

**DPSFC RULES COMMITTEE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
SANTA FE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 28, 2018**

Background

The only county with a second vice chair position is the more populated and better financed Democratic Party of Bernalillo County. In terms of the number of votes produced in an election, however, Santa Fe County is on par with its larger counterparts, including Bernalillo County. In order to maintain and improve upon this standing, the Democratic Party of Santa Fe County has a far greater responsibility to fulfill with fewer volunteer and financial resources. The workload has increased in Santa Fe County and a second vice-chairperson position is needed to assist in meeting its responsibilities. The Rules Committee has been discussing the need for a second vice chair since the fall of 2017, and the culmination of its work to meet this need is represented in the proposed rule changes.

Summary

Two primary rule changes are proposed to:

Revise DPSFC Rule 5-4 to provide for the election and specify the duties of a Second Vice-Chairperson. (A reconciling change is proposed for DPSFC Rule 4-2 C. (3).)

Revise DPSFC Rule 5-8 (c) to provide for the election of a successor chairperson or vice-chairperson(s) and temporarily waive gender-balance requirements (should they occur) until the succeeding election. (A reconciling change is proposed for DPSFC Rule 5-1(c).)

Intent

The intent of the rule changes is to:

- Engage more party members in leadership roles.
- Strengthen the party foundation by creating an additional vice-chairpersons position.
- Increase productivity by spreading the workload among more party members in a predominantly volunteer organization.

Rule 4-2. County Central Committee Members

DPSFC Rule 4-2 is hereby amended as follows:

4-2. County Central Committee

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C. Members. The County Central Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. ward coordinators
 2. additional committeepersons, as apportioned to the precincts on the basis of the average of votes cast in each precinct for the Democratic candidate in the most recent presidential and gubernatorial elections. The apportionment for DPSFC shall be one committeeperson for each 100 votes.
 3. County Chairperson, ~~and First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson.~~
 4. the following:
 - (a) other County Party officers.
 - (b) state legislators who reside within the county.
 - (c) county commissioners.
 - (d) two members selected by and from the New Mexico Young Democrats, should such an organization exist in the county.
 - (e) two members selected by and from the membership of the Democratic Women of Santa Fe County.
- Membership on the Committee is not subject to the requirement of equal division of men and women (Appendix A).

Rule 5-1, 5-4 and 5-8. County Officers

RULE 5. COUNTY OFFICERS

DPSFC Rule 5-1 is hereby amended as follows:

5-1. Election of County Officers. The County Chairperson shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee pursuant to the call issued by the State Chairperson for the selection of county officers and State Central Committee members. Publication of notice shall be according to Rule 2-4. E. Officers in order of rank are:

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) a First Vice-Chairperson of the sex opposite that of the Chairperson
- (c) a Second Vice-Chairperson of the sex opposite that of the First Vice-Chairperson
- (ed) Secretary
- (~~e~~) Treasurer

The County Central Committee shall elect the Chairperson, ~~and First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson~~. The Chairperson shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer. None of the officers need be members of the County Central Committee prior to being selected. The officers shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected or appointed. All voting for officers shall be conducted by non-secret ballot according to DPNM Rule 19-6.B.

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DPSFC Rule 5-4 is hereby amended as follows:

5-4. Vice-Chairperson(s) - Powers and Duties.

The First Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties assigned by the Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

The Second Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties assigned by the Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the First Vice-Chairperson in his/her absence.

The First-Vice Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairpersons shall be members of the Democratic Party of Santa Fe's Executive Committee with voting privileges.

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DPSFC Rule 5-8 is hereby amended as follows

5-8. Vacancies in County Offices and State Central Committee

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C. If a vacancy exists in the office of County Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson or Second Vice-Chairperson, the highest-ranking county officer shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within sixty (60) days to fill the vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled by election and not by automatic succession.

1. In the event the election of the new Chairperson results in a gender imbalance, the gender balance requirements of Rule 5-1 will be waived to allow the newly elected Chair or the incumbent First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson to serve the remainder of the unexpired terms.

2. In the event a vacancy in the position of the First Vice-Chairperson or the Second Vice-Chair results in a gender imbalance, the gender-balance requirements of Rule 5-1 will be waived for the remainder of the incumbent's unexpired term.

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Original Language (from Nicoletta)	PROPOSED Edited Language
<p>RECONCILING CHANGE</p> <p>Rule 4-2</p>	<p><i>DPSFC Rule 4-2 is hereby amended as follows:</i></p> <p>4-2. County Central Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>C. Members. The County Central Committee shall be composed of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ward coordinators 2. additional committeepersons, as apportioned to the precincts on the basis of the average of votes cast in each precinct for the Democratic candidate in the most recent presidential and gubernatorial elections. The apportionment for DPSFC shall be one committeeperson for each 100 votes. 3. County Chairperson, and First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson. 4. the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) other County Party officers. (b) state legislators who reside within the county. (c) county commissioners. (d) two members selected by and from the New Mexico Young Democrats, should such an organization exist in the county. (e) two members selected by and from the membership of the Democratic Women of Santa Fe County. <p>Membership on the Committee is not subject to the requirement of equal division of men and women (Appendix A).</p>

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<p>5-4 Vice-Person(s) Power and Duties</p> <p>The First Vice-Chairperson shall perform duties assigned by the Chairperson and duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.</p> <p>The Second Vice-Chairperson shall perform duties assigned by the Chairperson and the duties of the First Vice-Chairperson in his/her absence.</p> <p>The First-Vice Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson shall be members of the Santa Fe County Democratic Party Executive Committee with voting privileges.</p>	<p><i>DPSFC Rule 5-4 is hereby amended as follows:</i></p> <p>5-4. Vice-Chairperson(s) - Powers and Duties. The <u>First</u> Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties assigned by the Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.</p> <p>The <u>Second</u> Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties assigned by the Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the <u>First Vice-Chairperson</u> in his/her absence.</p> <p><u>The First-Vice Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairpersons shall be members of the Democratic Party of Santa Fe’s Executive Committee with voting privileges.</u></p>

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<p>5-8 (C) If a vacant exists in the offices of the County Chairperson or Vice Chairperson(s) the highest ranking officer shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within sixty days to fill the vacancy, which shall be filled only by election rather than automatic succession.</p> <p>1. In the case of a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, if the newly elected Chairperson is of the opposite gender of the outgoing Chairperson, the gender balance requirements of Rule 5-1 will be waived to allow both the newly elected Chairperson and the incumbent First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.</p> <p>2. In the case of a vacancy in the position of First Vice-Chairperson or Second Vice-Chairperson, the gender balance requirements of Rule 5-1 will be waived for the remainder of the unexpired term.</p>	<p>5-8. Vacancies in County Offices and State Central Committee C. If a vacancy exists in the office of County Chairperson, <u>First Vice-Chairperson</u> or <u>Second Vice-Chairperson</u>, the highest-ranking county officer shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within sixty (60) days to fill the vacancy. <u>The vacancy shall be filled by election and not by automatic succession.</u></p> <p><u>1. In the event the election of a new Chairperson results in a gender imbalance, the gender balance requirements of Rule 5-1 will be waived to allow the newly elected Chair or the incumbent First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chairperson to serve the remainder of the unexpired terms.</u></p> <p><u>2. In the event a vacancy in the position of the First Vice-Chairperson or the Second Vice-Chair results in a gender imbalance, the gender-balance requirements of Rule 5-1 will be waived for the remainder of the incumbent's unexpired term.</u></p>