

Minutes of the 26th Legislative District Reorganization Meeting

December 1, 2016

Givens Community Center

Port Orchard, Washington

1. Call to Order. Chair George Robison called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.
2. Flag Salute. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

We introduced ourselves around the room. The number of persons in attendance was approximately 60. Officers in attendance were the following:

Chair	George Robison
Vice Chair, Pierce	Karen Urman
Vice Chair, Kitsap	Jacquelyn Williams
Treasurer	Bobbette Olson
Secretary	Anthony C. Otto
State Committeeman	Don Bartley
State Committeewoman	RiverCurtis-Stanley

3. Roll Call of Voting Members. Membership Chair Don Bartley reported that he had taken sign-ins from 30 elected Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs)—later, he corrected this number to 34.
4. Adoption of the Agenda. We discussed whether to move agenda item 6. Adoption of Bylaws to after the election of offices (after item 9). The Chair, George Robison stated that we need the bylaws to elect officers. Jackie Williams suggested that we discuss the new changes to the bylaws tonight, and consider adopting the rewrites later. Drew Williams moved that we adopt the existing Bylaws without change at this meeting, and to reschedule adoption of bylaws to a later meeting. A point of order was to follow the agenda and discuss item 6., Adoption of Bylaws, when it appeared later on the meeting agenda.
5. Chair George Robison proceeded with the Report by the Chair. He stated that there is \$1,600 in bank. Our LD26 supported local candidates, giving \$5,000 to these candidates including a mailer for State House Representative Candidate Randy Spitzer. George reported that there are two new local Democratic social clubs—one in Gig Harbor and one on the Key Peninsula;

these have been very popular as evidenced by good attendance (approximately 75 people at a recent Gig Harbor club event).

6. Adoption of Bylaws. Drew Williams moved to approve the existing bylaws and to table the proposed changes to a later meeting. Jackie Williams spoke to the difference between policies and bylaws, and that policies give us more leeway in conducting the meetings. Secretary Otto and Committeewoman River Curtis-Stanley spoke against the motion. Alec Matias spoke for the motion. After a vote to end discussion the elected PCOs approved the motion—18 votes for the motion and 13 votes against.
7. Overview of Election Process. Chair George Robison explained that the election would be by paper ballots signed by the elected PCOs (PCO votes are part of the public record). If there are more than two candidates then there would be subsequent votes to pare the final vote to two. The committee to count ballots was the following:

Jackie Williams

Kathleen _____

Bobbette Olson

8. Election of Initial Officers

- a. Chair

Candidate	Nomination	1st Vote	2nd Vote	3rd Vote	4th Vote	5th Vote
John Kelly	Ed Robison	12	17	16	17	18
Jerry Abbott	Charles Curtis-Stanley	15	12	16	17	16
Alec Matias	Jennifer _____	5	5			
Kaitlin Gervais	Payton Swinford	2				

(The number of total votes changed because some PCOs had left and returned to the room.)

During the first-vote count Chair Robison related his first presidential vote for Adlai Stevenson. Hugh McMillan recalled voting for Harry Truman.

During the second-vote count Linda Elgensen (Susan Engen?) discussed the Pierce County reorganization meeting on December 10. She introduced Pierce County Vice-Chair Tim Farrell.

After the third-vote count Judy Austin spoke in favor of John Kelly, and Alec Matias spoke in favor of Jerry Abbott.

John Kelly was elected the new LD26 Chair. Chair John Kelly took the meeting gavel and microphone at this point.

- b. Vice-Chair, Kitsap County

Candidate	Nomination	Vote
Hannie (Johanna) Baxter	George Robison	23
Alec Matias	Jennifer _____	11

Hannie Baxter was elected the new LD26 Vice-Chair, Kitsap County.

c. Vice-Chair, Pierce County

Candidate	Nomination	Vote
Luellen Lucid	Curt Scott	4
Cecilia Hardy	Joy Vartanian	19
Roxanne Simon	Larry Seaquist	11

Cecilia Hardy was elected the new LD26 Vice-Chair, Pierce County.

d. State Committeewoman

Candidate	Nomination	Vote
Joy Vartanian	Kriss Kervorkian	19
River Curtis-Stanley	Alison Sonntag	2
Barb Trotter	Patricia Scott	13

Joy Vartanian was elected the new LD26 State Committeewoman.

e. State Committeeman

Candidate	Nomination	Vote
Don Bartley	Payton Swinford	15
Drew Williams	Joy Vartanian	19

Drew Williams was elected the new LD26 State Committeeman.

9. Election of Additional Officers

a. Secretary

Payton Swinford nominated Dan Ransom, PE for Secretary. With no other nominations Chair John Kelly asked for approval by consensus. The elected PCOs approved and Secretary Ransom took over for the remainder of the meeting.

b. Treasurer

Candidate	Nomination	Vote
Wes Morgan	Cecilia Hardy	29/27
Ed Robison	Don Bartley	5/7

While counting the ballots Chair John Kelly mentioned that positions are open for Executive Board members for Kitsap County (KCDCC Executive Board). George Robison stated that these can be any member present at the meeting.

Wes Morgan was elected LD26 Treasurer. (An accounting of the ballots yields the adjusted amounts. This result does not change the outcome.)

c. Additional Executive Board Members, Kitsap County

Chair John Kelly instructed the PCOs to vote for three of the nominees for this position. The number of PCOs who voted was 32 (two had to leave because of the late hour).

Candidate	Nomination	Vote
Don Bartley	Ed Robison	12
Payton Swinford	Jo Redman	26/27
Bob Anderson	Curt Scott	Did not assent

Kaitlyn Gervais	Jerry Abbott	24/25
Alec Matias	Joy Vartanian	6/7
Roxanne Simon	Jo Redman	16
Nove Meyer	Judy Austin	9

Karen Urman noted that we should put forward people under 35 years of age. Those elected fit this criterion.

During the (lengthy) tally there was discussion about the upcoming Pierce County DCC meeting location, which is the IBEW hall in Tacoma.

Kriss Kervorkian spoke about Meaningful Movies in Gig Harbor, which is at the Agnus Dei Lutheran, 10511 Peacock Hill Ave. NW, Gig Harbor, on the second Friday of each month. The next showings at 7:00 p.m. are *Sonic Sea* on December 9, and *Vanishing of the Bees* on January 13. See <https://meaningfulmovies.org/neighborhoods/gig-harbor/>.

The number of ballots was 32, but the original tally has only 31 voters. An accounting of the ballots yields the adjusted amounts. This result does not change the outcome.

Payton Swinford, Kaitlyn Gervais and Roxanne Simon were elected as additional Executive Board members for Kitsap County.

d. At-Large Delegates to the PDCCC Executive Board

Candidate	Nomination	Vote
Rick Offner	Curt Scott	24
Barb Trotter	Jo Redman	25
Margaret Gaspari	Janet Siano	19
E. Pat Lowinger	Kriss Kervorkian	18
Ed Robison	Hannie Baxter	7

Larry Seaquist spoke for Barb Trotter, who was not in attendance.

Chair John Kelly reported that there is no December meeting for the Key Peninsula Democrats.

During the (lengthy) tally Bobbette Olson performed the prize drawing. Winners were Charles Curtis-Stanley, Larry Seaquist, Nove Meyer and Curt Scott.

Barb Trotter, Rick Offner and Margaret Gaspari were elected as At-Large Delegates to the PDCCC Executive Board.

10. New Business

- a. Dues. Don Barkely membership moved to eliminate dual membership (he reported that it is a headache for the Treasurer), and that we raise the Retired/Disadvantaged dues from \$5 to \$10. The motion carried, 29 to 1.

Jerry Abbott suggested a life-time membership.

Joy Vartanian proposed tabling items 10 b. and 10 c. to the next meeting. Members approved this by consensus.

11. Good of the Order. River Curtis-Stanley stated that she enjoyed the last five years as State Committeewoman and that she is available to help Joy Vartanian. She wished Joy much success.
12. Chair John Kelly closed the meeting at 10:45 p.m.