
**Iowa Democratic Party 2024 State
Rules and Nominations Committee Report**



Saturday, June 15th, 2024

The Meadows Events and Conference Center at
Prairie Meadows
Altoona, IA

Rules & Nominations Committee 2024 State Convention

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**Report of the 2024 Rules & Nominations Committee
(hereafter referred to as “Rules Committee”)
IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
STATE CONVENTION**

June 15, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

The State Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 a.m. on June 15, 2024.

Online Registration may occur -

If it does:

1. There must be a way in which people will be able to ask for assistance if they do not have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone
2. Backup Paper and the electronic file format must be in either Excel or Google Sheets (Workbooks)

All Convention attendees regardless of role are strongly encouraged to **pre-register online to help ensure a prompt Convention start time.**

In-person registration for the State Convention Delegates shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15. Late-arriving Delegate registration shall be open from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Delegates arriving after 10:00 a.m. are not guaranteed a seat but must check in with the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee will review the situation and determine whether to seat the individual.

Registration for State Convention Alternates shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15.

Alternates with a signed Alternate assignment form shall be seated along with Delegates. Alternates without a signed form shall be seated beginning at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND PLAN YOUR TRAVEL TO ARRIVE ON TIME

No permanent votes will be taken until the approval of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee; however, Temporary Officers shall be appointed and a motion to approve Temporary Rules will be placed before the Delegation as soon as a quorum of Delegates has been seated.

Order of Business

This current Order of Business is subject to change.

1. 7:00 a.m. Registration opens.
2. 10:00 a.m. The Temporary Chair(s) will convene the Convention.
3. Opening Ceremony.
4. Temporary Chair(s) calls for petitions for Platform Amendments to be turned in to the Convention Secretary by 10:30 a.m. or 30 minutes after the Final Report of the Credentials Committee is approved, whichever is later.
5. Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee certifying a quorum.
6. The Temporary Chair(s) shall appoint Temporary Officers.
7. Approval of the Temporary Delegates.
8. Approval of the Temporary Rules.
9. Announcements and Introductions.
10. Invited Speakers shall address the Convention (limited to 5 minutes).
11. Youth Delegates go to Caucus.
12. Final Report of the Credentials Committee certifying the seated Delegation.
13. Vote to approve the Final Report of the Credentials Committee.
14. Report of the Rules Committee.
15. Vote on the Report of the Rules Committee.
16. A Rules Committee Chair shall nominate the Convention Chair(s).
17. Election of Convention Chair(s).
18. Convention Chair(s) shall appoint Convention Officers.
19. Convention Chair(s) introduces the Chairs of all Committees.
20. Balloting explanation and practice.
21. Nomination and election of State Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair.
22. Election of Party Leader & Elected Official National Delegates
23. Election of At-Large National Delegates by preference groups
24. Consideration of Amendments to the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution.
25. Consideration of the Statement of Principles
26. Report of the Platform Committee Debatable Planks
27. Report of the Youth Caucus.
28. Ratification of all elections.
29. The Convention Chair(s) shall inquire as to further business to come before the Convention.
30. Adjournment.

I. RULES GOVERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE OF THE STATE CONVENTION

A. Governing Documents

The Rules of this Convention shall be the Rules adopted by this Convention as modified by the By-Laws of the Iowa Democratic Party, the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party, the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Iowa, the Rules of the Democratic National Committee, the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th ed., in the order listed above.

B. Call to Order

The Convention shall be called to order no later than 10:15 a.m. If the Temporary Chair does not call the Convention to order within this time limit, any Delegate may call the Convention to order and the business shall begin.

C. Convention Floor Access

Only Delegates, Credentialed Assistants, ADA Companions, Youth Delegates, Committee Members, Convention Officers, Credentialed Press, Iowa Democratic Party staff, pages, persons authorized by the Rules Committee, and Service Animals as defined by the ADA shall be allowed on the Convention Floor.

1. ADA Companion is a person who meets the definition of such under the Americans with Disabilities Act and is present to assist only the person they accompany.
2. A Credentialed Assistant is a person who is identified to assist only for the duration of the Convention and is available to assist any Delegate who requests such.
3. ADA Companions and Credentialed Assistants will be identified with a badge and are permitted to give assistance in all activities necessary for a Delegate to fully participate in Convention activities. Companions will be allowed a seat next to the Delegate they are accompanying.

D. Seating of Delegates and Alternates

1. Duly elected Delegates to the Convention shall have the first right to be seated at the beginning of the Convention.

2. When a Delegate does not attend:
 - a) A Delegate who cannot attend the Convention may designate a duly elected Alternate in writing, using the Designated Alternate form provided. An Alternate so designated shall be seated by the Credentials Committee at the same time as Delegates are seated.
 - b) In the event that a Delegate fails to name an Alternate in the manner prescribed in sub-section 2.a) of this section, the Credentials Committee shall seat an Alternate on a first-come, first-seated basis by preference group, if applicable, based on the following priority order:
 - 1) Alternates from the same County as the Delegate.
 - 2) Alternates from a similarly rural or urban County within the same Congressional District as the Delegate.
 - 3) Alternates from any county within the same Congressional District.
 - 4) Alternates from a similarly rural or urban County within any Congressional District.
 - 5) Alternates from any County.
 - 6) If there are no remaining Alternates from a preference group, and there are vacant seats belonging to that preference group, the Credentials Committee may be instructed by the identified Preference Group Representative to seat an Alternate from either the Uncommitted Alternates or Alternates not belonging to a preference group.
 - c) If the Credentials Committee cannot locate an Alternate after a good faith effort (three [3] calls to the area designated for Alternate seating) the Credentials Committee shall seat another Alternate.
3. A Delegate who does not designate an Alternate in writing to be seated in their stead shall not have the right to unseat anyone seated by the Credentials Committee.
4. Seating of non-designated Alternate Delegates shall begin at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as all Delegates in line at 10:00 a.m. are registered.
5. If the total number of delegates and alternates who have checked in is less than or equal to the total number of accredited Delegates, then the Credentials Committee may proceed to seat the remaining Alternates.
6. If a Delegate requires an ADA Companion, an ADA Companion Badge shall be issued to the ADA Companion at the same time the Delegate they are accompanying registers for the Convention. An ADA Companion is permitted access to the Convention Floor at all times and shall be allowed to be seated next to the Delegate they are accompanying.

E. Limit on Speaking Time

With the exception of the invited Speaker(s), Convention Speakers recognized by the Convention Chair(s) shall be limited to one (1) minute speaking time unless specified elsewhere in these rules. The Convention Chair(s), or their designee, shall enforce this time limit. If the Convention Chair(s), or the person designated by the Convention Chair(s), fails to enforce this time limit, any Delegate may call on the Convention Chair(s) to do so, as a point of order.

F. Reports of the Credentials Committee

1. The Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee certifying a quorum shall be adopted before consideration of any official business.
 - a) Forty percent (40%) of the duly elected Delegates to the Convention shall constitute a quorum.
2. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the committee reports. The Chair of the committee, or their designee, may present committee amendments, may yield to others, and may yield to the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the floor.
3. In the event of a challenge, the Credentials Committee shall include in its report the name of the Delegate or Alternate whom it believes is entitled to participate in the Convention and the name of the person who wants to be seated instead. When a number of challenges are to be resolved by the Convention, the Credentials Committee shall report on each in alphabetical order by Congressional District and by the County in which the Delegate seat being challenged is located.
4. The Convention shall vote on each challenge of the Credentials Committee Report as a separate amendment.
5. Each amendment to the report of the credentials committee must be approved by a majority vote of the convention. Both parties to the challenge may address the convention to make their case. After the challenged delegate or someone else is accepted by the convention that person becomes a seated delegate and can vote on all subsequent votes at the convention.
6. After all challenges have been resolved, the Convention Chair shall ask for a vote on the adoption of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee with any amendments previously adopted.
7. In the event that the Final Report of the Credentials Committee shall fail to

pass, the Credentials Committee shall reconvene immediately to reconsider its report. A revised report shall be presented to the Convention as soon thereafter as possible.

8. No motion questioning a quorum shall be in order after the Final Credentials Committee Report has been accepted.

G. Election of Permanent Convention Chairs

1. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall be recognized to place in nomination the name of the Permanent Convention Chair(s).
2. Additional nominations may be received from the Floor. Each nominee will be given an opportunity to decline.
3. When there are no further nominations, or upon adoption of a motion to close nominations, the Chair of the Rules Committee, or their designee, shall conduct the election.

H. Reports of the Rules Committee

The Chair(s) of the Rules Committee shall present the Committee's Report on the Rules of the Convention. The Committee Chair(s) may yield to others and yield to the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the Floor.

II. Special Rules

A. Special Orders of Business

It shall be in order at any time for the Rules Committee to report to the Convention a resolution providing a special order of business for debate of a resolution, motion, committee report, minority report, amendment to a committee report, or the consideration of any matter for which provision is not made under these rules.

B. Powers and Duties of the Convention Chair(s)

1. The Convention Chair(s) are authorized to:
 - a) Appoint officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention
 - b) Appoint any Delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the Chair(s) during the absence of the Permanent Convention Chair(s).
 - c) Take such lawful action as may be appropriate and necessary to preserve order throughout the Convention Hall.
2. An appeal shall not be in order from decisions on recognition, on a question on which an appeal has been decided, or when, in the opinion of the Convention Chair(s), such an appeal is clearly intended to cause delay.
3. Before the question is put to a vote on any appeal, the person making the appeal shall be entitled to two (2) minutes to express their reason(s) for appeal.
4. The Presiding Convention Chair(s) shall be allowed two (2) minutes for an explanation of the ruling. Without further debate, the Presiding Convention Chair(s) shall then put the appeal to a vote. A majority of the Delegates present and voting is required to overrule the Presiding Convention Chair(s).

C. Voting

Except as otherwise required, voting shall be by voice vote and, in case of doubt, a division of the house, or ballot vote. If there is doubt from a vote by division, it shall be resolved by an electronic ballot. It shall be out of order to ask for a voting method in any other manner than prescribed by these rules.

- **Voice Vote without explicit count:** The Convention Chair(s) ruling on which side prevails, or indicating doubt, as the case may be.

- **Division of the House with explicit count**: The Convention Chair(s) and Rules Chair-appointed Teller(s) shall independently count their section(s) and each shall announce their total count. If there is a disagreement on the count, there shall be a recount. When all counts agree, the Convention Chair shall announce which side prevails, or does not, as the case may be.
 - **Electronic ballot with explicit count**: Delegates will cast a ballot as directed by the Rules Committee Chair or their designee. Each vote cast shall be counted, either by hand or electronically, by the Rules Committee. These individuals will be wearing distinctive badges.
1. When an Accessibility Paddle is raised during a Voice Vote or Division of the House, it shall be recognized in the same manner as the type of vote being conducted and shall be counted and recorded as any other vote.
 2. It shall be in order at any point during the Convention for a Delegate who needs assistance to participate in a vote, to ask for such by raising their Accessibility Paddles, raising their hand, or requesting directly from a Credentialed Assistant.
 3. An ADA Companion or a Credentialed Assistant will be permitted to assist any Delegate who so requests in all activities of voting including writing, raising a hand or Accessibility Paddle, standing for the Delegate and handling a ballot.
 4. It shall be out of order to call for an electronic ballot with explicit count until after the ruling of the Convention Chair(s) on a Division of the House vote.
 5. No secret, proxy, or absentee voting is permitted. (IDP Constitution XIII. 2 and XIII. 3)
 6. Those Delegates leaving the Convention either permanently or for a time specific greater than one hour and/or wishing an Alternate to be assigned in their place shall turn in all Credentials and balloting materials to the designated Credential and Ballot Return Area.
 - a) At least one member of the Credentials Committee shall manage the Credential and Ballot Return Area throughout the convention. A member of the Rules Committee shall also be present if paper ballots are used.
 - b) Personnel managing the designated Credential and Ballot Return Area shall keep a record of the Credentials and balloting materials for any Delegate leaving the Convention including the Delegate number and name of the previously seated Delegate, the time of surrender,

time of reissuance, and the name of the Alternate seated in place of that departed Delegate and shall include the Delegate number that the Alternate shall be voting under.

7. During the counting of the ballots on any issue, the Convention Chair(s) may place a new main motion on the Floor and return to the previous motion after the counting is completed.

D. Motions to Suspend the Rules

1. The Convention Chair(s) may entertain a motion to suspend the Rules only for a stated purpose and only for a stated section of the Rules. If seconded, the person making the motion to suspend the Rules shall be allowed two (2) minutes to explain the need to suspend.
2. The Convention Chair(s) shall immediately recognize the Chair of the Rules Committee, or their designee, whose remarks shall be limited to two (2) minutes. The motion shall then be decided without further debate. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present and voting is required to pass the motion to suspend.
3. Upon a successful motion to suspend the Rules, the Convention shall recess for a period of not more than fifteen (15) minutes to allow the Rules Committee to deliberate and present new Rules, which shall be presented to the Convention Delegation for a vote. A simple majority of the Delegation present and voting shall be required to implement the new Rules.

E. Minority Reports

1. Minority reports of committees shall not be considered by the Convention unless adopted by at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the full committee.
2. The minority shall provide the Convention Chair(s) with a legibly written copy of the minority report before it is introduced. Members of the minority shall sign the report.
3. A minority report must have been considered at a committee meeting.

F. Debate

1. Any Delegate, or their authorized Companion or Credentialed Assistant, wishing to speak during debate must use a microphone. Stationary

microphones will be available in the aisles on the Convention Floor. A Delegate or Companion may request to use a portable microphone by raising their hand or Accessibility Paddle.

2. All Delegates, once recognized, shall state their name and County. ADA Companions/Credentialed Assistants once recognized, shall state their name and the name and County of the Delegate they are accompanying/assisting.
3. Initial debate on any question shall be limited to six (6) minutes and shall be divided equally between alternating positions in speeches that do not exceed one (1) minute each.
4. No speaker may yield the Floor to another speaker, with the exception of a person with a disability who requires the assistance of another to be heard and/or understood. (Examples include an ADA Companion, an ASL Interpreter, or a Credentialed Assistant).
5. At the end of the initial debate time, the Convention, by a majority vote, may extend the debate for a specified period of time not to exceed six (6) minutes.
6. Debate may be extended beyond the initial extension only by a two-thirds (2/3) Division of the House Vote of the Convention in support of extension for a specified additional amount of time.
7. Debate so extended may be closed sooner by unanimous consent or by a two-thirds (2/3) Division of the House Vote in support of closing debate.
8. A motion for the previous question, or to call the question, or to otherwise end debate, shall not be in order from a speaker during the course of their debate.

G. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed.

III. Rules Governing Elections

- A.** All elections shall consider the Affirmative Action Guidelines set forth in Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party, stated herein: *“All Caucuses, Conventions, committees, and Democratic Party Officials shall take such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to assure that all Caucuses, Conventions, and committees shall include: men, women, various age groups, racial minority groups, economic groups, and representatives of identifiable geographically defined populations – all in reasonable relationship to the proportions in which the groups are found in the populations of the respective constituencies. In the spirit of the above, all Caucuses, Conventions, and committees will also endeavor to include citizens of all national origins, ethnic identities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and disabilities.”*
- B.** The Chair of the Rules Committee, or their designee, shall explain the method of voting prior to any Delegate casting a ballot. For each round of balloting, the ballot number to be used and the number of positions to be filled on that ballot shall be announced.
- C.** The Rules Committee shall cause the candidates to be listed in order as drawn by lottery by the Rules Committee and numbered/assigned letters. The list of candidates so ordered shall be displayed clearly for the entire voting Delegation to see. Once the candidates have been assigned numbers/letters, each candidate’s number/letters shall remain the same even as others are removed from the list.
- D.** Each nominee standing for election will be allowed to decline from the floor.
- E.** The Rules Committee Chair or their designee shall cause the collection and counting of all Ballots.
- F.** No proxy or absentee voting is allowed.
- G.** For each round of voting, each Delegate shall vote for the number of candidates as directed.
- H.** All elections shall be by ranked choice voting unless there are
1. only two candidates for one position or
 2. the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled.

a) If ranked choice voting is used, each delegate shall vote for the number of candidates directed and also in the order of priority - first choice candidate, second choice candidate, etc.

b) If there are the same number of nominees as there are positions to fill, they will be considered to be elected and a ratification ballot will be sent.

c) If there are more Nominees than the number of positions to be filled, no more than a simple majority of the positions to be filled may be elected on each round of balloting.

I. A ballot will be considered **spoiled and not counted** under the following conditions:

1. The ballot contains either fewer votes (under voted) or more votes (over voted) than the number of candidates as directed on that round of balloting.
2. The wrong ballot code was used (e.g., a Delegate voted with Ballot code #2408 when that round of voting was instructed to use Ballot #2407).
3. No such candidate, number, or name exists for that election.
4. The ballot is not legible.

J. In the event that no candidate is elected by a majority vote on a given ballot or round, candidates receiving fewer votes than other candidates shall be eliminated from further balloting under the following provisions:

1. At least one candidate shall be eliminated, starting with the candidate receiving the fewest votes.
2. Candidates receiving less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast shall be eliminated, unless doing so would eliminate fifty percent (50%) or more of the candidates, in which case just less than fifty percent (50%) shall be eliminated.

3. In the event of a boundary tie, those candidates at the boundary shall be retained in the next balloting round, unless doing so would result in no candidate being eliminated.
 4. If two or more candidates are tied for the lowest total and no candidate has achieved a majority, all tied candidates are eliminated unless doing so would eliminate all but one candidate. In this case, a special round of voting will occur among the tied candidates. The lowest vote-getter will be eliminated. All remaining candidates shall stand again for successive rounds of voting.
- K.** While ballots are being counted, the Convention may proceed with other Convention business.
- L.** Paper ballots, if used, must be given in person to a Rules Committee member or their designee to allow them to check that the Delegate number on the ballot matches the Credential number of the Delegate. A Delegate shall **NOT** pass their ballot to another Delegate.
- M.** Tabulation of Ballots may be done by hand, by entering the votes cast into spreadsheets or other software, or by both.
- N.** The Chair of the Rules Committee or their designee shall take possession of all the Ballots; these electronic and written Ballots shall be preserved for one year.

IV. Rules Governing the Youth Caucus

A. Registration

1. Youth Delegates must register at the same time as other Delegates.
2. Any Youth who is at least 13 years of age and not yet 18 years of age on the day of the General Election Nov, 5, 2024 may participate as a Youth Delegate so long as they are not a seated Delegate.

B. The Caucus

1. For the empowerment and protection of the Youth Delegates, no person other than the Youth Delegates, the Youth Coordinator from the Arrangements Committee, the Youth Coordinator from the Rules Committee, the designees of either Youth Coordinator, and invited speakers of the Convention Chair(s) will be allowed in the Youth Delegate Caucus Room. If a Youth Delegate needs an ADA Companion/Credentialed Assistant, they may also be in the Youth Room.
2. The Youth Caucus shall elect a Chair and Secretary and any other Officers they deem necessary.

3. The Youth Caucus shall prepare a Youth Caucus Platform Report and a Report of Recommendations to the Iowa Democratic Party to increase Youth engagement.
4. The Youth Caucus shall conduct such other business it determines necessary and proper.
5. Upon completion of the Youth Caucus business, the Convention Chair(s) will recognize the Youth Caucus Chair to present their reports to the Convention.

C. Voting and Election Procedure

1. The Rules governing voting for the Convention will apply to the Youth Caucus.
2. For all elections, nominations will be made from the floor. Nominating speeches shall be limited to two (2) minutes and no more than two (2) people will be allowed to speak for each person nominated.
3. The Youth Coordinator from the Rules Committee shall monitor all elections of the Youth Caucus.
4. Ballots shall be recorded in the form provided by the Iowa Democratic Party. Ballots shall be retained for one (1) year in the same manner and same place as the Ballot Record from the Convention.

V. Rules Governing Debate of the Platform

- A. The consideration of the Platform Committee's report shall be taken up at a time at the discretion of the Convention Chair. The Platform Committee Chair shall restate Article XIII, Section 6a of the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution to remind delegates of its work.
- B. The Platform must contain a "Statement of Principles" and a "Statement of Issues." The Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party requires the Platform Committee to provide a Report representing the work of the Committee in the Call to Convention, which is made available to the Delegation prior to the convening of the Convention. The individual planks that comprise the Statement of Issues shall be consecutively numbered with the numbers NOT restarting with each Section.
- C. Delegates to the Convention wishing to either 1) add a plank to the Platform or 2) amend the Statement of Principles or a plank in the Statement of Issues must present the new plank/amendment, legibly written or typed on the form provided in the Call to Convention, and with fifty (50) signatures of Delegates elected to the State Convention or Alternates seated in place of missing Delegates no later than 10:30 a.m., or thirty (30) minutes after the approval of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee the morning of the State Convention, whichever is later. This petition must be turned in to the Convention or Platform Committee Secretary.
- D. Appropriately submitted amendments will be displayed prior to their debate. Additional planks shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with the next number available following the last number of the planks published in the Platform Report published in the Call to Convention.
- E. Seated Delegates to the State Convention shall determine which planks are included in the final Iowa Democratic Party Platform by voice vote in the following manner:
 - 1. The Presiding officer of the Convention at the time the Platform is taken up at the Convention shall request that the Chair of the Platform Committee, or their designee, move the adoption of the Platform in Sections starting with the Statement of Principles, then each Section of the Statement of Issues.
 - 2. Minority reports in the Statement of Principles and in each Section of the Statement of Issues shall be debated first. The first proponent in debate of a

Minority Report shall be a member of the Minority. The first opposition speaker in debate of the Minority Report shall be the Chair of the Platform Committee or their designee. Minority Reports are automatically debatable but may not be amended by the floor or by petition. They shall be listed as a sub-lettered plank to the plank the majority of the Platform Committee voted for inclusion in the Platform Report. For example, if the Platform Committee has voted to include Plank 18, the minority report related to Plank 18 would be listed as 18a. Only one of those planks may be approved by the Convention; thus, a vote for plank 18 would be a vote against plank 18a.

3. Following completion of debate on all Minority Reports in the Statement of Principles or in a Section of the Statement of Issues, the Chair shall call up for debate any timely petitions received to debate, amend, or add a plank to that Section of the Statement of Issues. The first proponent in debate of a Petition to add, amend, or debate a plank shall be the delegate who submitted the petition.
 4. Debate on petitions received to debate, amend, or add in a Section of the Statement of Principles or Statement of Issue will follow the rules outlined in Article II, Section F of these rules, with the exception that the Platform Committee Chair or designee will move adoption of the portion of the Platform Report in question and a second is not required.
 5. Immediately upon completion of debate on a plank, the Presiding Officer shall call for a Voice Vote to determine whether the plank passes or fails. The debated plank must receive at least a majority of the votes cast to pass.
 6. Following completion of debate of a Section, the Presiding Officer shall ask for those in favor to voice their approval and then for those not in favor to voice their disapproval of the inclusion of that Section in the Platform of the Iowa Democratic Party for the next two years. If, in the opinion of the Presiding Officer, the number of Delegates voting in favor of including that Section in the Platform exceeds the number voting not to include that Section in the Platform, then that Section shall be included in the published Platform of the IDP.
- G.** After all sections of the Platform have been approved, there shall be one further vote to adopt the Platform as a whole. If this fails to pass, other amendments shall be in order.
- H.** A final copy of the Platform, including the Statement of Principles and the Statement of Issues, will be available at the Iowa Democratic Party Website, www.iowademocrats.org within one week of the adjournment of the State Convention. Those Delegates who do not have access to the website may request a written copy from the Offices of the Iowa Democratic Party.

VI. Election of State Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair

- A.** Nominations, but not nominating speeches, may be made from the Floor.
- B.** Each candidate and/or their designee(s) will be allowed up to a total of three (3) minutes to speak to the Convention.
- C.** The Delegates will vote as directed in Section III of these Rules.
- D.** In order to be elected, a candidate must receive votes from at least a majority of the Delegates present and voting for that position.

VII. Rules Governing The Election Of Democratic National Committee Members

- A.** Nominations but not nominating speeches will be made from the floor.
- B.** Each nominee shall be given an opportunity to decline.
- C.** Each candidate and/or their designee(s) will be allowed one (1) minute to speak to the convention. No more than two (2) speakers per nominee will be allowed to speak in this time.
- D.** Iowa is required by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States to send a gender-balanced delegation to the Democratic National Committee.
- E.** The delegates shall elect one (1) female and one (1) male in separate elections. There will be separate Ballots for the National Committee Members, one (1) for those who identify as Female and one (1) for those who identify as either Male or Non-Binary.
- F.** The delegates will vote as directed in Article II, Section C and Article III.
- G.** In order to be elected, a candidate must receive support from at least a simple majority of the delegates present and voting for that position.

VIII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

- A.** The delegation shall elect two (2) Presidential Electors to serve if the Democratic nominee wins Iowa in November 2024.
- B.** Nominations but not nominating speeches will be made from the floor.
- C.** Each nominee shall be given an opportunity to decline.
- D.** There will be separate Ballots for the Presidential Electors, one (1) for those who identify as Female and one (1) for those who identify as either Male or Non-Binary.
- E.** Each candidate and/or their designee(s) will be allowed one (1) minute to speak to the convention. No more than two (2) speakers per nominee will be allowed to speak during this time.
- F.** The delegates will vote as directed in Article II, Section C and Article III.
- G.** In order to be elected, a candidate must receive support from at least a simple majority of the delegates present and voting for that position.

IX. THE ELECTION OF PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL NATIONAL DELEGATES

Iowa is allotted five (5) pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates.

A. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements

1. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and statewide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with the big city mayors and state-wide elected officials.
2. Candidates for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate and those who choose to be a candidate shall be required to submit a petition which is to be filed with the Chair of the Rules and Nominations committee; or candidates may submit their petitions to the State Chair up to twelve (12) days before the State Convention.
3. The petition shall be signed by one percent (1%) or sixteen (16), whichever is less, of the delegates to the state convention.
4. No pledged party leader and elected official delegate candidate may be nominated from the floor.
5. Candidates must include, in addition to filing a petition: a statement of candidacy designating the singular presidential preference or uncommitted group to which he or she purports to belong, and a signed pledge of support for the singular presidential candidate the person favors, if any. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.
6. Pledged PLEO delegate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status.

B. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

1. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than thirty (30) minutes, after the credentials committee report is adopted, on the day of the convention, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate.
2. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by thirty (30) minutes after they receive their list of candidates, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least three (3) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.
3. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than thirty (30) minutes after they receive their list of candidates.
4. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates.

C. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

1. Pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates.
2. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at the State Convention on June 15, 2024, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. The election will be by majority vote.
3. These delegates will be selected by the state convention.
4. Candidates for the positions of pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates who are not elected under this category will be automatically considered for At-Large Delegate positions, unless they indicate to the Rules and Nominations Committee Chair that they do not wish to be considered.
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election.

X. THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AT LARGE NATIONAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

The state of Iowa is allotted nine (9) at-large delegates and one (1) at-large alternate.

A. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

1. An individual can qualify as a candidate at-large delegate or alternate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by submitting a petition designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status), and their self-identified gender as male, female, or non-binary, and signed by one percent of the delegates to the convention with the Iowa Democratic Party no earlier than May 24, 2024. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.

(a) Petitions submitted to the State Chair may be delivered by postal mail or by hand to the following address: Iowa Democratic Party, 5661 Fleur Dr, Des Moines IA 50321 or by sending a legible electronic copy to chair@iowademocrats.org.

(b) Petitions submitted to the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall be submitted according to the published rules of the convention.

(c) Petition forms will be made available by the Iowa Democratic Party no later than May 24, 2024, via the following methods:

i) by download on the Iowa Democratic Party website (www.iowademocrats.org) and the Iowa Democratic Party Convention website

ii) through postal mail by phone request to the Iowa Democratic Party Headquarters or by email request to info@iowademocrats.org

(d) Petition forms will be available at the State Convention beginning at 8:00 a.m. in a location to be advertised by the State Convention Rules Committee.

B. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

1. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than thirty (30) minutes after the credential committee report is adopted, on the day of the convention, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.
2. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, within thirty (30) minutes, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

3. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the adoption of the credential committee report.
4. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in section III.D.3.b of the Delegate Selection Plan.

C. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

1. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the statewide division of preferences among convention and caucus participants, according to the final expression of preference at the first determining step of the process - the mail-in expression of presidential preference, provided that no person participating in the allocation shall automatically serve by virtue of holding a public or Party office.
2. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates.
3. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner.
4. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation.
5. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position.

D. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the State Convention after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected.

2. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Convention.

3. Priority of Consideration

(a) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ+ Americans, People with Disabilities, Youth and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan.

(b) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given to other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability.

(c) The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.

(d) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.

(e) There will be separate Ballots for the At-Large National Delegates, one (1) for those who identify as Female and one (1) for those who identify as either Male or Non-Binary.

(f) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election.

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:

a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate

(1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.

(2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

(a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.

(b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women.

(3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged.

b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate

(1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.

(2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates:

(1) In the case of a temporary replacement of a delegate, the delegate chooses the alternate.

(2) In the case of a permanent replacement of a delegate, the delegation chooses the alternate. The alternate (of the same presidential preference, including uncommitted status, and to the extent possible, the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate) receiving the highest number of votes becomes the delegate.

d. Certification of Replacements

(1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair.

(2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate

and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected.

(3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene.

(4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet.

e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender, and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced.

2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances:

a. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates.

b. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement.

c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate.

XI. Rules for Voting on the Constitutional Amendments

1. No Amendments from the floor shall be considered.

2. Amendments. Only those properly and timely submitted for consideration shall be presented in an order consistent with how they appear in the Constitution and how they were presented in the Convention Call Book. If an amendment will affect another section of the Constitution, the Presiding Officer shall direct the Convention to that section for consideration of that amendment only. After it is determined, the Presiding Officer shall continue where they left off in the order presented.

3. Debate. Constitutional Amendments properly and timely submitted for consideration: if a proposed Amendment is moved for debate there will be an opportunity for three (3) pro and three (3) against arguments with a time limit of one (1) minute for each argument. At the end of allotted time or when there are no more of one side, then debate shall end. If at the end of the initial debate period there is a desire to continue, then a vote of a majority of Delegates present will be required to continue with an additional six (6) speeches.

4. At the conclusion of debate on an amendment, the Chair shall call for a vote on the amendment.

5. Ratification. At the conclusion of debate on the Constitutional Amendments, the Presiding Officer shall offer a motion to the floor to ratify the work of the Convention pertaining only to the Constitutional amendments.