

SECTION IX

SUMMARY OF PLAN

A. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Washington State will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Caucus apportioning its delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Washington State’s delegate selection process will occur on Saturday, February 9, 2008, with a precinct caucus.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates and Alternates	51	9	Saturday, May 17, 2008	Selected at the CD caucus
				<i>Statement of candidacy to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, May 2, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.</i>
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (*)	17	NONE	NONE	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.
Unpledged Add-on Delegates (**)	2	NONE	Sunday, June 15, 2008	Election Committee
				<i>Unpledged add-on delegates will be proposed by the State Democratic Chair. The State Democratic Chair shall provide a list of his nominees no later than Sunday, June 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.</i>
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	10	(***)	Sunday, June 15, 2008	Election Committee.
				<i>Statement of candidacy to the State Democratic Chair by Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.</i>
At-Large Delegates and Alternates	17	4	Sunday, June 15, 2008	Election Committee.
				<i>Statement of candidacy to the State Democratic Chair by Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.</i>
Total Delegates and Alternates	97	13		

- * Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.
- ** Unpledged Add-on delegates refers to those delegates chosen according to Rule 9.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*.
- *** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates. [Applicable to most states.]

B. SELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (FOR THE CREDENTIALS, PLATFORM AND RULES COMMITTEES)

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
3	9	Sunday June 15, 2008	Presidential candidates must file standing committee member names by June 10, 2008. Candidates must be resident, registered voters in the State of Washington.

C. SELECTION OF DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

D. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

1 E. TIMETABLE (REG. 2.2.B.)

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Date	Activity
2007	
Saturday, January 27 th	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Democratic Chair. (VII.A.2.a)
Monday, February 19 th Saturday, March 3 rd Sunday, March 4 th	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
Friday, March 16 th	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are <i>tentatively approved</i> for public comment by State Party Committee.
Friday, March 23 rd	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
Sunday, April 22 nd	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
Saturday, April 28 th	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
Tuesday, May 1 st	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
Friday, September 14 th	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media. (VII.A.3) (VII.C.4)
Friday, November 9 th	Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts. (VII.B.4)

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Date	Activity
2008	
Wednesday, January 9 th	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party. (II.B)
Friday, February 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Washington State’s delegate selection process (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.) (VII.E.2) ○ “Surrogate Affidavit” forms must be received no later than 5:00 PM. (VII.A.1.d)
Friday, February 8 th	Original form of “Surrogate Affidavit” forms must be presented to the Legislative District Chair or Precinct Committee Officer of the Precinct no later than 5:00 p.m. in order for consideration at the Precinct Caucuses (VII.A.1.d)
Saturday, February 9th	Precinct Caucuses 1:00 p.m. (III.A.2.a)
Wednesday, March 5 th	District Level Delegate and Alternate Statement of Candidacy forms available from the State Party office. (III.A.4.b)
Saturday, April 5th	Legislative District Caucuses 10:00 a.m. (III.A.2.c)
Saturday, April 19th	County Conventions 9:00 a.m. (III.A.2.b)
Friday, May 2 nd	District Level Delegate and Alternate Statement of Candidacy forms due at the State Party office by 5:00 p.m. (III.A.4.b)
Friday, May 9 th	State Party provides a list of candidates for District Level Delegate and Alternate to respective campaigns by 12:00 p.m. (III.A.5.a)
Thursday, May 15 th	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved candidates for District Level Delegate and Alternate to the State Party by 5:00 p.m. (III.A.5.b)
Saturday, May 17th	Congressional District Caucuses (The principal business of the Congressional District Caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention.) 10:00 a.m. (III.A.2.d)

Date	Activity
2008	
Tuesday, May 20 th	State Party certifies elected District Level Delegate and Alternate to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee. (III.A.8)
Tuesday, June 10 th	Pledged PLEO and At-Large Delegate or Alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party by 5:00 p.m. (III.C.2.b) (III.D.2.a)
Wednesday, June 11 th	State Party provides list of Pledged PLEO and At-Large Delegate or Alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates by 5:00 p.m. (III.C.3.a) (III.D.3.a)
Tuesday, June 12 th	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved candidates for Pledged PLEO Delegate candidates to State Party. (III.C.3.b)
Saturday, June 14th	State Convention in Spokane, Washington 9:00 a.m. (III.K.1)
Sunday, June 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The State Party Chair will nominate Unpledged add-on Delegate Candidates. ○ Unpledged add-on and pledged PLEO Delegates selected by the "Elections Committee". ○ Following selection of PLEO Delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of At-Large Delegate and Alternate candidates to State Party. ○ Elections Committee selects At-Large Delegates and Alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party. ○ National Convention delegation meeting. ○ Delegates select National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair. ○ State Democratic Chair names convention pages.
Wednesday, June 18 th	State Party certifies remainder of elected Delegates and Alternates (Unpledged add-on, PLEOs, and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.

Attachments to the Delegate Selection Plan

7. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.G.)



Your Letter of Intent to Stand for Election as National Convention Delegate or Alternate

Your letter must be received between **March 5, 2008 and May 2, 2008 at 5pm.** It should be sent by registered mail and addressed to:

**Dwight Pelz
RE: Letter of Intent
Washington State Democratic Party
P.O. Box 4027
Seattle, WA 98104-0027**

Dear Mr. Pelz,

I intend to be a candidate for National Convention Delegate or Alternate supporting _____ and with my signature below pledge my support for _____. I am submitting this letter pursuant to Section III; Rule A.4.b. of the Washington State Delegates Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City & Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Congressional District: _____
County: _____
Legislative District: _____
Precinct: _____

Sincerely yours,

_____ (your signature)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact
Jaxon Ravens at
(206) 583-0664 or
jaxon@wa-democrats.org

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11. **A copy of Caucus Surrogate Affidavit Form.** (DSAAP VII.A.1.d)



Caucus Surrogate Affidavit Form for Religious Observance, Military Service or Physical Disability

Part A:

Name:

E-mail:

Address:

Home Phone:

City/Zip:

Mobile Phone:

Congressional District:

County:

Legislative District:

Precinct:

I certify that I:

- Consider myself a Democrat, and that;
- My name and address are correctly listed above, and that;
- That I am a registered voter (or will be by November 4, 2008); and that;
- I am unable to attend the 2008 Washington State Democratic Precinct Caucus on Saturday, February 9, 2008 because of my need to participate in observance of my religion, I have responsibilities related to military service, or I have a physical disability that does not allow me to attend the Precinct Caucus and that;
- I am aware that proxies for any other purpose other than religious observance, military service or physical disability are strictly prohibited by *Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention*.

Please place my name onto the "Caucus Sign-in Sheet" with the word "Surrogate"* on the signature line, and count my vote for delegate allocation for:

Name of Presidential Candidate I am Supporting:

If this candidate does not meet the required threshold to receive delegates at the Caucus, please change preference to:

Name of Alternative Candidate:

Signature of Voter

Date

Part B: *(Check one)*

- Please consider this letter as my "Letter of Candidacy" for Delegate to the Legislative District Caucus and County Convention. I wish my name to be placed in nomination if my candidate or alternate candidate, listed above, is allocated delegates from the Caucus.
- I do not wish to be considered for Delegate to the Legislative District and County Convention.

Surrogate forms must be requested in writing to:

Dwight Pelz, Chair
RE: Surrogate Affidavit
Washington State Democratic Party
PO Box 4027
Seattle, WA 98104-0027

and must be received no later than **Friday, February 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.** Forms may also be acquired in person from State Party Headquarters at 615 - 2nd Ave. #580 in Seattle no later than Friday, February 1, 2008. An original copy of this form, no other facsimile, must be presented to the legislative district chair or precinct committee officer of the precinct no later than **Friday, February 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.** in order for consideration at the precinct caucus.