



# Multnomah Democrats

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## January Central Committee Meeting Will Be The Biennial Organization Meeting

The Organization Meeting of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee will take place on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

*That means election of Officers, State Central Committee Delegates and Congressional District Committee Delegates.*

Last year, officers were elected to one-year terms in order to shift the phase of those terms from June to June of even-numbered years to January to January of odd-numbered years.

The deadline for inclusion on the printed ballots was Jan. 1. Nominees are Chair: KC Hansen, Vice-Chair: Susan Silodor, Treasurer: Laura Calvo, Communications Officer: Sue Hagmeier, Johna Rossetto, Recording Secretary: Eric Swehla, Historian: Lynn Dorman. Nominations for write-in candidates may be made from the floor. Only Democrats who confirm that they are willing to serve may be entered into nomination.

### Eligibility:

Any citizen of Multnomah County registered to vote as a Democrat for at least the preceding 180 days is eligible to serve as an officer or delegate. All *elected* Precinct Committee Persons in attendance at the meeting are eligible to vote for officers.

All Precinct Committee Persons (*elected or appointed*) in attendance at the meeting are eligible to vote for Delegates to the State Central

Committee.

Within any of the three Congressional District Caucuses (made up of PCPs residing in, and elected or appointed to represent, precincts in that CD), all PCPs (*elected or appointed*) are eligible to vote for delegate to the CD committee. No proxies are allowed.

### Offices:

**Chair:** Convenes and presides at meetings of the Central Committee, Executive Committee and Administration Committee, prepares agendas, appoints committee chairs and at-large committee members. Lead community organizer extraordinaire.

**Vice-chair:** Performs the duties of the Chair in event of the Chair's absence or incapacity, maintains records of PCPs and manages PCP appointment process.

**Treasurer:** Custodian of all funds of the MCDCC, maintains financial records, files required financial reports.

**Communications Officer:** Manages communications with Central Community and with larger Democratic Community. Maintains mailing and email lists, responsible for website and other communications resources and media relations.

**Recording Secretary:** Prepares and maintains minutes of meetings, submits for approval.

**Historian:** Maintains records and



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## MCDCC Organization Meeting

### MCDCC Organization Meeting (cont. from pg 1)

archives of the party.

Please note that no officer position is ceremonial. They all carry significant “actual responsibilities.”

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. Again, Only persons present at the meeting or persons who have certified in writing their intent to serve in office if elected may be nominated.

Where there is more than one candidate for an office, balloting will open following short speeches. Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by acclamation.

#### **State Central Committee and Congressional District Committees**

State Central Committee Delegates attend quarterly meetings of the State Central Committee, which is the primary decision-making body of the Democratic Party of Oregon. They vote for officers of the DPO (at the March, 2009 SCC meeting) and vote on resolutions and endorsements that come before the State Central Committee.

The State Central Committee delegation from Multnomah County includes 14 delegates, 7 men and 7 women. 12 delegates will be elected in addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair, who are automatic delegates. We will also elect 7 women and 7 men as alternates.

Election of SCC delegates will take place following the election of officers.

Nominations will be by declaration at the meeting; if you wish to run but cannot attend,

you should notify the vice-chair (vicechair@multdems.org), who will place your name in nomination at the meeting.

There will be no printed ballots for these positions. Elected *and* appointed PCPs are eligible to vote for all delegates.

Congressional District Committee Delegates attend quarterly meetings of their Congressional District Committees, which can provide valuable liaison to Congressional offices. In certain circumstances, in the event of a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Representative, the CD Committee conducts a nominating meeting of the PCPs residing in and representing precincts in that CD.

Congressional District Delegation sizes vary according to the portion of the CD in Multnomah County.

Following the election of SCC delegates, elected and appointed PCPs will meet in their respective Congressional District caucuses, convened by their current CD delegation chairs, to elect delegates. In the absence of a CD delegation Chair, an officer will convene that caucus.

Nominations will be by declaration at the caucus; if you wish to run but cannot attend, you should notify the vice-chair, who will place your name in nomination at the caucus.

There will be no printed ballots for these positions. Elected *and* appointed PCPs are eligible to vote for all delegates.

Questions? Contact Susan Silodor at vicechair@multdems.org

### **Multnomah Democrats Organizational meeting and Officer Elections January 8 2008, Mark Your Calendars!**

**Elections will also be held for delegates to serve on Oregon's Democratic State Central Committee and Congressional District Committees.**

**In last January's officer elections, officers were elected to a shortened 1 year term in order to make the election cycle more effective for the party. Subsequent Officer elections will be conducted in January of odd-numbered years.**

**The meeting will be held at the Hollywood Senior Center 1820 NE 40th Ave. Portland, Credentialing begins at 6 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm.**

# And Now It Begins!

## 2009 Annual Celsi Dinner

Friday, February 20

Melody Ballroom  
615 SE Alder Street, Portland  
6-9PM

As we celebrate the historic election victories of 2008, we also prepare to secure those wins with strong results in Congress, the Oregon Legislature and local government and honoring the 2009 Dick Celsi Award Winner

### **Guest speakers:**

**KPOJ Air America host Carl Wolfson,  
Attorney General John Kroger, Karol Collymore  
& Democratic Activist-extraordinaire Steve Novick  
Plus, a special appearance of the Dems Femmes**

### **Live & Silent Auction**

The "Social Hour", from 6 - 7 pm, will feature a silent auction.

We'll have a small live auction during the Dinner as well.

If you'd like to contribute an item to help this fundraising element of the Dinner, need information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Dinner Co-Chair Susan Silodor (503.310.5253) or by email at: [celsi@multdems.org](mailto:celsi@multdems.org).

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### **MCDCC General Meeting**

Thursday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>  
Credentialing Begins: 6 pm  
Business Meeting: 7 pm  
All MultDems welcome  
This meeting will also serve as the  
biennial organization meeting of  
MCDCC.

Multnomah County Dems meet monthly  
on second Thursdays.

1820 NE 40th Ave., Portland 97212,  
just north of Sandy Blvd.



www.oregondemocrats.org  
**OREGON INAUGURATION VICTORY BALL**  
**JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

## **The Democratic Party of Oregon Proudly presents The Oregon Victory Ball**

**Join us as we toast Barack Obama and  
dance the night away to the musical stylings of....(TBD).  
Desserts, silent auction packages, limited edition souvenir,  
special guests and much more.**

***You will receive a wrist stamp at registration for the Oregon Victory Ball.  
This wrist stamp will also provide you entry after 11:00 pm  
to the Obama dance party at\_Holocene***

**January 20th, 2009  
7:30 PM Doors Open  
8:00 PM Event Begins  
Tiffany Center Emerald Ballroom  
1410 SW Morrison St.  
Portland, OR 97205  
You can purchase tickets online at:  
<https://secure.dpo.org/dpo/victoryball2009/>**