

Memo

To: Patrice Taylor, Democratic National Committee
From: Trevor Fitzgerald, Rules Chair, Nebraska Democratic Party
Date: May 26, 2020
Re: Amendments to Nebraska Delegate Selection Plan
Cc: Jane Kleeb, NDP Chair; Jim Rogers, NDP Executive Director

Recently, the Nebraska Democratic Party's State Executive Committee (SEC) approved two minor amendments to Nebraska's 2020 Delegate Selection Plan (DSP).

First, the SEC has approved a change to the presidential candidate right-of-review process for Party Leader & Elected Official (PLEO) and At-Large Delegates which was jointly requested by the Presidential campaigns of Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Bernie Sanders. Pursuant to the April 30, 2020 memo from the Biden and Sanders campaigns, and in order to help facilitate the agreement between the campaigns, the presidential right-of-review process has been amended to allow the campaigns to remove any candidate for PLEO or At-Large Delegate from the list of bona fide supporters as long as, at a minimum, one name remains for every pledged delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

Second, the SEC has approved a change to the process of filling vacant delegate positions to the NDP State Convention. Language in the current DSP prohibits County Convention Delegates who pledged to a non-viable presidential candidate from participating in the NDP State Convention, even in cases where there are vacant State Convention Delegate or Alternate positions.

Under the approved change, in cases where a county convention fails to elect sufficient State Convention Delegates or Alternates to fill the number of delegate or alternate positions allocated to the county, a county party could elect County Convention Delegates pledged to non-viable candidates to fill vacant State Convention Delegate or Alternate positions. County parties would be required to follow the existing procedures in the NDP Constitution and Bylaws for filling vacant State Convention Delegate positions, and any State Convention Delegate or Alternate pledged to a non-viable presidential candidate would not be permitted to participate in the election of National Convention Delegates and Alternates at State Convention.

A summary of these changes, including the relevant page and section numbers in the DSP, can be found in the table below:

Page #	Section	Change
9	Section III(A)(2)(a)	Insert a third paragraph, which reads “In the event that a county convention fails to elect sufficient State Convention Delegates and/or Alternates to fill the number of delegate or alternate positions allocated to such county, the county party may elect to fill such vacancies as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the NDP. The county party may elect to fill such vacancies with County Convention Delegates who were pledged to a non-viable presidential candidate in such county, but any such State Convention Delegate or Alternate pledged to a non-viable candidate may not participate in the election of National Convention Delegates and Alternates at the State Convention.”
15	Section III(C)(3)(b)	Strike “two (2) names remain” and replace with “one (1) name remains”
16	Section III(D)(3)(b)	Strike “two (2) names remain” and replace with “one (1) name remains”

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, or if there is any other way I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at rules@nebraskademocrats.org.