

EASTERN WASHTENAW DEMOCRATIC CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

This organization shall be known as the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club. Its membership shall consist of residents of Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, Barton Hills Village, Milan City, Pittsfield Township, Superior Township, York Township, Ypsilanti City, Ypsilanti Township all of whom must also be members of the Michigan Democratic Party.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purposes of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club are to:

1. Advocate for the interests, equitable access to resources and opportunities, and political representation of the residents of eastern Washtenaw County
2. Coordinate programming, resources, and activities with other Democratic Party organizations in Washtenaw County as well as with the Michigan Democratic Party
3. Support the work of and work to elect Democrats that will promote the interests of eastern Washtenaw County

Section 2. The Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club shall be a non-profit organization and upon its dissolution, all assets and real and personal property of the Club and its committees shall revert to the benefit of the Michigan Democratic Party or to a charitable organization. No part of the income or assets of the Club shall inure to any of its members except for the reimbursement of actual expenses, reasonable compensation for services if the Club approves, or a contribution for electing a member to public office if the Club so approves.

ARTICLE III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Section 1. All public meetings of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club shall be open to attendance by all members of the Democratic Party regardless of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, physical appearance or disability.

Section 2. No tests for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club shall be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current member of the Club

to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, physical appearance or disability.

Section 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club on all levels shall be publicized fully and in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Club members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.

Section 4. The Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club shall support the broadest possible participation without discrimination on grounds of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, physical appearance or disability.

Section 5. The Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club officers and representatives. Publication of those procedures shall be done in such a fashion that all prospective and current members of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedure in time to participate in each selection procedure of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club.

Section 6. The Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications for all officers and representatives of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club. Such publication shall be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

Section 7. Proportional voting shall be used in the election of Officers and Executive Committee of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club.

Section 8. All rules and bylaws of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club at all levels shall be consistent with the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party and shall be available on request in writing to any member of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club.

Section 9. The unit rule is prohibited in the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club.

Section 10. No rule shall be adopted by the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club which would require a person to cast a vote or be recorded as voting contrary to that person's judgment.

Section 11. On all questions of procedure not resolved by the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party or these Bylaws, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used.

Section 12. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any meeting of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club at any level.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Officers shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson of the opposite sex of the Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall have 2 year terms and be elected at a January club meeting in odd numbered years. Vacancies among the Officers shall be filled by appointment by the Chairperson.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and five (5) elected members. Executive Committee members shall consist of the chairpersons of the Standing Committees. The elected members shall serve 2 year terms and be elected at a January club meeting in odd numbered years. Vacancies among the elected members of the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Chairperson.

Section 3. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and have such other duties as are usual to the office of Chairperson, or that may be required by this organization. The Chairperson shall, in addition to the Treasurer, be listed as the "authorized signer" on any and all accounts at financial institutions, such as banks or credit unions, associated with this organization.

Section 4. The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the opposite sex from the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the discharge of his/her duties, and shall temporarily assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

Section 5. The Secretary of this organization shall keep an accurate record and minutes of the proceedings of all meetings. He/She shall

keep and preserve all the books, documents, correspondence, records, minutes, effects, and any other property of this organization, and when a new secretary is elected the past secretary shall forthwith deliver to the newly elected secretary all the aforesaid items kept and preserved during his/her tenure of office. He/She shall see that proper notification is given of all meetings.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial receipts and disbursements of this organization subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The funds of this organization shall be deposited in banks or credit unions and shall be drawn upon only by checks signed by the Chairperson and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall make financial reports to the Executive Committee and Club. When a new Treasurer is elected, the past Treasurer shall forthwith deliver to the new Treasurer the funds and all the books and records kept during his/her tenure in office. The Treasurer shall, in addition to the Chairperson, be listed as the "authorized signer" on any and all accounts at financial institutions, such as banks or credit unions, associated with this organization.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. At least once per quarter there shall be a full membership meeting of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club where the Officers and Executive Committee shall report on Club activities. At least five (5) days' notice shall be given of the date, place and time of the meeting. Notice may be given by mail, telegram, fax or email.

Section 2. The regular meetings of the Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club Executive Committee shall be on the date and at the location and time set forth in the meeting notice. At least five (5) days notice shall be given of the date, time and place of the meeting. Notice may be given by mail, telegram, fax or email. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Committee or full membership may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee or full membership, respectively. At least five (5) days notice shall be given of the date, place, time and purpose of the special meeting. Notice may be given by mail, telegram, fax or email.

Section 4. Subject to the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party and these Bylaws, all meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition).

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committee chairpersons shall be elected by a majority of the general membership at a January club meeting in odd numbered years and shall serve 2 year terms. Vacancies among the elected members of the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Chairperson.

Section 2. Standing Committees shall include the following:

1. Membership
2. Communications
3. Programs
4. Fundraising
5. Precinct Organizing

These committees shall include the appropriate subcommittees. The Chairperson of the Club shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

ARTICLE VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

At meetings the business of the organization shall proceed in the following order:

1. Roll call of officers
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Reports of officers
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Treasurer (financial report)
 - d. Secretary (correspondence)
4. Reports of committees
5. Unfinished business
6. Postponed business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Proposals for changes or amendments to these bylaws shall first be referred to the Officers which shall report its recommendations to the next regular Club meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club present at a meeting, provided that written notice setting forth the proposed amendment has been given to all Club members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. These bylaws shall be in full force and effect upon their adoption and shall supersede all bylaws, rules, motions and policies of a contrary nature with the exception the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Section 4. The Eastern Washtenaw Democratic Club will not endorse any candidate in a contested Democratic primary, though individual members may freely associate with any campaigns of their choosing.