, with the concurrence of the Executive Board, shall set the time and place of all regular DCSRA program meetings and Executive Board meetings.

**Section 3.** Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Board or by 25% of the membership of the DCSRA.

**Section 4.** Notice of the DCSRA meetings shall be announced through media releases, e-mail, the DCSRA web site and/or telephone calls at least one week prior to the meeting.

**Section 5.** Meetings will be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

**Section 6.** At DCSRA meetings, a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of passing any motions that require voting. At Executive Board meetings, six members shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** There shall be the following standing committees.

- a. Membership and Recruitment
- b. Fundraising
- c. Program
- d. Publicity

e. Voter Outreach

**Section 2.** Ad Hoc Committees may be created by the President for special purposes, including but not limited to, the biannual committees of Nominations and Bylaws.

**Section 3.** Summary descriptions of Vice Presidents’ responsibilities are an addendum to these bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII**

**BYLAWS**

**Section 1. Effective Date**

These bylaws shall be in effect immediately upon their adoption.

**Section 2. Amendments**

Following a 30-day notice period, the bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a regular DCSRA monthly meeting.

**Section 3. Review**

The Bylaws Committee shall review these bylaws at least biannually and shall recommend amendments as required.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF THE SANTA RITA AREA ON July 13, 2019.

Attested to by:

President

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Matthew Boyd

Secretary

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Patricia Burgess

Previous Revision:  
December 11, 2015

## **Summary of Board Member Job Descriptions**

### **Members at Large**

Members at Large attend monthly DCSRA Board meetings and serve the Board's needs at any given time. Members at Large may have various responsibilities and projects during their tenure, including but not limited to chairing an ad hoc committee, preparation for events and speakers and joining committees in need of members.

### **President**

The president is responsible for presiding at all meetings of DCSRA and the Executive Board and appoints all standing and ad hoc committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nomination Committee.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for the collection and disbursement of all funds in a manner approved by the DCSRA membership and Executive Board. The Treasurer keeps all financial records and submits regular reports to the Board, serves as an ex-officio member of the Fundraising Committee and files reports as required by state law.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for keeping a record of all proceedings of the DCSRA Executive Board meetings and have such other duties as necessary, including official correspondence. The Secretary shall preside at the Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President and the Vice Presidents named in the bylaws. The President may assign other duties as required.

### **Vice President of Membership**

The Vice President of Membership is responsible for recruitment of members and the promotion of DCSRA. The Vice President of Membership will create and/or monitor recruitment materials, keep the Board informed on membership rates and dues payments and attend events open to the public to garner new members.

### **Vice President of Fundraising**

The Vice President of Fundraising is responsible for developing and implementing fundraising activities to fund the running of Headquarters, DCSRA's activities and contributions to the Democratic Party and individual candidates.

### **Vice President of Voter Outreach**

The Vice President of Voter Outreach is responsible for gathering and mobilizing volunteers to support Democratic candidates via calls, canvassing, neighborhood meetings, petitions, initiatives and advertising. The Vice President of Outreach recruits and trains volunteers in the registration of voters and is a liaison with other political organizations.

### **Vice President of Programs**

The Vice President of Programs is responsible for developing monthly presentations, contacting and booking speakers, which include both subject experts and Democratic candidates, for the DCSRA monthly meetings. The Vice President of Programs is also responsible for setting up the December Potluck-Business Meeting.

### **Vice President of Publicity**

The Vice President of Publicity is responsible for the timely content and delivery of DCSRA-relevant events and programs via the weekly newsletter, the website and the DCSRA Facebook page. The Vice President of Publicity is also responsible for advertising monthly meetings and special events/speakers on DCSRA's media platforms and other venues, including the Green Valley News and other media outlets.

### **Vice President of Headquarters**

The Vice President of Headquarters is responsible for training HQ volunteers, maintaining meeting room schedules, accounting for keys and contracting cleaning services for HQ. The Vice President of Headquarters also maintains both the equipment and supplies needed by HQ and keeps all handout materials up to date and stocked.