

To: CDP Executive Board
Fr: CDP Rules Committee
Dt: Friday, July 16, 2010
Re: CDP Rules Committee Report

- I. Roll was taken and with 18 members, a quorum was present.
- II. The tentative agenda was reviewed and M/S/P to adopt the agenda as presented.
- III. The Rules Committee reviewed the By-Laws pending before the Executive Board. A deficiency with the language regarding the timing of the election to fill an RD vacancy was noted. The Rules Committee M/S/P to request the Executive Board append to the end of the pending Article III, section b.(2) the following additional language:
“(2) Subject to the above notice requirement, this meeting shall occur at either the next regional meeting which is scheduled to be held prior to the next meeting of This Committee or its Executive Board, or at the annual Convention of This Committee, whichever occurs first. Upon written request from a member of This Committee resident in the affected region, the Chair may consider and allow an alternative date to hasten the filling of the vacancy, provided the above notice requirement is adhered to.”
With such additional language, the Rules Committee recommends adoption of the pending By-Laws before the body.
- IV. To date, all caucuses except three have been recertified for the current term. Those three, the Disabilities, Labor and LGBT caucuses have been proceeding in good faith, and M/S/P to provisionally recertify those three caucuses to the next Executive Board meeting.
- V. The Rules subcommittee on Caucus Definition and Standards for Continued Certification’s report was discussed. M/S/P to accept and refer this report to a second subcommittee to explore and develop an alternate proposal using the original report as a base, and report back to the November Rules Committee meeting. Subcommittee will be comprised of Zakson (Chair), Burnstein, Hotchkiss, Khopkar, Ko and Sutton.
- VI. Staff gave highlights of known issues that occurred with the recent Endorsement process. These issues included verification of club rosters, timing of receipt of rosters as well as the fact that the fees to seek endorsement have not changed since first being incorporated into the By-Laws in the last 1980’s.
- VII. A presentation on the impact of the passage of Prop 14 was made to the Committee. Minimally, Prop 14 directly affects the Article II – Membership as well as Article VIII – Endorsements. It was noted that some of the effects come from separate enacting language passed by the legislature, and may be able to be corrected with legislative fixes that are being considered.
- VIII. A referral from the Platform Committee was discussed regarding amending the By-Laws to require candidates seeking endorsement to affirm that they have read the current CDP Platform. The author of the language made a presentation and answered questions. M/S/P to form a subcommittee to comprehensively deal with items VI, VII and VIII as they all impact the endorsement language. Subcommittee will be King (Chair), Zakson, Bowler, Salazar, Burnstein, Huffman and Beland.
- IX. To provide clearer language on the requirements for voting at meeting of This Committee, M/S/P to amend Article IV (Meetings), Section 7 to insert a new "b" to read as follows and re-letter succeeding sections accordingly:
“b. In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at any meeting of This Committee, a member must have timely:
 - 1) paid their dues to This Committee, or had them waived,
 - 2) registered for the meeting, if registration was required,
 - 3) obtained their credential prior to the closing of credentialing, if credentials were issued for the meeting, and,
 - 4) completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued.”
- X. The subcommittee on Receipt of ADEM materials made their report with three recommendations. The first two are recommendations to staff, specifically posting on the Party website the status of receipt of the materials from the convener and enabling the pre-registration of ADEM attendees via the web, with the ability to pre-pay the \$5 registration fee – M/S/P to adopt. A third recommendation is regarding the withholding of credential until such time the material have been returned. M/S/P to amend Article VI, Assembly District and Assembly District Election Meetings, section 1, subsection j., as follows:
“(1) Upon the conclusion of the election conducted pursuant to the previous paragraph, t The Convener shall immediately transmit by telephone, fax or e-mail to the Chair of This Committee (or his or her designee) the names and titles of those elected pursuant to the previous paragraph.
2) Within 72 hours of the conclusion of the election conducted pursuant to the previous paragraph, the Convener shall transmit to the Chair of this Committee various materials as detailed in the procedures governing the conduct of the Election Meeting, including but not limited to the sign in sheet listing the participants in the Election Meeting, the election results, the ballots, a copy of the list of the persons expressing willingness to assume district-level or other responsibilities and of the responsibility each person is agreed to assume, and whatever dues are collected at the Election Meeting.
3) Failure by the Convener to return the materials referred to in the previous paragraph shall result in the withholding of that Convener’s credential to, or ability to register for, any meeting of this Committee and its Executive Board for the remainder of the term, until such time as the Chair of This Committee certifies that the materials have been returned as required or upon the Chair’s finding of good cause, waives same.”
- XI. M/S/P to adjourn