

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee members include representatives from all four subdivisions appointed by their respective subdivision chairs. The members included: **Anne Allen, Mohammad Akhter, Rob Burns, Jesse Chadderdon, El Clauss, William Cortes, Greg Fuller, Kenneth Garber, Jennifer Harris, Kerri Evelyn Harris, Bob Haynes, Duncan Holyoke, Evonne Murray, Tim Patterson, Bill Weller, and Lydia York.** Betsy Maron was also an *ex-officio* member.

The Rules Committee had its first meeting on October 7, 2020 followed by multiple meetings and sub-committee meetings to discuss proposed changes. A final redlined version of the Revised Rules was posted on the DelDems website on April 30, 2021 for public review. On June 9, 2021, the Rules Committee met to consider oral and written suggestions to the Revised Rules.

The public comments suggested changes to Rules 1.5, Rule 5 as it pertains to the Platform Committee, 6.2 membership of the State Executive Committee.

The following is a summary of the major changes to the document.

- Insertion of more inclusive language, particularly as it pertains to gender, making explicit that our Party is welcoming of gender-fluid and non-binary members at all levels, including in leadership roles
- Ensuring the rules as written were more reflective of current practice and offered the functionality required of a Party to meet and engage with members in new and unique ways
- Adding clarity to terms that may be considered jargon to new members, while also appointing a glossary subcommittee to provide supplemental documentation defining additional terms that are common in Party parlance.
- Affording the State Party Chair authority to address diversity and geographic balance on the State Executive Committee by increasing the Chair's at-large appointments from 3 members to 5 members.
- Requiring the Platform Committee Chairs and Committee Members be named no later than February 1, following the presidential election. Following its first organizational meeting, the Platform Committee will announce its procedures and public hearing dates.