

STRUCTURE OF THE DFL

PRECINCTS

CAUCUSES Where it all begins!! Elect Precinct Chair, Vice Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair. Vote for Presidential Preference. Select platform resolutions for approval by Senate District convention. Elect delegates/alternates to Senate District Convention. Elect two gender balanced delegates or alternates from each precinct for each committee (meet 12pm, March 11) needed to prepare for the Senate District convention: Rules, Nominations, Credentials, Constitution, Resolutions, and Arrangements. Convene every two years; in 2006: March 7.

SENATE DISTRICTS/COUNTY UNITS

CONVENTION Comprised of delegates from precincts. Approves constitution for the Senate District. Elects Senate District officers. Endorses candidates for State House and Senate. Elects delegates to congressional district and state conventions (same people for each convention). From among those delegates/alternates, elects gender balanced members to committees to prepare for CD convention: Rules, Nominations, Credentials, Constitution, Endorsements, Resolutions, and possibly Arrangements. Elects delegates/alternates to the congressional district and state Central Committees (same people for each central committee). Selects resolutions from caucuses and sends them to State Platform Commission. Usually convened every 2 years; in 2006, between caucus night and mid-April.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE Governs the Senate District between conventions. Comprised of precinct officers and Senate District officers. Fills officer vacancies. Usually meets monthly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Governs the Senate District between Central Committee meetings. Comprised of the Senate District officers: Chair, Associate Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Affirmative Action Officer, 12 Directors (like the Directors on a Board of Directors). Meets monthly if Central Committee meets less often.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

CONVENTION Comprised of delegates from Senate Districts. Approves a CD constitution. Elects CD officers: Chair, Associate Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Affirmative Action Officer, and 12 Directors. Endorses candidates for Congress. Elects 5-8 delegates and 1 alternate to national convention in 2004. Elects a man & woman (and an alternate of each) to state party commissions: Platform, Constitution, and Affirmative Action. Elects a man and woman (and an alternate of each) to committees to prepare for state convention: Rules, Nominations, and Credentials. In Presidential years, elects one presidential elector to the Electoral College. Usually convened every 2 years

CENTRAL COMMITTEE Governs the district between conventions. Comprised of central committee delegates from Senate Districts within the district. Fills officer vacancies. Usually meets monthly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Governs the district between Central Committee meetings. Comprised of Chair, Associate Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Affirmative Action Officer, 12 Directors. Usually meets monthly if Central Committee meets less often.

STATE

CONVENTION Highest governing body of the MN DFL. Comprised of delegates elected at Senate District and CD conventions. Endorses candidates for statewide office. Elects state directors. Elects representatives to the Democratic National Committee. Approves resolutions from State Platform Commission for inclusion in state party platform. Convened every 2 years; in 2006, on June 9-11 in Rochester.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE Governs the party between conventions. In odd-numbered years elects the state Chair, Associate Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Affirmative Action Officer. Fills officer vacancies. Comprised of chair and associate chair from each Senate District and 1-6 additional delegates from each Senate District. Usually meets 3 - 4 times/year throughout state.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Governs the party between Central Committee meetings. Similar makeup as Senate District and CD executive committees, except also includes the Chair and Associate Chair of each CD. Usually meets every two months.