

# Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2023 Resolutions

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This packet contains resolutions submitted to the DPW Platform and Resolutions (DPW P&R) Committee by the Congressional Districts (CDs). In a few cases identical resolutions were combined into a substitute and all involved CDs were given credit. Any other edits made were to conform resolutions to a common format, align them with general party principles without altering overall meaning, and correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. The committee asks that some resolutions not be adopted, denoted by “Do not adopt”. This means that no action would be taken.

“Party Governance” (PG) resolutions do not directly affect the Platform but regard the functioning of the DPW. Some of those resolutions are recommended for forwarding to the Administrative Committee for further discussion. This is usually because the committee felt that there was insufficient information about the issue available to the membership to make a recommendation either way, or because the requested action is not possible in the way described. PG resolutions are non-binding, a recommendation to adopt is akin to a formal request from the convention delegates for the Administrative Committee to study and/or address an issue. The best solution for the issue raised may differ from the recommendation in the resolution. It is recommended that those who are advocates for PG resolutions engage Administrative Committee representatives regarding those issues.

Resolutions are considered active for four years after adoption and the 2023 adopted resolutions will be used to advise the DPW Platform drafts in 2024 and 2026.

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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS**

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3 **23-ELE-01: REPEAL THE BAN ON PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**

4 WHEREAS, Former Governor Scott Walker signed a law banning state government and local municipalities  
5 from entering Project Labor Agreements;

6 WHEREAS, PLAs are a valuable tool for communities to supply local workforces with good opportunities  
7 and compensation;

8 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a long history of successful partnerships with labor; and,

9 WHEREAS, municipalities all around Wisconsin have major upcoming infrastructure plans which will  
10 require labor to upgrade roads, sewage utilities, and even build entire new neighborhoods;

11 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Governor Evers and the State Legislature should repeal the ban on Project  
12 Labor Agreements and allow municipalities to ensure better working conditions on upcoming projects.

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14 **23-ELE-02: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING PER PUPIL (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 99 WORDS);**  
15 **ADOPT**

16 WHEREAS, a strong public education system is one of the factors that has made Wisconsin a strong state  
17 with a highly educated workforce;

18 WHEREAS, the revenue limits imposed on school districts in 1994 created permanent inequities in the  
19 amount of funding available for each school district;

20 WHEREAS, the current per pupil revenue limit is set at \$10,000; and,

21 WHEREAS, numerous fixes such as sparsity aid and equalization payment have not eliminated the  
22 differences in per pupil student funding;

23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the minimum per pupil revenue limit should be raised to at least \$11,500 and  
24 annually adjusted for inflation thereafter.

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26 **23-ELE-03: DISCLOSE AMOUNT OF TAXPAYER’S DOLLARS DIVERTED FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION TO PRIVATE**  
27 **SCHOOLS ON PROPERTY TAX BILL (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 87 WORDS); ADOPT**

28 WHEREAS, K-12 education is compulsory in Wisconsin;

29 WHEREAS, mandatory property tax-derived funds for Public Education have been diverted to Participating  
30 Private Schools through Wisconsin voucher programs since 1990-91;

31 WHEREAS, total taxpayer funds diverted to private voucher-accepting schools have already exceeded  
32 \$3.9 billion; and,

33 WHEREAS, taxpayers have a right to know how their taxes are used;

34 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW should demand legislation which would add a single line on property  
35 tax bills indicating the amount from the taxpayer’s school district that are being diverted to Private  
36 Education.

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38 **23-ELE-04: SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 83 WORDS); ADOPT**

39 WHEREAS, thousands of students in Wisconsin qualify for free and reduced meals, and many more face  
40 food insecurity but don’t qualify;

41 WHEREAS, the USDA made school meals free during the COVID pandemic via reimbursements to school  
42 districts;

1 WHEREAS, these reimbursements ended on June 30, 2022, when Congress failed to renew the plan;  
2 WHEREAS, students cannot learn on empty stomachs; and,  
3 WHEREAS, students should not be denied food because of their family's inability to pay;  
4 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin should adopt universal school meals.

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6 **23-ELE-05: THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 94 WORDS); ADOPT**

7 WHEREAS, AI could change the history of mankind and may solve problems like global warming, plastic  
8 pollution, and disease prevention;

9 WHEREAS, AI may also spread disinformation, facilitate surveillance, perpetuate stereotypes, create  
10 deadly chemicals and weapons; and,

11 WHEREAS, there is no comprehensive Federal or State legislation on AI;

12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW encourages Federal and State legislators to establish commissions to  
13 study and make recommendations on the promotion, regulation of, and the profiting from AI; and,

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, all Federal and State agencies monitor the use of AI in public sectors, private  
15 organizations, and industry.

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18 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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20 **23-AGE-01: ELIMINATE ANONYMOUS OBJECTION (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 89 WORDS); ADOPT**

21 WHEREAS, Wisconsinites want to preserve vast stretches of pristine land and clear waters using the  
22 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund to create conservation easements;

23 WHEREAS, easements create public lands that can be used for recreation by all citizens;

24 WHEREAS, a single Anonymous Objection from anyone on the Joint Finance Committee can effectively  
25 stall the funding for any project; and,

26 WHEREAS, examples include the Cedar-Gorge Clay Bluffs by Lake Michigan and the Pelican River Forest  
27 near Rhinelander;

28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses Governor Evers proposal to eliminate the practice of  
29 Anonymous Objection.

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31 **23-AGE-02: ENDORSEMENT FOR THE TERMINATION OF FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 97 WORDS);**  
32 **ADOPT**

33 WHEREAS, combustion of fossil fuels caused 75% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in 2019;

34 WHEREAS, the federal government provides at least \$20 billion per year in subsidies to fossil fuel  
35 industries;

36 WHEREAS, the production of fossil fuels will decline if subsidies are discontinued;

37 WHEREAS, the elevated concentrations of atmospheric greenhouse gasses are fast becoming a major  
38 injustice to current and future generations of people; and,

39 WHEREAS, fossil fuel companies are blocking climate solutions in both the public and private sectors;

40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses the termination of federal government subsidies for fossil  
41 fuel production and distribution.

1 **23-AGE-03: MODERNIZE WISCONSIN LAW RELATING TO RV WASTEWATER (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 83 WORDS); ADOPT**

2 WHEREAS, Wis. Admin. Code SPS 383.41(2) requires that: "A Private On-site Water Treatment System  
3 shall be designed to have sufficient capacity;

4 WHEREAS, appendix A thereof presently allows that a "campsite" will generate 30 gallons per day of  
5 wastewater; and,

6 WHEREAS, this outdated section is erroneously being used by campground developers even though RV  
7 manufacturers agree large RVs, like Park models, generate 100 gpd;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports updating Appendix A of SPS 383 to agree with Park model  
9 RV manufacturers that their RVs generate 100 gallons per day.

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11 **23-AGE-04: DISCONTINUE CERTAIN HUNTING WITH DOGS (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 69 WORDS); ADOPT**

12 WHEREAS, Wisconsin laws license the hunting of bears, coyotes, and wolves with dogs;

13 WHEREAS, this practice of hunting with dogs too often causes problems with property owners when  
14 hunters and their dogs trespass and cause injury to livestock; and,

15 WHEREAS, this hunting practice also too often results in serious injury/death to the hunting dogs;

16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation to eliminate hunting bears, coyotes, and wolves  
17 with dogs.

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20 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMANS CONCERNS, AND**  
21 **DEMOCRACY**

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23 **23-JHD-01: ABOLISH LEGAL SLAVERY (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**

24 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Constitution §2 creates legal slavery "for the punishment of crime, whereof the  
25 party shall have been duly convicted";

26 WHEREAS, this exception also appears in the US Constitution's Thirteenth Amendment;

27 WHEREAS, the ACLU estimates 800,000 American prisoners are forced to work for wages between 13¢ to  
28 52¢ per hour;

29 WHEREAS, in November, 2022 Alabama, Oregon, Tennessee, and Vermont voted to abolish slavery in  
30 their State Constitutions; and,

31 WHEREAS, creating any exception to a complete ban on slavery is racist and shameful;

32 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Wisconsin and United States Constitutions should be amended to  
33 completely abolish slavery under all circumstances.

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35 **23-JHD-02: ALLOW USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC MEDICINES (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 89 WORDS); ADOPT**

36 WHEREAS, Psilocybin is decriminalized in Oregon, DC, and cities within California, Massachusetts, and  
37 Washington;

38 WHEREAS, Colorado has legalized dimethyltryptamine, ibogaine, mescaline, psilocybin, and psilocyn for  
39 possession and supervised administration;

40 WHEREAS, these natural medicines are non-addictive and benefit individuals suffering with anxiety and  
41 depression; and,

42 WHEREAS, the FDA has granted psilocybin "breakthrough treatment" status;

1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the State of Wisconsin should decriminalize possession and use of safe natural  
2 psychedelic medicines;

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, Wisconsin should join Colorado in creating a Natural Medicine Advisory Board to  
4 implement a Natural Medicine Access Program.

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6 **23-JHD-03: ELIMINATE DRIVING SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FINES AND FEES (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 92**  
7 **WORDS); ADOPT**

8 WHEREAS, Wisconsin law currently allows drivers licenses to be suspended due to the non-payment of  
9 state or municipal issued fines and fees;

10 WHEREAS, 15 other States do not suspend drivers licenses due to non-payments;

11 WHEREAS, driving suspensions force people to choose between scenarios like losing a job, risking further  
12 charges and fines, or being arrested;

13 WHEREAS, law enforcement must often waste valuable time policing poverty; and,

14 WHEREAS, the criminalization of poverty is wrong;

15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW urges Wisconsin to stop suspending driving licenses of individuals for non-  
16 payment of fines and fees.

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18 **23-JHD-04: RESOLUTION ABOUT HEALTH CARE FOR ALL CITIZENS (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**

19 WHEREAS, the recent COVID pandemic exposed and exacerbated inequities in health care resulting in  
20 disparities in health outcomes and where socially/economically marginalized individuals died at a higher  
21 rate than those who are insured; and,

22 WHEREAS, people from groups that are socially/economically marginalized without insurance have a  
23 higher incidence of chronic illnesses, encounter structural barriers in accessing quality health care, and  
24 more frequently utilize emergency care;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Congress and the President of the United States should enact into law the  
26 creation of a publicly financed, non-profit, national health insurance program that would fully cover  
27 medical care costs for all Americans.

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29 **23-JHD-05: RESOLUTION ABOUT EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER ACT (RED FLAG LAW) (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 100**  
30 **WORDS); ADOPT**

31 WHEREAS, in Wisconsin 70% of gun deaths are suicides and in most rural counties, the gun suicide rate  
32 is 2 times higher than in the most urban counties;

33 WHEREAS, in 2020, 60 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner;

34 WHEREAS, a 2022 Marquette Law School poll found that 81% of Wisconsinites support  
35 implementing Red Flag laws; and,

36 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Democrats proposed a Red Flag law during the 2021-22 legislative season  
37 (Assembly Bill 638);

38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW reaffirms its support for the implementation of an Extreme Risk  
39 Protection Order (Red Flag) law modeled after the 2021-22 Assembly Bill 638.

1 **23-JHD-06: REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 74 WORDS); ADOPT**  
2 WHEREAS, gun violence in the United States is a national epidemic;  
3 WHEREAS, Republicans have been relaxing gun carry laws over the objection of law enforcement;  
4 WHEREAS, gun deaths can be reduced with tighter gun laws like other industrialized nations; and,  
5 WHEREAS, interpretation of the 2nd Amendment has been misconstrued by the gun lobby;  
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support a ban on assault rifles, high-capacity magazines, open carry  
7 and that concealed carry require just cause.

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9 **23-JHD-07: SUPPORT A NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (3<sup>RD</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> CDS, 82 WORDS);**  
10 **ADOPT**

11 WHEREAS, 72% of Wisconsin voters agree that the Wisconsin Legislature should create a non-partisan  
12 way to redraw legislative and congressional district maps across Wisconsin;  
13 WHEREAS, the partisan legislature creates greater divisiveness and voter disenfranchisement;  
14 WHEREAS, gerrymandered districts discourage competition and means that legislators are not  
15 accountable to constituents; and,  
16 WHEREAS, the present maps violate the Wisconsin Constitution requirement to "...be in as compact form  
17 as practicable."  
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports a non-partisan redistricting commission for state legislative and  
19 congressional districts in Wisconsin.

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21 **23-JHD-08: SUPPORT THE ABORTION RIGHTS PRESERVATION ACT (3<sup>RD</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> CDS, 94 WORDS); ADOPT**

22 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has an 1849 law on the books that bans abortion with no exceptions for rape,  
23 incest, or the health of the mother, and this law applies from conception;  
24 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade putting the 1849 ban into effect, endangering the  
25 health and lives of pregnant persons of Wisconsin; and,  
26 WHEREAS, the 1849 ban will discourage OB-GYN doctors from training or practicing in Wisconsin;  
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the Abortion Rights Preservation Act previously submitted to  
28 Congress; and,  
29 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW supports codifying Roe v. Wade into Federal law.

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31 **23-JHD-09: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE EPIDEMIC OF MISSING AND MURDERED**  
32 **INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND PERSONS ("MMIWP") (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 96 WORDS); ADOPT**

33 WHEREAS, 84% of Indigenous women have experienced violence;  
34 WHEREAS, homicide is the third leading cause of death among Indigenous women between ages 10 & 24  
35 and fifth leading cause between ages 25 & 34;  
36 WHEREAS, the majority of perpetrators of violence against Indigenous women are non-Native;  
37 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 12 First Nations, who have been subjected to genocide, colonization and  
38 forced assimilation; and,  
39 WHEREAS, there are unsolved missing persons and homicides in Wisconsin involving Indigenous victims;  
40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports efforts of the MMIW Task Force to address the epidemic  
41 of MMIWP.

1 **23-JHD-10: CHILD LABOR IN THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 94 WORDS); ADOPT**

2 WHEREAS, recent instances of children as young as 13 being illegally employed in slaughterhouses, some  
3 of whom suffered disfiguring injuries;

4 WHEREAS, their employers were sanctioned only with administrative fines with no criminal prosecution of  
5 the company or management; and,

6 WHEREAS, the ultimate corporate beneficiary of the subcontractors' work was not sanctioned in any way;

7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW calls on Democratic Lawmakers at State and Federal level to propose  
8 legislation which requires that companies are prosecuted criminally for the illegal employment of child  
9 labor whether directly or through subcontractors, including prosecution of Company Directors.

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12 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE**

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14 **23-PG-01: AMEND BYLAWS TO EMPOWER AND ADD ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE CAUCUS STRUCTURE (1<sup>ST</sup> CD,**  
15 **100 WORDS); DO NOT ADOPT, FORWARD TO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER REVIEW**

16 WHEREAS, the DPW bylaws do not create high expectations for caucus activity or fully empower caucus  
17 success;

18 WHEREAS, caucuses should be included in party governance;

19 WHEREAS, there is not adequate communication between caucuses and the administrative committee;

20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Article XII Section 3 of the bylaws should be amended to require more than one  
21 Caucus meeting per year;

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, Article IV Section 5 should be amended to explain how Caucuses engage in the  
23 Platform and Resolutions Process;

24 FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administrative Committee should consider the formation of a Caucus Chairs'  
25 Association, and more resources should be given to Caucuses.

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27 **23-PG-02: CALLING UPON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN TO PROVIDE DIRECT FUNDING TO**  
28 **EVERY COLLEGE DEMOCRATS CHAPTER WITHIN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 94 WORDS); ADOPT**

29 WHEREAS, youth voter turnout in the state of Wisconsin reached record numbers in the 2022 General  
30 Election, as well as the 2023 Spring Primary;

31 WHEREAS, College Democrats chapters have done significant work in building back their organizations  
32 this year after the pandemic;

33 WHEREAS, this has included fundraising, with minimal assistance from DPW; and,

34 WHEREAS, county Democratic parties and organizations and their members should not have to bear the  
35 brunt of supporting their College Democrats organizations;

36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW should support College Democrats chapters within the State of  
37 Wisconsin with direct funding each year.

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39 **23-PG-03: FUNDING FOR COUNTY PARTY STAFF (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 96 WORDS); DO NOT ADOPT**

40 WHEREAS, County Parties are the local face of the DPW, build trust and lasting relationships with voters  
41 and volunteers, are knowledgeable about local issues;



1 WHEREAS, County Parties operate on shoestring budgets, are staffed by volunteers, often struggle to  
2 recruit volunteers; and,

3 WHEREAS, DPW Field Organizers usually do not live in the areas they serve long term, and therefore  
4 struggle to build local knowledge and trust the way County Parties can;

5 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall develop a pilot project for the purpose of funding the hiring of  
6 staff by County Parties and evaluating the efficacy thereof.

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8 **23-PG-04: MESSAGING FOR RURAL WISCONSIN (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 86 WORDS); DO NOT ADOPT**

9 WHEREAS, rural Wisconsin provides the Democrats with the best opportunity to gain voters;

10 WHEREAS, Democrats have historically done a great deal to address rural community issues;

11 WHEREAS, this history has been forgotten and recent generations don't see the Democratic Party as their  
12 champion in rural areas."; and,

13 WHEREAS, Democrats living in rural communities need a voice;

14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that grassroot rural organizations need to be created and supported by both  
15 national and state Democratic parties; and messaging should reflect the differences that occur in these  
16 communities.

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18 **23-PG-05: WINNING STRATEGIES IN RURAL WISCONSIN (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 52 WORDS); ADOPT**

19 WHEREAS, rural counties present unique challenges to organizing capacity and covering far-ranging turf;  
20 and,

21 WHEREAS, rural candidates are disproportionately challenged by being held to urban benchmarks;

22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW should respond to these conditions by adopting proportional  
23 benchmarks to determine financial and other state-level support for campaign activities in rural areas.

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25 **23-PG-06: ESTABLISH VICE-CHAIR APPRENTICE OFFICER (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 94 WORDS); DO NOT ADOPT, FORWARD  
26 TO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER REVIEW**

27 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DWP) seeks the perspectives of young voters while  
28 involving them in its principles and policies; and,

29 WHEREAS, counties presently may not have a Vice-Chair Apprentice Officer;

30 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW will encourage its county parties to establish a new officer position,  
31 Vice-Chair Apprentice, to be held by a person 16-24 years old, with the same voting rights as other  
32 officers; and,

33 FURTHER RESOLVED, each county party Constitution be considered as amended to include the additional  
34 officer until the county parties can hold individual votes to revise their Constitutions.

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36 **23-PG-07: ESTABLISH A YOUTH COALITION FUNCTION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 81 WORDS);  
37 DO NOT ADOPT, FORWARD TO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER REVIEW**

38 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW) seeks the perspective of young voters while  
39 involving them in its principles and policies;

40 WHEREAS, the DPW does not have a Youth Coalition and Outreach function; and,

41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW will establish a Youth Coalition and Outreach function;

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPW will now establish a scholarship fund to aid the youth leader in seeking  
2 any college degree, a state certification of 100 hours or more, or a union or trade apprenticeship.

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4 **23-PG-08: DPW BYLAWS UPDATES (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 89 WORDS); DO NOT ADOPT, FORWARD TO ADMINISTRATIVE**  
5 **COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER REVIEW, THERE IS A PROCESS FOR BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

6 WHEREAS, the DPW Bylaws have the following in Article II, Section 9 which has long been outdated and  
7 not used for 35 plus years, "The state administrative committee shall be empowered to set fund-raising  
8 quotas for the various local units. It shall also make decisions regarding the state/county division of funds  
9 raised";

10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that this is brought before the DPW Administrative Committee for a vote to  
11 delete Section 9 from the DPW Bylaws. Completion will then be reported back at the 2023 4th quarter  
12 DPW Administrative Committee meeting.

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14 **23-PG-09: DEMOCRATIC COUNTY PARTY CONSTITUTIONS (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 94 WORDS); DO NOT ADOPT, FORWARD**  
15 **TO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER REVIEW**

16 WHEREAS, many county parties are working with outdated constitutions, some going as far back as  
17 1966;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW Administrative Committee vote to have the DPW Chair appoint a  
19 dedicated staff member to work closely with the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to have county parties  
20 review for possible updates to their constitutions. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee will then report  
21 quarterly to the DPW Administration Committee as to the progress being made beginning at the 4th  
22 quarter meeting of 2023. Updated constitutions will then be kept on file at the DPW offices.