

47<sup>th</sup> District Democrats  
District Meeting  
Agenda  
May 2, 2018

1. Call to Order (7:00 pm)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Pre-Speaker Announcements (7:05 pm)
  - a. Reminder to Check Membership Status
  - b. The Blue Wave Beach Party & Spaghetti Dinner Update (5 min)
  - c. Upcoming Canvassing Opportunities
5. Guest Speakers (order subject to change, time for speech and questions noted) (7:15 pm)
  - a. Rachel Dean, 47<sup>th</sup> LD Organizer for Washington State Democrats (2 min)
  - b. Sarah Servin, Political Director for 9<sup>th</sup> CD Representative Adam Smith (2 min)
  - c. Jennifer Roach, Guardianship Resolution Presentation (5 min) [jen@ParkinsonSchoolForChange.org](mailto:jen@ParkinsonSchoolForChange.org)
  - d. Clarence Gunn, Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion Presentation (5 min)
  - e. 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative Candidates (5 min each, as they arrive)
  - f. Sarah Smith, Candidate for 9<sup>th</sup> CD Representative (5 min)
  - g. Mona Das, Candidate for 47<sup>th</sup> LD Senator (5 min)
  - h. Debra Entenman, Potential Candidate for 47<sup>th</sup> LD Representative, Position 1 (5 min)
6. Break (7:55 pm)
7. Roundtable with Washington State Democratic Party Chair Tina Podlodowski (45 min) (8:00 pm)
8. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (8:45 pm)
9. Approval of PCO Applications (if any)
10. Board Reports
  - a. District Chair (2 min)
  - b. Vice Chair (2 min)
  - c. WSDCC Members (2 min)
  - d. KCDCC Delegates (2 min)
  - e. Treasurer (1 min)
11. Committee Reports (8:55 pm)
12. Old Business
13. New Business
  - a. Resolution on Guardianship
14. Good of the Order
15. Adjournment (9:00 pm)

## **2018 Meeting Schedule**

June 6: Endorsements

July 4: NO MEETING

August 1: TBD

September 5: General Election Endorsements

October 3: TBD

November 7: Election Review

December 5: Holiday Potluck

## **2018 District Events Schedule**

June 2: South King County Democrats Dinner

July 4: Auburn 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival

July 13-15: Kent Cornucopia Days

July 21-22: Covington Days

August 11: AuburnFest

## **Other Upcoming Events**

June 15-16: Washington State Democratic Party Convention

## **Resolution Urging Alternatives to Guardianship**

WHEREAS taking away the rights of a person “in order to protect that person” is seldom justice and almost always undermines the person’s rights under the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, for a small fee paid to a court, a guardianship can be established (possibly based on hearsay) that will nullify any or all the Constitutional rights of a supposedly Incapacitated Person (“IP”) possibly without notice to the IP’s family, friends, or even the supposed IP himself/herself; and

WHEREAS over 8000 guardianship cases are initiated in Washington every year, a 27% increase over 2000; and

WHEREAS a guardianship can empower a total stranger to make some or all decisions for an IP – e.g., where they live, whom they see, how they live, and how their money is spent – regardless of any pre-existing Durable Power-of-Attorney, Advance Directive, trust or trust fund, pension, or designated bank accounts or CDs set up for the IP’s future wellbeing or heirs, even if the IP is still physically able to clearly communicate his/her wishes; and

WHEREAS being made a ward of the court under guardianship is costly for the state and for the IP, and often unnecessary and humiliating for those who could function with minor assistance or no assistance at all; and

WHEREAS even a person accused of a crime has a right to a jury trial before having his/her rights removed, but an allegedly Incapacitated Person is accorded no semblance of such a right when being forced into a guardianship; and

WHEREAS the Constitution guarantees the right to vote and the unalienable rights of Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness to all in the way of their own choosing, but these rights are often removed under guardianship; and

WHEREAS removal of a person’s Constitutional rights should be a last resort, not the only option; and

WHEREAS currently any elderly or disabled person under disputed care has no other choice but to become a ward of the court under guardianship; and

WHEREAS established family caregivers may be forced to divert care-giving time to trying to learn legal issues to become a guardian, when a simple Power-of-Attorney would have sufficed; and

WHEREAS a professional guardian can hire lawyers at the IPs expense to fight caring family members who try to oppose any excessive fees, abuse by the guardian or the necessity of a guardianship at all; and

WHEREAS RCW 11.92.190 (prohibiting detention of persons in residential placement facilities against their will), and other rights and protections available to persons not under guardianship, are often violated under guardianship;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge our Legislators to create alternatives to guardianship, such as: a court-issued Power-of-Attorney for relative/care-givers, Supported Decision-Making programs which are independent from the guardianship system, authorized bill payers, and limited interference protection for the disabled and aged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that guardianship and other options that remove the Constitutional rights of an individual because of disability or age be considered only as a last resort, after other reasonable options have been tried and failed, rather than the first or only option, or the norm; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the County Democratic Executive Boards and the Washington State Democratic Convention, and to our State Legislators and the Governor’s office.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: Michael Brunson of 32<sup>nd</sup>, Jennifer Roach of 37<sup>th</sup>, and Sonja Rossman of the 41<sup>st</sup> District Democrats

## High Priority Races for 2018 Election

	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>
<i>Federal</i>		
Senator	<b>Maria Cantwell (D)*</b>	Joey Gibson (R)
8 <sup>th</sup> CD Representative	<del>Dave Reichert (R)</del>	Thomas Cramer (D)
		William Grassie (I)
		Shannon Hader (D)
		Robert Hunziker (D)
		Jason Rittereiser (D)
		Dino Rossi (R)
		Kim Schrier (D)
9 <sup>th</sup> CD Representative	<b>Adam Smith (D)*</b>	Sarah Smith (D)
<i>Washington State Supreme Court</i>		
Justice Position No. 2	Susan Owens (NP)*	
Justice Position No. 8	<b>Steve Gonzalez (NP)*</b>	Doug Federspiel (NP)
Justice Position No. 9	<b>Sheryl Gordon McCloud (NP)*</b>	
<i>King County</i>		
Prosecuting Attorney	Dan Satterberg (NP)	
<i>47<sup>th</sup> Legislative District</i>		
State House, Position No. 1	Mark Hargrove (R)	Debra Entenman (D)
		Bailey Stober (ID)
State House, Position No. 2	<b>Pat Sullivan (D)*</b>	Theodore Cooke (R)
		Lindsey Shumway (R)
State Senate	Joe Fain (R)	Mona Das (D)
<i>Court of Appeals, Division No. 1, District No. 1</i>		
Judge Position No. 4	Ronald E. Cox	
Judge Position No. 7	Marlin Appelwick	
<i>Superior Court</i>		
Judge Position No. 9	Michael R. Scott	
Judge Position No. 22	Karen M. Donohue	
Judge Position No. 38	J. Michael Diaz	
Judge Position No. 53	Sandra E. Widlan	
<i>District Court, Southeast Electoral District</i>		
Judge Position No. 1	<del>Charles J. DeLaurenti, II</del>	Jason Charles Poydras
Judge Position No. 2	<del>David E. Meyer</del>	Matthew York
Judge Position No. 3	Nathaniel B. Green, Jr.	
Judge Position No. 4	Corinna Harn	
Judge Position No. 5	<del>Matthew York</del>	Virginia Amato
Judge Position No. 6	<del>Jason Charles Poydras</del>	Rhonda Laumann