

BYLAWS OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION (Amended April 29, 2007)

The name of this organization shall be the Democratic County Chairs' Association (DCCA) of the State of Florida. The DCCA is a dependent entity created by the Florida Democratic Party to further the development of county Democratic Executive Committees established by Florida Statute in each of the state's 67 counties.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The objective of this Association shall be to promote and encourage communications and the exchange of ideas among the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the various Democratic Executive Committee in the State of Florida and to assist in furthering and promoting the objectives of the Florida Democratic Party at the local, county, state, and national level.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this Association is limited to the duly elected Chairs and Vice Chairs of the various county Democratic Executive Committees.

Section 2. The County Chair and/or Vice Chair may designate any member, elected, or appointed, of his or her county Executive Committee to serve as his or her proxy at any meeting or function of this Association.

Section 3. Membership in this Association shall become effective upon receipt of \$100 in biennial dues for each county paid by each of the respective county Democratic Executive Committees.

Section 4. A quorum for all meetings of this Association shall consist of forty percent (40%) of the currently paid membership.

Section 5. Each county Executive Committee which has paid its current membership dues shall be entitled to two (2) votes, one each for its Chair and its Vice Chair respectively.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

This Association shall meet no less than two (2) times annually, at a time and place to be determined by the Chair of the DCCA.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the paid membership for two (2) year terms following the State Democratic Party Organizational Meeting and concluding in December of the year of the next regularly scheduled general election; thereafter, listed officers shall be elected to two (2) year terms by a majority vote of the paid membership.

Section 2. The Chair shall be elected subject to the advice and consent of the State Democratic Party Chair and shall serve his or her term at the pleasure of the State Chair.

Section 3. Any person who ceases to be a Chair or a Vice Chair of a Florida Democratic Party Democratic Executive Committee automatically ceases to be a member of the Democratic County Chairs' Association, and therefore not eligible to hold office within the Association.

Section 4. If any duly elected officer of this Association misses two (2) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, then that office shall be deemed vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors, except for the Chair, which office shall be filled by the Vice Chair.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the DCCA plus eight (8) Regional Directors. Regional Directors shall be elected by and from the membership of the Democratic County Chairs' Association to represent the regions which are established by the officers of the Association in a manner that ensures geographically compact and contiguous regions.

Section 2. The elected Board of Directors shall serve for two (2) year terms. Two (2) additional Directors may be appointed to the Board of Directors by the officers of this Association in order to balance gender and geographic representation on the Board.

Section 3. The duty of the Board of Directors shall be to plan and organize each meeting of the Association and make recommendations to the Association's membership that will facilitate the transaction of its business during regular and/or special meetings. No action of the Board of Directors shall be in conflict with any action taken by the Association's membership at regular or special meetings. The Board is empowered to act on behalf of the membership of the Association between its twice-yearly meetings.

Section 4. There shall be two (2) meetings of the Board of Directors per year to be called by the Chair of the Association. If any duly elected Regional Director is absent for two regularly scheduled meetings per year (unless absence is excused at the discretion of the Chair), then that office shall be deemed vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining Board of Directors.

Section 5. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Association.

Section 6. Regional Directors are tasked with monitoring DEC's of all counties in the region in order to identify opportunities for assisting DEC's that are newly organized or in transition. On an as-needed basis, Regional Directors are responsible for assembling a mentoring team to give guidance to DEC Chairs and Vice Chairs.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Association by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting, provided that thirty (30) days written notice has been given to the membership.

ATTESTED TO BY:

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION

Arlin Briley, DCCA Secretary 2007-2008