

Nomination and Elections Procedure
for the Fayette County Democratic Committee
Executive Board, 2019-2020 Term

The election for the Fayette County Democratic Committee's 2019-2020 Executive Board will be held on November 10, 2018, at the regularly scheduled Pancakes and Politics meeting.

Definitions to understand before the election:

- A Fayette County Democratic organization member is any Democrat who has filled out a basic application form. While we encourage the payment of yearly dues, according to current by-laws, "No member will be denied participation for failure to pay." These members are called "Regular Members" or "General Members."
- The Fayette County Democratic Committee consists of the elected members (also called Committee members, or "Post-seat holders") who have specific, identified duties and functions as defined by the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic Parties of Georgia and the United States of America.
 - This means that only Committee members ("Post-seat holders") - and not Regular or General Members - are voting members of the Fayette County Democrats. The Committee members, then, will be the ones who vote in the Executive Board election.

According to FCDC bylaws, "Officers shall be elected in accordance with the Charter and By-laws of the Democratic Parties of Georgia and the United States of America.

Specifically:

- (a) The Committee shall elect officers no later than December 31 of even numbered years, to take office January 1 of the following year;
- (b) Election shall be by a majority of the votes cast by Members of the Fayette County Democratic Committee and shall be by open ballot;
- (c) The Chairperson shall be elected on the first ballot cast; the remaining officers shall be elected by subsequent ballot. The Chairperson and the First Vice Chairperson shall be, whenever possible, of opposite gender. The election sequence of officers shall be as follows: Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer."

Nomination Process:

- 1) Any Regular, General or Committee member may be nominated for any board position by any Regular, General or Committee member.
- 2) Self-nomination is allowed.
- 3) Candidate Nomination Forms will be available online and hard copies will be available at the FCDC headquarters at 185 Kathi Avenue, Fayetteville, GA 30214.
- 4) The Nominating Committee will accept Candidate Nomination Forms anytime from the current date until October 20, 2018.
- 5) It is highly recommended that the person being nominated be aware of the nomination, and that his or her acceptance of the nomination be obtained.

- 6) Once all of the nominations have been received, nominees will receive a Candidate Acceptance form that will be due to the Nominating Committee by October 27, 2018.
- 7) The Candidate Acceptance Forms will be available online and hard copies will be available at the FCDC headquarters at 185 Kathi Avenue, Fayetteville, GA 30214.
- 8) Once the slate of candidates is set, the Nominating Committee will announce the candidates via Breeze email and will post the names in the FCDC headquarters. They will then prepare the ballots.

Election Process:

- 1) All Committee Members (“Post-seat holders”) will be requested to attend the November 10, 2018 meeting. A quorum (40%, per the by-laws) of members is required to conduct Committee business. As there are currently 23 Committee members, 10 members (40% = 9.2 people, rounding up to 10) are required to be present in order to vote.
- 2) The ballot will be read to all assembled members.
- 3) Per the by-laws, “The Chairperson shall be elected on the first ballot cast; the remaining officers shall be elected by subsequent ballot. The Chairperson and the First Vice Chairperson shall be, whenever possible, of opposite gender. The election sequence of officers shall be as follows: Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.”
- 4) At that point, nominations from the floor for Chairperson will be taken. Any Regular, General or Committee member may nominate any other Regular, General or Committee member for the position.
- 5) When all nominations have been made, each candidate for Chairperson will have 2 (two) minutes to speak to the assembly. When all have spoken, the ballots with all candidates for Chairperson will be distributed to the Committee members and they will vote. The ballots will be counted, and the winner announced.
 - If there is a tie, there will be a run-off between the two.
 - If no candidate receives a majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast, the Nominating Committee will prepare a second ballot with only the names of the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. The winner of this balloting will be elected to serve in that office.
- 6) Once the winner for the Chairperson position has been determined, steps # 4 through 6 will be followed for the positions of First Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, in that order.
- 7) Once all four positions have been elected, the process will be considered to be completed, and the Nominating Committee will be immediately disbanded.