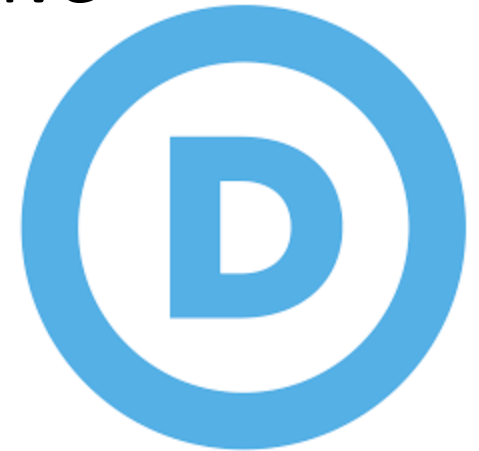


DPVA Summit:
Working within Democratic Party
Committees

2017

The Democratic Party

- A legally-recognized organizational structure
- Purpose is electing candidates to public office
- And instituting good and progressive government
- To improve the people's lives



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The Democratic Party should be:

- Open to all
- Fair
- Transparent
- Organized
- Effective
- Winning



Democratic Party Committee Structure



- City/County Committees
 - 95 counties + 38 cities
- Democratic Party of Virginia State Central Committee
 - 11 Congressional District Committees
- Democratic National Committee

What is a committee?

- Voluntary organization composed of (mostly) elected members
- Legal Obligations –
 - Candidate nomination process
 - Government filings, primaries, caucuses
 - Campaign finance
 - Other (e.g. Local Boards of Election)
- Party building functions
- Candidate election functions
- Advocacy functions
- Volunteer participation



City/County Democratic Committees

- Legal obligations
- Recruit candidates
- Volunteer recruitment and organization
- Voter registration
- Fundraising
- Elections
- Issue advocacy



DPVA State Central Committee

- Membership:
 - Congressional District Committees – 20 + 4 x 11
 - Officers: Chair; Vice Chairs – Organization, Rules, Outreach, Finance, Communications & Technology; Secretary; Treasurer
 - Ex-officio members
- Virginia Association of Democratic Chairs
- Meets 4x a year
- Committees: Outreach, Resolutions
- State nomination processes & national delegate selection plan
- Builds local parties
- Elects Democratic candidates
- Advances Democratic issues



Congressional District Committees

- Elected at CD Conventions this May
 - Each CD has 20 members
 - Add members: 3 city/county reps + 1 GA member
- Equal Division/outreach
- Congressional candidate nominations
- Perfect the Dem. Party organization within the CD
 - Build local parties and elect candidates
- CD Convention info:
 - <http://vademocrats.org/your-party/central-reorganization/>

DPVA Caucuses

- Virginia Young Democrats
- Virginia Democratic Women's Caucus
- Democratic Black Caucus of Virginia
- Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia
- Democratic Asian-Americans of Virginia
- LGBT Democrats of Virginia
- DPVA disAbility Caucus
- Labor Caucus
- Veterans and Military Families Caucus
- Small Business Caucus
- Rural Caucus
- More info:
<http://vademocrats.org/our-party/party-organizations-and-networks/>

Democratic National Committee

- The governing body of the Democratic Party, with general responsibility for party affairs between National Conventions.
- Presidential nominating process
- Elect Democrats
- Democratic campaign/elected officials groups
- Build State Parties
 - 50 State Strategy/State Partnership Program
- National communications/message
- Build coalitions (e.g., labor)
- Advance issues/legislation
- Voter Expansion (including litigation)



DNC Officers and Members

450 Members (approx)

- 215: Elected DNC members (Va – 5)
- 115: State Chairs & Vice Chairs (Va – 2)
- 35: Representatives of Democratic Elected Officials and Democratic organizations
- 75 Appointed (Va – 1)
- 9 Officers

Officers

- Chair
- Vice Chairs (4)
 - + ASDC Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- National Finance Chair

What happens at DNC meetings?

- General Meetings – 2x year
- Association of State Democratic Chairs
- Committees:
 - Executive
 - Rules and Bylaws
 - Credentials
 - Platform
 - Budget & Finance
- Regional Caucuses:
 - Southern
 - Eastern
 - Western
 - Midwest
- Constituency groups:
 - Women’s Caucus
 - Black Caucus
 - Hispanic Caucus
 - Asian American & Pacific Islanders Caucus
 - LGBT Caucus
 - Labor Council
 - Small Business Council
 - Youth Council
 - Disability Council
 - Rural Council
 - Vets & Military Council
 - Seniors Council
 - Ethnic Coordinating Council

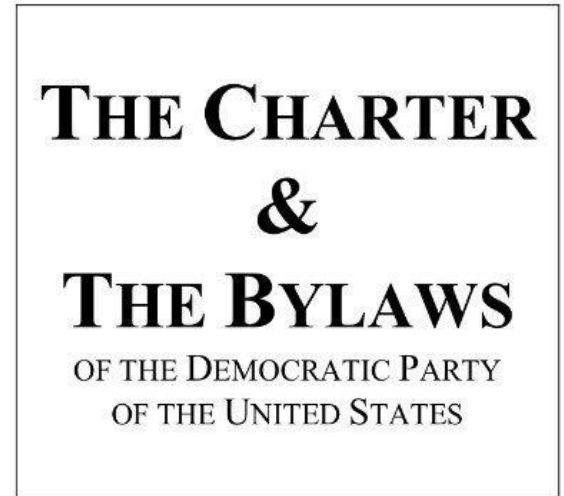
Voter Protection and Expansion

- DPVA Voter protection council
 - www.DPVAVot.org
- Election Day (and pre Election) monitoring
- Legislative/regulatory initiatives
- Voter education:
 - Rights restoration
 - Photo identification
- Democratic Lawyers Council



Party Documents and Information

- DNC Charter
- DPVA Party Plan
 - Affirmative Action and Outreach Plan
- City/County Committee Bylaws
- Roberts Rules of Order
- Convention Calls,
Delegate Selection Plans, Rules
- DNC and DPVA platforms



More Information

- DNC
 - www.Democrats.org; @TheDemocrats
- DPVA
 - www.VaDemocrats.org; @VADemocrats
- Frank Leone
 - www.DemRulz.org; @Demrulz