

Chair's Report – March 8, 2023

Between the LD meeting and the E-Board retreat, the bulk of time was spent preparing for those meetings. The retreat was successful in terms of identifying what goals to work on for the coming year. I participated with the group that focused on DEI and membership. It was decided to hold a panel discussion with members representing the various BIPOC organizations. I was asked to invite Tribal Chair Leonard Forsman to represent the Suquamish Tribe. I extended the invitation and it was accepted conditioned on no conflicts – so far, so good 😊

The state chair has gotten the party work started with identifying the leadership of the LDs and CDs. All the SCMs have been asked for their desired committees to work on. Ted has gotten the Affirmative Action Committee and Kathy got the Resolutions Committee. With our County SCM folks Chris Cancialosi getting Party Modernization and Mary Bryant getting Rules & Bylaws, it looks like the 23rd is well taken care of with these assignments 😊.

The resolution on Rank Choice Voting was sent to our 23rd LD delegation in Olympia. Rep Simmons thanked us and acknowledged receipt of the resolution. The SURSAC resolution dealing with decriminalization and drug possession was revamped by Kathy to conform to the 5 whereases and 3 therefores format set by the state. The Medicare privatization resolution needs to be voted on by the LD and then, assuming it passes, I can send it onto our federal delegation.

The following will be in my monthly reports until we make some progress on these: I continue to meet via Zoom with the Puget Sound LDs to look at staffing a booth for the WA State Fair. This is a good place to do some outreach and broaden our base. We need to keep doing things like this. Outreach is all about building relationships.

We need to be recruiting people to run for office at both the local and state levels. I have had several conversations that indicate that Senator Rolfes will run for Commissioner of Public Lands and Representative Drew Hansen will run for WA Attorney General should Bob Ferguson run Governor. That leaves the 23rd with only one incumbent and we need to get our LD and bench ready to go. I've met with Brynn Felix thanks to Laurie Kadet so the bench is getting started 😊

See ya on Wednesday,
Val