

MENOMINEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY BYLAWS
(Dated March 7, 2013)
(Revised 12/01/18)

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Menominee County Democratic Party (MCDP). It shall consist of the County Executive Committee, the County Committee, and all the members of the Michigan Democratic Party and all the duly elected precinct delegates residing in Menominee County, (See Article IV for voting rules.)

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the MCDP is to promote the philosophy of the Democratic Party and to elect Democratic candidates who support this philosophy; and further, to unite and to aid in the activities of all Party members, precinct delegates, committees, officeholders, candidates and all other Democrats working to promote wide and active participation in the Democratic Party.

The MCDP shall be a non-profit organization and upon its dissolution, all assets and real and personal property of the Party and its committees shall revert to the Michigan Democratic Party. No part of the income or assets of the Party shall be used to benefit any of its members except for the reimbursement of actual expenses, reasonable compensation for services or contributions for electing members to office, as approved by the party.

ARTICLE III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Section 1: All public meetings of the MCDP shall be open to all members of the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) and shall support the broadest possible participation, with no test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the MCDP. MCDP members will not submit to, promote or condone discrimination regardless of actual or perceived race, color, creed, gender, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, physical appearance of disability.

Section 2: The time and place for all public meetings of the MCDP shall be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in handicap accessible places and be large enough to accommodate all interested persons.

Section 3: The MCDP shall be in compliance of the procedures for selection of MCDP officers and representatives.

Section 4: The qualifications for MCDP officers and representatives shall include membership in the Menominee County Democratic Party and Michigan Democratic Party for 30 days and be a current registered voter in Menominee County. The MCDP 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 MCDP. Such publication shall be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position with the MCDP will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

place of the meeting. Notice may be communicated verbally or in writing. The executive Committee shall operate in accordance to the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Section 3: Vacancies during the term of office will be filled by a majority vote of the County Committee membership. Any position filled will be for the duration of the term. A vacancy shall be filled with a member of the same classification as the person who vacated the position.

Section 4: Officer of the MCDP shall be elected at the County Convention consistent with Michigan Democratic Party rules and these bylaws. Eligible voters and officers must be a declared member of the County Party at least 30 days before the Convention. The offices of Chairperson and Vice – Chairperson are to be of the opposite gender, when possible. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, Communications Chair and the 2nd Vice Chair shall serve as officers of both the Executive committee and County Board of Officers.

Section 5: Election of the County Executive Committee and officers shall take place at conventions held at the time indicated in the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Section 6: The Chairperson shall preside at all County Committee and County meetings, and have such other duties as are usual to the office of County Chairperson, or that may be required by this organization. Duties will also include those of the Membership Chair when this position is vacant.

Section 7: The Vice-Chairperson Shall be a member of the opposite gender from the Chairperson, when possible. 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. Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Membership Chair when position is vacant.

Section 8: The Secretary of the MCDP shall keep the record and minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and County 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. Secretary shall also assume the duties of Communications Chair when position is vacant.

Section 9: The treasurer shall be responsible for the financial receipts and disbursements of this organization subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and/or county Officers. The funds of this organization shall be deposited in banks. All checking accounts shall be consistent with Michigan Democratic Party rules and any laws pertaining to Campaign finance. The Treasurer shall make financial reports to all county Committee and County meetings. 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. Treasurer shall assume duties of Membership Chair when position is vacant.

Section 10: The Communications Chair shall see that proper notification is given for the Executive Committee and County Committee of their meetings and that publication of such notice be sent in the form of a press release to area publications. He/She shall also send press releases informing the public of events and activities of the MCDP. In the absence of a Communications Chair, these duties shall fall to the Secretary.

- c. Treasurer (financial report)
- d. Secretary (correspondence)
- 7. Reports of Committees
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Adjournment

ARTICLE IX. AMEMDMENTS OR REVISIONS

Section 1: Proposals for changes or amendments to these bylaws shall first be referred to a Rules and Bylaws committee which shall report its recommendations to the next regular county meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the MCDP present at a meeting provide that written notice setting forth the proposed amendment has been available to all County Party members at least two 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.

Effective Date: 12/1/18

Signed by: Mario S. Dejeu Date: 12-1-18

(This document supersedes and replaces any MCDP Bylaws)