



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Delegate Selection Plan / Regional Caucus / Global Convention

Q: What if a certified Elector does not attend the Regional Caucus? What if a DPCA Voting Member does not attend the Global Convention? Are the CC votes allocated to that person lost?

A: If a certified Elector doesn't attend the Regional Caucus that Country Committee loses the share of votes that would have otherwise been allocated to that certified Elector. Similarly, if a DPCA Voting Member or delegates elected at the Regional Caucuses or DNC Member-elect doesn't attend the Global Convention, they lose the right to vote (no proxies are allowed). Yes, the CC votes allocated to the absentee DPCA Voting Member would be lost.

Q: Does a CC divide the CCs votes depending on how many Electors go into each PPG? (See pg 23 of DSP, 2.g. – “a CC gets full votes in each PPG....”

A: Correct.

Q: Will the campaigns appoint PPG chairs (as stated in the DSP)? Should I ask them? Should we continue to plan to run those sessions? If the campaigns can appoint, then we should schedule some info/training sessions for those folks.

A: If the chairs know the DSP and will run the PPGs according to the DSP it would be great if the campaigns are the ones that appoint PPG chairs.



Q: Can someone run as a delegate if they participate in their state's primary or caucus? (He/she can't be an elector, but could he/she be a candidate for delegate?)

A: No.

Q: Sanders gets 2 Standing Committee (Credentials, Rules, Platform) – right?

A: Right.

Q: How to determine which presidential candidate gets which Standing Committee member(s)?

A: Three options discussed, recommending the first option:

- (i) Bernie picks first, then Hillary picks between the two remaining, with the last one becoming Bernie's;
- (ii) put the three Committee choices into a hat, let Bernie pick first, then Hillary, and the remaining one would be Bernie's; and
- (iii) the Hillary campaign has suggested, that the first choice be Bernie's, the second choice Hillary's, and the third choice (which is Bernie's) to be given to a candidate approved by both campaigns.

Q: How do determine gender of the Alternate elected in the Clinton PPG at the Global Convention? Should they wait until the Sanders Alternate has been elected? (DSP does say that Democrats Abroad can hold up an election in a PPG until an election in another PPG has finished.)

A: To comply with our gender-balance requirements and to favor, as much as possible, our diversity goals, I would hold the selection of Hillary's Alternate to after Bernie's is picked.



Q: Do PLEO candidates need to fill out DSP Attachment #13?

A: Yes. The candidacy form is on the Democrats Abroad Website.

Q: DNC Member elections come first in the Regional Caucuses, before delegate elections. They come last in the Global Convention, after delegate and alternate elections.

A: Our DSP would have the Regional DNC Members elected first, but there is nothing in the DSP about the order in which Global DNC Members need be elected. The entry for May 14th in Tab 4 of our DSP (the color Timetable) does suggest the election of the 3 Global DNC members occurs first, but I am open to doing it after delegate and alternate elections.

Q: (DSP pg. 46) Is the challenge period re: our GPP now over?

A: Yes.

Q: How long do the ballots need to be sealed and stored?

A: We recommend until the close of the National Convention.

Q: Can we open them to post info on them to database (updated addresses, phone numbers, etc.)

A: Yes.

Q: Can we return them to CCs for them to do this?

A: Yes.



Q: Should we hang on to them until July?

A: Yes.

Q: Or November?

A: No.

Q: When do the electors for the regional caucuses sign their statements of support? I think I've done all the steps from the instructions on DPCA-Leadership, but I never had to support a candidate. The DSP says, on page 17: "In order to register, each Regional Caucus elector shall sign a statement of support for his/her Presidential candidate (including uncommitted) indicating the Country Committee and Chapter of which he/she is a member. The Regional Caucus elector shall also sign a statement in the form of Attachments 11 and 12 hereto. These statements shall be submitted to the Regional Caucus Credentials Committee."

A: When the Elector or his/her Country Chair fill out the "Regional Caucus Electors List" form on the wiki.

Q: Is it possible for someone -- from the campaign or as a fellow elector -- to make a credentials challenge to the statement of support? In other words, is there any grounds for someone to accuse, "That elector is participating in the Clinton PPG but isn't actually a Clinton supporter," and ultimately, the elector is actually disqualified?

A: Any challenge to an Elector will be within the jurisdiction of the Credentials Committees of the Regional Caucuses and the Global Convention.



Q: Do the signed statements of support bind the electors who wind up participating in the Global Convention, or can they "switch sides"? The DSP says, on page 24, "the Global Convention will then divide into PPGs, following the rules and procedures used at the Regional Caucus" but I'm not sure whether that would include everything in those procedures, including the statements of support.

A: Once Electors have been certified for one candidate they go to that PPG, period.

Q: If some of our CC Electors cannot participate in the vote for Delegates, does that diminish the weight of our CC vote or is the weight distributed among the ones who do? (Two sides to this: a) electors who know they're not coming, don't register for the meeting – doesn't affect how many votes the CC carries to Berlin or b) electors who don't show after getting certified.

A: If you are a Certified Elector, you need to show up—otherwise, your Country Committee loses voting strength. But it doesn't matter who's in the room, all the CC's votes should be if even one rep from the CC is there.

Q: Do CC (regional) Electors participate in the election of DNC Reps?

A: Yes b/c DNC Member elections are part of the Regional Caucuses and Global Convention.

Q: Do CC votes get divided into both PPG rooms or total votes go into both PPG?

A: The latter.



Q: Are appointed leaders for nationally elected positions also valid electors?

A: Yes.

Q: Our delegate-candidate form says that Youth is under 36. The DSP says Youth is 36 years and younger. Which is correct?

A: What the DSP says: 36 and younger. The Form has been changed to reflect this.

Q: Who can run for pledged and unpledged PLEO?

A: For unpledged, see DSP p.25 (our DNC members plus "Distinguished Party Leaders" as defined by DNC). For pledged, see DSP p. 26 (Officers and former Officers of the DPCA; sitting Country Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs; other sitting Country Committee officers and Executive Committee members; sitting Chapter Chairs, Chapter Vice-Chairs, and Chapter Executive Committee members; former DNC members; former Country Committee officers; and other former Democratic elected officials and party leaders.