



**Democratic Party of Denver
Central Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2008**

**South High School
1700 E. Louisiana Ave**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Coken at 7:14 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Aurora Padilla and Angelina Sierra-Sandoval.

Chair Jennifer Coken welcomed committee.

State Senate President Peter Groff addressed committee.

Speaker of State House Andrew Romanoff addressed the committee.

Welcome letter from Congresswoman Diana DeGette was read by Chris Arendt.

Jennifer Coken announced the reorganization meeting of the County Party where officer elections will take place. It will be held February 8th, 2pm - 5pm. Location is to be determined. No current officers are running for reelection. Committee members are welcome to run for any position. Jennifer Jacobson stepping down from her role as office manager. The Party will be looking to fill her position in February.

Vice Chair Rachel Kienzler recognized Elected Officials present: Sen. Peter Groff, Sen. Jennifer Veiga, Rep. Andrew Romanoff, Rep. Mark Ferrandino, Rep. Jerry Frangas, CU Regent Michael Carrigan, Chair of Colorado Democratic Party Pat Waak, and 2nd Vice Chair of Colorado Democratic Party Margaret Atencio.

Vice Chair Rachel Kienzler recognized candidates present: Lois Court (HD 6 Candidate); Joe Miklosi (HD 9 Candidate); and John Maslanik (RTD Board candidate)

Colorado Democratic Party Chair Pat Waak addressed the committee.

Credentials Report was read by Karen Morrissey.

Minutes from the 2007 Central Committee meeting were presented and adopted by voice vote.

Jennifer Coken and Karen Morrissey, co-chair of the Rules Committee, moderated the discussion on rules changes.

Amendment 1: Changes to correct for the elimination of the Denver Election Commission and creation of the County Clerk and Recorder as an elected position.

Passed by voice vote

Amendment 2: Eliminates the Bingo Committee and changes the election of members to the diversity committee to appointment by subdistrict Captains and Co-captains.

Passed by voice vote

Amendment 3: Removes language that was previously struck, but never removed from the rules.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 4: Removes provision for audio recordings to be made of Executive Committee meetings.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 5: Corrects a conflict within rules which says members of the rules committee are elected at the biennial reorganization meeting.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 6: Clarifies who chooses membership of named committees and encourages participation by allowing more than one member from each subdistrict.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 7: Allows for money allocated to specific purposes that are unspent at the end of the Fiscal Year to be moved to the General Fund.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 8: Accommodates the elimination of Denver Elections Division within language.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 9: Replaces a conflict in the rules with statute CRS 1-3-103(1)(a).
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 10: Corrects grammatical error.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 11: resolves ambiguity around the version of "Robert's Rules of Order" by stating "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised."
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 12: Allows for cosmetic changes to the format and layout of the rules.
Passed by voice vote

Amendment 13: Covers rules that must be reenacted by each Denver County Central Committee.
Passed by voice vote.

2009 Budget was introduced by County Party Treasurer Andrew O'Willeke. Budget provided in materials packet. Adopted by voice vote.

Discussion of 2008 Ballot Measures was moderated by County Party Secretary Dan Willis. Dan Willis informed the committee that the Executive Committee took the following the positions on the ballot issues. Votes were passed either unanimously or by a very wide margin. Additionally, Dan informed the committee that 53, 55, 56, 57 have been withdrawn, but will still appear on the Denver ballot because the ballots were printed

before the amendments were withdrawn.

46 – oppose

47 – oppose

48 – oppose

49 – oppose

50 – no position

51 – support

52 – oppose

54 – oppose

58 – support

59 – support

Referendum O – support

Dan Willis made a motion for the Central Committee to adopt the positions of the Executive Committee. It was seconded.

Discussion was called regarding Amendment 50. Randle Loeb made a motion to divide the question and discuss Amendment 50 more closely. It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Initial motion to adopt the positions of the Executive Committee as amended passed by voice vote.

Dan Willis provided an explanation of Amendment 50. Discussion was then moderated by Chair Jennifer Coken. Discussion was limited to three speakers opposed and three speakers in favor of amendment 50. Speakers alternated and were limited to one minute each.

John Jenkins (oppose) - opposing because does not think there needs to be major changes to the town. Allowing the gambling should be a vote of the state, not the small towns.

Dan Pabon (support) – amendment will allow local towns to have the choice. Also Higher Education in Colorado is broken and this amendment allows us to use revenues to improve education in Colorado. Also funds from the taxes collected will be able to help offset impact.

Jeff Hart (oppose) – No free lunch; also thinks the increase of stakes should be a statewide vote. Gambling addiction is a problem and needs to be taken seriously. Not the way to fund education.

Scott Bates (support) – Asked for a vote of support for amendment. As an alumnus of Colorado Community College system, he knows it fulfills a vital role. He had no other place to go when it came time to go to college. These schools serve a real community. Along with amendment 58, it is a good way to fund a system really in need. Not a perfect deal, but a great way to do that.

Randle Loeb – yielded time to Rudy Torres. Rudy Torres (oppose) – Had great concern because in the past local commissioners of these small gambling towns were mispending the money raised and were indicted as a result. Also did not think funding of education should be on the back of gambling addiction. Better way to do things.

Mark Ferrandino (support) – Said that this year’s ballot is the statewide vote to give the small town the authority to make their own choice. Regarding addiction to gambling – we already have gambling in the state and that isn’t being changed by this amendment. It is a good way to get more funding into the community college system.

Motion to oppose Amendment 50 was introduced by Randall Loeb and seconded. Voice vote was inconclusive. Motion was adopted by show of hands – 79 voted for the motion; 69 against the motion.

Discussion on the remaining ballot issues was paused to allow for new speaker.

Congressman Mark Udall addressed committee.

Dan Willis returned to the discussion of ballot issues about the referendums and Question 3A.

Ref L – reduce minimum age for State Representative from 21 to 25.
Motion to support ref L; passed by voice vote

Ref M & N – remove obsolete language from the constitution.
Motion to support both referendums; passed by voice vote

Question 3A – DPS school bond for \$453 million;
Motion to support 3A; passed by voice vote.

Adjournment at 8:31 pm.