

O`AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS BYLAWS CHANGES

**IN RESPONSE TO THE ELIMINATION OF PRECINCT CLUBS
FROM THE DPH CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW**

By Elton Fukumoto for an OCC Workshop on August 4, 2022



Because of
~vote by mail
~reapportionment
~organization of
government precincts
by ballot type
~lack of participation
in precinct clubs

Delegates at the 2022 Hawai'i Democratic Party (DPH) Convention voted to change the DPH Constitution & Bylaws to eliminate Precinct Clubs and establish a new organization of the District Council at the Biennial Election.

THE OLD BIENNIAL ELECTION

- 1. Precinct Clubs meet to elect officers**
- 2. Precinct Clubs meet to elect State Convention delegates.**
- 3. 3 Representatives from the Precinct Clubs constitute the District Council. They elect the District Chair and District Officers.**
- 4. Members of the District Council are automatic delegates to the County Convention. All members of the District elect the remaining at-large delegates to total 25 per district, and alternates.**

THE NEW BIENNIAL ELECTION

- 1. There are no more Precinct Clubs.**
- 2. Members of each Precinct elect State Convention delegates for their Precinct.**
- 3. All members of the District elect members of the District Council.**
- 4. The members of the District Council are automatic delegates to the Oahu County Convention. All members of the District elect the remaining delegates up to 25 per District, and alternates.**

THE ELECTION OF THE NEW DISTRICT COUNCIL

At the Biennial Election Meeting, all members of the District vote to elect members of the District Council (DC) in this order:

- 1. Officers of the District Council in this order: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer.**
- 2. Five additional at-large Council members (called “Directors”).**
- 3. After the election of the first nine members of the DC, District members who reside in Precincts not represented on the DC will have the opportunity to be elected to one position on the DC, provided those members are present and willing to run.**
- 4. The election resumes by filling the remaining Director positions on the DC up to fifteen total members of the DC.**

THE ELECTION OF THE NEW DISTRICT COUNCIL, cont'd.

5. After that process has been completed, additional officers may be added to the existing DC:

- One or two additional Vice Chairpersons**
- An additional Secretary**

These additional officers may also be elected at a properly noticed later election meeting of the District membership.

(DPH Bylaws, Article III, Section 1B)

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE O`AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS BYLAWS

To be voted on at the OCC meeting on
August 6, 2022

In response to the amendments to the DPH Constitution & Bylaws, substantial changes were made to two O`ahu County Bylaws: 4.1 and 12.4

Bylaw 4.1:

Informs the reader about the composition of the new District Council by quoting the relevant portions of the DPH Constitution, Article III.

Bylaw 12.4:

- As before the number of elected delegates per District remains at 25.**
- Members elected to the District Council automatically become delegates.**
- The remaining delegates will be elected on an at-large basis by the District membership at the Biennial Election**

- **The remaining delegates will be elected on an at-large basis by the District membership at the Biennial Election meeting. Alternate delegates may also be elected. (The Bylaws amendments codify the practice of electing alternates. The current Bylaws allow the withdrawing delegate to select their own replacement.)**
- **If a delegate determines in advance of the Convention they are unable to serve, the District Chairperson will select their replacement from the list of alternate delegates. If there is no alternate list, the District Chairperson will fill vacancies on a first-come, first-served basis, but will try to find a replacement of the same gender.**

THE UPCOMING BIENNIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE BIENNIAL ELECTION

- **May be held in person, online, or hybrid of both**
- **More than one District may meet in one location, for example, two Districts or all of the Districts in a Region may meet together.**
- **There will be no election of State Convention delegates at these October meetings.**
- **The 2 elections to be held:**
 - 1. District Council**
 - 2. Delegates to the County Convention**
- **District Chairs or meeting conveners will be provided with packets with scripts, lists, and reporting forms for the meetings.**

SAVE THE DATE:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
BIENNIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS