State Central Committee

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SCC Regular Meeting: Saturday, April 25, 2020

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Call to Order: 1:02 PM

I. Roll Call & Introductions

Quorum was established with 63 members present; 2 present in-person; 61 via teleconference.

DPH Members in Attendance in Honolulu, Hawaii (DPH Headquarters): Natalia Hussey-Burdick; Kathleen "Kate" Stanley.

Members Present via Teleconference / Video Conference: Laura Acasio; Edmund Aczon; Melodie Aduja; Joseph Aquino; Emmanuel Baltazaar; John Bickel; Gloria Borland; Jason Bradshaw; Alan Burdick; Steve Canales; Denise Chillingworth; Jon Chinen; Richard Creagan; Bart Dame; Donna Domingo; Ken Farm; Stephanie Fitzpatrick; Laura Nevitt; Josh Frost; Rebecca Gardner; Jolyn Garidan Prieto; Hattie Garrish; Michele Golojuch; Michael
II. Opening Ceremonies - None

III. Adoption of Agenda - *Adopted as Amended by General Consent*

   A. Three (3) changes to the agenda since it was circulated; Executive Director E. Fernandez calls for attention to these changes:
      1. Section VI.A. - Corrected spelling Khan
      2. Section VII.B.3 - Proposed motion withdrawn
      3. Section VIII - Convention Committee updated report added

IV. Approval of SCC Regular Minutes

   A. Saturday, April 18, 2020 - *Approved as Corrected by General Consent*
      1. Two (2) corrections from the Executive Director E. Fernandez:
         a) Corrected spelling of Khan
V. Report of Officers and Executive Director - None

VI. Presentations

A. Bylaw amendment recommendations - Convention Committee Co-chairs L. Khan and B. Toyama

Amendments to considered at a future SCC meeting as announced by the Chair

VII. Action Items

A. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

1. Motion by L. Khan for the Convention Committee to add to Article IX, Section 9, to page 34, an Impossibility Provision, as follows:

   “Impossibility Provision: In the event of an emergency, such provisions of these bylaws as deemed necessary, may be suspended by the State Central Committee at a regular or special meeting. Any suspension under this provision must describe a compelling interest for the suspension and include specific dates when the suspension begins and ends.” - Adopted by General Consent

2. Motion by L. Khan for the Convention Committee to amend Article V, State Central Committee, page 19, to rename Section 4, and add: "Term of Office. The term of office of persons elected to the State Central Committee shall begin immediately after the adjournment of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i state convention and end at the conclusion of the following convention, unless otherwise specified in the bylaws of the County, Caucus, or Young Democrats concerning their SCC representatives”. Renumber all subsequent sections of this Article. - Adopted by General Consent

   a) No Vote: Z. Zahaidoff
   b) Objections: Z. Zhaidoff; E. Schrager; J. McKnight
3. Motion by L. Khan for the Convention Committee to amend Article VI, Section 3D(4), page 27, line 11 to read, "Election of the Party Chairperson shall include weighted votes, unless an in-person convention cannot be held due to an emergency, and a mail or electronic ballot has been authorized by the SCC." - - Adopted by General Consent

B. Proposed Bylaw Suspensions (Pending Impossibility Provision Adoption)

Motion by B. Toyama for the Convention Committee to move all proposed motions in this section (VII.B.) together with the exception of #3 which has been withdrawn as advised by the Chair and the Executive Director - Adopted by General Consent

1. MOTION to suspend DPH bylaws, Article V, State Central Committee, Section 2, Nomination and Filing, page 17, section 2B, that requires nomination papers for Party Chairperson, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman be signed by not less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii from at least two County Organizations; section 2C that requires that the nomination paper of a candidate for Youth Representative shall be signed by not less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, all of whom are members of the Party who are thirty-five (35) years of age or younger; Section 2D that requires that the nomination paper of a candidate for a State Central Committee member shall be signed by not less than five (5) certified members of the Party from the nominee’s Senatorial District or Caucuses. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Compelling interest: To simplify the election process if done electronically due to COVID-19.
2. **MOTION to suspend DPH Bylaws, Article VI, State Convention, Section 4, Candidate’s Filing Fee, page 27, lines 43-44, that requires the signature by not less than ten (10) members of the Party for candidates for statewide office and by not less than five (5) members of the Party for all other offices. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Compelling interest: To simplify the election process if done electronically due to COVID-19.**

3. **MOTION to suspend DPH Bylaws, Article II, Section 2F, page 10, lines 12-13, and line 26 that establishes that the District Council may fill officer, delegate and alternate vacancies, by not later than 15 days prior to the state convention. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020.**

4. **MOTION to suspend DPH Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3, Purposes, page 26, lines 10-46, and page 27, lines 1 to 6. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Compelling interest: To enable the DPH chair and the SCC to adapt to challenges caused by COVID-19, for example, the need to move the election of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention and election of Presidential Electors and Alternates to a different date; and to design a convention program to address critical needs of the Party business, i.e., election of its new officers.**

5. **MOTION to suspend DPH Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6B, page 29, line 19 that requires that the Rules, Platform, and Resolutions committees must have a minimum of 41 members. Suspension to be for the period April 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Compelling interest: Due to COVID-19, attendance at the 2020 convention is expected to be lower than in previous years. Requiring a maximum number of members may**
not be achievable. Quorum requirement retained.

C. Motion by L. Strand, 2nd, to approve the 2020 DSP Addendum and supporting timelines as attached; and to give the SCC Executive Committee the authority to make additional changes as necessary to accomplish Delegate Selection. -

Adopted by General Consent

VIII. Report of SCC Standing Committees

A. Convention Committee

IX. Report of Caucuses and Special Committees

X. Notices and Announcements

A. Providing three dates in May for SCC Meetings:
   1. May 9, 16 and 30 for the next Regular SCC Meeting. One date will be used for adoption of revised Budget and Standing Rules for the State Convention.

B. Chair Stanley will not run for National Committeewoman and will remain as Interim Chair to help guide us through the next few months of uncertainty. She will stay until we have completed priorities and have elected a new chair at a convention.

XI. Member Concerns

A. A. Burdick - Concern of VAN usage re: Caucus access to membership. Requests for 2-page update re: aforementioned
   1. E. Fernandez notes migration difficulties but as long as there is still access to HiDems, there should be ability to access info for Caucus Chairs.

Adjournment: 2:07 PM