

To: County Chairs & Administrative Committee Members
From: Jason Rae, Platform & Resolutions Committee Chair
Re: Resolutions Process for 2010 State Convention

Platform and Resolution Process:

As one begins to prepare for the upcoming Congressional District Conventions, as well as the State Convention, it is time to begin thinking about resolutions. Because of the large number of new county chairs, I thought it would be appropriate to take a few minutes to explain about the resolution process.

To begin, let me provide a quick overview of the Platform & Resolutions Committee. The committee is composed of three members from every congressional district, elected to staggered terms. The committee is charged with managing the resolutions for every state convention, as well as presenting a platform in even-numbered years.

According to the by-laws of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, all resolutions must be no more than one hundred (100) words in a standardized format. A standardized format means that every resolution must begin with a “Whereas” clause, have a “Therefore” clause, with each line being numbered.

The process for advancing resolutions to the state convention begins directly with the county parties. Each county party may submit no more than ten (10) resolutions to their respective Congressional District for debate and possible adoption at the Congressional District Convention. Each Congressional District is then entitled to submit no more than ten (10) resolutions to the State Convention. This provides for a possibility of up to 80 resolutions submitted for consideration at the State Convention, in addition to floor resolutions.

Prior to the State Convention, the Platform & Resolutions Committee meets to prepare all resolutions for the delegates. This includes, but is not limited to, making sure all resolutions are formatted correctly as well as combining similar resolutions. The Committee then will send out a report in the convention packet to all delegates prior to the state convention for their review.

This is a very brief synopsis of the resolution process. More detailed information may be found in the DPW Constitution and By-laws—specifically By-laws Article IV, Section 5. Should you have any other questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact myself. I can be reached via email at raejason@yahoo.com or telephone at 715.790.4334. I am more than happy to work with you or your county party in any way possible.

Thank you so much for your time. Let the resolution writing process begin!