

Bylaws of the People's Party of Washington

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I. **Article I - Name**

The name of this Organization shall be the Washington People's Party, and shall use as its trade names People's Party of Washington or Washington State People's Party.

II. **Article II - Membership**

1. General Members - All Washington State residents who support the guiding principles and values of the Washington People's Party are eligible for General Membership. General Members must register as a member at peoplespartywa.org, including a pledge to nonviolence while participating in Party actions or events.
 - a) General Members may:
 - (1) Attend WPP General meetings at a local or State level.
 - (2) Rate the planks of the Party platform and vote in advisory polls.
 - (3) Participate in all Party actions and events.
 - b) General Members may be removed in the event of a violation of WPP Guiding Principles and Values, or the Pledge to Nonviolence sufficient to result in a recommendation of removal by the Rules Committee.
2. Working Members - Working Members are General Members who want to be actively involved in the Party organization. Working Members must complete the WPP onboarding process. This will ensure all Working Members are

educated about and consent to the Governance Agreements, organizational structure, communication platforms, and decision-making process of the WPP.

- a) Working Members in good standing have the following privileges:
 - (1) Access to all Party meetings and recordings, except those marked confidential, pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws.
 - (2) Access to party documents and internal communication platforms as needed for work on behalf of the Party.
 - (3) The right to democratically select leadership within the Circle and Working Group of which they are a Member.
- b) Working Members shall be in good standing when they:
 - (1) Have attended, or participated in the work of, at least two-thirds of the meetings within their Circle or Working Group since joining, or in the previous 3 months, whichever is shorter. Extended absences may be approved by the Circle in special circumstances.
 - (2) Do not have pending challenges against them within their Circle or Working Group.
 - (3) Have the consent of their Circle or Working Group to participate.
- c) Working Members may be removed from their Circle or Working Group by:
 - (1) A vote of no confidence from their Circle or Working Group, after an engagement to regenerate the relationships within their Working Group or Circle.
 - (2) A determination by the Adjudication Committee that the Member will no longer be able to work in good faith with the remaining Members of that Circle or Working Group.
- d) Removal of Working Members: Working Members may be removed in the event of a violation of WPP Guiding Principles and Values, or the Pledge to Nonviolence sufficient to result in a recommendation of removal by the Rules Committee.
 - (1) A proposal for removal for Cause may be initiated by any Working Member in good standing - Regenerative culture shall help craft the proposal and determine if a legitimate violation of standards has occurred. If they do determine a violation, and are unable to mediate the dispute, it shall be forwarded to the Rules Committee.
 - (2) The Rules Committee shall form an Adjudication Circle to investigate the violations. The Adjudication Circle may (but shall not be required to) recommend to SCC, by affirmative consent of its members, that one of the following actions be taken:
 - (a) The proposed removal of the Member should be recommended and forwarded to the the SCC;

- (b) The proposed removal should be rejected.
- (3) The SCC will have 10 days from the date of receipt to review the removal proposal and make a call for a special meeting for discussion and action. The SCC shall schedule the special meeting no sooner than 15 days after the Member has received written notice of the meeting and the content of the proposal.
 - (a) The Member subject to removal will be given 10 days to review the proposal and prepare their rebuttal.
 - (i) The Member shall submit their rebuttal in writing to the SCC at least 5 days prior to the special meeting.
 - (ii) During the meeting, the Member shall provide their rebuttal in writing and orally to SCC members who will determine whether the proposal represents sufficient Cause for removal.
 - (b) The proposal for removal may be accepted by affirmative consent or subject to a majority vote of 50% plus 1.
- (4) In the event of removal, a member may petition the entire Working Body for appeal as specified in the Governance Agreements. A vote of 67% of Working Members may overturn the ruling of the SCC.
- 3. Supporting Members - A Supporting Member is any person who contributes monthly or annual financial support. Supporting Members can be General or Working Members.
- 4. Youth Members - A Youth Member is any person age 17 or under who has the consent of their legal guardian to become a Party member. Youth members can be either General or Working Members.

III. **Article III - Convention**

- A. The Washington People's Party State Convention is the ultimate decision-making body of the Party, subject to the provisions of the Washington People's Party's Charter. The Convention shall be called by the Washington People's Party State Coordinating Committee pursuant to Article II of the State Charter.
- B. The Convention shall, at minimum:
 - 1. Adopt Convention Rules
 - 2. Approve Charter and Amendments
 - 3. Approve Party Platform
 - 4. Nominate and Endorse Candidates
 - 5. Consider Proposed Bylaws amendments
 - 6. Consider any proposed People's Resolutions
 - 7. Select Mission Guidance Circle
 - 8. Select Public Advisory Circle

IV. **Article IV - Dynamic Deliberative Democracy**

- A. The Washington People's Party uses Dynamic Deliberative Democracy (D³) as its governance model. This is a deliberative model that aims to achieve unanimous consent on any given decision. Absent unanimous consent, direct democracy will be used.
- B. The Chairs of the State Coordinating Circle and the Coordinators of Working Groups and Hubs shall help ensure that all Party meetings are conducted in accordance with Dynamic Deliberative Democracy and the Rounds of Order.
- C. The Party shall be organized in a Circle and Working Group structure as detailed in the Governance Agreement.
 - 1. A Circle is the primary functional unit of the organization. Circles are semi-autonomous decision-making groups of Working Members that perform specific organizational tasks. Within the Organization, committees and subcommittees will organize into associated Circles and Working Groups of Circles. A Circle Member is also considered to be a Member of the Working Group where the Circle resides, including the parent Circles or Working Groups to which they belong.
 - 2. A Working Group is composed of at least two Circles that together comprise a major operational aspect of the Party. Operational Regions will organize their Circles into nested Working Groups that mirror the Statewide Organization. All members of a Regional Working Group are also members of the Statewide Working Group.
 - 3. An Operational Region is a defined geographical area that sends representatives to the State Coordinating Circle. Their Working Group structures mirror that of the Statewide organization.
 - 4. Rules of Order. The Washington People's Party is a deliberative, working community. Our meeting procedures, democratic selection process, and methods of achieving consent are contained in the document D³ Rounds of Order. The Party shall maintain and make available the Rounds of Order document.

V. **Article V - Washington People's Party State Coordinating Circle**

A. Purpose and Powers

- 1. The Washington People's Party State Coordinating Circle, also known as the State Coordinating Committee, hereinafter referred to as the SCC, is the guiding body of the Washington People's Party as identified by the Washington People's Party Convention and the Charter of the Washington People's Party.
- 2. The SCC shall carry out all duties specified by the Convention under the Charter. The SCC is the sole Party organization designated to collect and disburse funds in the name of the Washington People's Party. The SCC

provides the funds, staff, and other assistance necessary for the operations of its Working Groups and Circles.

B. Washington People's Party State SCC will consist of the following Members:

1. The Chair and Vice Chair of each enacted Statewide Working Group.
2. The Chair and Vice Chair of each Operational Region.
3. The Chair and Vice Chair of any approved Constituency Caucus.
4. Duties for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Statewide Working Groups, Operational Regions, and Constituency Caucuses.
 - a) Statewide Working Group Chairs shall:
 - (1) Establish and facilitate regular meetings of that Working Group.
 - (2) Provide the opportunity for the Working Members to democratically select the Coordinating Team of their Working Group (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Moderator, and Well Being Representative) within one month of being selected as the Chair of that Working Group.
 - (3) Ensure that the Working Group Mandate is current and has been consented to by the SCC.
 - (4) Facilitate the creation of Circles as needed to fulfill the Mandate of the Working Group.
 - (5) Sit on the SCC.
 - b) State Working Group Vice Chairs shall:
 - (1) In the absence of the Chair, or in the event of a vacancy in that office or the disability of the incumbent, perform the duties of the Chair.
 - (2) The Vice Chair shall also perform such other responsibilities as delegated by the SCC, its Operations Coordinating Circle, or the State Working Group Chair.
 - (3) Sit on the SCC.
5. The Officers of the SCC democratically selected at the initial, or any subsequent regular, Organizing Meeting.
 - a) The officers of the SCC shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Administrative Officer, and such other officers as the SCC shall select and entrust with specific duties.
 - (1) The Chair shall:
 - (a) Be the Chief Executive Officer of the SCC and preside at all meetings of the SCC or its Operational Coordinating Circle.
 - (b) Perform such additional duties as the SCC or its Operational Coordinating Circle shall delegate to the Chair.
 - (c) Seek input from Working Groups, Circles, Constituency Caucuses, Advisory Circles, Mission Guidance Circles, and any other Working Group or Circle enacted after the filing of the Bylaws to inform Party operations,

communications strategy, and the Party's fundraising outreach.

- (d) Call meetings of the State Coordinating Circle, Operational Coordinating Circle, and Statewide Party meetings or Conventions.
 - (e) Be an Authorized Spokesperson for the Washington People's Party.
 - (f) Appoint legal counsel for the Washington People's Party and appoint such other professionals as may be required from time to time to act for the Party. Such appointments must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Operational Coordinating Circle.
- (2) The Vice Chair shall in the absence of the Chair, or in the event of a vacancy in that office or the disability of the incumbent, perform the duties of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall also perform such other responsibilities as delegated by the SCC, its Operations Coordinating Circle, or the Chair.
- (3) The Administrative Officer shall:
- (a) Provide a provisional agenda for all meetings of the SCC or its Operations Coordinating Circle.
 - (b) Prepare the minutes of all meetings of the SCC or its Operations Coordinating Circle and the State Convention.
 - (c) Ensure that all announcements and postings related to upcoming meetings, completed agendas and minutes, and other business pertaining to the Membership is available per the Bylaws or in a timely manner where not otherwise specified.
 - (d) Facilitate transparent communication between all Circles, Working Groups, Hubs, Regions, Precincts, etc., formed within the People's Party of Washington. This includes management, oversight, and moderation of all communication platforms or servers, both internal and public.
 - (e) Maintain a database of all Members, donors, Newsletter recipients, ally organizations, people requesting information on Actions, or other contacts related to PPOW.
 - (f) Develop systems, processes, and protocols for consistency of workflow, ease of communication, safe storage of documentation, and transferral of data.
 - (g) Assist all Circles, Working Groups, Hubs, Regions, Precincts, etc., formed within the People's Party of

Washington with the creation and management of any templates, documents, servers, databases, etc., needed to fulfill their own mandates.

- (h) Keep all records of the SCC.
 - (i) Be the custodian of the records for our State and Federal filings.
 - (j) Maintain the financial records of the SCC and all committees, and be responsible for the accurate and timely filing of all reports required by public disclosure or taxing authorities.
 - (k) Be the custodian of all funds and securities of the SCC and all Working Groups and Committees.
 - (l) Deposit and disburse funds of the SCC pursuant to the current budget and policies and procedures established by the SCC or its Operational Coordinating Circle.
 - (m) Prepare and distribute a written financial report to each meeting of the SCC.
 - (n) Sit on the Finance and Budget Circle.
 - (o) Sit on the Administration and Development Circle.
 - (p) Perform such other duties as the SCC or its Operations Coordinating Circle or the Chair may from time to time delegate.
- b) The officers of the SCC shall be selected for two-year terms at the first meeting of the SCC in odd-numbered years or, in the case of officers added by the SCC, in the manner and at the time specified by the SCC in the resolution establishing such office.
- (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the State Chair, it shall be filled by the SCC by selection of an Interim State Chair. The selected Vice Chair shall assume the office of Acting Party Chairperson for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days during which time the SCC shall select an Interim State Party Chair.
 - (2) In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the office may be filled by selection at any regular or special meeting of the SCC, provided the written notice of the proposed selection has been mailed, postage prepaid, to each member of the SCC at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting.
- c) Removal of Officers: An Officer of the SCC may be removed for Cause by affirmative consent of the Officer's SCC peers or pursuant to a Vote of No Confidence by Working Members. Cause may include dereliction of duty, failure to uphold the principles of the party, or violations of the Governance and/or Community Agreements. The Officer subject to removal will be given the opportunity to respond to charges of Cause per the Bylaws.

- (1) Removal by SCC: Any SCC member may propose removal of an SCC Officer subject to Cause. The proposal to remove must be submitted in writing to the Rules Committee.
 - (a) The Rules Committee may (but shall not be required to) recommend to SCC, by affirmative consent of its members, that one of the following actions be taken:
 - (i) The proposed removal of the Officer should be recommended and forwarded to the the SCC;
 - (ii) The proposed removal should be rejected.
 - (b) Absence of a recommendation from the Rules Committee shall not prevent the SCC from considering the proposed Officer removal.
 - (c) The SCC will have 10 days from the date of receipt to review the removal proposal and make a call for a special meeting for discussion and action. The SCC shall schedule the special meeting no sooner than 15 days after the Officer has received written notice of the meeting and the content of the proposal.
 - (d) The Officer subject to removal will be given 10 days to review the proposal and prepare their rebuttal.
 - (i) The Officer shall submit their rebuttal in writing to the SCC at least 5 days prior to the special meeting.
 - (ii) During the meeting, the Officer shall provide their rebuttal in writing and orally to SCC members who will determine whether the proposal represents sufficient Cause for removal.
 - (e) The proposal for removal may be accepted by affirmative consent or subject to a majority vote of 50% plus 1.
- (2) Removal by Vote of No Confidence: A Vote of No Confidence proposal subject to Cause may be initiated by any Working Member in good standing and must be co-sponsored by 12% of other Working Members in good standing. The proposal must be co-signed by all sponsors and submitted in writing to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee shall have 10 days to review the proposal.
 - (a) The Rules Committee may (but shall not be required to) recommend to the State Convention or SCC, by affirmative consent of its members, that one of the following actions be taken:
 - (i) The proposed removal of the Officer should be recommended and forwarded to the State Convention or the SCC;
 - (ii) The proposed removal should be rejected.
 - (b) Absence of a recommendation from the Rules Committee

shall not prevent the State Convention or SCC from considering the proposed Officer removal.

(3) The SCC will follow Party rules to fill the vacancy within 30 days of Officer removal.

6. All members of the SCC shall have equal voice and vote.

C. Meetings of the SCC

1. Regular Meetings

- a) The SCC shall hold at least three (3) meetings per year, one of which can be the State Convention. Meetings will be held at a time and place selected by the SCC, pursuant to guidelines established by the SCC. Meetings may be in person or virtual.
- b) A call for each such meeting shall be mailed or emailed to all SCC Members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.
- c) In the absence of a call for a Regular Meeting, any number of members totaling not less than 12 percent of the current membership of the SCC may call such a meeting by issuing a proper call and proposed agenda.

2. Organizational Meeting

- a) The first regular meeting of the SCC in odd-numbered years shall be in January, and shall be the Party organizational meeting.
- b) As its first orders of business at the Organizational Meeting, the SCC shall democratically select a Chair, Vice Chair, and Administrative Officer/Treasurer, and any other Officers deemed necessary.
- c) In the absence of a call for an Organizational Meeting, any number of members totaling not less than 12 percent of the current membership of the SCC may call such a meeting by issuing a proper call and proposed agenda.

3. Special Meetings. A Special Meeting of the SCC may be called for any purpose by:

- a) The Chair.
- b) Affirmative consent of SCC members.
- c) Any number of members equal to or greater than 12 percent of the full membership of the SCC, provided that a proper call is issued by the convening authority at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the Meeting.

4. Voting and Proxies (Selection Process)

- a) All Members of the SCC shall have equal vote.
- b) A Sociocratic impasse necessitating a supermajority vote may be declared at any point by 12 percent of the body present.
- c) Voting by proxy shall be permitted in accordance with the following rules:
 - (1) All proxies must be in writing, signed by the Member. They shall be specific, instructed, and nontransferable. An email directed to the Administrative Officer shall be accepted but must be verified by the member before the vote is certified.

(2) No person shall hold more than one proxy.

(3) In order to vote a proxy, the holder must register the proxy with the Administrative Officer of the SCC before a vote is taken. Only the individual currently registered with the Administrative Officer may vote the proxy.

5. Quorum

a) A quorum of the SCC shall be 50% +1 of the entire SCC, including proxy votes and virtual attendees. Before any policy votes are consented to, a quorum shall be confirmed.

b) Open Meetings. All meetings of the SCC shall be open to all Party Members, except when called into Confidential Session by consent pursuant to OCC recommendation. In the event of sociocratic impasse, a supermajority vote.

D. The SCC shall be empowered to enact up to six (6) Statewide Working Groups that shall together be responsible for coordinating all the functional domains of work necessary to fulfill the duties and daily operations of the WPP.

E. Each Statewide Working Group shall:

1. Form according to the procedures set forth in the Governance Agreement.
2. Meet at least monthly at the call of its Chair.
3. Report fully on its activities and proposed activities to the OCC, at the regular OCC meetings.
4. Submit annually to the SCC a proposed budget for SCC approval.
5. Democratically select a Chair and Vice Chair to sit on the SCC and its OCC.
6. Fulfill all other duties and tasks detailed in the Governance Agreement.

F. Constituency Caucuses

1. Pursuant to Article III.B of the Charter, the SCC will include representatives of constituency caucuses or councils, referred to in these Bylaws as Constituency Caucuses. These shall consist of People's Party members and other individuals willing to agree to and support the Principles, Values, and Goals of The People's Party, who share an immutable trait or common interest.
2. Creation of a Constituency Caucus. Any three working members of the Washington People's Party, who share an immutable trait or common interest, may organize a Circle to advise the Party on and advocate for matters of concern to their communities. This Circle will exist within, and its mandate will be consented to by, the Statewide Political Outreach Working Group (or the working body as a whole, if no such Working Group exists).
3. In order for this Circle to petition to be recognized as a Constituency Caucus, it must:
 - a) Be made up of at least six (6) Working Members in good standing, or two and one-half percent (2.5%), of the total Working Members in good standing, whichever is greater, of the Washington People's Party.

- b) Draft their mandate, operational rules, and membership provisions in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, as defined in the Governance Agreements.
 - 4. A Constituency Caucus in good standing shall select its leadership and representation on the SCC in accordance with the Party's Sociocratic method, provided that such leadership and representative(s) are members of the Washington People's Party.
 - 5. Newly formed Constituency Caucuses shall be enacted immediately upon consent by the OCC, and ratified by the SCC at their next Regular Meeting.
 - 6. Constituency Caucuses that operate in violation of the Principles, Values, and Goals of the Party, or who are unable to maintain the minimum membership for more than half the calendar year, may be subject to suspension or termination of the Caucus by the SCC.
- G. Operational Region
 - 1. Pursuant to Article II.H.2 of the Charter, the SCC will include representatives of local county constituencies, referred to in these Bylaws as Regional Operating Hubs. These shall consist of People's Party Working Members who are residents of a County in Washington State.
 - 2. Creation of a Regional Operating Hub - Any three Working Members of the Washington People's Party, who are residents of a County, may organize a Circle to advise the Party on and advocate for matters of concern to their community. This Circle will exist within, and its mandate will be consented to by, the Statewide Organizing Working Group (or the working body as a whole, if no such Working Group exists).
 - 3. In order for this Circle to petition to be recognized as a Regional Operating Hub, it must form according to the procedures set forth in the Governance Agreement.
- H. Availability of Members List. So that Members of the SCC shall be able to freely communicate with other Members for the purpose of proposing resolutions, Bylaws, amendments, or other business requiring notice to the SCC under these Bylaws, the Chair shall make available to Members a mailing list of the members of the Committee at cost.

VI. **Article VI - National Committee Members**

- A. The SCC may choose to send one or more representatives to any National Organizing Committee that forms.
- B. The Washington People's Party, in accordance with its State Charter, may vote to affiliate with any National Party Organization that forms.
- C. Upon voting to affiliate, the SCC shall democratically select the National Committee members apportioned to the State of Washington by the People's Party National Charter.

VII. **Article VII - Guiding Committee Circles**

- A. The SCC will enact the following Guiding Committee Circles: Operations Coordinating Circle, Public Advisory Circle, Mission Guidance Circle.
1. Operations Coordinating Circle. The Operations Coordinating Circle (OCC) is composed of:
 - a) Chair;
 - b) Vice Chair;
 - c) Administrative Officer;
 - d) Two (2) democratically selected representatives from each Statewide Working Group.
 2. Members will automatically forfeit their seat if they are not present at three (3) consecutive meetings of the OCC; or if they are not present at five (5) total meetings of the OCC in a calendar year. Extended absences may be consented to by the OCC in special circumstances. The OCC shall have such powers and duties as are delegated to it by the SCC and meet at the call of the Chair. Alternatively, the OCC may meet at the call of a group of at least one-third of the OCC members, provided that such call is in writing, clearly states the reason for calling the OCC to meet, and provides at least five (5) days' notice of such a meeting. Calls shall be sent to all OCC members. All actions of the OCC must be reported to the SCC at the next SCC meeting.
 3. The OCC shall be authorized to act in stewardship and protection of the State Party on behalf of the SCC when public emergency or natural disaster makes a meeting of the SCC unlawful or impractical, or when action needs to be taken in less than 15 days and where failure to act would create irreversible damage to the State Party; provided that the OCC shall not have the power to amend the Charter or Bylaws without the necessary vote of the SCC. Such a meeting of the OCC shall have a quorum of 60%.
 4. The OCC may meet via virtual meetings if necessary.
 5. The SCC may from time to time establish other committees, including outreach and involvement committees to carry out such duties and have such powers as the SCC may establish. Members of such committees need not be members of the SCC.
 6. The SCC Chair may from time to time appoint such committees to report to the Chair as the Chair may deem necessary or prudent. Such committees shall have such powers as are granted by the Chair, provided, however, that the Chair may not grant greater powers to a committee than the SCC has given the Chair.
- B. Public Advisory Circle. This circle is composed of 3 members of the SCC and 12 members of the public who are not Active Members, selected by sortition if needed, who have indicated they are interested in offering feedback to the Party.
- C. Mission Guidance Circle
1. The WPP shall establish a Mission Guidance Circle of no more than 9 Advisors who are not current WPP Members to provide feedback and guidance on WPP's adherence to its Guiding Principles and Values.
 - a) Advisors can be chosen from:

- (1) Non-WPP persons who work/volunteer in an area aligned with any of our Constituency Caucuses.
- (2) Non-WPP persons who work/volunteer forming public policy related to political structure, economics, voting, or other areas directly impacting the functioning of Democracy.
- (3) Representatives from ally organizations.

VIII. **Article VIII - Budget, Compensation, and Reimbursement**

- A. The Finance & Budget Committee shall prepare a proposed annual operating budget.
- B. No later than the regular Second Quarter meeting, the SCC shall adopt a budget for the following year. Budgeted expenditures shall be divided into two parts as follows: Part A shall cover all expenses for the administration of the SCC; and Part B shall cover all funds disbursed to candidates or political committees or expended directly on their behalf. Rules for the disbursement of Part B funds shall be adopted annually by the SCC. No funds shall be disbursed or obligated by or on behalf of the SCC except in accordance with the adopted budget and any applicable rules. The budget shall be amendable.
- C. Officers or employees of the Washington People's Party may be compensated, or reimbursed for expenses, in such amount and manner as determined by the SCC. In the absence of explicit authority to do so, no officer or employee shall receive compensation.
- D. The OCC may require that the books be audited at any time. Subject to OCC confirmation, the Chair shall establish an Audit Committee promptly after each reorganization meeting. The results of the audit shall be considered by the OCC and then reported to the SCC no later than its second quarter Regular Meeting.

IX. **Article IX - Selection of Nominees, Candidates and Delegates**

- A. Delegates to Party conventions at all levels and Party officers (whether or not such delegates and officers are declared by the State to be public officials) shall be selected by voters who support the principles of the Washington People's Party and wish to be publicly known as Members of the People's Party.
- B. Except as otherwise required by the Charter, Bylaws, and Rules of the People's Party of the United States or by the Delegate Selection Rules of the People's Party National Committee, candidates and nominees for public office who are or will be identified as a Member of the People's Party or publicly associated with the People's Party to any extent in the general election for such office must be selected in accordance with Rules adopted by the SCC. The Rules adopted by the SCC shall permit participation, subject to guarantees of election fairness and accountability, by voters who wish to participate in the selection but do not wish to become publicly affiliated with the People's Party; provided the Rules may forbid the participation of any voter who has participated or will participate in the selection of candidates associated with another political party if such candidates seek to appear on the same primary or general election ballot as any People's Party candidate being selected by the process in which the voter seeks to participate.

C. In connection with any selection process in which voters who are not members of the People's Party are permitted to participate, the SCC may require that candidates demonstrate, prior to filing for office, reasonable support from Party members in order to be eligible to participate in the selection process; PROVIDED, that any such requirement shall have been adopted not less than ninety (90) days prior to the filing period for the selection process, and further provided that any such requirement shall apply equally to all candidates for each particular office.

X. **Article X - Bylaws Amendments, Rules**

- A. These Bylaws may be amended by affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of the SCC, or as provided in the Charter.
- B. Amendments to these Bylaws must be presented in writing to the state chair by an SCC member at least fifteen (15) days prior to an SCC meeting or by an elected delegate to the State Convention thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention. The State Chair shall then publish the full text of the proposed amendment in the call no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting or convention.
- C. All proposed Amendments to the Bylaws shall be approved or rejected by the SCC using the Washington People's Party Dynamic Deliberative Democracy procedures.
- D. Proposed Bylaws Amendments shall be presented to the Rules Committee of the SCC or such other standing Committee as the SCC shall designate in its Bylaws. Such reviewing Committee may recommend to the SCC, by consent of its members, that one of the following actions be taken:
 - 1. The proposed Amendment should be passed;
 - 2. The proposed Amendment should be passed as revised by the reviewing Committee; or
 - 3. The proposed Amendment should be rejected.
- E. The absence of a recommendation from the reviewing Committee shall not prevent the SCC from considering a timely submitted proposed Amendment.
- F. If the reviewing Committee determines that a proposed Amendment encompasses multiple issues, it may treat each issue as a separate Amendment with a separate recommendation. If it does so act, then each issue identified by the reviewing Committee shall be discussed separately by the SCC.
- G. Newly adopted or amended provisions of the Bylaws of the Washington People's Party shall take effect on January 1, after they are adopted, except when the adopting resolution specifies that an Amendment shall take effect immediately.
- H. The SCC may from time to time adopt additional procedural rules consistent with these Bylaws for the conduct of meetings or the handling of special matters, or relating to the operation of other Party organizations.
- I. The SCC shall maintain copies of the current Bylaws of the Washington People's Party and shall make them available on request.