

Reorganization Explainer:



How to attend, how to run for elected positions, and everything else you need to know about the reorg process.

What is Reorganization?

Every level of the Democratic Party (county, district, and state) holds a reorganizational meeting every two years to choose their leadership. County parties do this in February of odd years (like 2025). Counties must, at minimum, choose a county chair, a first vice-chair, and a secretary. Counties may also choose other officers such as a treasurer, a fundraising chair, a second vice-chair, and also members to our State Central Committee and State Executive Committee. All roles are always up for election at the reorg; no one has a reserved spot.

Precinct organizers (POs) are chosen at the county caucus in even years or are nominated to fill empty PO positions in their precinct. Each precinct can have two POs, and POs are considered the voting members of each county party (and are known as the county central committee).

Any registered Democrat living in the county can run for any county officer role and does not need to be a PO.

After county reorgs, other districts (Congressional, State Senate, State House, Judicial District, and state party) hold theirs. Larger counties receive additional bonus members to these districts, choosing these members at the county reorg.

How can I attend Reorg?

We believe in making this an event that is as inclusive as possible. This is our opportunity to create a winning political infrastructure for the election cycle, deepen our community ties, and build for the future! Your county should publish the date, time, and location of your biennial reorg meeting. Since 2020, many of these reorgs have been held virtually, via Zoom. County reorg dates [are listed here](#). Your [county chair](#) can provide more information if you are interested in running for a position or volunteering.

If you were chosen as a PO, or were appointed to an empty PO seat in your precinct, you are eligible to vote at your county reorg. Even if you're not a PO, you are invited to attend meetings and run for a county officer position.

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What is the State Central Committee?

The State Central Committee (SCC) is the “legislative body” of the Colorado Democratic Party (CDP). It consists of county chairs, county first vice chairs, bonus members from large counties, state legislators, and SCC officers elected by the SCC at their biennial reorg meeting.

The SCC has decision-making power over party bylaws, resolutions, endorsements, and other business as granted by state law and party rules. It is the highest governing body of the CDP except when the party’s state assembly is meeting. This committee is required to meet formally once per year, virtually or in-person, but meets more regularly, often 2-4 times a year. Informal meetings are also offered to members for informational, organizational, or educational purposes.

What is the State Executive Committee?

The State Executive Committee (SEC) is a smaller body; it consists of the chair and vice chair of larger counties, bonus voters selected by counties, and state party officers. The SEC’s primary role is to approve the party’s annual budget, approve certain staff hires, and advise the State Chair.

Running for the SCC or SEC.

Most members of the SEC and SCC are chosen at county reorgs. You do not need to be a PO to run; reach out to your county party to find out how to run for these positions!

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What do Party Officers do?

Chairs are the chief executive of the district's Democratic party. They convene meetings, make decisions with the advice of the county central and executive committee, and hold financial authority to administer the district's budget. County chairs represent the county on the SCC; the state party chair represents Colorado on the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

First Vice-Chairs do everything necessary to assist and carry out the chair's duties. In the chair's absence, the First Vice-Chair presides over all meetings and exercises all authority of the chair. The first vice-chair of the CDP represents Colorado as a member of the DNC.

Second Vice-Chairs fill in when the chair and first vice-chair are absent, and usually have additional duties as agreed to with the chair.

Secretaries keep minutes of all meetings of their district's central committee and executive committee meetings. They also maintain records for the party, maintain membership lists, and perform other duties as requested by the chair or central committee. Some larger counties may choose two secretaries: A recording secretary who keeps minutes and records, and a corresponding secretary who sends out calls to meetings and other information to party members.

Treasurers are in charge of a district's finances. This involves balancing accounts and filing reports with the state to comply with legal requirements.

What are Bonus Members?

Bonus members serve on the State Central Committees and/or the State Executive Committees, and each county is awarded a certain amount of bonus members based on the previous election's results. Because County Commissioners, Clerks, and Sheriffs are not currently included as "automatic" members of the State Central Committee, those elected officials may run as bonus members to join. Any Democrat may serve as a bonus member, and every county may have different requirements for how to run: check in with your county leadership to begin the process of running!