

## Democrats of Greater Novi - February 19, 2019 meeting minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35
  2. **Approved** minutes from 1/10/19 meeting
  3. **Agreed** to rules of debate and Roberts rules in force
    - a. Will review Bylaws Article by Article
    - b. Written submission Amendments will be discussed first (if submitter is present), followed by motions from the floor
    - c. Discussion will be limited to 2 minutes/person/amendment
    - d. Final approval will require 2/3 to pass bylaws
  4. Bylaws were **Approved** (see detailed minutes of debate on the following pages)
  5. **Elected** an Election Committee:
    - A. Kelly nominated Karen Zyczynski
    - B. Kelly nominated Cynthia Churches
    - C. Jasper nominates Bob Paddock - Bob declined
    - D. Kelly declined nomination
    - E. Colleen nominated Karen McKenzie
- By Acclamation Election Committee Members: Karen, Cynthia and Karen**
6. Next meeting: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, 48375
  7. Announcements:
    - a. Karen Zyczynski: Jim Pearson can no longer help with road clean-up and now we need a new road clean up chair. If you are interested in leading this effort, contact Karen 248-245-2808.
    - b. Ann: Discussed our social media presence. We have a Facebook page and group, an e-mail list, twitter and Instagram pages.
    - c. Brian: Anyone running for the board, please send bio to election committee ASAP. No information as to how to send it to the election committee.
    - d. Tina: Reminder of two upcoming events: Green Deal with Andy Levin, on Thursday 2/21 in Huntington Woods and Moms Demand Action Western Wayne County at 7:00pm at 34567 7 Mile Rd.
  8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25

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## Minutes from debate of the Bylaws

### A. Article 1: **Name of club:** Listed as **Novi Democratic Club**

1. Written submission: Kelly Breen moved to change name to Novi Area Club. Carolyn Upton spoke in support of keeping the name Novi Democratic Club. Vote: 16 yay and 18 nay: **Amendment fails.**
2. Floor motion: Herb (on behalf of Colleen Crossey) moved to change to **Democrats of Greater Novi.** Vote: 21 yay and 15 nay: **Amendment passes.**

New club named **Democrats of Greater Novi**

### B. Article 2 Mission Statement, no written amendments. No changes made.

### C. Article 3: Membership and Rights

1. Floor question: Is there an age requirement? This will be a question for the membership committee when they are up and running.
2. Floor motion: It was moved to change Section 8 (Prohibition of Secret Ballot) - Allow a secret ballot if there is a removal of an elected official. Andrew Mutch reported that secret ballots are not allowed through the MDP. Colleen moved to table the motion until MDP can rule. Aaron reaffirmed MDP rules.
3. Floor motion: It was moved to have a period after the word "Michigan party" in section 4, no second.
4. Floor motion: It was moved that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter dues be rolled into next year. Brian suggested the membership/due committee decide. Motion was retracted.
5. Discussion took place about Section 4 (Inclusivity) - Maureen moved to add "or any other categorizing label" to section 4 and 5. Aaron moved to add "any other protected status.". Brian reported that the bylaws committee started with the bylaws template and made our clubs more inclusive. No vote was held.
6. Floor question: What is a supporter of the Democratic Party? Brian stated that the if someone comes to the meeting and claims that they support the Democratic party we pretty much have to take them at their word.
7. Floor question: Herb asked - Are we subject to open meetings act? Brian stated that Open meetings act only applies to government meetings.

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D. Article 4. MDP code of conduct. No written amendments, no changes

E. Article 5. Club meetings. No written amendments, no comments or changes

F. Article 6. Executive Board:

1. Written submission: Colleen moved for section 4 and 5 (2 vice chairs and 1 secretary, **change to assign tasks to vice chair** (1 social media chair, 1 corresponding chair), Seconded. Several people asked Colleen to clarify. Marian tabled this motion so that Colleen can re-write the language. **Motion temporarily withdrawn.**
2. Floor motion: Kelly moved **to reduce At-Large members to 3 and add another vice chair.** Each vice chair to have a specific role. One for outreach, one for membership, one for social media. Seconded. Lively debate ensued.
  - a. Floor motion: Jasper moved to change the rules of debate, to discuss amendments on a section by section basis to simplify the discussion. **Amendment passes.**
3. Section 1 Composition of Board:
  - a. Floor motion: Herb moved to have opposite genders as chair and vice-chair. **Amendment fails.**
  - b. Floor motion: Mark moved to have one vice chair because we are a small club. Seconded. Kelly will withdraw original motion but wants the 2 to have defined set of duties. Carolyn states there is no need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair. Lots of lively discussion. Motion to decrease to once vice chair: 14 y and 26 nays. **Amendment fails.**
  - c. Floor motion: Kelly moved for **one Vice Chair of Outreach and Organization and one Vice Chair for Policy and Membership.** Colleen states her previous motion was on the same page but with different explanation. Vote: 24 y and 6 nays. **Amendment passes.**
4. Section 6 Duties of the Treasurer:
  - a. Floor motion: Cynthia Churches moved to add "duty to complete PAC reports"- no opposition to adding the language. **Amendment passes.**
5. Section 9 Officer Conflicts:
  - a. Floor motion: Brain moved to **change language such that no family member can be a co-signer on the check but can be on board together.** Vote: 21 y and 17 Nays. **Amendment passes.**
  - b. Floor motion: It was moved have no elected officials on the Board. Lively debate ensued. Vote: by majority, **Amendment fails.**

G. Article 7: Elections:

1. Written submission: Dana Fortier moved to add term limits or cycle off for 2 years. No 2<sup>nd</sup>.

H. Article 8: Election Committee: No changes

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### I. Article 9: Club Committees.

1. Floor motion: Kelly moved to **add outreach committee** to work with other dem clubs and activists groups. Vote: by majority yay. **Amendment passes.**

### J. Article 10: Removal Procedures no changes

### K. Article 11: Club endorsements:

1. Floor motion: Kelly moved to add the **Endorsement committee to be a standing committee** (also wants it to be a candidate recruitment). Seconded. Vote: majority yay. **Amendment passes.**
2. Floor motion: Jasper moved to **eliminate the “no-endorsements” in primary clause.** Vote: 24 yay and 6 nays. **Amendment passes.**

### L. Articles 12 and 13: No objections were raised to these articles.

**Final vote on bylaws require 2/3 vote to pass: vote: 38 yay and 0 nay:  
Bylaws Passed.**

Andrew moved to give Marian and Brian responsibility to update the bylaws with amendments as agreed to in today's meeting. Motion passed.