

The Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee has approved the technical conformance of the Rural Caucus. The following Bylaw is presented to the State Central Committee for consideration subject to a positive review by the State Executive Committee for alignment of the proposed caucus with the party's electoral goals.

Respectfully submitted
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ARTICLE VIII
COMMUNITY OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS
AND CAUCUSES

As detailed in this Article, the DFL Party may advance its electoral goals by forming organizations (known as “Community Outreach Organizations”) whose purpose is to reach out to, organize, and represent communities within Minnesota that are not geographically defined, with an emphasis on communities that have been historically disenfranchised or underrepresented. Community Outreach Organizations that meet certain criteria will be recognized as Community Caucuses, a periodically renewable status that confers on them certain additional, limited powers, including endorsement and the possibility of representation on the State Executive Committee.

Each Community Outreach Organization or Caucus exists to embody and strengthen the relationship between its community and the DFL Party and to deepen their mutual commitment, understanding, and accountability; to integrate and mobilize the community within the Party and the Party within the community; to encourage and develop leaders within the community who can run for public office, assume Party leadership positions, and carry the Party’s message back to the community; to engage the community in the electoral process through voter registration, voter education, candidate endorsements (within the limits detailed in this Article), campaign support, and get-out-the-vote efforts; to remind the Party of and help it fulfill its obligations of outreach, inclusion, and affirmative action; and to help unify the Party by finding common cause with the Party’s other communities.

Section 1. Authorized Community Outreach Organizations.

The State Central Committee may authorize a new Community Outreach Organization within the Party if it meets all of the following criteria:

1. Its membership consists of at least 25 members who meet the requirements of Article I, Section 2.
2. It represents a community within the Party which is not defined by its geography (i.e., a geographic area in Minnesota smaller than the entire state).
3. It has not yet been authorized under this article.
4. It has adopted governing documents which are approved by the DFL State Party Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee. Said governing documents shall:

- a. define what constitutes membership in the organization (provided that no requirement for payment for dues may be included unless accompanied by a process for waiver);
 - b. require the organization hold meetings at least 4 times per year, in addition to the annual meeting of its full membership;
 - c. provide that, when there has been an endorsement by the official DFL convention, commission, or central committee having jurisdiction, the organization may not support or spend money for any candidate running in opposition to an endorsed DFL candidate;
 - d. provide that the organization will not take a public position contrary to the DFL Ongoing Platform and Action Agenda (although the organization may advocate for change within the DFL party, and encourage people to bring resolutions to precinct caucuses);
 - e. provide that the organization shall not endorse unless it has achieved and kept current the status of “Community Caucus” under Section 2;
 - f. provide for amendment only with the approval of the State Central Committee or the DFL State Party Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee; and
 - g. provide the organization is subordinate to the Party’s constitution, bylaws, and Official Call.
5. It has obtained the approval of the State Executive Committee, which has determined that authorization of the organization advances the electoral goals of the Party.
 6. It has obtained approval of the State Central Committee after satisfying the criteria in Paragraphs 1–5, above.

No organization proposing to be a Community Outreach Organization or Community Caucus may use the initials “DFL” or the name “Democratic–Farmer–Labor” in its name until it has satisfied all of these conditions.

Bylaw The following Community Outreach Organizations have been authorized: African American Caucus, Minnesota Asian Indian Democratic Association, Asian Pacific American Caucus, Disability Caucus, Environmental Caucus, Feminist Caucus, Hmong American Caucus, Latino Caucus, Minnesota Young DFL, American Indian Caucus, Muslim Caucus, Progressive Caucus, Rural Caucus, Senior Caucus, Somali American Caucus, Stonewall DFL, and Veterans Caucus.