

**BY-LAWS OF THE PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
as of April 25, 2009**

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. NAME

The name of the group shall be the Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party.

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Progressive Caucus shall be to promote legislation consistent with the historic progressive purposes of the Democratic Party officials proposing and carrying out progressive initiatives; and to work with other caucuses, clubs, and progressive Democrats. The caucus will support elected and appointed officials proposing and carrying out progressive initiatives; and to work with other caucuses, clubs, and progressive democratic organizations to facilitate the work of such bodies. This caucus will also participate in outreach programs of the Party by identifying progressive voters and registering them as Democrats.

Progressive concerns include but are not limited to universal health care, fair trade, abolition of the death penalty, human and civil rights for all, protection of our environment and promoting fairness, justice and sustainability within our state, our country, and the world.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

Section 1. RELATIONSHIP TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Progressive Caucus is a "Special Group Caucus" within the Democratic State Central Committee. The Progressive Caucus shall operate within the by-laws of the Democratic State Central Committee. In case of conflict, the by-laws of the Democratic State Central Committee shall prevail.

Section 2. RULES

These by-laws shall govern the organization, operation and functions of the Progressive Caucus.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP

Any individual qualifies for membership in the Progressive Caucus if:

- a) The individual is a registered California Democrat; and
- b) Supports the purposes of the Caucus as stated in Article I above; and
- c) Upon payment of dues in effect at the time the individual joins the Caucus.

Section 4. DUES

Dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year or more or less as later set by the Executive Committee of the Progressive Caucus, at its discretion.

Any individual claiming financial hardship may be excused from any dues requirement for membership at the discretion of the chair.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**Section 1. OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Progressive Caucus shall be one Chair and two Vice-Chairs (one Northern California Vice-Chair and one Southern California Vice-Chair), a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Parliamentarian and three officers at Large. The Chair shall be the E-Board representative.

Section 2. DUTIES

The duties of the Officers are as follows:

a) Chair : The Chair shall serve as the chief executive officer and official voice of the Progressive Caucus and shall carry out the purpose of the Progressive Caucus. For the 2-year term, the Chair shall be the E-Board representative.

Mr b) Vice Chairs: The Vice-Chairs shall assist the Chair in carrying out the Chair's duties and shall serve as Chair in the Chair's absence.

W c) ~~Secretary/Treasurer~~: The Secretary/~~Treasurer~~ shall maintain the minutes of the meetings of the Caucus and shall maintain current lists of Caucus members. The Secretary/~~Treasurer~~ shall also serve as the caucus historian being responsible for archiving actions of the caucus.

W d) The ~~Secretary~~/Treasurer shall take custody of and account for all funds raised by the Progressive Caucus consistent with the procedures of the State Democratic Central Committee and shall submit budgets and financial reports as required by the by-laws of the State Democratic Committee.

e) Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian is the authority for issues of procedure, especially with respect to Roberts Rules of Order and disputes over motions, priority, etc.

Section 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a) All officers shall be elected at the meeting of the Progressive Caucus held at the State Convention in odd numbered years. The Chair, Vice-Chairs, Secretary/Treasurer and Parliamentarian shall be elected by the entire membership present at the meeting.

b) Those who wish to run for office in elections for officers must be members in the caucus for a minimum of thirty days prior to the election. Those who wish to vote in the officer elections must be members in good standing, defined as meeting the criteria outlined in Article II, section 3.

Section 4. TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

- a) The term of office shall be for two years or until a successor is elected.
- b) A vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Caucus Chair and Vice-Chairs and ratified by the remaining officers.

Section 5. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- a) The officers of the Caucus, as well as four at large officers elected by the body on the same day as the other officers, shall comprise the Executive Board
- b) The Executive Board shall be authorized to conduct the business of the Caucus between meetings of the Caucus.
- c) The Executive Board shall be authorized to establish standing and ad hoc committees and to appoint chairs to all other committees of the Caucus.

ARTICLE IV. PROCEDURES

Section 1. MEETINGS

- a) All meetings of the Progressive Caucus shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, unless other procedures are specified in these by-laws.
- b) Caucus meetings shall be held every year at the State Convention of the Democratic Party and during the weekend of the regularly scheduled meetings of the State Party Executive Board.
- c) Other Caucus meetings may be scheduled by the Executive Board upon 30 days notice to the members of the Caucus. The Executive Committee will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the activities and business of the Caucus.

Section 2. QUORUM TO DO BUSINESS

Ten percent of the voting members or 30 members, whichever is less, at all scheduled meeting under Article IV, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c) shall be considered a quorum to do business.


Section 3. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

- a) These by-laws may be amended, with 10-day prior notice by:
 - 1) A 2/3 vote of those present at any scheduled meeting of the Caucus at which at least 10% of the membership, or a minimum of 30 members is present.
 - 2) By a 2/3 vote of those participating in mail ballots sent to all members of the Progressive Caucus. All ballots returned within 30 days of the mailing shall be counted.

- 3) At the discretion of the Officers, by a combination of the methods prescribed in 1) and 2) above.
- 4) Notice for all purposes in these by laws shall be considered adequate if by email or snail mail to the address given to the caucus by each member.

Certified

Date: April 25, 2009


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Jeffrey J. Killeen, Parliamentarian of the Progressive Caucus