



State Convention Election Rules

June 8 & 9, 2024

Milwaukee, WI

I. Candidate Filings and Requirements:

- a. All candidates for a DNC Member position must file a DNC Member Candidate Declaration of Candidacy Form pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the WisDems Constitution with the Elections Commission at the State Party Headquarters. The completed form may be sent via scan or email to stateconvention@wisdems.org, or via post to 15 N Pinckney Street, Suite 200, Madison, WI, 53703. The completed form must be received by 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 18, 2024, in order for the candidate to appear on the ballot.

II. Floor Speeches:

- a. All DNC Member candidates in contested races shall be limited to five (5) minutes total time for nominator, seconder, and candidate speeches at a time designated in the final agenda. Speaking order will be determined by lot prior to the State Convention.
- b. DNC Member Candidates may accept nominations in person or via pre-recorded video if unable to attend in person and notification of video acceptance is received to the state headquarters at least one week in advance of the convention.

III. Hours of Voting & Delegate Lists:

- a. Uncontested races will be voted on by acclamation after the Convention is called to order on Saturday, June 8, 2024.
- b. The hours of voting on contested races will be from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Sunday, June 9th, 2024 in the designated areas of the convention site.
- c. There can be no changes made in the delegate lists, or alternates raised to delegates, after 10:30 AM on Sunday, June 9th, 2024. Only registered, certified delegates with their credentials will be allowed to vote.

IV. Election Logistics:

- a. There shall be no political signs of any nature which relate to the election being conducted displayed in the elections room, other than incidental personal items.
- b. At each table, one election volunteer will act as the ballot clerk and will have charge of the ballots, which shall be numbered, and the other will act as a ballot box clerk and will be stationed at the ballot box.
- c. Each delegate shall present their credentials and state their name to the ballot clerk who shall check off the name in the registry by recording the number of the ballot next to the delegate's name. Each ballot shall be initialed by the ballot clerk before it



is handed to the delegate. Ballots without initials will not be counted. The delegate shall receive a ballot from the ballot clerk and mark the ballot. The ballot shall then be deposited in the ballot box under the observation of the ballot-box clerk, the delegate's credential shall be hole punched and the delegate shall then leave the room.

- d. Ballots shall be counted at each table by the election volunteers. One volunteer shall open and read the ballot aloud and the other shall record the vote on the tally sheet. Counted ballots shall be placed in a separate receptacle so as not to be mixed with the uncounted ballots.
- e. When the time for voting has ended, the tally sheets will be signed by the election volunteers and shall be turned over, together with the ballots, to the chair of the Elections Commission who shall retain them for not less than thirty (30) days, after which they will be destroyed.
- f. Each candidate whose name appears on the ballot is allowed four observers during the balloting and tallying. Observers must remain in the designated area. No persons other than the election volunteers, the members of the Election Commission and the candidates' designated observers shall be allowed in the room while the ballots are being counted.

V. Election of Officers:

- a. Pursuant to the Constitution and By-laws of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and the Charter and rules of the Democratic National Committee, the top two qualified DNC Member candidates in each gender category who receive the most votes shall be declared the winners. Write-in candidates are not permitted.
- b. In the event of a tie, the election volunteers will recount the ballots. If the count remains a tie, the Election Commission shall determine a winner by lot.
- c. The Election Commission shall prepare a report of the results of the balloting for the office(s) voted upon at this election and it shall be signed by a majority of the members of the Elections Commission present. The report shall be submitted to the State Chair, and results announced by the acting Election Commission Chairperson or their designee prior to the adjournment of the convention.
- d. At the request of any candidate, the Elections Commission may, at its discretion, conduct a recount governed by the same rules as the election count. The recount request must be made within 20 minutes of the announcement of the vote totals at the convention and the request must be made in person to the Chair of the Elections Commission.

VI. Election Challenge:

- a. Pursuant to Democratic Party of Wisconsin By-laws, only a defeated candidate for party office may challenge any election. Such challenge shall be filed in writing with the Election Commission Chair and a copy sent to the person(s) being challenged within ten (10) days of the election. The challenge must state the reason(s) therefore



- and must be made by a defeated candidate who may reasonably expect to replace the persons being challenged if the challenge is upheld. The challenge must be considered by the Administrative Committee within 10 days of being presented to the Election Commission Chair.
- b. Any party seeking to identify the vote of any delegate(s) shall file a request in writing with the Election Commission Chair within ten (10) days of the election. The request will be acted upon by the Administrative Committee at its next regular meeting in accord with the Charter and By-laws of the Democratic National Committee, the By-laws and Constitution of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.
 - c. The Election Commission Chair can be reached via email at electioncommission@wisdems.org.