

## Attendance at Central Committee Meetings<sup>1</sup>

A Member [of the State Central Committee] shall be declared to have resigned by the Secretary of the State Central Committee if (a) the Member's local Democratic Central Committee has adopted a rule setting minimum attendance standards at local and/or State Central Committee meetings including a method for certifying Members' attendance and (b) the Member is certified to the Secretary in accordance with the local Central Committee's rules to have violated that attendance rule. Such Members may appeal their removal to the State Central Committee following the procedure set forth in section 6, provided that the appeal may only be made on the question of whether the local central committee's rules have been violated.

Maryland State Democratic Party By Laws, article III, § 5(B)(3)

. . . The student members of the Central Committee are . . . subject to all of the same responsibilities as voting members of the Central Committee, except that they . . . are not required to attend the meetings of the Maryland State Democratic Central Committee.

Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee By-Laws, article XI

Any [voting or non-voting] member of the Central Committee who fails to attend (for whatever reason) a majority of the [County and State] Central Committee meetings during a twelve month period will be deemed to have resigned and their resignation automatically accepted. Submission of a proxy does not constitute attendance for these purposes.

Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee By-Laws, article XII, § 1

The Secretary of the Montgomery County Central Committee is to perform the certifications required by Article III(5)(B)(3) [of the Maryland Democratic Party By-Laws] for Montgomery County. The Secretary of the County Central Committee is not to provide any certifications to the Secretary of the State Central Committee between June 9, 1998 and September 15, 1998.

Adopted by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, June 9, 1998

The Central Committee attendance rules apply to any twelve consecutive months that a person is a member of the Central Committee, even if a Central Committee election occurs during that twelve month period.

Adopted by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, January 12, 1999

Any student member of the Central Committee who fails to attend (for whatever reason) a majority of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee meetings (held in Montgomery County) during a six month period, will be deemed to have resigned and

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<sup>1</sup> The minutes of the January 12, 1999 meeting of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee state that "The Secretary noted that the current practice is to count as attending any member of the Committee who is physically present in the room at any point between call of the roll until adjournment (members who are represented by proxies or who participate by telephone have not been counted as being present)." *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (10<sup>th</sup> edition) pp. xx, 79-80, and 482-483 provides that a committee cannot meet and conduct business by videoconferencing or telephone, unless such activities are specifically authorized in the by laws.

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Policy on Student Membership on the Central Committee, § 4,  
adopted by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, July 13, 1999, and  
amended by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, December 13, 2005<sup>2</sup>

The Chair of the Central Committee will organize and convene at least one meeting of Liaison II every calendar year. For purposes of Article XII of the By-Laws of the Central Committee, meetings of Liaison II (after September 12, 2006) will be treated as if they were meetings of the Central Committee.

Policy on Liaison I, Liaison II, and District Meetings, § 3,  
adopted by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, April 11, 2006

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<sup>2</sup> On December 13, 2005, the Central Committee added “(held in Montgomery County)”.