

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MODEL DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FOR THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

This **Model Delegate Selection Plan** is furnished to State Democratic Parties (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad) to assist with the preparation of their respective Plans for the 2008 delegate selection process. In preparing their Plans, State Parties are welcome, but not required, to follow this “model” format.

Provisions applicable for both typical primary or caucus states are included in this Model Plan. A State Party can adapt this document to the requirements of its own unique primary or caucus system. State or date references appear in parentheses (e.g., (*state*) or (*date*); state/system-specific choices or notations are indicated in brackets (e.g., [*indicate system: primary or caucus*]). All of these variables appear as ***bold and italicized*** text.

State Plans must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee by May 1, 2007. Before submitting the Plan, it must be approved by the State Party following a 30-day public comment period.

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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION & DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. New Mexico has a total of 38 delegates and 4 alternates. (Call, I. & Appendix B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the Rules and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of New Mexico, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. New Mexico will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Party-Run Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of New Mexico’s delegate selection process will occur on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 with a Party-Run Primary
3. Voter Participation in Process
 - a. Participation in New Mexico’s delegate selection process is open to all voters registered as Democrats in New Mexico as of January 4, 2008. **Therefore, New Mexico’s Party-run Primary is closed and no independent or unaffiliated voters can participate.** (Rule 2.A Rules 2.A. & 2.C. & Reg. 4.3.)
 - b. At no stage of New Mexico’s delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (Rule 2.D. & Reg. 4.4.)
 - c. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E.)
 - d. New Mexico Democratic voters who participate in the caucus on February 5, 2008, either in person or by mail, will determine the make-up, by presidential preference, of the pledged District level delegates and alternates to the National Democratic Convention.

They will not determine who the individual delegates and alternates to the National Democratic Convention will be. This will be done at the District Conventions to be held on April 19, 2008.

- e. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.6.)

4. Voting by Mail

- a. From December 17, 2007 until January 21, 2008 any properly registered Democratic voter may request their own vote by mail ballot via mail, fax, or e-mail from the Democratic Party of New Mexico and a ballot will be mailed to the voter. Ballots will be mailed beginning January 12, 2008, in order to remain in compliance with Rule 11.B. Only individual voters may request a ballot. Mass requests and requests by organizations shall not be granted. Ballots are not available for pick up in person from DPNM Headquarters.

- b. The ballots shall be in a form prescribed by the State Chair.

- c. Anyone who votes by mail cannot vote again at a caucus site.

- d. Vote by mail ballots must be postmarked by January 28, 2008 and will be counted as long as they are received in time to be certified on February 15, 2008

- e. The Democratic Party of New Mexico will pay all costs of the vote by mail program. The ballots will be opened and counted after 6:00 A.M. on February 5, 2008 by a committee appointed by the State Chair.

5. Caucus Zones and Caucus Sites

- a. The minimum number of caucus sites statewide shall be 150, and every county shall have at least one site.

- b. In every county, caucus zones have been established which delineate the proper site for each Democrat to vote:

- 1) Zones are based on ward and precinct boundaries and do not overlap.

- 2) The Caucus sites shall be accessible to the handicapped; any building may be used as a site for a caucus with the exception of a private home; no one site shall be used as, or counted as, more than one caucus site.

- 3) In each county, the county Democratic Party shall be responsible for locating and staffing suitable sites for caucuses. The State Party shall be responsible for paying for the rental costs, if any, for each site.

- 4) The County Chair, in consultation with county party officers, shall determine caucus zones and voting sites by August 15, 2007 and shall immediately forward this information to the State Chair for approval and forwarding to the Affirmative Action Committee.

- 5) The Affirmative Action Committee of the Democratic Party of New Mexico shall meet by September 15, 2007 to review all caucus zones and sites. The Affirmative Action Committee may make any adjustments necessary in the zones and sites to comply with its obligation to encourage full participation. The Affirmative Action Committee shall forward a copy of the final caucus zones and sites to the State Chair by September 15, 2007. The State Chair shall have final authority to designate caucus zones and sites.

c. Participating at Caucus Sites

- 1) Those persons who wish to participate and who are either listed on the voter rolls as being registered as a Democrat as of January 4, 2008 for that particular caucus site, or have a voter registration card containing information sufficient to show registration as a Democrat as of January 4, 2008 in a location qualified to vote at that particular caucus site may vote at that site.
- 2) Anyone who votes by mail cannot vote again at a caucus site. The Democratic Party of New Mexico shall establish procedures to prevent multiple voting by any person.

d. Registration at Caucus Sites

- 1) Democratic voters shall sign a registration sheet upon entering a caucus. These sign-in sheets shall be standardized and provided to each caucus site by the State Chair.

e. Caucus Site Agenda

The agenda for each caucus site shall be as follows:

- 1) Call to order at 12 P.M. Noon. MST
- 2) Registration and expression of presidential preference.
- 3) Adjournment/end of voting at 7 P.M. MST, except for those who are waiting in line to vote.
- 4) Caucus manager tabulates and reports results to State Party by phone and sends forms, ballots and any other pertinent material to State Party.

f. Caucus Site Rules

- 1) In every county, each caucus shall be called to order by the caucus manager, who shall be the County Chair or his/her designee. If the County Chair designates someone other than himself/herself to serve as caucus manager, a letter appointing the caucus manager must be directed to the State Chair so that it is received no later than October 1, 2007. In the event that a caucus manager is unable to serve, the State Chair may appoint a replacement based on the recommendation of the County Chair.
- 2) The caucus manager shall take all such steps necessary to make certain that all registration sign-in sheets are properly secured, that each registrant has the opportunity to cast a secret ballot, and that the results of the presidential caucus are accurately tabulated. Specifically he/she shall:
 - a) Not allow any voting by proxy and permit only eligible voters to cast ballots.
 - b) Permit Presidential campaigns to campaign at the caucus site provided there is no interference with the voter's right to cast his/her ballot confidentially.
 - c) Terminate registration at the time the caucus is adjourned. Those in line at the time the caucus is adjourned shall be allowed to complete the registration process and allowed to express their presidential preference.

- d) See that the results of the presidential caucuses are accurately tabulated and make note of any challenges.
 - e) After tabulation, secure and seal all registration sign-in sheets and ballots in the envelopes provided and send them immediately to the State Chair, 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Also included in this package shall be the results of the tabulation and a signed statement that the tabulation is an accurate reflection of the division of presidential preference at the caucus.
 - f) Report the results of the tabulation to the State Chair by telephone immediately upon completion of tabulation.
 - g) Appoint any committees necessary for the smooth operation of the caucus.
6. Uniform Rules and Equal Access by Campaigns
- a. Presidential candidates shall be allowed to have present at each caucus site a representative who shall be allowed to observe registration and tabulation of presidential preferences
 - b. A representative of a presidential candidate shall be allowed reasonable access to any site where vote by mail ballots are prepared, mailed, tabulated, or stored to observe those operations.
 - c. The State Chair shall establish uniform rules and regulations for “campaigning” of any nature at any caucus site. No preferential treatment shall be accorded to any campaign. Caucus site managers shall post these uniform rules and enforce them.

7. Tabulation of Results

The State Chair shall see that the results of all caucus sites and all vote-by-mail ballots are tabulated, by county within congressional district, by congressional district, and statewide and that the results are used to allocate delegates and alternates to presidential preferences. The State Chair shall notify each district Vice-Chair of the resulting delegate and alternate allocations no later than February 15, 2008.

SECTION II

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

A. BALLOT ACCESS

A presidential candidate is eligible to participate in New Mexico's caucus by filing a signed statement of candidacy, the form for which will be provided by the State Chair, along with the name of their authorized representative with the State Chair no later than 5 P.M. January 2, 2008 to 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. To be eligible for participation, the candidate must also pay a filing fee of \$2,500 to the DPNM or file a petition of five thousand (5,000) signatures of registered Democrats from the State of New Mexico. Petitions will be subject to verification by the Democratic Party of New Mexico. Forms for the statement of candidacy and petition will be available from the DPNM no later than **October 20**, 2007. The State Chair has the authority, subject to the approval of the Affirmative Action Committee, to add presidential candidates at a later time.

B. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

All ballots shall include a provision for caucus participants to write-in their presidential preference.

C. UNCOMMITTED

All ballots shall include a provision for caucus participants to express a preference for uncommitted.

D. RIGHT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW FILINGS

1. The State Chair shall review all filings submitted by presidential candidates and accept or reject each candidate. Rejected candidates may appeal to the Affirmative Action Committee. The State Chair shall convene a meeting of the Affirmative Action Committee promptly after the filing deadline. The State Chair may recommend the rejection of a candidate appealing to the Affirmative Action Committee if the presidential candidate:

- a. Is not a bona fide member of the Democratic Party; or
- b. Has withdrawn from the presidential race subsequent to filing; or
- c. Fails to meet the definition in section VI of the Call to the 2008 Democratic National Convention issued by the Democratic National Committee or is in violation of Rule 12.K of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.

2. The Affirmative Action Committee, by a majority vote, may exclude a presidential candidate for any of the above stated reasons. Upon such vote, the State Chair shall notify the presidential candidate of that decision.

3. The Affirmative Action Committee, by a majority vote, may approve the recommendation of the State Chair to add presidential candidates.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed in such a manner so as to prevent a presidential candidate whose name has been removed from the presidential preference form from conducting a write-in campaign pursuant to Section II.B.

E. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GOALS

Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.1.)

SECTION III

SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

A. DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. New Mexico is allocated 17 district-level delegates and 3 district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & I.I.)
2. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by congressional district conventions to be held on April 19, 2008
3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. New Mexico’s district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 presidential and the 2006 gubernatorial elections.
 - b. New Mexico’s total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women so that the variance between men and women will not exceed one in each group. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)
 - c. The required equal division by gender of the district-level delegates and alternates as a whole is achieved by alternating between male and female beginning with a female for the delegate positions and a male for the alternate positions.
 - d. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	3	3	6	1	0	1
#2	2	3	5	0	1	1
#3	3	3	6	1	0	1
Total	8	9	17	2	1	3

- e. Each of New Mexico’s three (3) congressional districts is allocated five (5) delegates and one (1) alternate. The remaining delegates were allocated in order of the 2006 general election vote, starting with the highest vote total, for the Democratic candidate in each congressional district. (Rule 8.B.)

4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (Rule 12.H.)
 - b. Any registered Democrat can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the national convention by filing a statement of candidacy with the State Chair by 5 P.M. March 20, 2008 at 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Any statement of candidacy or membership received after the deadline, regardless of the reason for delay, will not meet this qualification. Pursuant to Section III.E of this plan, individuals may file for more than one delegate category at the same time.
 - c. The statement of candidacy must contain the following information:
 - i) The full name of the candidate for delegate
 - ii) The mailing address, phone number and e-mail address (if available) of the candidate
 - iii) The congressional district in which the candidate is registered to vote.
 - iv) A pledge of support for a presidential candidate or uncommitted status
 - v) A statement that the candidate is registered to vote in New Mexico as a Democrat.
 - d. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions. A candidate for district-level delegate not elected to be a district-level delegate may run for election as a district-level alternate. (Rule 12.C.)
5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5 P.M. March 21, 2008, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 12.D. & 12.F.) (Reg. 4.22.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by 5 P.M. March 28, 2008, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate women to be selected. (Rule 12.E.(1), Reg. 4.23.) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate.
 - c. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.23.)
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted

status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in section III.A.5.b of this Plan.

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. New Mexico is a closed, party-run caucus state. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the caucus participants in each district. Therefore, the national convention delegates elected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (Rule 13.B.)
- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
- c. The presidential preference of the pledged delegates and alternates to be elected at the district level will be determined by the results of the votes cast at caucus sites and by mail on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. (Rule 12.G.)
- d. The State Chair shall notify each district chair by February 15, 2008 of the delegate and alternate allocation by presidential preference including uncommitted for each district. This allocation will include the assignment of delegates according to gender among the presidential preference groups.
- e. In making the allocation, the State Chair shall follow the following guidelines:
 1. Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference (including uncommitted) receives in the congressional district to three (3) decimal places.
 2. Re-tabulate the percentage of the vote to three (3) decimal places, received by each presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential preferences (including uncommitted) whose percentage in "1" (i.e. III.6.e.1, above) falls below 15%.
 3. Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the percentage received by each presidential preference (including uncommitted).
 4. Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference (including uncommitted) based on the whole numbers, which result from the multiplication in "3" (i.e. III.6.e.3, above). (Rule 13.C.)

7. District Conventions

- a. District Conventions of qualified Democrats will be held in each of New Mexico's three congressional districts on Saturday, April 19, 2008 beginning at 10 A.M. MST.
- b. Certification of Delegates to the Congressional District Conventions

1. The State Chair shall certify to the district chair the names of those Delegates to the Congressional District Conventions for each district by 5 P.M. April 4, 2008.
 2. Participation in District Conventions
 - a. Delegates to the Congressional District Conventions shall be the only persons eligible to participate in the district conventions.
- c. Delegates to the Congressional District Conventions include only the following:
1. State Central Committee members from the district in which they reside
 2. Delegates elected to the 2008 pre-primary state convention to be held on March 15, 2008 who file a statement with the Democratic Party indicating that they wish to serve as a delegate to the district convention. This statement should be filed with the Democratic Party no later than 5 P.M. on March 20, 2008 and should be sent to 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Delegates to the pre-primary convention are elected at their county conventions to be held in February. These delegates represent their counties at the pre-primary state convention where they select the ballot position of Democrats seeking office in the June state primary. The election of these delegates at their state conventions has no bearing on the delegate selection process for the National Democratic Convention.
 3. Registered Democrats who participated in the 2008 Democratic Presidential caucus on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 by casting a vote at a caucus site or by mail and who file a statement with the Democratic Party indicating that they wish to serve as a delegate to the district convention. This statement should be filed with the Democratic Party no later than 5 P.M. on March 20, 2008 and should be sent to 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.
 4. Delegates to the Congressional District Conventions will be registered to vote as Democrats in New Mexico.

d. Agenda for District Conventions

The agenda for the district conventions shall be as follows:

1. Registration of Delegates to the Congressional District Conventions:
 - a. In order to register, each Delegate to the Congressional District Convention shall sign a statement of support for his/her presidential candidate (including uncommitted) indicating the county in which he/she resides and submit it to the Credentials Committee.
2. Call to order by duly elected congressional district chair (or designee) serving as permanent chair
3. Appointment of permanent secretary by permanent chair
4. Report of the Convention Credentials Committee
 - a. The Credentials Committee shall report the number of registered, Delegates to the Congressional District Convention expressing each presidential preference (including uncommitted) both in aggregate numbers and for each county within the congressional district.

- b. Upon adoption of the Credentials Committee report, no further registration of delegates shall be permitted.
5. Report of the Convention Rules Committee
 - a. A county's "State Allocation of Delegate Votes" shall be used to determine the number of votes each county shall cast in each of the presidential caucuses within the district. This allocation is a number prescribed by the State Chair, and it is based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 presidential and 2006 gubernatorial elections.
 - b. The Rules Committee report shall contain the allocation of District level delegates and alternates according to gender among the presidential candidates. The allocation shall be provided by the State Chair to the chair of each congressional district no later than 5 P.M. on February 15, 2008. In assigning the delegate and alternate positions by gender the following guidelines shall be followed by the State Chair:
 - i. The allocation shall start with the positions allocated to the presidential candidate receiving the largest number of votes in the district and then continue by alternating between the male and female delegate positions allocated to the other presidential candidates in declining order according to the number of votes received for each presidential candidate in the congressional district. The first delegate position shall be allocated to a female, unless there are more male delegates to be elected, in which case the first delegate position shall be allocated to a male.
 - ii. The alternates shall be allocated according to the same procedure.
6. Recess Into Presidential Caucus
 - a. After the Rules Committee report, the convention shall recess into separate caucuses of each presidential candidate pursuant to their signed statement of support (including uncommitted) for the purposes of electing their respective delegates and alternates.
7. Election of permanent presidential caucus chair
 - a. Each presidential candidate (or designee) shall appoint a temporary chair of the presidential caucus for the purpose of calling the caucus to order and presiding during the election of a permanent caucus chair, who shall be from that district.
8. Election of delegates and alternates
 - a. The district chair shall provide each presidential caucus with a list of those individuals approved by its presidential candidate for nomination as delegates and alternates.

- b. All such individuals' names shall be read to the presidential caucus by the duly elected presidential caucus chair and shall be considered nominated when their names are read. No other names shall be accepted.
- c. That number of male delegates allocated to the presidential caucus by the convention Rules Committee shall be elected according to the State Chair's report on the allocation of delegates and alternates according to gender among the presidential candidates. Male delegates will be elected first, followed by female delegates, male alternates and female alternates. Each category will be elected as a group.
- d. In the voting in each presidential caucus, each county within a district shall cast its full allocated number of votes according to the Report of the Rules Committee by the vote of the delegates from that county only. No county shall be deprived of its total vote unless there are no delegates present from that county in that presidential caucus. Therefore, if the actual number of delegates is less or more than their allocated number of votes, the total shall be prorated to the votes allocated to that county by the Report of the Rules Committee.

9. Reconvening of Convention

- a. At the conclusion of each of the presidential caucuses, each presidential caucus chair shall report the results of the election to the permanent convention chair.
- b. The results of the election shall be read to the convention as a whole and any challenge to those results shall be announced at the same time either by the permanent convention chair or by a member of the presidential caucus whose results are being challenged. Any challenge not made at that time may be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee for review.

10. Adjournment

- a. Immediately upon adjournment of each district convention, the permanent convention chair and secretary shall certify to the State Chair the results of the election of delegates and alternates, noting any challenges.
- b. The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the election of the District-level delegates and alternates within three (3) calendar days after their election.

e. Rules for District Conventions

The rules for each congressional district convention shall provide as a minimum that:

1. No less than forty percent (40%) of the Delegates to the Congressional District Convention registering at the district convention constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of delegates.

2. No proxies may be used.
 3. The unit rule, or any rules or practice whereby all members of a party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be permitted.
 4. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates and/or alternates. But no slate may by virtue of such endorsement, receive preferential treatment or a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified as the "official" slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on the ballot.
8. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
- a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)

Delegate positions shall be pre-designated **in terms of gender, and** the gender of the first position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate **shall be** pre-determined **to be female**. Once the allocation of district delegates among presidential preference(s) has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender.
 - b. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded, using the same process described above.
9. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

B. UNPLEDGED DELEGATES

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.(1), Call, I.F., J., K., & Reg. 4.13.)
 - (2) All of New Mexico's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.(3), Call I.G. & K.)
 - (3) The Democratic Governor; (Rule 9.A.(4), Call I.G. & K.)
 - (4) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.(5), Call I.K., and Reg. 4.13.)
 - b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:

- (1) Not later than March 1, 2008, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in New Mexico. (Rule 9.A.)
- (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1.)

2. Unpledged Add-On Delegates

- a. New Mexico will select 1 unpledged add-on delegate. (Rule 9.B., Call, I.I. & Reg. 5.1.) The procedures to be used in selecting the 1 unpledged add-on delegate will be as follows:
 - (1) Selection of the unpledged add-on delegate will occur on April 26, 2008 after the election of district delegates and alternates on April 19, 2008 and prior to the selection of the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates on April 26, 2008. (Rule 9.B.(1))
 - (2) This delegate will be selected by the State Party Committee, which is the same selecting body used to select the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official and At-Large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.B.(1))
 - (3) The equal division and affirmative action provisions of Rule 10.A. apply to the selection of these unpledged add-on delegates. (Rule 9.B.(2))
 - (4) Unpledged add-on delegate candidates will be nominated by the State Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee on April 26, 2008.
 - (5) The list from which the selecting body chooses the unpledged add-on delegates shall contain at least two (2) names for every unpledged add-on position to be filled. (Rule 9.B.(3))
 - (6) Unpledged add-on delegate candidates may be selected whether or not they previously filed a statement of candidacy for a delegate position or submitted a pledge of support for a presidential candidate. (Rule 9.B.(5) & Reg. 4.14.)
- b. Unpledged add-on delegates, selected pursuant to Rule 9.B., shall be certified in writing by the State Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call, IV.B.2.)

C. PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) DELEGATES

1. New Mexico is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call, I.D. & E.)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. (Rule 9.C.(1) & Reg. 4.15.)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy with the State Chair by 5 P.M. March 28, 2008 at 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Any statement of candidacy or membership

received after the deadline, regardless of the reason for the delay will not meet this qualification. (Rules 9.C.(3), & 14.G., Reg. 4.16.)

- c. The statement of candidacy must designate a presidential preference (including uncommitted) and contain all the information listed in Section III.A.4.C of this Plan.
 - d. Pursuant to Section III.E of this Plan, individuals may file for more than one delegate category at the same time. (Rule 9.C.(3) & Reg. 4.16.)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5 P.M. March 31, 2008, a list of all persons who have filed for a party leader and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 9.C.(3) & 12.D.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, not later than 5 P.M. April 21, 2008, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.) Failure to respond by the deadline will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate.
 - c. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan.
4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.C.(2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.)
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on April 26, 2008, after the election of district-level delegates and alternates on April 19, 2008 and the unpledged add-on delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.C.)
 - c. These delegates will be selected by the State Party Central Committee. The State Central Committee meets the criteria established by the DNC Rules:
 - (a) Membership on the State Central Committee is apportioned on the basis of the vote for the Democratic candidate in the most recent gubernatorial and presidential elections, and were elected after the 2004 presidential election. (Rule 9.D.(1); Rule 9.D.(4))
 - (b) Members of the State Central Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 9.D.(2))

- (c) Membership of the State Central Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 9.D.(5))
 - (2) Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit. (Reg. 4.30.)
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)

D. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. The state of New Mexico is allotted 6 at-large delegates and 1 at-large alternate. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & 1.)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by 5 P.M. March 28, 2008 at 1301 San Pedro, NE Albuquerque, NM 87110. Any statement of candidacy received after the deadline, regardless of the reason for the delay, will not meet this qualification. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G.; Regs. 4.22. & 4.27.)
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same, and will designate a presidential preference (including uncommitted). The statement of candidacy must contain all the information listed in Section III.A.4.c of this plan. After the at-large delegates are elected by the State Central Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 18.A.)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5 P.M. March 31, 2008, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.); (Reg. 4.22. & 4.27.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. This list must be filed with the State Chair following the selection of PLEO delegates on April 26, 2008. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
 - c. Failure to respond by the deadline will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate

candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in section III.D.3.b of this Plan.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the statewide results of voting at caucus sites and by mail on February 5, 2008. (Rule 10.C.)
- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 13.E.)
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
- d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C.)
- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 18.B., Call, I.J. & Reg. 4.30. & 4.33.)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on April 26, 2008 after all unpledged delegates and pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Rule 8.D. & Call, III.)
- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Party Central Committee, as provided in Section III.C.4.c. (Rules 10.B. & 8.D.)
- c. Priority of Consideration
 - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, and women. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (2) In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), & Reg. 4.7.)
 - (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.A.(3), 10.A. & Regs. 4.8 & 4.19.)

- (5) At the April 26, 2008 State Central Committee meeting, prior to the election of At-Large delegates and alternates, the State Chair shall inform the meeting of the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action plan and the demographic composition of all delegates and alternates elected up to that point. The State Central Committee shall determine the efforts required by each presidential caucus during the election of At-Large delegates and alternates to achieve the goals of the Affirmative Action plan.
- (6) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

E. FILING FOR MORE THAN ONE DELEGATE CATEGORY

Individuals wishing to apply for more than one delegate category may do so by providing a separate statement of candidacy for each separate category, specifically for PLEO, Unpledged or At-Large, and by complying with the deadlines and regulations for that category no later than March 28, 2008. Applications must be submitted to the State Chair at 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Any individual may be elected to only one delegate position.

F. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

1. At a meeting of the State Central Committee on April 26, 2008 the following delegates and alternates shall be elected in the listed order:
 - a. One (1) Unpledged Add-On Delegate
 - b. Three (3) Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates
 - c. Six (6) Pledged At-Large Delegates
 - d. One (1) Pledged At-Large Alternate
2. The State Central Committee meeting will be the final step in the New Mexico delegate selection process.
3. General Rules for the Meeting
 - a. No less than 40% of the members or voting alternates shall constitute a quorum.
 - b. For this meeting, no proxies shall be allowed.**
 - c. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of the majority of the body, shall not be used at this meeting.
 - d. Any delegate or voting alternate may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates and/or alternates, but no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive preferential treatment or preferential place on the ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the "official" slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on the ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process.
 - e. All delegate and alternate slots, except for the unpledged add-on delegate, shall be allocated as to presidential preference based on the statewide results of voting at the caucus sites and by mail on

February 5, 2008. If a presidential candidate entitled to delegates or alternates is no longer a candidate at the time of their selection, his/her allocation shall be proportionately divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation.

4. Presidential Caucus Rules
 - a. Each presidential candidate (or designee) shall name a person to serve as temporary presidential caucus chair to convene the caucus and preside during the election of a permanent chair.
 - b. The permanent caucus chair must be a member of the caucus.
 - c. The State Chair will provide each caucus with a list of those individuals who are eligible to be elected delegates and/or alternates.
 - d. All such individuals' names shall be read to the caucus by the duly elected caucus chair and shall be considered nominated when their names are read. No other nominations shall be accepted by the caucus.
 - e. The delegates and/or alternates shall then be elected on one ballot.
 - f. At the conclusion of the caucuses, the caucus chair shall read the results to the State Central Committee. Any challenges will be reported at this time. Challenges not made at this time may be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee for review.
 - g. The delegates shall then be elected by the State Central Committee.
5. Agenda for the portion of the meeting where one (1) unpledged add-on delegate will be selected:
 - a. Call to order
 - b. Election of add-on delegate by the State Central Committee as a whole
 - c. Recess pending resumption of meeting for purposes of election of the pledged party leader and elected official delegates
6. Agenda for the portion of the meeting where three (3) PLEO delegates will be selected:
 - a. State Central Committee members, including officers, delegates and alternates, shall register their presidential preference on April 26, 2008 prior to the meeting
 - b. Call to order
 - c. Recess into presidential caucuses
 - 1) Call to order by temporary chair
 - 2) Election of permanent chair
 - 3) Nomination of pledged party leader and elected official delegates
 - d. Report of the presidential caucuses
 - e. Election of delegates by State Central Committee
 - f. Recess before resumption of meeting for the purpose of election of At-Large delegates and alternates

7. Agenda for the portion of the meeting where six (6) At-Large delegates and one (1) alternate will be selected:
 - a. Registration of presidential preference by State Central Committee members
 - b. Call to order
 - c. Report by Executive Chair on Affirmative Action goals
 - d. Recess into presidential caucuses
 - 1) Nomination of At-Large delegates
 - a) Nomination of male delegates
 - b) Nomination of female delegates
 - 2) Nomination of At-Large alternate delegates
 - a) Nomination of male alternate delegates
 - b) Nomination of female alternate delegates
 - e. Report of the presidential caucuses
 - f. Election of At-Large delegates and alternates
 - 1) Election of At-Large delegates
 - a) Election of male delegates
 - b) Election of female delegates
 - 2) Election of At-Large alternate delegate
 - g. Adjournment.

G. REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(2))
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing the

delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 18.D.(2), the delegation shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.32.)

b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(3))

- (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
- (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- (3) The delegation selects permanent and temporary replacements for delegates. (Rule 18.D.(1))

c. Certification of Replacements

- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 18.D.2.)
- (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by New Mexico's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call, IV.C.1.)
- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call, IV.C.1. & Reg. 4.32.)
- (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet (Call, VIII.F.3.d., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.4.)
- (5) A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 18.F.)

2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.)

- a. New Mexico's Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been

officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call, IV.C.2.a.)

- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee and unpledged add-on delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.C.2.b.)
- c. New Mexico's unpledged distinguished Party Leader delegate, allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call, IV.C.2.c.)
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (Call, VIII.F.3.d.)

SECTION IV

CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. New Mexico has been allocated one (1) member on each of the three standing committees for the 2008 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of three (3) members. (Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.A.3.)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G.)

B. STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of New Mexico's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 26, 2008, immediately after the State Central Committee Meeting. (Call, VII.B.1.)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call, VII.B.1.)
2. Allocation of Members
 - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to New Mexico shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call, VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.7.)
 - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to New Mexico. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call, VII.C.2.)
 - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call, VII.C.3.)
 - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing

committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call, VII.C.4.)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call, VII.D.1.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by 5:00 PM, April 21, 2008 a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call, VII.D.2.)

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve New Mexico's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)
- b. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee. The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call, VII.E.1.)
- c. The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call, VII.B.3.)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. (Call, VII.B.4.)

SECTION V

THE DELEGATION

NEW MEXICO will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and two (2) to serve as Convention Pages.
(Call, IV.D., E.1. & Appendix C.)

A. DELEGATION CHAIR

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 26, 2008. (Call, IV.D.)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C.)
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. (Call, IV.D.)

B. CONVENTION PAGES

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as New Mexico's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place no later than April 26, 2008. (Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.5.A.)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as New Mexico's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.B.)

SECTION VI

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES

- A. The Democratic Party of New Mexico reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the ‘six basic elements’ as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rules 4.A. & C.)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in New Mexico should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.(1))
 2. No test for membership in or any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in New Mexico should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.(2))
 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in New Mexico on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.(3))
 4. The Democratic Party in New Mexico, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.(4))
 5. The Democratic Party in New Mexico should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. (Rule 4.B.(5))
 6. The Democratic Party in New Mexico should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.(6))
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- C. NEW MEXICO’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C.)

- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.A.)
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 12.I.)
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 12.J.)
- G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H. & Reg. 4.23.)
- H. Forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 15)
- I. There shall be no proxy voting at a caucus, convention or committee meeting.
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.A.)
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.B.)
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, NEW MEXICO thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic National Convention. (Call, II.B.)

SECTION VII

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PLAN

The Democratic Party of New Mexico has long been committed to being an open party which includes rather than excludes people from participation. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats including ethnic, religious, racial, and sexual minorities, youth, persons over 65 years of age, workers, persons with a high school education or less, the disabled, persons of low and moderate income and other groups historically under-represented in our Party. The Democratic Party of New Mexico has adopted and will implement the following Affirmative Action Plan.

In order to achieve full participation by groups that are significantly under-represented in our Party's affairs, we shall develop outreach programs, including recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs.

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by New Mexico. (Rule 5.A.)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity or express, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status") in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in New Mexico should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of "status" (Rule 4.B.(1))
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party's commitment to including historically under-represented groups in the Democratic Party's affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or disability, New Mexico has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2008. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7.)
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the New Mexico Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.(1))

- (2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.(2))

2. Organizational Structure

- a. The creation of the DPNM Affirmative Action Committee (Rule 24) was originally approved by the State Central Committee on March 17, 2006, at which point, the State Democratic Chair appointed an Interim Affirmative Action Committee Chair. Since that time (and prior to March 1, 2007), the State Democratic Chair has appointed additional members to the Interim Committee which has expanded in size and gathered input from a broad swath of New Mexicans, representing our diversity. (Rule 6.F.) ***Attached is "Exhibit #1", which lists the members of the Interim Affirmative Action Committee and identifies each member's relevant demographic ("status") information.***
 - b. On April 28, 2007, per the Democratic Party of New Mexico's Rule 24, members of the State Party Central Committee will elect two (2) Affirmative Action Committee members from each congressional district, and two (2) at-large members. The State Chair appoints seven (7) additional Committee members, including a member of the Democratic Party of New Mexico's staff.
 - c. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
 - (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G.)
 - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.E.)
 - d. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin no later than September 16, 2007, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F.)

B. EFFORTS TO EDUCATE ON THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Well publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2007. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the

availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A. & 3.C.)

2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than September 28, 2007. (Rule 1.H.)
5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C.)

C. EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party newsletter and on the website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)
2. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. ***Attached as "Exhibit #2" is a listing of the media outlets to receive press releases and other information about the delegate selection process.*** (Rules 4.B.(3) & 6.D.)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian/Pacific American, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's

organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.

- b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all steps of the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized, bilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D.)
4. Not later than September 16, 2007, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
 - b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
 - c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2008 Convention; and
 - d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. REPRESENTATION GOALS

1. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 6.A.)
2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party used these percentages to establish goals for representation in the state's convention delegation.

- a. The Affirmative Action Committee considered a number of sources in determining goals for African-American, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian-Pacific American communities. First, the Committee reviewed the affirmative action goals in New Mexico's 2004 delegate selection plan, which were based on 2000 Census data. Next, the Committee considered data from the CNN exit poll conducted in the 2004 general election. The Committee also reviewed demographic data from the 2005 U.S. Census Update, and the University of New Mexico's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBRE/UNM) population estimates for 2006. Finally, the Committee also considered 2008 demographic projections from the American Marketing Service of the USDA for New Mexico. The demographic percentage for each source is summarized in the table below:

Demographic Group	2004 DSP Pop. %	CNN 2004 Exit Poll – Total (a)	CNN 2004 Exit Poll – Dems (a)	2005 U.S. Census Update (b)	BBRE/UNM 2006 Estimate rel. 5/07 (c)	AMS/USDA 2008 Projection (d)	2008 DSP Pop. %
African American	2.00%	2.00%	-	2.40%	1.86%	1.96%	2.07%
Hispanic	42.00%	32.00%	56.00%	43.40%	44.03%	43.26%	43.56%
Native American	9.00%	9.00%	65.00%	10.20%	8.89%	10.08%	9.72%
Asian/Pacific Americans	1.00%	0.00%	-	1.40%	1.25%	1.27%	1.31%

(a) CNN 2004 Exit Poll, conducted in New Mexico on 2,006 participants on November 2, 2004. (b) U.S. Census Bureau 2005 Update, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/35000.html>. (c) Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico. Annual estimates of the population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic or Latino Origin for New Mexico: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006 (SC-EST2006-03-35), Release Date May 17, 2007. (d) American Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, www.ams.usda.gov/statesummaries/NM/MSAData.htm

In arriving at the 2008 Delegate Selection Plan population percentage above, the Committee averaged the percentages from the 2005 U.S. Census Update, the BBRE/UNM 2006 Estimate, and the AMS/USDA 2008 projections for each demographic group. While the 2004 CNN exit poll data was informative, these data were not used for several reasons. First, the percentage of African-American and Asian-Pacific Americans in the exit poll were statistically insignificant in CNN’s estimation, and were therefore not reported. Second, the CNN poll showed that the total population percentage and the percentage per demographic of Democratic voters did not accurately reflect the general percentage reported in New Mexico’s 2004 DSP, and continued in the 2005, 2006 and 2008 numbers above. Finally, the CNN exit poll sample size was only 2,006, and it clearly reflected a much higher percentage of white voters than Hispanic voters in general. Thus, the CNN data does not accurately reflect the demographics of the state of New Mexico. The CNN poll more closely approximates voting turnout on Election Day in 2004, which indicates a lack of incidence of voting among Hispanics. Therefore, the CNN data was not used in calculating New Mexico’s 2008 delegate selection population percentage.

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- b. In determining New Mexico’s delegate goal for LGBT Americans, the Committee relied on several sources of information, including a UCLA Law School Williams Institute Study which estimated that 4.2 percent of New Mexico’s population is gay or lesbian. Additionally, CNN exit polling demonstrated that 80 percent of gay or lesbian voters Democratic. Multiplying these percentages (.80x.42) and dividing by the percentage New Mexico’s electorate that is registered as Democrats, the Committee determined approximately 6.5 percent of New Mexico’s Democratic electorate is gay or lesbian, multiplied our delegate total by .065 and set our LGBT American delegate goal at (3) delegates.
- c. In determining New Mexico’s Democratic delegate goal for peoples with disabilities, the Committee relied on information from the Director of New Mexico Protection & Advocacy System, who said that 19.4 percent of New Mexico’s voting age community is disabled (slightly higher than the national average of 18 percent). We multiplied 19.4 percent by 49 percent, which is the approximate percentage of the state electorate that is registered as Democrats. As such, we determined that approximately 10 percent of our delegation should be represented by peoples with disability, recognizing that there are a wide range of disabilities affecting New Mexicans.

d. For Young New Mexico Democrats, we used the age range of 17-30, which was set forth in a Lake Snell Perry battleground study commissioned by Young Voter Strategies. Since we did not have Census data readily available, we determined the raw number of Democrats who are now between the ages 20-32 who voted in the 2004 presidential election in New Mexico. There were approximately 50,000. We divided this number by the statewide voting population of approximately 1.2 million and determined that 4 percent of our state delegation should be young voters.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian/Pacific Americans	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
% in Democratic Electorate	.02	.44	.10	.01	.065	.09	.04
Numeric Goals for Delegation	1 delegate	17 delegates	4 delegates	0 delegates	3 delegates	3 delegates	2 delegates
Alternates	0 alternates	2 alternates	0 alternates	0 alternates	0 alternates	1 alternate	0 delegates

- When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party’s goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance.
- Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.(3))

E. OBLIGATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION

- Presidential candidates shall assist the New Mexico Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.)
- Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by March 28, 2008 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in New Mexico’s delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H.(1))
- Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.(2))
- Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state’s delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

SECTION VIII

CHALLENGES

A. JURISDICTION & STANDING

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2008 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 20.B.)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg., 3.1.)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2008 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.B.5.)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

B. CHALLENGES TO THE STATUS OF THE STATE PARTY AND CHALLENGES TO THE PLAN

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Central Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A. & Reg. 3.4.A.)
2. A challenge to the state’s Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the New Mexico Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B.)

3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C.)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B.*) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C.)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

SECTION IX

SUMMARY OF PLAN

A. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

New Mexico will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Party-Run Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of New Mexico’s delegate selection process will occur on February 5, 2008, with a Party-Run Primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates and District-Level Alternates	17	3	4/19/08	Selecting Body: Congressional District Conventions
				An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate by being a registered Democrat and by filing a statement of candidacy with the State Chair by 5 P.M. March 20, 2008 at 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	11	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.
Unpledged Add-on Delegates**	1	n/a	4/26/08	Selecting Body: State Central Committee
				An individual is nominated for unpledged add-on delegate by the State Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee on April 26, 2008.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	n/a	4/26/08	Selecting Body: State Central Committee
				An individual can qualify as a candidate for pledged PLEO delegate by being elected party leader or elected official, a registered Democrat and by filing a statement of candidacy with the Chair by 5 P.M. March 28, 2008 at 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	6	1	4/26/08	Selecting Body: State Central Committee
				An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate by being a registered Democrat and by filing a statement of candidacy with the Chair by 5 P.M. March 28, 2008 at 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	38	4		

- * Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.
- ** Unpledged Add-on delegates refers to those delegates chosen according to Rule 9.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*.

B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	April 26, 2008	Each presidential candidate or that candidate’s authorized representative must submit to the State Chair by 5 P.M. April 21, 2008 a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status).

C. SELECTION OF DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 26, 2008, along with two (2) Convention Pages who will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on the same day.

D. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

A presidential candidate is eligible to participate in New Mexico’s caucus by filing a signed statement of candidacy, the form for which will be provided by the State Chair, along with the name of their authorized representative with the State Chair no later than 5 P.M. January 2, 2008 to 1301 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. To be eligible for participation, the candidate must also pay a filing fee of \$2,500 to the DPNM or file a petition of five thousand (5,000) signatures of registered Democrats from the State of New Mexico. Petitions will be subject to verification by the Democratic Party of New Mexico. Forms for the statement of candidacy and petition will be available from the DPNM no later than November 3, 2007. The State Chair has the authority, subject to the approval of the Affirmative Action Committee, to add presidential candidates at a later time. (Rule 10.B.)

E. TIMETABLE

Date	Activity
2007	
February 28	Additional Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 13	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.

Date	Activity
March 28	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
March 29	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 28	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 28	State Party Central Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
April 30	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
May 1	Deadline for State Party to submit 2008 delegate selection plan to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
May 13	Deadline to file challenge to the state's delegate selection plan with the State Chair and Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 28	Clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in delegate selection process must be compiled and copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be made available. The Affirmative Action Committee will distribute these materials in the various delegate districts.
October 1	Deadline by which State Chair must receive written designation from County Chairs appointing caucus managers other than him/herself.
October 20	Presidential candidate statement of candidacy form and petition forms are available from the State Party Headquarters.
November 1	County Chairs submit number of Caucus zones; site location; Caucus site manager names and telephone numbers.
November 15	Date by which Affirmative Action Committee must meet and approve caucus zones and sites, and deadline to forward a copy of the final caucus zones and sites to the State Chair for final approval.
November 16	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
December 17	Vote by-Mail ballots may be requested
2008	
January 2	Deadline for presidential candidates to submit to the State Party a letter of candidacy and the name(s) of their authorized representative(s).
January 4	Deadline to register as a Democrat and to vote at a Caucus site in New Mexico's party-run presidential preference primary.
January 4	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain a statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at /www.nmdemocrats.org/ .

Date	Activity
January 12	Mailing of Vote by Mail ballots begins to those who have requested one via mail, fax, or e-mail.
January 21	Deadline to submit application to the Democratic Party of New Mexico for absentee ballots.
January 28	Vote by mail ballots must be postmarked by this date in order to be counted, as long as they are received in time to be certified on February 15, 2008.
January 6	Deadline by which challenges to the State Central Committee as a selecting body must be presented to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee
February 5	Presidential preference primary.
February 5	Absentee ballots are opened, and counting begins after 6 A.M.
February 15	Date on which the State Chair will certify the results of the February 5 caucus according to the number of votes cast in person or by mail.
February 15	Deadline for State Chair to notify each congressional district vice chair of the delegate and alternate allocation by presidential preference, including uncommitted, for each district.
February 20	State Chair issues call for District Conventions to be held on April 19, 2008
March 1	Deadline for DNC Secretary to confirm the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in New Mexico.
March 15	State Pre-Primary Convention (has no bearing on DNC delegate selection, however, delegates to this convention are eligible to file statement of interest to be delegates to the district conventions).
March 20	By 5 P.M., those Democrats interested in serving as a delegate to the congressional district conventions must file a statement with the State Chair. Delegates to the district level conventions must have participated in the February 5 Caucus, serve on the State Central Committee, or have been delegates to the State Pre-primary Convention.
March 20	By 5 P.M., those Democrats interested in serving as pledged district level delegates or alternates to the Democratic National Convention must file a statement with the State Chair.
March 21	State Democratic Chair shall convey to all presidential candidates or that candidate's representative a list of pledged Delegates or Alternates to that presidential candidate.
March 28	Each presidential candidate must submit a list of all such candidates for district level delegate or alternate that he or she has approved, providing that the list is at least three (3) times the number of available positions allocated to that candidate. Each presidential candidate must also file a written statement with the State Democratic Chair which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in New Mexico's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate.
March 28	By 5 P.M., candidates for pledged PLEO or at-large delegates or alternates must file a statement with Democratic Party of New Mexico. Separate statements are required for each delegate category.
March 31	By 5 P.M., State Democratic Chair must convey to presidential candidate or that candidate's authorized representative a list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegate or alternate or a Party Leader and Elected Official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate.
April 2	Deadline for State Chair to certify to the Co-Chairs of DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that the presidential candidates are in compliance with Affirmative Action plan.

Date	Activity
April 4	By 5 P.M., State Chair must certify to congressional district vice-chairs the names of the delegates to the congressional district conventions for each district.
April 19	District-level delegates and alternates are elected at congressional district conventions.
April 21	Deadline for each presidential candidate or that presidential candidate's authorized representative to file a list of approved pledged PLEO delegates. Approval must be given to at least two candidates for each delegate position to which that presidential candidate is entitled.
April 21	Each presidential candidate or that presidential candidate's authorized representative must file by 5 P.M. a list of at least one name for each standing committee position to which that presidential candidate is entitled
April 22	State Chair must certify election of New Mexico's district-level delegates and alternates to the DNC Secretary.
April 24	Deadline for State Chair to certify to Co-Chairs of DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that the presidential candidates are complying with the Affirmative-Action plan in their selection of PLEO and at-Large delegates and alternates.
April 26	State Central Committee meeting for nominations of unpledged add-on delegate candidates by State Chair and then selection by the State Central Committee of unpledged add-on delegate, at-large delegates and alternates and pledged PLEO delegates.
April 26	Deadline for presidential candidates to return list of approved candidates for at-large delegates and alternates to the State Chair. (To occur after selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates will have 20 minutes after results from PLEO delegates are communicated to campaign to return list of approved candidates for at-large delegates and alternates.)
April 26	Immediately following the State Central Committee meeting, a quorum of New Mexico's DNC delegation chooses New Mexico's delegation chair and the representatives to the DNC Standing Committees. The State Chair, in consultation with the New Mexico delegation to the DNC, will chose two (2) individuals to serves as convention pages.
April 29	State Chair must certify to the DNC Secretary the names of unpledged add-on delegate, at-large delegates and alternates and PLEO delegates.
June 30	Deadline by which challenges to credentials to the New Mexico delegation, and standing committee members must be presented to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
August 25	Commencement of the Democratic National Convention – Denver, Colorado

EXHIBITS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

A. MEMBERS OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

First name	Last name	CD	"Status"	Gender
Lynn	Jacobs	CD1	Disabled, Senior	F
Alexis	Blizman	CD1	GLBT	F
Ava Marie	Bowers	CD1	African American	F
Ana	Canales	CD1	Hispanic	F

Matt	Farrauto	CD1	DPNM Staff	M
Emma	Fitzpatrick	CD3	Senior	F
Rasheeda	Harris	CD3	African American, Disabilities	F
Guy	Jacobus	CD1	Senior	M
Ignacio	Lucero, Jr	CD3	Hispanic	M
Ken	Rooney	CD1	Asian-American	M
Ron	Shutiva	CD1	Native American	M
David	Black	CD3	GLBT/Asian-Pacific Islander	M
Brian	Eagen	CD1	Youth/Hispanic/GLBT	M
Judy	Baker	CD2	Senior	F
Terri-Nikole	Baca	CD1	Youth/Hispanic/Asian- American	F
Joe	Thergood	CD3	African American	M
Laura	Harris	CD1	Native American	F
Glojean	Todacheene	CD3	Native American	F

B. MEDIA OUTLETS TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

RADIO:

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| KABQ-AM | KDCE-AM | KISZ-FM |
| KABR-AM | KDEF-AM | KIXN |
| KAGM 106.3 FM | KDEM-FM | KIXZ-AM |
| KAJZ-FM | KDGO-AM | KJFA-FM |
| KALY-FM | KDRF-FM | KKFG-FM |
| KAMQ-AM | KDSK-FM | KKIM-AM / KABG-FM |
| KANM-AM | KEDP-FM | KKIT-FM / KXMT-FM |
| KANW-FM | KEND-FM | KKJY-AM |
| KARS-AM | KENN-AM | KKNS-AM |
| KATK-AM | KENW-FM | KKOB-AM News |
| KAZX-FM | KFLH-FM | KKRG-FM |
| KBAC-FM /KSFQ-FM /KABQ - FM | KFLQ-FM | KKSS-FM |
| KBCQ-FM | KFMQ-FM | KKTC-FM |
| KBIM-AM/FM | K-FOX El Paso | KKVS-FM |
| KBNA-FM | KFUN/KLVF Radio | KKYC-FM |
| KBOM-FM | KFXR-FM | KLBU-FM |
| KBQI-FM | KGAK-AM | KLEA-FM |
| KBUY-AM | KGLP | KLMA-FM |
| KBZU-FM | KGLX-FM | KLMX-AM |
| KCCC-AM | KGNC-AM | KLVO-FM |
| KCDY-FM | KGRT-AM | KLYT-FM |
| KCHS-AM | KHAC-AM / KWIM-FM | KMGA-FM |
| KCIE-FM | KHFM-FM | KMIN-AM |
| KCLV-FM | KHOB-AM | KMOU-FM |
| KCQL-AM | KHQT-FM | KMTH-FM |
| KCRX-AM | KICA-AM | KMVR-FM |
| KDSK-FM | KINN-AM / KYEE-FM / KZZX-FM | KMXQ-FM |
| KDAG-FM | KIOT-FM | KNDN-AM |
| KDAZ | KIQX-FM / KIUP-AM / KRSJ-FM | KNFT-AM |

KNKT-FM	KRWG-FM	KUNM-NPR
KNMI-Radio (88.9FM)	KRWN-FM	KVLC-FM
KNML-AM	KRZY AM/FM	KVSF-AM
KNMX-AM	KSCQ-FM	KWES-FM
KNMZ-FM/KRSY-AM/KRSY-FM	KSEL-FM	KWFL-FM
KOATS- El Super Taconazo	KSFQ-FM	KWKA-AM
KOBE/KMVR	KSFR-FM	KWMW-FM
KOBE-AM	KSFX-FM	KWYK-FM
KOLT-FM Afternoon Stampede	KSJE-FM	KXDA-FM
Kool AM 1150	KSMX-FM	KXKS-AM
KOTS-AM	KSNM-AM	KXMT-FM
KPCL-Radio	KSUT-FM	KXTC-FM
KPEK-FM	KSVA-AM	KXXI-FM
KPSA-AM	KSVP	KYBR-FM
KPTE-FM	KSWV-AM "Que Suave" 810	KYEE-FM
KPZA,KIXN,KZOR, KYKK	KSYU-FM	KYKK-AM/KPER-FM,KEJL
KPZA-FM	KTAO	KYLZ-FM
KQAY-FM	KTBL-AM	KYVA-AM
KQBA-FM	KTDB 89.7	KZNM-FM (106.7)
KRDD-AM	KTEG-FM	KZOR-FM / KPZA-FM / KIX-FM
KRKE-AM	KTHR-AM/KKOR-FM	KZRR-FM (94 Rock) Morning Show
KROD-AM 600	KTNM-AM	KZZX-FM
KRSN-AM 1490	KTQM-AM	Mesa Redonda
KRSR-AM/KSSR-FM	KTRA-FM	NM Radio News Network
KRST-FM	KTRC-AM	Quay Broadcasters
KRTN-AM	KTSM 690 -News Talk	Radio Durango (930AM,101.3FM,100.5FM)
KRUI-AM	KTZA-FM	Rooney Moon Broadcasting

TELEVISION:

KAMC 28 (ABC)	KLBK 13 (CBS)	KREZ (CBS) Ch. 6
KAMR NBC-4	KLUZ-Univision	KRPV
KASA-FOX Ch. 2	KMAZ-TV (TELEMUNDO) CH 48	KRQE-13 CBS
KASY-TV UPN	KMID TV 2 (ABC)	KRWG (PBS @ NMSU)
KBIM-TV News 10	KNAT	KSVE (UNIVISION)
KCBD 11 (NBC)	KNME-TV PBS	KTEL
KCBD NBC Ch.11	KOAT-ABC Ch.7	KTFQ-TV
KCHF	KOBF-NBC -12 Farmington	KTSM-TV (NBC) CH 9
KCOS-TV (PBS)	KOB-NBC Ch. 4	KTXT-TV (PBS)
KDBC-TV (CBS) CH 4	KOBR-NBC CH 8 Roswell	KVBA
KENW	KOCT-ABC Ch. 6	KVIA-TV (ABC) CH. 7
K-FOX El Paso	KOSA-TV 7 (CBS)	KWBQ
KINT-TV (UNIVISION) CH 26	KPAX	KWES TV 9 (NBC)
KJTV FOX Ch.34	KPEJ-TV (FOX)	

PRINT OUTLETS (and Online):

Alamogordo Daily News	Burque Times	Deming Headlight
Albuquerque Journal	Carlsbad Current Argus	Desert Exposure
Albuquerque Tribune	Cibola County Beacon	Durango (CO) Herald
Alibi	Citizen Media Group	East Mtn. Telegraph
Amarillo (TX) Globe News	Clovis News Journal	Eastern Clips
Artesia Daily Press	Cortez (CO) Journal	El Defensor Cheiftain
Associated Press	Current-Argus	El Diario Newspaper
Baptist New Mexican	Daily Lobo (UNM)	El Dorado Sun
Bridges Magazine	De Baca County News	El Hispano News

El Paso Times
EPCC El Conquistador
Farmington Daily Times
Four Corners Business Journal
Gallup Independent
Gannett
Guadalupe County Communicator
Health City Sun
Heath Haussamen on NM Politics
Hidalgo County Herald
Hobbs News-Sun
Independent and Lordsburg Liberal
Independent Edgewood
Independent Native News
Jicarilla Chieftain
Joemonahan.com
Kirtland Nucleus
La Herencia Del Norte
La Razon
La Voz del Norte
Las Cruces Bulletin
Las Cruces Sun News
Las Vegas Optic
Lincoln County News
Lordsburg Liberal
Los Alamos Monitor
Lovington Daily Leader
Mach Meter
Magdalena Mountain Mail
Mills Communications
Missile Ranger
Moriarity Independent
Mountain Monthly
Mountain Telegraph
Mountain Times Newspaper
Mountain View Telegraph
NAIA
NativeZine
Navajo Times
Navajo-Hopi Observer
New Mexico Business Weekly
New Mexico Jewish Link
NMSU Round Up
Number Nine Media Inc
Odessa (TX) American
Peak Publications
People of God
Pine River Times
Portales News Tribune
PRIDE Bi-Monthly Magazine
Quay County Sun
Raton Range
Reuters
Rio Grande Sun
Rio Rancho Observer
Roswell Daily Record
Ruidoso News
San Juan Sun
San Miguel Basin Forum
Sandoval Signpost
Sangre de Christo Chronicle
Santa Fe New Mexican
Santa Fe Reporter
Santa Fean
Santa Rosa News
Sierra County Sentinel
Silver City Daily Press
Silver City Sun News
Sunburst
Taos Horse Fly
Taos News
The Herald
The Independent
The Jal Record
The Kirtland Air Force Base Nucleus
The Zuni Post
Union County Leader
Valencia County News-Bulletin
Voice of the Southwest
Weekly Alibi

2. Constituency and Speciality Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

Native American Outlets:

Native Amer Calling/Natnl Native News	Radio	Albuquerque, NM
KCIE 90.5 FM	Radio	NM
KGLP 91.7 FM	Radio	NM
KTDB 89.7 FM	Radio	NM
Navajo Times	Newspaper / Online	AZ
Indian Country	Newspaper	

GLBT Media:

New Mexico Voice (distributed statewide - focused on ABQ and Santa Fe)

http://www.newmexicovoice.com/2007_Media_Kit.pdf

The Normal Heart - a monthly newspaper targeted to Gay people, serving Southern New Mexico and West Texas since 1990

<http://www.zianet.com/tnh/contact.htm>

Out Magazine – Albuquerque

PRIDE Bi-Monthly Magazine

Disability Press:

Bridges

Student Outlets:

UNM Daily Lobo

NMSU Round-Up

Spanish Press:

KLUZ – Univision

KSWV – Qué Suave

KDCE

KPAZ

Hispanic Radio Network

El Hispano

La Voz del Norte

ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

[As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.]

1. **A summary** of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section IX. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.A.)
2. **A timetable** reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.B.)
3. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C.)
4. **A copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D.)
5. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying compliance with Rule 1.C.** which requires a 30 day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 2.2.E.)
6. **Copies of all written public comments on the Plan** *[Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.]* (Reg. 2.2.F.)
7. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.G.)
8. **A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F.,** which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan (Reg. 2.2.H.)
9. **Copies of all state statutes reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process** *[For example, include any and all state statutory requirements related to: ballot access for presidential candidates; filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates; timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention; participation in the state's presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions; and any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates.]* (Reg. 2.2.I.)
10. **A copy of all qualifying forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by presidential candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.J.)