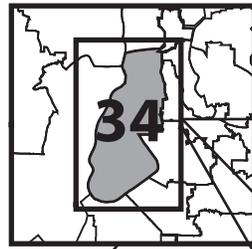


County

Official members at the county level are elected into their positions from the legislative level. See the King County Democrats website for more information at, <http://www.kcdems.com>



Precinct

Anyone interested in becoming a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) can get more information on the web site at <http://www.34dems.com> or, ask a 34th district board member.

Legislative

For individuals who want to get involved in politics, the legislative district level is the most accessible and "grassroots" level for participation. For more information see the district website at, <http://www.34dems.com>

Congressional

There is no organization at the Congressional District level. You may become active at the Legislative level. See the district website at, <http://www.34dems.com>

State

Official members at the State level of the organization are voted to their positions by PCO's at the legislative and county level. For more information on the state organization see the website at, <http://www.wa-democrats.com>

National

Official members at the National level are voted into a four year term of office at the state level. The National Democratic Part website can be found at, <http://www.democrats.org>

Democratic Party Organization

...How to Get Involved



Structure of the Democratic Party

The Precinct

The Democratic Party is organized first at the precinct level. In Washington, those voting precincts average between 300 and 600 registered voters, sometimes more.

The responsible Party official is the Precinct Committee Officer.

County Organizations

The County Central Committee made up of all PCOs in the county and county elected officers. In the more populated counties, the County organization's regular business is conducted by an executive board made up of elected officers and representatives of the Legislative District organizations contained within it.

Most County Central Committees meet on a quarterly basis. The executive board generally meets monthly. One of the most important functions of the county organization is to fill vacancies on the party ticket as outlined in the section "Your Role as a Member of the County Central Committee."

What do they do? The County Organization is primarily responsible for recruiting, training, helping to finance, and delivering volunteers for campaigns for County offices. Many also assist in organizing their district for federal, state and local office.

Washington State Democratic Central Committee

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee is the statewide umbrella organization for the Democratic Party. One male and one female State Committee Member are elected by the PCOs from each County and Legislative District at the reorganization meeting. The State Central Committee is presided over by a chairperson and other officers elected by those representatives.

What do they do? In addition to setting the tone for the Party for the state, the WSDCC assists county and district party organizations in recruiting, training and financing campaigns for state legislative and county office. The State Party takes the lead on recruiting and assisting Democratic candidates for federal and statewide office.

Legislative District Organizations

Each Legislative District is composed of many precincts and has an organization composed of elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers. Some Legislative Districts have created associate (dues paying) members with voting privileges. Associate member's voting privileges are limited to the legislative district level, and do not extend to the county level.

Only elected PCO's elect Legislative District officers, representatives to the County Central Committee Executive Board, and to the State Central Committee, though all PCOs elected or appointed vote upon any subsequent vacancies in Party office that occur before the next reorganization.

Most district meetings are held monthly. These meetings are scheduled for the purpose of sharing information about District, County and State Democratic Party matters, as well as current issues and candidates. Calls to such meetings are dictated by the bylaws of the organization, but often come in a monthly newsletter published by the Party organization.

What do they do? The Legislative District Organization is primarily responsible for recruiting, training, helping to finance, and delivering volunteers for campaigns for the State House and State Senate. Many also assist in organizing their district for federal, state, county and local office.

Democratic National Committee

At the national level is the Democratic National Committee. The DNC is composed of members (National Committee people) elected from each of the states. The DNC is presided over by a chairperson and other officers elected by its members. Four National Committee People (two men and two women) from Washington are elected in Presidential election years by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee to serve four-year terms. The State Party Chair and vice chair are also members of the DNC.

What do they do? The DNC is the leader in setting the Democratic agenda for the nation and supporting the President when he/she is a Democrat, and leading the opposition when Republicans control the White House.