

NeDDC Club Bylaws

These are the bylaws for the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club.

Article I. Name and Membership

This organization shall be known as the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club. Its membership shall consist of area residents between the ages of 16-99 years of age, all of whom must also be members of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club is to elect Democrats at the local, state, and federal levels. While also providing our club members and area residents with relevant political training and guidance; offer continuous community engagement opportunities; and provide a platform for interacting with party officials.

Article III. Fundamental Principles

Section 1. All public meetings of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club shall be open to attendance by all qualified members of the Democratic Party regardless of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical appearance or disability.

Section 2. No tests for membership in, nor any oath of loyalty to, the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club shall be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current member of the club, statewide caucus or committee to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical appearance or disability.

Section 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club on all levels shall be publicized fully and in such a manner as to assure timely notice to all members. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all club members and large enough to accommodate all club members.

Section 4. The Northeast Detroit Democratic Club shall support the broadest possible participation without discrimination on the grounds of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, economic status, religion, ethnic identity, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical appearance or disability.

Section 5. The Northeast Detroit Democratic Club shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all club members a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club officers. Publication of those procedures shall be done in such a fashion that all prospective and current members of the

Northeast Detroit Democratic Club will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedure in time to participate in each selection procedure.

Section 6. The Northeast Detroit Democratic Club shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all members a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications for all officers of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club. Such publications shall be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates and applicants for any elected or appointed position within the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

Section 7. Proportional voting shall be used in the election of the Officers and Executive Committee of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club.

Section 8. All rules and bylaws of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club at all levels shall be consistent with the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party and shall be available on request in writing to any member of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club.

Section 9. The unit rule is prohibited in the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club.

Section 10. No rule shall be adopted by the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club which would require a person to cast a vote or be recorded a voting contrary to that person's judgment.

Section 11. On all questions of procedure not resolved by the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party or these Bylaws, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used.

Section 12. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any meeting of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club.

Article IV. Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. The officers shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson of the opposite sex of the Chairperson, a Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall have two year terms and be elected by a majority vote of the clubs membership. Vacancies among the Officers shall be filled by succession which shall follow said format: The Vice -Chair shall succeed the Chair, the Secretary shall succeed the Vice Chair, and a new Secretary shall be elected. If two offices are vacant, the remaining officers shall succeed to the highest vacant office, and the vacant office shall be filled by election.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and six elected members. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to help set policy for the group as well as aiding the organization with other action items deemed necessary. The Executive committee shall meet one hour prior to the General Memberships meetings. The elected members shall serve two year terms. It is to be noted that the composition of the six elected member shall include: one member from the 14th Congressional Districts Executive Board, four members from the community at large, and one member from the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club (offering

parity with their bylaws as well as the overlapping of legislative districts). Vacancies among the elected members of the Executive Committee shall be filled through the following process: Following the resignation of said Executive Committee member, an announcement will be made at the following General Membership meeting regarding said opening with nominations being taken from the floor to fill said vacancy on a Pro Tem basis until the next Executive Committee election cycle.

Section 3. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and have such other duties as are usual to the office of Chairperson, or that may be required by this organization.

Section 4. The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the opposite sex from the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the discharge of his/her duties, and shall temporarily assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

Section 5. The Secretary of this organization shall keep an accurate record and minutes of the proceedings of all meetings. He/She shall keep and preserve all the books, documents, correspondences, records, minutes, efforts, and any other property of this organization, and when a new Secretary is elected the past secretary shall forthwith deliver to the new secretary all the aforesaid items kept and preserved during his/her tenure of office. He/She shall see proper notification is given of all meetings.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial receipts and disbursements of this organization subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The funds of this organization shall be deposited in banks and shall be drawn upon only by checks signed by any two of the following officers: Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall make financial reports to the Executive Committee and Club. When a new Treasurer is elected, the past Treasurer shall forthwith deliver to the new treasurer the funds and all the books and records kept during his/her tenure in office.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. At least once per month on the 3rd. Wednesday, preferably there shall be a full membership meeting of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club where Officers and Executive Committee shall report on the Club activities. At least five (5) days' notice shall be given of the date, place and time of the meeting. Notice may be given by mail, telegram, fax, or email.

Section 2. The regular meetings of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club Executive Committee shall be on the date and at the location and time set forth in the meeting notice one hour prior to the General Membership meeting. At least five (5) days' notice shall be given of the date, time and place of the meeting. Notice may be given by mail, telegram, fax, or email. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Committee or full membership may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee or full membership respectively. At least five (5) days' notice shall be given of the date, place, time and purpose of the special meeting. Notice may be given by mail, telegram, fax, or email.

Section 4. Subject to the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party and these Bylaws, all meeting shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition).

Article VI. Committees

Section 1. The Chairperson, subject to the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the committees and committee chairpersons necessary for the work of the organization.

Section 2. Standing Committees have a continued existence; the purpose of Standing Committees is to handle routine duties that need to be carried out on a regular basis. These may include attending to personnel matters, overseeing building and grounds, attracting new members, or honoring awards.

Standing Committees shall include the following:

1. Rules and Bylaws Committee
2. Campaign Committee | Candidates In The Community(PAC)
3. Voter Education and Engagement/Registration
4. Fundraising Committee
5. Membership Committee
6. Youth Engagement (Ages 16-18/Pre-Voting)

Section 3. Special Committees are established to accomplish a particular purpose and cease to exist once that purpose has been served.

Committees that will be labeled as Special shall include but not be limited to:

1. Endorsement
2. Leadership and Development

These committees shall include the appropriate subcommittees. The Chairperson of the club shall be ex-officio member of all standing committees.

Article VII. Order of Business

At meetings the business of the organization shall proceed in the following order:

1. Roll call of officers
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Reports of officer

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Treasurer (financial report)
- d. Secretary (correspondence)
4. Reports of committees
5. Unfinished business
6. Postponed business
7. New business
8. Good and Well Fair
9. Adjournment

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 1. Proposals for changes or amendments to these bylaws shall first be referred to the Rules and Bylaws Committee which shall report its recommendations to the next regular Club meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Northeast Detroit Democratic Club present at a meeting, provided that written notice setting forth the proposed amendment has been given to all Club members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. These bylaws shall be in full force and effect upon their adaption and shall supersede all bylaws, rules, motions and policies of a contrary nature with the exception the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party