

Rules Overview: ADP Officers and Other Leadership

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I. Pertinent Sections of ADP Bylaws

CONDUCT

Article XV. Conduct and Conflict of Interest; Section 1. EXPECTATIONS.

Members of the Arizona Democratic Party Executive Board, Executive Committee, and State Committee and ADP employees shall follow the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Policies. They shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credibility for the office or position they serve, and that confers respect to all other members. They shall not use their office or position to gain special privileges or benefits and shall refrain from action in their official capacities when their judgement could potentially be affected by personal interests. Violation of the Policies could result in removal from State Committee position per Article II, Section 4. Accordingly, Executive Committee members may be removed as allowable by statute.

CONCURRENT POSITIONS

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 4. CONCURRENT POSITIONS.

- A. ADP Officers and other members of the ADP Executive Board shall not concurrently serve as officers of any political action committee.
- B. ADP Officers and other members of the ADP Executive Board shall not concurrently serve as employees of the ADP.

ARTICLE VII. ADP CAUCUSES AND ADP COUNCILS, Section 2.

- B. *Leadership.* Each ADP Caucus and each ADP Council shall select a Leader and a Co-Leader who are State Committeepersons residing in different counties. Leadership terms shall be two (2) years and will commence with the Biennial Organization Meeting. The Leader and Co-Leader shall not be officers of the ADP, nor shall they be officers of any political action committee.

USE OF TITLE

Article XIV. Endorsement of Candidates; Section 3. USE OF PARTY OFFICE AND TITLE.

ADP Officers and others appointed or elected to ADP leadership positions shall not use the titles of their party positions in any endorsement of a candidate in a contested primary election; party titles may be used only when representing policies, programs, activities or stances of the ADP.

REMOVAL

ARTICLE III. STATE COMMITTEE OFFICERS, Section 4. REMOVAL OF STATE COMMITTEE OFFICERS.

Any elected State Committee Officer shall be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of the State Committee.

ARTICLE II. STATE COMMITTEE, Section 4. DEEMED RESIGNATION FROM THE STATE COMMITTEE.

A. A State Committeeperson shall be deemed to have resigned from the State Committee upon any of the following events:

1. The State Committeeperson fails without reasonable explanation to attend in person or by proxy three (3) consecutive meetings of the State Committee; or
2. If it is the opinion of two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the body that elected a State Committeeperson, as expressed by a vote at a regular or specially called meeting of that body, that the State Committeeperson has refused or neglected his/her duties; or
3. The State Committeeperson has publicly supported an opposition candidate in a partisan election.
4. The State Committeeperson fails to comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy and/or fails to disclose a real or potential conflict of interest.
5. The State Committeeperson is determined by the Executive Board to have irreconcilably violated the ADP Code of Conduct.

II. Policies adopted by the ADP Executive Board (November 13, 2019)

(Note that some, but not all, of these have been codified in the bylaws.)

1. Consistent with fairness and equal treatment for all Democratic candidates required by ADP Bylaws, ADP Officers and others appointed or elected to ADP leadership positions shall not use the titles of their party positions in any endorsement of a candidate in a contested primary election. Similarly, party titles shall not be used in endorsing ballot measures that are not endorsed by the ADP, or in sponsoring or endorsing ADP resolutions.
2. ADP Officers and other members of the ADP Executive Board, with the exception of National Committee members, shall not concurrently run for any office in a partisan election.
3. ADP Officers and other members of the Executive Board, with the exception of National Committee members, shall not serve as campaign managers or as paid consultants to any partisan campaign.

(Note: The third resolution does not apply to officers/board members serving as campaign treasurers, only campaign managers/consultants who are considered direct decision makers in strategies and messaging.)