

**OCDP Executive Committee**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

- I. **Call to Order-** by Chair, Jody LaMacchia at 7:07 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call, Welcome and Introductions-** Officers present: Jody LaMacchia, Carlos Cross, Wanda Anderson, Ray Wert, Sharon Kelly-Person, Julia Galliker, Kevin Hrit, Phil Reid, Brian Dunphy, Carla Meier, Kelly Dillaha, Brittany Pinnock, Nash Salami, Joseph Person, Gloria Harsten-Spann, Nancy Quarles, Loretta Coleman, Dana Fortier, Tom Regan, Jessica Lumbreras, Melanie Hartman, Francine Melotti, Regina Strong and Murray Gorchow. Jenny Byer and Tony Grillo are excused.
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda with the addition of Membership to New Business- Motion:** by Sharon Kelly-Person. Motion Seconded. **APPROVED.**
- V. **Approval of the Minutes of the 12/08/2020 Executive Committee meeting as amended- Motion:** by Ray Wert. Motion Seconded. **APPROVED.**
- VI. **Chair's Report-** Announced appointment of new at-large officers: Dana Fortier, Tom Regan, Jessica Lumbreras, Regina Strong, Melanie Hartman and Francine Melotti. Anthony Grillo was named Sergeant-At-Arms. The Chair committed to making fundraising calls and working with the Finance Committee.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report-** Phil Reid. Phil provided the Treasurer's report. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for filing pending audit:** Bruce Fealk. Motion Seconded. **APPROVED.**
- VIII. **Committee Reports-** none.
- IX. **Credentialing Report-** Director of Operations, Alex Barshaw. 105 Executive Committee members were present.
- X. **Unfinished Business-** none.
- XI. **New Business**
  - a. Membership- Sharon Kelly-Person stated her concerns about bias and inclusion. Sharon proposed that Article IV be amended to insert a new section 13 to include a grievance and hearing policy to address rule violations and civil rights issues. Further, she requested the Bylaws Committee address this recommendation at the March 2021 Executive Committee meeting. This proposal was referred to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.
  - b. The Chair announced the following nominees for Committee Chairpersons: **Motion to accept these nominations:** by Derryl Reed. Motion Seconded. **APPROVED.**
    1. Communications – Barb Anness
    2. Political Organizing – Debbie Rosenman
    3. Rules & Bylaws – Kim Somsy
    4. Finance – Theresa Brooks
    5. Resolutions – Ravi Yalamanchi
    6. Membership – Nancy Quarles
  - c. Proposed amendments to the bylaws as presented by the Chair were automatically referred to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. These include adding the Immediate Past Chair to the Officers Committee; and creating three new standing committees, including the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, the Community Support Committee, and the Young Democrats Committee.
- XII. **Announcements and Good & Welfare**
  - Stephanie Crider shared her concerns about transparency, conduct, communication and bias.

- Todd Somsy asked that OCDP members refrain from making harmful comments on social media about other members.
- Cheryl Herrmann voiced her support for the Chair and asked that the organization move forward constructively.
- Pam Gerald stated the need for respect, greater inclusion and diversity.
- Carla Meier announced the next meeting of CD-11 and a national day of service.
- Regina Weiss shared concerns about open carry in the state legislature and asked members to contact the Capitol Commission.
- Bryan Dunphy discussed the upcoming MDP virtual convention on 2/20/21.
- Nicole Bedi announced the CD-9 Democratic Party Convention on 2/6/21.
- Sharon Kelly-Person and Joe Person reiterated the need for a grievance committee to address bias.
- Mallory McMorrow emphasized the need for greater safety at the State Capitol.
- Laura Rock and Tamara Williams stated the need for a grievance process to address bias and wrongs.
- Steve Reifman stated that the OCDP needs to address racial bias.
- Mikail Goodman discussed the need for racial justice and civil discourse.
- Veronica Taylor expressed her concerns about racism and bias.
- Wanda Anderson introduced Shaun Whitehead who has been selected to fill the seat on the Oak Park City Council left vacant when Regina Weiss resigned to become State Representative.
- John Hunt stated his concerns about the role of state reps in organizing armed protests in Lansing.
- Sarah May-Seward asked the OCDP to hold 44<sup>th</sup> District State Rep Matt Maddock and his wife accountable for their role in the US Capitol insurrection.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Julia Galliker, Recording Secretary