

Proposed Minutes

- 1. Training Sessions:** The State Central Committee meeting was preceded by a training session for the Coordinated Campaign.
- 2. Opening Business:** Chair Brian Melendez called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. A quorum was present. The Chair welcomed members to the first SCC meeting of the 2010-2012 biennium. The Agenda was adopted as presented. Minutes from the December 5, 2009 meeting in Sartell were approved. Sen. Mary Olson welcomed the committee to Bemidji.
- 3. Informational Reports**
 - Chair:** The Chair encouraged members to sign up for electronic notices and the SCC list serve. State Party officers and staff were introduced, as were floor team members. Executive Director Andy O'Leary announced that members had contributed \$1835 at the registration tables. The goal for each meeting is \$2000, which is the approximate cost of the meeting. The Chair informed members that questions for the upcoming Affirmative Action Officer election may be submitted for inclusion in the Q & A period.
 - Orientation:** J.P. Barone, CD4 Chair and a long-serving of the SCC, provided an orientation for new committee members.
 - Associate Chair:** AC Donna Cassutt announced that the communications staff is launching Message Teams, and members are encouraged to join to write letters to the editor and to call in to talk radio programs. Members interested should contact Anny Kruse at akruse@dfi.org. The DFL Dispatch, a periodic emailed newsletter, has a sign-up button in every issue. The Coordinated Campaign is up and running with James Haggart at the helm, making calls and doorknocking. Regional field directors have been hired. DFL offices are opening across the state, partnering with local units and candidates. Party efforts are being coordinated with the DFL House and Senate caucuses, as well as with Organizing for America.
 - Treasurer:** The Treasurer's Report was prepared by comptroller Libby Keefe. Party Treasurer Lori Sellner was unable to attend the meeting due to an event in the First Congressional District. Ms. O'Keefe reported that as of the end of April, income was just a few points short of the projected budget, putting party finances in a better position than a similar point in the cycle over the past four years. The low-dollar fundraising took a downturn due to the governor's unallotment of the Political Contribution Refund program, but has rebounded since then and is about halfway back to expected amounts. Expenses have been running slightly less than budgeted, but even so, have exceeded income by about 1%.
- 4. Special Orders**
 - Endorsement for Lt. Governor:** DFL-endorsed candidate for governor, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, addressed the committee and introduced her running mate, John Gunyou, who also spoke to the attendees. The Chair called for nominations for endorsement for lieutenant governor. John Gunyou's name was placed in nomination. The body approved a motion to suspend the Rules and endorsed Mr. Gunyou by acclamation.
 - Election of Affirmative Action Officer:** A motion to declare a vacancy for Affirmative Action Officer, due to the resignation of Jamie Edwards, was approved. Advance notice of the intent to declare a vacancy and for the election of a new AAO had been included in the materials sent to all members of the committee. State party director Eric Margolis read the Affirmative Action Statement.
Megan Thomas was nominated by Sen. Linda Higgins. Gary Fuller was nominated by Sen. Mary Olson. Frank Brown was nominated by Roann Cramer. There were no further nominations, and a motion to close nominations was approved. Each candidate addressed the committee and answered questions. The floor was frozen and ballots were distributed to voting members. In response to a question from the floor, the Chair clarified that a simple majority is required to elect. Ballots were collected and delivered to the tellers. Business continued while ballots were counted.
Results of the election were Brown 80 votes; Thomas 71 votes; Fuller 60 votes; spoiled ballots 3. Mr. Fuller addressed the body and withdrew his nomination. Ms. Thomas addressed the body and withdrew her nomination. A motion to suspend the Rules and elect Mr. Brown by acclamation was approved. AAO Brown addressed the body.
- 6. General Orders**
 - Hall of Distinguished Service:** History Committee chair Jules Goldstein presented the nominees for the Hall of Distinguished Service. They are Elmer Kelm of Carver County, the first DFL party chair (posthumous); Rick Nelson of Eden Prairie, a long-time party officer, convention chair, and developer of the Call (posthumous); Alec Olson of Kandiyohi County, a former Congressman, legislator, and lieutenant governor; and Jan Rein of Blaine, long-time headquarters receptionist. The committee approved these nominations. Committee members were thanked for their work in researching and interviewing for this award. In addition to Mr. Goldstein, they included Sean Broom, D.J. Danielson, John DeSantis, Dr. Josie Johnson, Sarah Lehman, Karen Sames, and Nancy Schumacher.
 - Sample Ballot:** Andy O'Leary announced a budget of \$20,000 for printing and distributing 80,000 ballots for the Primary. Additional funds need to be raised to increase universe of targeted voters. Each ballot costs about 25-cents to print and mail. Staff will work with the Coordinated Campaign and local units. In response to a question, Mr. O'Leary reported that there will be an online information site to promote endorsed candidates.
- 7. Closing Business:** No items were requested for previous notice. Future meeting dates include Aug. 21 in the Twin Cities metro area and Dec. 11 in SD19 of Wright County. Upcoming events include a DFL barbecue planned following the August 21 meeting and the Founders Day dinner scheduled for Sept. 25. The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.
- 8. Post-meeting events:** Training sessions were held after the meeting for Chairs and Associate Chairs, Treasurers, and Secretaries. SCC members were invited to a birthday walleye dinner fundraiser sponsored by SD4 in honor of Sen. Mary Olson.