

# DELAWARE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

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## SECTION I

### INTRODUCTION & DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

#### A. INTRODUCTION

1. Delaware has a total of 23 delegates and 4 alternates. (Call, I. & Appendix B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Delaware, the Delaware election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

#### B. DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Delaware will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Delaware’s delegate selection process will occur on **February 5, 2008**, with a Primary.
3. Voter Participation in Process
  - a. Participation in Delaware’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats and sign a pledge of support for a candidate or are uncommitted.
    - 1) Delaware’s voter registration deadline for the Presidential Primary Election is January 12, 2008.
    - 2) Voters declare their party preference by checking the box next to their name when they register to vote. (Rules 2.A. & 2.C. & Reg. 4.3.)
    - 3) Voters shall be permitted to vote one vote for one presidential candidate of the party of the voter’s registration as shown by the voter’s original permanent registration record. Voters registered “Independent” are not permitted to vote in primary elections. (Rules 2.A. & 2.C. & Reg. 4.3.)
  - b. At no stage of Delaware’s delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions

- to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. Any voluntary contributions made to the Delaware Democratic Party by potential delegates or alternates during this process shall be used to help defray possible convention costs for low-income delegates whose applications for assistance are approved by the Affirmative Action Committee. (Rule 2.D. & Reg. 4.4.)
- c. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E.)
  - d. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.6.)
4. State is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The State Party will take provable positive steps to:
- a. Promote the acquisition of accessible precinct based optical scan systems, wherever possible. (Rule 2.H.(1))
  - b. Seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to ensure that direct recording electronic systems include a voter verified paper trail (Rule 2.H.(2))
  - c. Seek enactment of legislation, rules and policies at the state and local level to ensure that both optical scan and direct recording electronic systems include recognized security measures. These measures include automatic routine manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error. (Rule 2.H.(3))
  - d. These provable positive steps have included: drafting of corrective legislation; mailing the draft legislation to the chair of the elections' caucus in the state senate as well as the Commissioner of Elections; asking for the endorsement of the corrective legislation by the state executive committee; and promotion of the corrective legislation by the state and local party.

## SECTION II

### PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

#### A. BALLOT ACCESS

1. Pursuant to Delaware Code Title 15, Chapter 31, Subsection V., § 3183 and § 3184, a presidential candidate gains access to the Delaware presidential preference primary ballot, by qualifying for federal matching funds; or by submitting a petition of candidacy with 500 valid signatures of registered Democrats in the state of Delaware to the State Elections Commissioner by December 10, 2007. For additional information, candidates should contact the Delaware Commissioner of Elections via phone at (302) 739-4277, via fax at (302) 739-6794, or via mail at Commission of

Elections, Duncan Depot, 111 S. West Street, Suite 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Dover, DE 19904. (Rules 11.B., 14.A., 14.B., 14.D., 14.E., & 14.H.)

2. Matching funds

- a. The Delaware Democratic Party Chair shall 7 working days after December 10, 2007 (December 19, 2007), provide the State Election Commissioner with a list of all Democratic Presidential candidates, who have not already filed a petition for ballot access, and who have become eligible by the close of business on the preceding day (December 18<sup>th</sup>) to receive payments from the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account of the Internal Revenue Code; and who have not previously announced their withdrawal from the national presidential race; and/or who have not announced the suspension of their presidential campaign. The State Election Commissioner shall place all such persons on the presidential primary ballot for their respective party.
  - b. The Delaware Democratic Party Chair and the Delaware Commissioner of Elections will only utilize the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) website to determine which candidates have qualified for matching funds.
  - c. Prior to, or concurrently with, the filing of the above-mentioned list with the State Election Commissioner, the Delaware Democratic Party Chair shall notify the candidate or the candidate's campaign, that the candidate's name has been (or will be) provided to the State Election Commissioner.
  - d. A candidate placed on the ballot pursuant in this manner, or a candidate already on the ballot via a petition, may have that candidate's own name removed from the ballot provided that no later than the close of the business day following the day on which the above-mentioned list was provided to the State Election Commissioner (e.g. if the list was filed on December 11<sup>th</sup> that candidate has until the close of business on December 12<sup>th</sup>), the candidate files an affidavit with the State Election Commissioner stating that the candidate is not currently and does not intend to become a candidate in any other state's presidential primary and that the candidate is not currently (or is no longer), and does not intend to become, a candidate for the presidential nomination of the candidate's party..
- B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the Commissioner of Elections and the State Democratic Chair, the name of at least one authorized representative by December 10, 2007. (Rule 12.D.(1))
- C. "Uncommitted" does not automatically appear on the presidential primary ballot.
- D. The Delaware Code does not mandate a candidate-filling fee.
- E. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.1.)

### SECTION III

#### SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

##### A. SUBDIVISION-LEVEL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. Delaware is allocated 10 subdivision-level delegates and 3 subdivision-level alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & I.I.)
2. Subdivision-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a Presidential preference primary followed by a post-primary caucus. The primary election will be held February 5, 2008.
  - a. Representative District level caucuses followed by a State Convention
    - (1) All Delaware residents who are registered Democrat as of December 1, 2007, are eligible to attend the Caucus to be held for the representative district in which they live. The time and place for each representative district's caucus will be announced publicly by the Delaware Democratic Party on its website; announcements of the time and place of each district meeting will be run in the Wilmington News Journal and the Delaware State News; and the party will attempt to reach out to clubs, interest groups, and other interested organizations to get them to run the time and place of the representative district meetings in their monthly notices leading up to the caucuses.
    - (2) Representative district level meetings will take place between February 8, 2008 and February 29, 2008 – locations and times for these caucuses need to be submitted to the Delaware Democratic Party Headquarters no later than January 3, 2008.
    - (3) Representative district committees will be provided with a current list of registered Democrats in their representative district.
    - (4) Representative meeting officials must verify that all participants in the district level meeting are registered Democrats and signed a pledge of support.
    - (5) Representative district level meetings will permit 4 delegates to the state convention.
    - (6) In the event that a candidate is to receive delegates from the representative district, but does not have any or enough individuals pledged to that candidate in the representative district from the January 31, 2008 application deadline, the Delaware Democratic Party will reopen the delegate application process in that representative district from February 6, 2008 to the day prior to the specific representative district meeting (i.e. a 5:00pm, Monday, February 16 filing deadline for a Tuesday, February 17 representative district meeting). Individuals must return delegate applications to the Delaware Democratic Party headquarters. Individuals who previously filled out at delegate application form by the January 31, 2008 deadline will not be allowed to change their presidential preference after the deadline has passed.
    - (7) At the conclusion of each representative district meeting, each representative district must submit the full name, address, telephone number of each state convention delegate/alternate to the Delaware Democratic Party headquarters. The last day to submit this information is March 5, 2008, at 5:00 PM EST.

b. State Convention

- (1) All participants in the state convention must show proper identification of party registration to participate in the convention.
- (2) Subdivision Chairs are automatic delegates to the state convention and will serve as chair of their respective subdivision caucuses.
- (3) The State Convention will be held on April 5, 2008 in Dover. The convention will include selection of the Delaware Delegates to the National Convention in Denver, CO.

3. Apportionment of Subdivision-level Delegates and Alternates

- a. Delaware’s subdivision-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections. (Rule 8.A.; Regs. 4.11., 4.12. & Appendix A)
- b. The state’s total number of subdivision-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)
- c. The subdivision-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
City of Wilmington	1	1	2			
New Castle County	2	2	4		1	1
Kent County	1	1	2	1		1
Sussex County	1	1	2		1	1
Total	5	5	10	1	2	3

- d. Any person who is registered as a Democrat as of December 1, 2007 may become a Delaware Democratic Delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention by registering with the Democratic Party of Delaware. Delegate registration forms will be available from the State Party Headquarters and from each Subdivision Democratic Committee. Forms will be made available January 7, 2008. (Rule 8.B.)

4. Subdivision-level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. A subdivision-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (Rule 12.H.)

- b. There is a two step filing process by which an individual qualifies as a candidate for subdivision-level delegate or alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention
    - (1) First each individual must file a statement of candidacy for the state convention designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by 5:00 P.M. EST on January 31, 2008.
    - (2) If an individual is selected at the his or her representative district caucus as a delegate or alternate, that individual must file a statement of candidacy for the national convention designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by March 5, 2008, at 5:00 PM EST.
    - (3) The presidential preference and pledge of support for each delegate or alternate for the national convention must match identically the presidential preference and pledge of support signed and submitted by that individual for the state convention.  
(Rules 12.B. & 14.F.) (Reg. 4.21.)
  - c. Candidates for subdivision-level delegate or alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention must first be elected as a delegate or alternate at the representative district level.
  - d. There is no petition requirement.
  - e. All candidates considered for subdivision-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for subdivision-level delegate positions. Candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level may be considered at the alternate level, unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 12.C.)
5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for Subdivision-level Delegates and Alternates
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 11, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.  
(Rules 12.D. & 12.F.)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by March 13, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men and three (3) times the number of alternate women to be selected. (Rule 12.E.(1), Reg. 4.23.)
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate 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 5:00 PM EST on March 13, 2008.
  - d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),

may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.23.)

- e. 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 subdivision-level delegate candidates and subdivision-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan no later than March 18, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST.
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
    - a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 13.A., 13.B. & 13.D.)
      - (1) The Delaware presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district.
      - (2) The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.
    - b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
    - c. When delegates listed on the official roster register at the state convention, they shall specify the candidate caucus in which they will participate, sign a statement of support for that presidential candidate, and be given the official ballot for that caucus. No delegate should vote in more than one candidate caucus, and all caucuses balloting shall commence at the same time. (Rule 12.G.)
  7. Equal Division of Subdivision-level Delegates and Alternates
    - a. In order to ensure the subdivision-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned.
    - b. In order to ensure the subdivision-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned. The delegate positions shall be pre-designated so that the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is a woman. Once the allocation of subdivision delegates among presidential preference(s)

has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender.

- c. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded, using the same process described above, and selected by majority vote.
8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's subdivision-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 9, 2008. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

## B. UNPLEDGED DELEGATES

### 1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
  - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.(1), Call, I.F., J., K., & Reg. 4.13.)
  - (2) All of Delaware's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.(3), Call I.G. & K.)
  - (3) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.(4), Call I.G. & K.)
  - (4) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable).
- b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
  - (1) Not later than March 1, 2008, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Delaware. (Rule 9.A.)
  - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1.)

### 2. Unpledged Add-On Delegates

- a. Delaware will select 1 unpledged add-on delegate. (Rule 9.B., Call, I.I. & Reg. 5.1.)
- b. The procedures to be used in selecting the 1 unpledged add-on delegate will be as follows:
  - (1) Selection of the unpledged add-on delegate will occur at the state convention on 4/5/08 in Dover, which is after the election of district delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates. (Rule 9.B.(1))
  - (2) This delegate will be selected by a committee consisting of quorum of subdivision-level delegates, which is the same selecting body used to select the Elected Official and At-Large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.B.(1))

- (3) The equal division and affirmative action provisions of Rule 10.A. apply to the selection of this unpledged add-on delegate. (Rule 9.B.(2))
  - (4) Individuals are nominated for these positions by the committee of subdivision-level delegates on April 5, 2008. Nominations need not be seconded to be considered.
  - (5) The list from which the selecting body chooses the unpledged add-on delegate shall contain at least two names for every unpledged add-on position to be filled. (Rule 9.B.(3))
  - (6) Voting will be on ballots provided by the Delaware Democratic Party of those candidates approved. Each voting delegate in may vote for only one person for the position of unpledged add-on. If more than one name is on a ballot that ballot will be disqualified.
  - (7) A simple majority vote is required to elect a candidate. (Reg. 4.14.)
  - (8) Unpledged add-on delegate candidates may be selected whether or not they previously filed a statement of candidacy for a delegate position or submitted a pledge of support for a presidential candidate. (Rule 9.B.(5) & Reg. 4.14.)
- c. An unpledged add-on delegate, selected pursuant to Rule 9.B., shall be certified in writing by the State Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee no later than April 9, 2008, at 5:00 PM EST. (Call, IV.B.2.)

#### C. PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) DELEGATES

1. Delaware is allotted 2 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call, I.D. & E.)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
  - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. (Rule 9.C.(1) & Reg. 4.15.)
  - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy by March 5, 2008, at 5:00 PM EST, with the Delaware Democratic Party, located at 19 East Commons Blvd., New Castle, DE, 19720. (Rules 9.C.(3), & 14.G., Reg. 4.16.)
  - c. Pledged PLEO delegate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status. (Rule 9.C.(3) & Reg. 4.16.)
  - d. Individuals can simultaneously file to be a subdivision-level and PLEO delegate to the national convention.
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 11, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST, a list of all

persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 9.C.(3) & 12.D.)

- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 5, 2008, at 9:00 AM EST, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least two names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
  - c. 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 April 5, 2008 at 9:00 AM EST.
  - d. 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 no later than April 9, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST.
4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.C.(2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.)
  - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on 4/5/08 at the State Convention in Dover, after the election of subdivision-level delegates and alternates and the unpledged add-on delegate, and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. Each category of pledged party leader will be considered sequentially, beginning with statewide elected officials and big-city mayors. Voting will be on ballots provided by the Delaware Democratic Party of those candidates approved within each category. Each voting delegate in the presidential preference caucus may vote for a number of candidates which does not exceed the number of PLEO positions remaining to be filled by the caucus. A majority vote is required to elect a candidate. (Rule 9.C.)
  - c. These delegates will be selected by a committee consisting of a quorum of the subdivision-level delegates. (Rule 9.D.)
  - d. Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit. (Reg. 4.30.)
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 no later than April 9, 2008, at 5:00 PM EST. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)

#### D. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. The state of Delaware is allotted 3 at-large delegates and 1 at-large alternate. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & I.)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by March 5, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G.; Regs. 4.22. & 4.27.)
  - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the committee of subdivision-level delegates, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 18.A.)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 11, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.) (Reg. 4.22. & 4.27.)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 5, 2008 at least one half hour before the selection of at-large delegates and after the selection of PLEO delegates, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, two names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
  - c. 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 April 5, 2008 at least one half hour before the selection of at-large delegates and after the selection of PLEO delegates.
  - d. 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 and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan no later than April 9, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote. (Rule 10.C.)
  - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 13.E.)
  - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
  - d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C.)

- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 18.B., Call, I.J. & Reg. 4.30.& 4.33.)

#### 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the State Convention on April 5, 2008 in Dover, after the unpledged delegate and both pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. These delegates and alternates will be selected by a committee consisting of a quorum of the subdivision-level delegates. (Rules 10.B. & 8.D.) (Rule 8.E. & Reg. 4.12.)
- b. Voting will be on ballots provided by the Delaware Democratic Party of those candidates approved. Each voting delegate may vote for only three people for at-large delegate, and one person for at-large alternate. If there are more names on the ballot than required to fill the three at-large delegate positions, the three delegates receiving the highest number of votes will be selected for the three at-large positions. There will then be a second balloting for the at-large alternate position. All approved at-large delegate and alternate applicants will be included on the ballot. The person getting the highest number of votes will be the at-large alternate.

- c. A simple majority vote is required to elect a candidate for at-large delegate or alternate. (Reg. 4.14.)

#### d. Priority of Consideration

- (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.A.)
- (2) In order 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 other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), & Reg. 4.7.)
- (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A.)
- (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.A.(3), 10.A. & Regs. 4.8 & 4.19.)

- 5. 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 no later than April 9, 2008, by 5:00 PM EST. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

### 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: (Rule 18.D.(2))

- (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 sex of the delegate he/she replaces, 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 alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
    - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, 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 18.D.(2), the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.32.)
- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(3))
- (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 he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex 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: The delegation chooses the alternate. (Rule 18.D.(1))
- 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. (Rule 18.D.2.)
  - (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 Delaware's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call, IV.C.1.)
  - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call, IV.C.1. & Reg. 4.32.)
  - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 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 (Call, VIII.F.3.d., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.4.)

- d. 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 sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 18.F.)
2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.)
    - a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call, IV.C.2.a.)
    - b. Members of the Democratic National Committee and unpledged add-on delegates 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 2008 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.C.2.b.)
    - c. Unpledged distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 8.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call, IV.C.2.c.)
    - d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (Call, VIII.F.3.d.)

## SECTION IV

### CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### A. INTRODUCTION

1. Delaware has been allocated one (1) member(s) on each of the three standing committees for the 2008 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of three (3) members. (Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.A.3.)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G.)

## B. PERMANENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### 1. Selection Meeting

- a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Delaware's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 5, 2008. (Call, VII.B.1.)
- b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call, VII.B.1.)

### 2. Allocation of Members

- a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Delaware shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call, VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.7.)
- b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Delaware. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call, VII.C.2.)
- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call, VII.C.3.)
- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call, VII.C.4.)

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call, VII.D.1.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by Friday, April 4, 2008 at 5:00 PM EST, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call, VII.D.2.)

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
  - a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Delaware's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)
  - b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a female, the second position for a male, and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
    - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
    - (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call, VII.E.1.)
    - (3) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.
5. Certification and Substitution
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call, VII.B.3.)
  - b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. (Call, VII.B.4.)

## **SECTION V**

### **THE DELEGATION**

- A. DELAWARE will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and two(2) people to serve as Convention Pages. (Call, IV.D., E.1. & Appendix C.)
- B. DELEGATION CHAIR
  1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 5, 2008. Selection of the Delegation Chair will be made at the same time the standing committee members are chosen and after the at large delegates are chosen. (Call, IV.D.)
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C.)
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. (Call, IV.D.)

### C. CONVENTION PAGES

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as Delaware's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place at the state convention on April 5, 2008. (Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.5.A.)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Delaware's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection, and shall be made not later than the time the state certifies its standing committee members. (Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.B.)

## SECTION VI

### GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES

- A. The DELAWARE Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the 'six basic elements' as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rules 4.A. & C.)
  1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Delaware should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B.(1))
  2. No test for membership in, or any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Delaware should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(2))
  3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Delaware on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.(3))
  4. The Democratic Party in Delaware, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(4))

5. The Democratic Party in Delaware should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. (Rule 4.B.(5))
  6. The Democratic Party in Delaware should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.(6))
- B. Discrimination on the basis of 'status' in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
  - C. DELAWARE's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C.)
  - D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.A.)
  - E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 12.I.)
  - F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 12.J.)
  - G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H. & Reg. 4.23.)
  - H. Forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 15)
  - I. At no stage of the 2008 delegate selection process will proxy voting be permitted. (Rule 16 & Reg. 4.28.)
  - J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.A.)
  - K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.B.)

- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, DELAWARE thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic National Convention. (Call, II.B.)

## SECTION VII

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PLAN

#### A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

##### 1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Delaware. (Rule 5.A.)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Delaware should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.(1))
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Delaware has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2008. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7.)
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Delaware Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, women, LGBT Americans, people with disabilities and youth (18-35 year olds). (Rule 6.A.)

- (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.(1))
- (2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.(2))

## 2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee was appointed by the State Democratic Chair by March 1, 2007. (Rule 6.F.)
  - b. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan. See Exhibit A for a full listing of the members of the Affirmative Action Committee including their relevant demographic information.
  - c. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
    - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
    - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
    - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
    - (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G.)
    - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.E.)
  - d. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
2. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on or before September 16, 2007, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F.)

## B. EFFORTS TO EDUCATE ON THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Well publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2007. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct

of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A. & 3.C.)

2. A speakers' bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than November 1, 2007. (Rule 1.H.)
5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C.)

#### C. EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party newspaper. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)
2. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. See Exhibit B for a full listing of media outlets who will receive Delegate Selection information. (Rules 4.B.(3) & 6.D.)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
  - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian/Pacific American, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other

specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.

- b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization, bilingually where necessary, and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace to encourage the participation of minority groups. See Exhibit B, part 3 for a listing of the specialty media outlets who will receive delegate selection information. (Rule 6.D.)
4. Not later than September 16, 2007, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
- a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state’s delegate selection process;
  - b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
  - c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2008 Convention; and
  - d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. REPRESENTATION GOALS

1. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Islander Americans in the state. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (Rule 6.A.) The State Party has also determined the demographic composition of youth and LGBT Americans in the state’s Democratic Electorate and chosen to establish this percentage as a goal for representation in the state’s convention delegation. The method for calculating these percentages is discussed in Exhibit C.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian/Pacific Americans	Youth	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities
% in Democratic Electorate	26.9%	1.9%	0.003%	.007%	13.9%	5.9%	Unable to determine
Numeric Goals for Delegation	7	1	1	1	4	2	1

2. Although Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, and people with disabilities do not meet the threshold for receiving delegates, the Democratic Party is committed to full inclusion of Native American, Hispanic Americans, Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, and people with disabilities, and, therefore, has set a numeric goal of one delegate or alternate from each of these groups.

3. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (subdivision-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance.
4. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.(3))

#### E. OBLIGATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Delaware Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by October 1, 2007, which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Delaware's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H.(1))
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.(2))
4. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

## SECTION VIII

### CHALLENGES

#### A. JURISDICTION & STANDING

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2008 Democratic National Convention." (Call, Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 20.B.)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg., 3.1.)

4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2008 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.B.5.)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

#### B. CHALLENGES TO THE STATUS OF THE STATE PARTY AND CHALLENGES TO THE PLAN

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A. & Reg. 3.4.A.)
2. A challenge to the state’s Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Delaware Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B.)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

#### C. CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C.)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.)

3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B.*) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C.)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## SECTION IX

### SUMMARY OF PLAN

#### A. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Delaware will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Delaware’s delegate selection process will occur on February 5, 2008, with a Primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Subdivision-level Delegates Subdivision-level Alternates	10	3	4/5/08 4/5/08	Delegates are elected according to presidential preference at the state convention, held in Dover.  An individual can qualify as a candidate for subdivision-level delegate or alternate first by filing a statement of candidacy for the state convention designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party no later than January 31, 2008.  After being selected as a state convention delegate or alternate, an individual must file a statement of candidacy for the national convention designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party no later than March 5, 2008.  The presidential preference and pledge of support for each individual must be the same on the statement of candidacy for the state convention and the one for national convention.
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	7	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.
Unpledged Add-on Delegates**	1	n/a	4/5/08	Selection will be by a quorum of subdivision-level delegates.  Selection will take place regardless of filing of statement of candidacy for a delegate position or pledge of support for presidential candidate.
Pledged Party Leaders and		***		Selection will be by a quorum of subdivision-level delegates.

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Elected Officials (PLEOs)	2		4/5/08	Individuals must file a statement of candidacy by 5:00 PM EST on March 5, 2008.
At-Large Delegates	3	1	4/5/08	Selection will be by a quorum of subdivision-level delegates.
At-Large Alternates			4/5/08	Individuals must file a statement of candidacy with presidential preference by March 5, 2008.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	23	4		

\* Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

\*\* Unpledged Add-on delegates refers to those delegates chosen according to Rule 9.B. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.

\*\*\* Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates. [Applicable to most states.]

**B. SELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (FOR THE CREDENTIALS, PLATFORM AND RULES COMMITTEES)**

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	4/5/08	The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Delaware’s National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 5, 2008.

**C. SELECTION OF DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES**

1. The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 5, 2008.
2. Two (2) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 5, 2008.

**D. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE**

Presidential candidates

- a. Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by December 10, 2007. (Rule 11.B.)
- b. Presidential candidates shall file one of two ways:
  - (1) By December 10, 2007, they shall submit a petition with 500 signatures of registered Democrats in the state of Delaware to the Delaware Commissioner of Elections; or
  - (2) Qualify for federal matching funds no later than December 18, 2007.

**E. TIMETABLE**

Date	Activity
<b>2007</b>	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 28	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
April 1	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. The plan is available on the party’s website, <a href="http://www.deldems.org">www.deldems.org</a>

Date	Activity
April 2	Press releases are sent out announcing the release of the Delaware Democratic Party's Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention.
May 1	Period for public comment on draft plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Executive Committee.
May 23	State Executive Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
June 1	Deadline for the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 16	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
October 1	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
December 1	Deadline to register to vote as a Democrat to participate in the Delaware Democratic Party's 2008 Delegate Selection Process
December 10	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Commissioner of Elections and a copy to the State Party.
December 10	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the Commissioner of Elections and the State Party.
December 18	Last day for Presidential candidates to qualify for federal matching funds.
December 19	Deadline for the Delaware Democratic Party Chair to submit a list of names to the Delaware Commissioner of Election of Democratic Presidential candidates who have not already filed a petition for ballot access by December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2007, and have qualified for federal matching funds by December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2007.
2008	
January 3	Deadline for representative district chair to submit the date, time and location of their caucus meeting.
January 7	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at <a href="http://www.democrats.org">www.democrats.org</a> .
January 12	Deadline to register to vote in the Presidential Primary
January 31	Subdivision-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party for participation in the representative district-level caucuses.
February 5	<b>Presidential preference primary.</b>
February 7	Deadline for delegate and alternate allocations are distributed to each representative district chair
February 8	Representative district caucus meetings commence
February 29	Representative district caucus meetings end
March 1	Deadline for the DNC Secretary to confirm the list of unpledged delegates to the State Chair
March 5	Deadline for individuals interested in becoming a PLEO, at-large delegate, or at-large alternate to file a statement of candidacy with the State Party HQ. In addition, all individuals selected to participate in the state convention must turn in their national convention statement of candidacy, presidential preference and pledge of support by this date.
March 11	Deadline for the state chair to submit a list of candidates for subdivision level delegates and alternates, PLEO delegates, and At-large delegates and alternates to the Presidential candidates

Date	Activity
March 13	Deadline for the Presidential candidates to return a list of approved subdivision-level delegates and alternates to the Delaware Democratic Party Chair.
April 5	State convention convenes. Subdivision-level delegates and alternates are selected. Deadline for Presidential candidates to provide an approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to the Delaware Democratic Party Chair. Unpledged add-on and pledged PLEO delegates selected. Deadline for Presidential candidates to provide an approved list of at-large delegate candidates to the Delaware Democratic Party Chair. At-large delegates and alternates are selected. National convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair. State Chair names convention pages.
April 9	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (including unpledged add-on delegate, pledged PLEO delegates, and the at-large delegates and alternate), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
August 25-28	National Convention, Denver, CO

EXHIBITS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

A. MEMBERS OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

Hon. Theopolis Gregory, Sr. Male, African American City of Wilmington	Romain Alexander Male, African American City of Wilmington	Lynn Fuller Female, Caucasian City of Wilmington
Minerva Marrero Female, Hispanic City of Wilmington	Hon. Samuel Prado Male, Hispanic Young Democrat City of Wilmington	Jim Paoli Male, Caucasian New Castle County
Samuel E. Lathem Male, African American New Castle County	Hon. James Johnson Male, African American New Castle County	Bonnie Wu Female, Chinese Young Democrat New Castle County
Erik Painter Male, LGBT Young Democrat New Castle County	Abby Betts Female, Caucasian Kent County	Eastern Ramsey Male, African American Kent County
Cerron Cade Male, African American Young Democrat Kent County	John McNeal Male, Disabled Kent County Delaware	Jenifer Lindahl Female, Native American Young Democrat Kent County
Tom Chapman Male, Caucasian Sussex County	Harvey Hyland Male, African American Sussex County	Betty Deacon Female, LGBT Sussex County

B. MEDIA OUTLETS TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

Wilmington News Journal	Delaware State News
Associated Press	WILM Radio
WDEL Radio	WDOV Radio
WGMD Radio	WDSD Radio
WHYY TV	CBS 3 TV
6- ABC TV	NBC 10 TV
WMDT TV	WBOC TV

2. Other “Non-Minority” Media Outlets

Community Publishing consolidated newspapers (upstate)	Dover Post consolidated newspapers (downstate)
Delaware State News consolidated newspapers (downstate)	Delaware Coast Press/Delmarva Now consolidated newspapers
Delaware Today Magazine	Out and About Magazine

3. Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

El Tiempo Hispano	Unidad Latina
WYUS 930-AM (Spanish)	Jewish Voice
Delaware VFW	CAMP Rehoboth (LGBT Publication)
The Hornet (DSU paper)	UD Review and UDaily (UD papers)
The Dialog (Catholic Diocese of Wilmington paper)	

**C. DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REPRESENTATION GOALS**

**C.1. REPRESENTATION GOALS**

Target Group	Allocation Ratio	Statewide Goals	Delegate(s)	Statewide Goals	Alternate(s)
African Americans	0.269	(0.269)(23)	= 6	(0.269)(4)	= 1
Hispanic Americans	0.019	(0.019)(23)	= 0	(0.019)(4)	= 0
Asian/Pacific Americans	0.007	(0.007)(23)	= 0	(0.007)(4)	= 0
Native Americans	0.003	(0.003)(23)	= 0	(0.003)(4)	= 0
Youth	0.139	(0.139)(23)	= 3	(0.139)(4)	= 0

**C.2. DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS**

**C.2.1 METHODOLOGY**

There is no requirement for demographic identification when registering to vote in Delaware. In addition, there is no available information on the registration trends and voting patterns for any of the affirmative action groups. Therefore, when attempting to set goals, the party looked to numerous sources of information to try to come up with a fair and accurate representation of the Democratic electorate in Delaware.

The materials used to calculate the goals included: Delaware and National exit polling for the 2000 and 2004 elections from CNN and MSNBC, Voting and Registration information from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2004 election data from the Delaware Department of Elections, and the Pew Hispanic Center report on Hispanics and the 2004 Election.

The following assumptions were made when calculating the goals:

- o Where data is available on any group’s voting and registration patterns in Delaware, it was used.
- o Where there was no data that specifically dealt with Delaware on a group’s registration or voting patterns, the statistics for that group’s national patterns were ascribed to that group’s members in

Delaware.

- o In all cases, statistics came from the 2000 Presidential and 2004 Presidential races.
- o Total numbers of registered voters were based on the 2000 census population for Delaware and the reported voting and registration total and citizen voting-age population compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

**C.2.2. CALCULATION OF TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS FOR EACH TARGET GROUP**

The calculation of representative goals began with compiling the total population for each group based on the 2000 census figures. That number was then multiplied by national registration total compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The number of voters in a specific group	= group population in 2000 x national group registration figures
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The resulting total number of voters in each targeted group is as follows:

Targeted Group	2000 Voters	2004 Voters
African Americans	101,554	103,360
Hispanic Americans	13,127	14,669
Asian American/ Pacific Islander	5,052	5,743

**C.2.3 CALCULATION OF TURNOUT**

The Delaware Commissioner of Elections does not have any turnout data available by race or ethnicity, therefore, the party used turnout data from the U.S. Census Bureau to calculate the turnout for the various groups.

Targeted Group	2000 Turnout	2004 Turnout
African Americans	57,683	62,015
Hispanic Americans	5,920	6,894
Asian American/ Pacific Islander	2,193	2,532

**C.2.4 CALCULATION OF GROUP DEMOCRATIC VOTE**

In order to calculate the Democratic vote by these groups, and lacking data from the Department of Elections, the total number that the group turned out in 2000 and 2004 was multiplied by the support that each group gave to the Presidential candidate in 2000 and 2004 based on state and national exit polling in those respective elections. Those numbers were then divided by the total number of votes for the Presidential candidate in Delaware to come up with a percentage that would be used as the affirmative action goal for that group.

% in Democratic Electorate in 2000	= (group turnout x percentage of support by group in 2000 Presidential election) / total votes received by the Presidential candidate in 2000
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% in Democratic Electorate in 2004	= (group turnout x percentage of support by group in 2004 Presidential election) / total votes received by the Presidential candidate in 2004
% in current Democratic Electorate	= average of % in Democratic Electorate in 2000 and % in Democratic Electorate in 2004

### C.2.5 CALCULATION OF YOUTH DEMOCRATIC VOTE

The youth democratic vote was calculated by taking the average of the percentage of Democratic voters aged 18-35 who voted in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections.

% of Youth Democratic Vote in 2000	= number of Democratic voters aged 18-35 in 2000 / total votes received by the Presidential candidate in 2000
% of Youth Democratic Vote in 2004	= number of Democratic voters aged 18-35 in 2004 / total votes received by the Presidential candidate in 2004
% of Youth Democratic Vote	= average of % of Youth Democratic Vote in 2000 and % of Youth Democratic Vote in 2004

## ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

*[As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.]*

1. **A summary** of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section IX. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.A.)
2. **A timetable** reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.B.)
3. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C.)
4. **A copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D.)
5. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying compliance with Rule 1.C.** which requires a 30 day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 2.2.E.)
6. **Copies of all written public comments on the Plan** *[Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.]* (Reg. 2.2.F.)
7. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.G.)
8. **A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F.,** which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan (Reg. 2.2.H.)
9. **Copies of all state statutes reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process** *[For example, include any and all state statutory requirements related to: ballot access for presidential candidates; filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates; timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention; participation in the state's presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions; and any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates.]* (Reg. 2.2.I.)
10. **A copy of all qualifying forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by presidential candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.J.)