

NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY

AFFILIATED
ORGANIZATIONS
REVIEW
COMMITTEE

2023

NCDEMOCRATS

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS DEFINED (POO 11.01)

The North Carolina Democratic Party encourages the free association of constituent and interest groups at all levels of the party. In this definition, an organization that has been called a caucus historically, but functions as an auxiliary is included. Formally recognized affiliated organizations of the North Carolina Democratic Party meet the guidelines as set forth below:

Auxiliaries shall:

Be comprised of registered Democrats who share inherent and/or immutable traits which define the auxiliary, not a concern about an issue or cause; Represent a significant constituency of the Democratic Party that has been historically under-represented;

Caucuses shall:

Be comprised of registered Democrats who share a concern about an issue or cause; Represent key groups that historically and presently are crucial to voter turnout and voter outreach;



Roles of affiliated organizations: (POO 11.01 cont.)

A: Auxiliaries shall be represented on the NCDP Executive Council, the NCDP State Legislative Policy Committee and the Platform and Resolutions Committee by the State President or designated representative and participate in strategic planning for the NCDP.

B: Caucuses shall be represented on the NCDP Executive Council, the NCDP State Legislative Policy Committee and the Platform and Resolutions Committee by the State President or designated representative and participate in strategic planning for the NCDP.

Current Affiliated Organization within the NCDP			
Auxiliary	President	Caucus	Chair
African American	Colette Alston	Small Business	Jesse Goslin
Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI)	Edward Binanay	Transgender	Angela Bridgman
College Democrats		Veterans and Military Fam.	Dr. Vikki Andrews
Coastal	Chris Hardee	Interfaith	Rev. Dr. Paul McAllister
Hispanic and Latinx Americans	Elke Weil Millan	Rural Caucus	Brandon Combs
Labor	Herb Harton	Disability Issues	Pamela Mcaffé
LGBTQ	Tyler Beall		
Native American	Crystal Cavalier		
Progressive Democrats	Ryan Jenkins		
Senior Democrats	Tina Marshall		
Young Democrats	Dorian Palmer		
Democratic Women	Elizabeth Goodwin		
NCDT	Sarah Muir		

THE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE (POO 11.02)

Purpose of the Affiliated Organizations Committee:

The Affiliated Organizations Committee is a standing committee of the North Carolina Democratic Party established to facilitate the certification and renewal of certification of affiliated organizations of the North Carolina Democratic Party. The purposes of the committee are:

- 1) to evaluate the constitution and by-laws and other materials submitted for all initial and renewal certifications of state organizations who request to affiliate with North Carolina Democratic Party at least biennially;
- 2) to review amendments of by- laws previously reviewed and publicized by the NCDP as needed;
- 3) to report and make recommendation for approval or denial to the State Executive Committee based on their evaluation; and
- 4) to advise and assist groups of individuals interested in forming an affiliated organization in the process of making application and organizing chapters when requested.



Current A/O Committee Members

Edward M. Binanay	Chair
Angela Garrett	Secretary
Nazim Uddin	At Large
Angela Garrett	AAC
Elke Weil Milan	Hispanic Democrats
Jane Whitley	Mecklenburg County Chair
Kathy Kirkpatrick	Guilford County Chair
Katie Tomberlin	Carteret County Chair
Kevyn Creech	Wake County Chair
Minu Lee	AAPI Democrats
Parron Baxter	Union County Chair
Randy Voller	Labor Caucus
Tyler Beall	LGBTQ Democrats

11.03 PROCESS TO REQUEST AFFILIATION OR REAFFIRM AFFILIATION OR SUBMIT BY- LAWS

To obtain recognition as an affiliated organization of the North Carolina Democratic Party, an organization meets the criteria listed below:

All new or unaffiliated organizations must request affiliation by applying to the committee and completing the organizational process 90 days, or as may be reasonable for review prior to an SEC meeting by the Affiliated Organizations Committee, prior to a State Executive Committee Meeting at which the organization requests to be considered. The organization may request guidance from the Affiliated Organizations committee before submission. Each affiliated organization shall re-apply to the committee in writing for recognition by April 1 of each odd numbered year.

If at any time after recognition an organization amends its by-laws such that its mission, purpose, or process is significantly altered, the organization may submit the proposed bylaws amendment(s) to the Affiliated Organizations committee for review. Upon request to a member of the Affiliated Organizations committee, the organization may obtain advice on such changes prior to submission.

All applications for affiliation and renewals are evaluated by the Affiliated Organizations Committee and are subject to final vote of the State Executive Committee to approve recognition of the organization.



11.03 PROCESS TO REQUEST AFFILIATION OR REAFFIRM AFFILIATION OR SUBMIT BY- LAWS (Cont.)

The Affiliated Organizations Committee is convened to evaluate by-laws and other criteria to confirm that criteria are met and to report not less than 30 days prior to date of the State Executive Committee meeting at which the organization may be recommended. The report of the Affiliated Organizations Committee, which shall include the names of the organizations requesting approval, shall be included in the agenda of the official notice of this meeting. Notice of this committee's recommendations and the reviewed constitutions/by-laws of each auxiliary or caucus requesting approval shall be posted on the NCDP.org website for review not less than 14 days prior to any SEC meeting at which recommendations will be reported and acted on.

State affiliated organizations shall be in compliance with state election law.

The party will recognize a single auxiliary or caucus for any specific purpose.



Criteria for recognition as an official affiliated auxiliary or caucus are as follows:

1. An auxiliary or caucus has held an organizational meeting with notice to all county parties and all chapter members to adopt by-laws and elect officers using Robert's Rules of Order for establishing a permanent society. Subsequently, annual business meetings are held in accordance with its by-laws for transacting business and at least every two years for the election of officers.
2. An Affiliated Organization demonstrates a broad outreach, inclusion, and capacity to represent the constituency group as stated in its by-laws.
3. The current by-laws of the Affiliated Organizations are available for inspection by any registered Democrat and published on the state party website. The by-laws must be consistent with the values as stated in the Preamble and Open Party chapters of the Plan of Organization. An Affiliated Organization is required to send a copy of the current by-laws when amended to the NCDP Executive Director for reposting on the state party website.
4. As a part of the constitution and by-laws of each Affiliated Organization, there shall be a statement indicating that a primary mission of the organization is the promotion of the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party's nominees for elective office, and the Democratic Party's elected officials.

**Criteria for recognition as an official affiliated auxiliary or caucus are as follows:
(Cont.)**

5. Affiliated Organization by-laws must include a mechanism for managing disputes with the chapters of its state auxiliary or caucus organizations which deviate from the mission outlined above and for the internal resolution of disputes and controversies that arise within the auxiliary or caucus. The internal disputes of an affiliated organization shall not be subject to jurisdiction by the NCDP Council of Review.
6. Every Affiliated Organization is required to comply with North Carolina Election law.
7. To facilitate communication between organizations and the state party, each Affiliated Organization shall submit and update the names, addresses, phone numbers, and contact information for officers and/or representatives chosen to represent the chapters of county, district, and state levels of the organization to the NCDP executive director. Such data shall also be entered into the NCDP database.



Affiliated Organization (A/O) Review Committee Process

The Affiliated Organization (A/O) Review Committee is responsible for reviewing the bylaws of organizations that wish to become affiliated with the (NCDP). The process for reviewing an A/O's bylaws is as follows:

Each member of the committee is assigned to review the bylaws of two A/Os.

The committee members use a specific form to ensure that the guidelines/criteria for A/O approval are followed.

After the review, each committee member will note on their review the following from the PPO criteria in approving A/O's in the NCDP:

- No ; Yes; Improvement recommended; Discussion

The committee meets to discuss the reviews and to make a recommendation to the NCDP SEC.

If the committee recommends that an A/O be approved, the NCDP SEC will vote on the recommendation. A unanimous decision by the committee is needed for an A/O to become an official certified Affiliated Organization for the NCDP.



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This is the member reviewing line. The name of the committee member will go in the teal colored box above the AO that they are reviewing.

2023 NCDP Auxiliaries/Caucus Bylaws Committee Checklist						
Member Reviewing						
No	NCDP or DNC Provision	AA	AAPI	College Dems	Dem Women	HA
01	1. An auxiliary or caucus has held an organizational meeting with notice to all county parties and all chapter members to adopt by-laws and elect officers using Robert's Rules of Order for establishing a permanent society. Subsequently, annual business meetings are held in accordance with its by-laws for transacting business and at least every two years for the election of officers.					
02	2. An Affiliated Organization demonstrates a broad outreach, inclusion, and capacity to represent the constituency group as stated in its by-laws.					
03	3. The current by-laws of the Affiliated Organizations are available for inspection by any registered Democrat and published on the state party website. The by-laws must be consistent with the values as stated in the Preamble and Open Party chapters of the Plan of Organization. An Affiliated Organization is required to send a copy of the current by-laws when amended to the NCDP Executive Director for reposting on the state party website.					
	4. As a part of the constitution and by-laws of each Affiliated Organization, there shall be a					

This is the list of criteria that will be used to evaluate each AO.



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2023 NCDP Auxiliaries/Caucus Bylaws Committee Checklist

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Member Reviewing		AA	AAPI	College Dems	Dem Women	HA	Labor	LGBT
1	01	1. An auxiliary or caucus has held an organizational meeting with notice to all county parties and all chapter members to adopt by-laws and elect officers using Robert's Rules of Order for establishing a permanent society. Subsequently, annual business meetings are held in accordance with its by-laws for transacting business and at least every two years for the election of officers.		-	-	-	-	-
2	02	2. An Affiliated Organization demonstrates a broad outreach, inclusion, and capacity to represent the constituency group as stated in its by-laws.	Yes					
3	03	3. The current by-laws of the Affiliated Organizations are available for inspection by any registered Democrat and published on the state party website. The by-laws must be consistent with the values as stated in the Preamble and Open Party chapters of the Plan of Organization. An Affiliated Organization is required to send a copy of the current by-laws when amended to the NCDP Executive Director for reposting on the state party website.	No					
4	04	4. As a part of the constitution and by-laws of each Affiliated Organization, there shall be a statement indicating that a primary mission of the organization is the promotion of the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party's nominees for elective office, and the Democratic Party's elected officials.	Improvement Recommended					
5	05	5. Affiliated Organization by-laws must include a mechanism for managing disputes with the chapters of its state auxiliary or caucus organizations which deviate from the mission outlined above and for the internal resolution of disputes and controversies that arise within the auxiliary or caucus. The internal	Discussion					

You will select one of the options listed here for each individual criteria.



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2023 NCDP Auxiliaries/Caucus Bylaws Committee Checklist

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07	7. To facilitate communication between organizations and the state party, each Affiliated Organization shall submit and update the names, addresses, phone numbers, and contact information for officers and/or representatives chosen to represent the chapters of county, district, 66 and state levels of the organization to the NCDP executive director. Such data shall also be entered into the NCDP database.						
15	Parallel seating on DNC Executive Committee [DNC Charter]						
Auxiliary Committee Recommendation							



The final recommendation will go on this row for each of the AOs.

A/O Committee Assignments (By Laws Review)

African Am	Elke Weill
Transgender	Elke Weill
College Dem	Angela Garrett
Veterans	Angela Garrett
Labor	Jane Whitley
Coastal Caucus	Jane Whitley
Dem Women	Kathy Kirkpatrick
Prog Dems	Kathy Kirkpatrick
AAPI	Katie Tomberlin
Interfaith	Katie Tomberlin
LGBTQ	Kevyn Creech
Rural	Kevyn Creech
Hispanic Am	Parron Baxter
YD	Parron Baxter
Native Am	Rand Voller; Herb Harton
Sr Dems	Rand Voller; Herb Harton
Disability	Tyler Beall
Small Bus	Tyler Beall
NCATD	Edward Binanay
Climate Envi Just (New)	Edward Binanay; Nazim Uddin, Minu Lee
Jewish Caucus (New)	Edward Binanay; Nazim Uddin, Minu Lee

A/O Committee Recommendations Examples:

1. Recommend approval of the following Affiliated Organizations (fully met the requirements)

2. Recommend approval of the following Affiliated Organizations (substantially met the requirements, noting that they may want to consider clarification on one requirement)

3. Recommend conditional approval of the following auxiliaries (substantially met the requirements, noting that they need to make a change)

4. Decline

Committee Reviews Recommendations:

The NCDP A/O Committee Recommend approval of the following Affiliated Organizations (fully met the requirements)

- AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander)
- Interfaith
- Democratic Women of NC
- Progressive Democrats
- AAC (African American)
- Transgender
- Labor
- Hispanic
- Young Democrats
- College Dems
- NCATD
- LGBTQ
- Veterans
- Senior Dems

Committee Reviews Recommendations cont.

The NCDP A/O Committee recommend a conditional/tentative approval of the Affiliated Organizations, with a review period to address concerns expressed by the committee within 45 days, and upon reaching the 30 day mark they may ask the Committee for an additional extension, except for concerns related to the State Board of Elections.

- Rural Caucus
- Disability
- Native American
- Jewish Caucus



Committee Reviews Recommendations cont.

The NCDP A/O Committee recommend to decline these Affiliated Organizations and refer to the NCDP Chair to consider establishing as a Committee.

- Small Business
- Coastal
- Environmental and Climate



2023/2024 Plans

- We are planning to have an A/O summit sometime in late summer early fall. (More information to follow).
- The committee will review the current A/O POO's and make recommendations for changes/improvements at our Winter SEC meeting. (Dr. Kimberly Hardy our NCDP second Vice chair will be part of the review committee)



Thank you.