

LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE – CONSTITUTION

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07/28/82, 03/24/99, 03/26/08, 02/27/13, 01/25/2017)

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization is the Linn County Democratic Central Committee.

ARTICLE II

The objects, aims and purposes of this organization shall be the betterment of government and the promotion of such governmental activities as shall protect the inherent rights of our fellow man. To this end, this committee shall have those duties, responsibilities, and powers as provided by the statutes of Iowa and others which are consistent therewith and with the stated objects, aims and purposes of this organization.

ARTICLE III

All Linn County Democratic Committeepersons, duly elected pursuant to the Statutes of Iowa, shall be voting members of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Recognizing citizens of our county who contribute to and desire involvement in the political process, and further recognizing the Democratic Party of Linn County desires to give our citizens expanded forum to represent their ideas, it is hereby established by this Constitution that each precinct may have associate members in addition to two committeepersons and two Alternate Committeepersons. From here out in this document these positions will be referred to as Committeeperson, Alternate, and Associate.

Alternates shall be elected in the same manner as Committeepersons. The date of election of each Alternate shall be recorded. The Alternate elected on the earliest date shall be seated first. If both Alternates were elected on the same date they shall draw straws.

Any Alternate shall have reached the age of 18, will have all the rights and privileges of any Associate listed below, plus the right to vote when formally seated in the absence of one of their precinct's Committeepersons.

Any Associate Committeeperson shall have reached the age of 15, will have all rights and privileges of the precinct committeepersons, except the right to vote at Central Committee meetings.

The rights of said Associate shall include but not be limited to:

- A. The right to participate in all debates of the Central Committee;
- B. The right to make motions for consideration by the Central Committee;
- C. The right to be named to and fully participate in committees created by the Central Committee and/or its Chairperson.

ARTICLE V

The officers of this organization shall consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson, second vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer and financial secretary. These officers need not be precinct committeepersons. These officers shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Board of the Central Committee.

The Executive Board shall include Ex-Officio members to insure representation from other Democratic organizations throughout the county. Ex-officio members may be designated by the Board or elected by two-thirds affirmative vote of the Central Committee as a whole.

The Linn County Democratic Central Committee will meet and organize at a biennial organizational meeting, which will be held within the month of March in odd-number years. The exact date will be set by the Chairperson with the approval of the Central Committee. Notice of this meeting will be provided to Central Committee members no later than 20 days before the meeting in the appropriate method specified by the By-Laws.

The first order of business of the meeting will be election of a Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian will be a member of the Central Committee who is not currently seeking any position on the Executive Board; will be elected by simple majority vote of the Central Committee; and will serve as temporary chairman until a permanent chairman is elected by the body.

The second order of business will be the adoption of rules governing the election of officers, following which will be the election of officers by majority vote. Officers shall take office immediately upon election.

The third order of business will be appointment by the chairperson of one or more chairpersons to each of the standing committees, as provided in the Linn County Democratic Central Committee By-Laws, Article IV.

The term of office for each Officer and Standing Committee Chairperson elected under this article will begin immediately upon election by the Linn County Democratic Central Committee, and will continue until the next biennial organization meeting of the Central Committee, and until the successor is elected and qualified; unless he or she is sooner removed by the Central Committee by procedures outlined in the Linn County Democratic Central Committee By-Laws, Article II.

The Linn County Affirmative Action Chairperson will be elected by majority vote of the Delegates present and voting at the Linn County Convention.

The County Convention Platform Chairperson or Chairpersons will serve as chairperson(s) of the Platform Standing Committee of the Linn County Democratic Central Committee.

ARTICLE VI

The bi-annual meeting of this organization shall be held as provided for by the Statutes of Iowa. Other meetings shall be held as provided for by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Central Committee provided at least ten (10) days written notice has been given to all members of the Committee prior to said meeting, said written notice setting out the exact wording of the proposed amendment.

Amendments to the circulated wording which entail a substantive change will be out of order, others must pass by two-third vote of those present and voting.