



Jefferson County Democrats

Biennial Reorganization Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020 at 10 am on Zoom (link & rules coming later)

It's time for JCD to elect new leaders for 2-year terms!

This Biennial Reorganization Meeting will be much like those in the past, but since we can't meet in person it will take place virtually. To make voting electronically work we need to make some changes guided by the Washington State Democratic Party. *We want to encourage everyone who wishes to participate.* The Agenda will be limited to the election of six officers and six District Representatives. Creating online ballots is somewhat complicated, so we wanted to let you know as soon as possible that **due to the online format we will NOT be taking nominations from the floor for this meeting. Instead:**

**Nominations must be submitted by Monday, December 7 via email to:
info@jeffcodemocrats.com**

Who can nominate, and who can be nominated for the positions shown in the chart below?

- Any JCD member residing in Jefferson County is eligible to hold any JCD office.
- Any JCD member may nominate candidates for any JCD office.
- Members may nominate themselves.

Definition of JCD Members

1. General members supporting the purpose of the JCD, who have paid membership dues within the previous 12 months and who reside in Jefferson County. (**Dues paying members must RENEW or JOIN no later than Friday, Dec. 11 in order to vote in this meeting. This gives us time to organize the individual online ballots for the meeting on Sunday, Dec. 13.**)
2. Elected, appointed or acting PCOs.
3. Elected Democratic officials representing Jefferson County at the county and state legislative levels.

OPEN POSITIONS	WHO GETS TO VOTE?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair and Vice-Chair (of different genders*) • 2 - State Committee Representatives (of different genders) 	Elected 2020-2022 PCOs who are present. Proxies are not allowed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary • Treasurer 	All current JCD members who are present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - District 1 Representatives (of different genders) 	All current JCD members residing in District 1 who are present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - District 2 Representatives (of different genders) 	All current JCD members residing in District 2 who are present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - District 3 Representatives (of different genders) 	All current JCD members residing in District 3 who are present

***Definition of Genders:** Male, Female or Non-binary

**To nominate someone for any of the offices, email the following to
info@jeffcodemocrats.com by Dec. 7:**

- The nominee's **FULL NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL AND GENDER** (which must be the same for all positions for which they are candidates).
- If possible, include a list of ALL positions for which the person wishes to be considered.

If someone is willing to serve in different positions, we recommend they submit their name for nomination for any and all positions in which they are willing to serve. In this way their name will be on the ballot and considered. For example, if they were considered for but not elected Secretary, they could still be considered for District Representative. **This is an important point since we will NOT be taking nominations from the floor for this meeting.** If a person is elected to a position, they can simply decline the other nominations as the meeting proceeds.

Nominees may submit a picture and a 300-word statement to be placed on the JCD website. Email the statement and photo to info@jeffcodemocrats.com.

Minimum technology for this meeting:

- Ability to enter a Zoom meeting (on a computer, tablet or by phone).
- Ability to receive individual ballots through email during the meeting. These will be handled as privately as possible.

JCD members will need to participate in the online meeting and be ready to respond with their votes on a ballot that will be emailed to them during a specific time period for each position. Members will need to pay attention to the voting as the meeting proceeds.

More information on the pre-registration process coming soon!

Meeting pre-registration will be open from December 1 through December 11. Register early in December if you are not sure about your membership status so that we can advise you whether you need to renew by December 11 in order to vote.

***In the meantime, please don't hesitate to submit your nominations to
info@jeffcodemocrats.com by Monday, Dec. 7!***

FOR REFERENCE

The entire JCD Bylaws document can be accessed at the following link:

<https://jeffcodemocrats.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/JCD-Bylaws-with-Article-21-April-6-2020.pdf>

There are three sections of the Bylaws that have particular relevance to this meeting:

ARTICLE VIII: JCD Officers –Duties, ARTICLE XIV: Biennial Reorganization Meeting and Article XXI, Emergency Meetings

We are sharing ARTICLE XIV below with two phrases in red text, highlighting the primary areas in which this meeting will be altered due to our inability to meet in person. *We will not be taking nominations from the floor or using paper ballots for this meeting.*

ARTICLE XIV: Biennial Reorganization Meeting

A. The Biennial Reorganization Meeting of the JCD shall be held no later than December 20, following even-numbered year elections, to elect officers to serve for the subsequent two years, to amend bylaws governing the JCD, and to transact such other business that may come before the body.

B. Any JCD member may nominate candidates for any officer positions either by contacting the Operations Committee **or from the floor.**

C. Prior to the meeting, the outgoing Chair shall appoint a Recording Secretary for this meeting.

D. The meeting shall be chaired by the outgoing Chair until a new Chair is elected, which election shall be the first order of business.

E. The Chair, Vice-Chair, and two State Committee Representatives shall be elected **by paper ballot** of the PCOs elected at the immediately preceding even-year elections who are present and voting. A quorum of 25%, but not fewer than six, of the newly elected PCOs is required for this election.

F. The Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a vote of all current JCD members present and voting.

G. Commissioner District Representatives shall be elected by District Caucuses, to be held during the Biennial Reorganization Meeting. Each District Caucus shall consist of all paid-up JCD members who reside in that district and who are present and voting.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are also in the process of developing the rules for this meeting and will get a draft out to the Executive Board soon for review.

All are welcome to attend and give input at that meeting, which will be announced soon.

In the meantime, you can help things move forward by submitting your nominations to info@jeffcodemocrats.com by Dec. 7!

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