



DANE DEMS

Democratic Party of Dane County

HOW OUR DANE DEMS ELECTIONS WORK

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**Vice-Chair for Nominations
and Elections**

EVERY 2 YEARS MEMBERS ELECT...

- The county chair
- 6 vice chairs
- The treasurer and secretary
- Assembly district reps (the “AD reps”), one for each assembly district in the county (currently 11)

Elections held in Nov or Dec of odd numbered years

All terms for two years

WHAT ARE ALL THOSE VICE CHAIRS?

Vice-Chair of Communications

Vice-Chair of Membership

Vice-Chair of Campaigns

Vice-Chair of Development

Vice-Chair of Nominations and Elections

Vice-Chair of Volunteers

Details in our Constitution, on our website danedems.org

WHAT DOES AN AD REP DO?

- **Recruits new party members in their district.**
- **Communicates with key elected Democrats in their district and offers assistance as requested.**
- **Assists in organizing campaign workers in their district.**
- **Serves as liaison from their district to the County Party.**
- **Plans at least one district function per term.**

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

All candidates must be **nominated** at our general membership meeting, November 3, 2021

All elections will be at our December 2021 general meeting

- Note that our normal meeting would be the first Wednesday of December, which falls on Hannukah this year
- Watch for an email on what the adjusted date will be

New board members terms begin at the first Dane Dems meeting in January

WHO CAN RUN?

Anyone with an active membership 90 days before the election

- That means if you don't have an active membership right now you won't be able to run.**

Must be nominated by the Nominations Committee or nominated from the floor at the November 3rd meeting

- Including AD reps; self-nominations allowed; no 2nd needed**

The Nominations Committee seeks a diverse board

WHO VOTES?

Only those attending the election meeting

Only those with an active membership within 48 hours of the election

– If you didn't receive a postcard for this meeting, you are probably not active. Contact membership@wisdems.org to clarify

Chair, vice-chairs, treasurer, and secretary elected by the whole membership with secret ballot

AD reps are elected by caucus by members from that district

HOW WILL WE ORGANIZE ALL THIS?

Still figuring it out, as our constitution and by-laws were not written with COVID times in mind!

- We are consulting with the State party on this to ensure a smooth process, especially for AD rep caucuses

Ranked choice voting when there are more than two candidates is allowed and will be used

All nominators and candidates will be given a chance to briefly speak (1-2 mins, depending on the # of candidates)

All candidates will be asked to provide a bio and statement that will be posted on our website

**INTERESTED IN RUNNING? KNOW OF A
GREAT POTENTIAL CANDIDATE?**

Write to me!

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