

BYLAWS OF THE LARAMIE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

ARTICLE 1—THE LARAMIE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Section 1 – Name

The Laramie County Democratic Party shall be known as Laramie County Democrats (hereinafter referred to as the “LCD”).

Section 2 – General

The Wyoming Democratic State Central Committee shall direct the operations of the Wyoming Democratic Party as provided for by the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party and by the direction of the Wyoming Democratic State Convention.

Section 3 – Compliance

The Bylaws of the LCD shall comply with those adopted by the Wyoming Democratic Party. Where any conflict of directions should occur, the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party shall take precedence over the Bylaws of the Laramie County Democrats. Those persons who have registered as Democrats to vote in Laramie County, Wyoming, shall be members of the LCD.

ARTICLE II – THE LCD CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1 – Powers and Duties

The LCD Central Committee shall:

- A. Assist the Wyoming Democratic State Central Committee in Laramie County as provided for by the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party,
- B. Perform all duties and functions required by law, the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party and these Bylaws.
- C. Exercise the governing power of the LCD in accordance with these Bylaws, subject to the direction of the Wyoming Democratic Party State Convention, the Wyoming Democratic State Central Committee, and the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party on matters of statewide concern.

Section 2 – Membership and Meetings

The LCD Central Committee shall consist of:

- A. Precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected in the county at the regular biennial primary election and at LCD Central Committee meetings pursuant to Article V, Section 1C of the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party.

All Meetings of the LCD Central Committee shall:

- B. Be open to all members of the Democratic Party without any discrimination based upon, and regardless of, race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, ethnic identity, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or philosophical persuasion, and any such discrimination is prohibited.
- C. Being open to the public and public involvement is strongly encouraged. The Bylaws of the LCD strongly support Article VII, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party in regard to an open party with no discrimination tolerated.
- D. No business may be conducted at a LCD Central Committee meeting without the presence of a precinct committee person or persons.

Section 3 – Organization and Election of Officers

The LCD Central Committee shall meet at the county seat during the month of March of each odd-numbered year at a time and place determined by the LCD Chair.

- A. The elected Chair shall mail notice of the meeting to the Laramie County Clerk not less than ten days before this meeting. At the meeting, the LCD Central Committee shall elect a Chair, a Vice-Chair (who shall self- identify as a different gender as the Chair unless no one of a different gender is willing to serve as Vice Chair, in which case the LCD Central Committee may elect a Vice Chair of the same gender as that of the LCD Chair), a Treasurer, a Communications Director, a State Committeeman, and a State Committeewoman.
- B. In order to be considered for election, these officers need not be a member of the LCD Central Committee, but each must be a qualified Democratic voter of and reside in Laramie County. They shall serve for a term of two years or until successors are elected and qualified. Precinct committee persons are the voting members of the LCD Central Committee, and as such, are entitled to vote.

Section 4 – Officers

The elected officers of the LCD shall enforce the adopted Bylaws and rules approved by the LCD Central Committee, and perform the duties specific to each office as designated in the Bylaws.

- A. The LCD Chair shall:
 - i. Have all the general powers of supervision and management usually vested in the office of the Chair, not inconsistent with these Bylaws, Wyoming statutes, or the Wyoming Democratic Party’s Bylaws;
 - ii. Be the executive officer of the LCD, and shall preside at all meetings of the LCD Central Committee, and shall ensure that all orders of such committee are carried into effect;
 - iii. Conduct all LCD campaigns approved by the LCD Central Committee;
 - iv. Coordinate the management of the LCD Central Committee funds with the elected LCD Treasurer. Jointly, the LCD Chair and Treasurer will keep a record of all funds

received and disbursed, and report the same to the LCD Central Committee at LCD Central Committee meetings;

- a) Funds of the LCD Central Committee shall be spent only on the approval, in writing, of the LCD Chair, except that expenditures less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) may be made without approval in writing; and,
- b) No authorization may be given for deficiency spending.

B. The LCD Vice-Chair shall:

- i. Perform duties and functions as required by law and by these Bylaws;
- ii. Self-identify as a different gender as the Chair unless no one of a different gender is willing to serve as Vice-Chair, in which case the LCD Central Committee may elect a Vice-Chair of the same gender as that of the LCD Chair;
- iii. Perform the duties and exercise the powers of the LCD Chair during the absence or disability of the Chair; and,
- iv. Perform such other duties as requested.

C. The LCD Treasurer shall:

- i. Perform duties and functions as required by law and by these Bylaws;
- ii. Assist the LCD Chair in duties relative to fundraising and the custody, reporting, record keeping, and expenditure of the money of the LCD Central Committee as requested by the Chair;
- iii. Be required to furnish bond, at the discretion of the Chair; and
- iv. Be authorized to make payments on behalf of the LCD Central Committee and at the direction of the Chair and to make payments less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) without approval in writing by the Chair

D. The LCD Communications Director shall:

- i. Perform duties and functions as required by law and by these Bylaws
- ii. Keep minutes of all meetings of the LCD Central committee and of all subcommittees of which the Communications Director is a member;
- iii. Furnish copies of minutes of all such meetings to members of the respective committees and subcommittees upon request within thirty days after each meeting; and,
- iv. Perform such duties as requested by the Chair.

- E. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the LCD Chair due to death, resignation, or loss of qualification, the LCD Vice-Chair shall become the LCD Chair for the balance of the unexpired term of the Chair. Vacancies among other LCD party offices shall be filled by election, no later than the second meeting of the LCD Central Committee held after the vacancy occurs.

Section 5 – Vacancies and Appointments

Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. 22-4-103 and the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party, the following actions are authorized should a precinct committeeman or committeewoman vacancy occur:

- A. A vacancy in the LCD Central Committee shall occur in the cases of:
 - i. death;
 - ii. resignation;
 - iii. failure to be elected to a precinct committee position; or
 - iv. removal of residence from the precinct.

- B. A vacancy shall be filled by the LCD Central Committee by election of a registered elector resident in the precinct in which the vacancy exists and registered in the party or as provided by the Bylaws of the Wyoming Democratic Party.

- C. The LCD Chair, with the approval of the LCD Central Committee, may appoint a Democrat registered and residing in the precinct to fill such a vacancy. Notice of any said appointment shall be reported to the Laramie County Clerk within ten (10) days after the appointment. For voting purposes, any voting members of the LCD Central Committee must be appointed or elected at the previous meeting held.

Section 6 – Meetings, Notices, and Publications

The LCD Central committee shall meet and organize under the direction of the LCD Chair at a time and place determined by the Chair. The Chair shall also publish a notice of all meetings of the LCD Central Committee in a form that ensures general countywide circulation not less than two (2) days prior to a meeting.

- A. Notice shall be provided to all members of the LCD Central Committee not less than five (5) days prior to the regular meeting.

- B. Special meetings may be held on call of the Chair not less than five (5) days after notice to the LCD Central Committee members.

- C. Each LCD Central Committee Member may request notice via electronic mail or regular mail.

- D. All meetings of the LCD, including committee meetings, Central Committee meetings, and the County Convention, shall be operated under the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order. When applicable, meetings may be conducted pursuant to such rules for small boards.

Section 7 – Proxies

Members of the LCD Central Committee may:

- A. Deputize, by signed proxy, a substitute to act for them at any meeting, but such substitutes must be registered Democrats residing in the county that their principals represent.

B. Any member may vote one's own and two additional proxies from the same county. A proxy holder who is not a member of the LCD Central Committee shall have only the maximum of two proxy votes.

Section 8 – Subcommittees

Subcommittees may be appointed by the LCD Chair to assist in the Chair's duties as necessary. Such subcommittees shall meet at the Chair's call or as necessary.

Section 9 – Clubs

The LCD Central committee may authorize and establish Democratic clubs or organizations. They may form and operate under their own rules and regulations, but such rules and regulations must be consistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III- THE LARAMIE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Section 1 – Powers and Duties

The Laramie County Democratic Convention may adopt a Laramie County Party Platform and resolutions, select delegates and alternates to the Wyoming Democratic State Convention, and perform other duties and functions as required by law and these Bylaws.