

Committees

The following are the permanent committees of the Montgomery County Democratic Party:

Committee	Membership ¹	Source
Annual County Brunch Committee	- - -	Policy on Spring Ball and Annual County Brunch Tickets, adopted by the MCDCC, September 20, 2001
Ballot Questions Advisory Committee	Montgomery County Democrats selected by the Central Committee, a majority of whom must be members of the Precinct Organization ²	Rules Governing Qualifications, Elections and Meetings of Democratic Precinct Officials of Montgomery County, Maryland, section E(2)(d)(ii); also Ballot Questions policy adopted by the MCDCC, October 6, 1994
Budget and Finance Committee	- - -	World Wide Web Site policy (section 6), adopted by the MCDCC, December 12, 1995

¹ Article V, section 1 of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee By-Laws provides that “The Chair shall . . . appoint sub-committees with the consent of the Committee and serve as ex-officio member of such sub-committees” Article IX, section 1 of the Central Committee By-Laws provides that “The Chair shall appoint standing committees as may be deemed necessary.” Article IX, section 2 of the Central Committee By-Laws provides that “The Chair shall name the membership of all standing committees and will designate the member who will be chair. Membership on standing committees need not be restricted to members of the Democratic Central Committee.” The By-Laws do not define “subcommittees” or “standing committees”. During the 1994-1998 session of the Central Committee, the Rules Committee attempted to draft an amendment to the By-Laws to clarify how committee chairs and members of committees should be selected and removed. The Committee, however, was not able to come to a consensus on the issue and no action was taken by the full Central Committee.

Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th edition, p. 440) provides that “In some organizations the president is responsible for appointing, and is ex officio a member of, all committees (except the nominating committee, which should be expressly excluded from such a provision); but only when he is so authorized by the bylaws—or, in individual cases, by a vote of the assembly—does he have this authority and status. As an ex-officio member of a committee, the president has the same rights as other committee members, but is not obligated to attend meetings of the committee, and is not counted in determining if a quorum is present.” (Article VII, section 9 of the By-Laws of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, provides that “The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order will govern the Committee in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws or any special rules of order the Committee may adopt.”)

² In selecting the members of the Advisory Committee, the Central Committee is to “strive for geographic and ideological balance”.

Committee	Membership¹	Source
Central Committee	23 elected voting members (2 by the Democratic voters of each legislative district that is entirely within Montgomery County, plus 1 by the Democratic voters of each legislative district partially in Montgomery County, with the balance being elected by the Democratic voters county-wide); plus 2 non-voting student members (one male and one female); plus as many additional non-voting members so that the total number of voting and non-voting members has an equal number of men and women	Maryland Constitution, article III, section 13; Maryland Election Code, section 4-203(f); Maryland Democratic Party Constitution, article III(2); Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee By-Laws
[Computer Needs] Task Force	- - -	Computer policy adopted by the MCDCC, March 17, 1971
County Fair Committee	- - -	County Fair policy adopted by the MCDCC, August 8, 1995
Democratic Forum	sponsors (\$300), benefactors (\$500), and patrons (\$1,000)	Democratic Forum Membership Programs policy adopted by the MCDCC, February 7, 1995
Dollars [Committee]	- - -	Rules Governing Qualifications, Elections and Meetings of Democratic Precinct Officials of Montgomery County, Maryland, section C(2)(d); also Dollars Drive policy, adopted by the MCDCC, June 30, 1976
Elections Procedures Committee	- - -	Duties of the Assistant Secretary, § 9, adopted by the MCDCC, April 13, 1999
Executive Committee	Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary	MCDCC By-Laws, article IV, section 1; also Personnel Procedures adopted by the MCDCC, September 12, 1995; Policy on Ballot Inspections, adopted by the MCDCC, October 8, 2002
Internet Services Committee	- - -	World Wide Web Site policy adopted by the MCDCC, December 12, 1995

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Issues Committee	- - -	Legislative Issues policy adopted by the MCDCC, March 11, 1997
Labor Advisory Committee	“rank and file, local and international trade union members who are members of the Democratic Party (residing in Montgomery County) together with labor oriented members of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee acting as liaison to the Advisory Committee.” ³	Labor Advisory Committee policy adopted by the MCDCC, December 14, 1977
Newsletter Committee	- - -	Newsletter policies adopted by MCDCC, December 9, 1997, and April 7, 1998
Plowman and Fisherman	[paid membership]	Policies on distribution of Plowman & Fisherman and Democratic Forum membership lists adopted by the MCDCC, February 9, 1977, and January 21, 1988
Precinct Operations Account Audit Committee	one member of the Precinct Organization from each state senatorial district, elected by the members of the Precinct Organization from that district	Rules Governing Qualifications, Elections and Meetings of Democratic Precinct Officials of Montgomery County, Maryland, section C(4)
Precinct Organization	all Precinct Chairpersons, Precinct Vice Chairpersons, and Area Coordinators	Rules Governing Qualifications, Elections and Meetings of Democratic Precinct Officials of Montgomery County, Maryland
Precinct Organization Committee	- - -	Precinct Chair and Vice Chair Removal and Suspension policy adopted by the MCDCC, September 20, 1978; Ballot Questions policy adopted by the MCDCC, October 6, 1994; Policy on Filling Precinct Chair and Vice Chair Vacancies adopted by the MCDCC, May 9, 1995 ⁴ ; Policy on Legislative Redistricting and Party Organization, adopted by the MCDCC, May 14, 2002, and amended June 11, 2002, and March 14, 2006

³ In addition to a Chairperson, the Advisory Committee also is to have a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

⁴ Originally designated as a permanent committee by the Procedural Methods to be Followed in Selecting Precinct Officials for Appointment, adopted by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee January 15, 1975. The Procedural Methods were superceded by the policy on filling precinct vacancies adopted by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee May 9, 1995.

Committee	Membership¹	Source
Precinct Review Committee	at least three precinct Chairpersons (appointed by the Central Committee)	Rules Governing Qualifications, Elections and Meetings of Democratic Precinct Officials of Montgomery County, Maryland, section C(2)(d)
Rules Committee	- - -	Section 3 of the policy on Chartering Democratic Clubs and Caucuses, adopted by the MCDCC, April 7, 1998 ⁵
Spring Ball Committee	- - -	Policy on Funds of the Central Committee, adopted by the MCDCC, March 23, 1982; Policy on Spring Ball and Annual County Brunch Tickets, adopted by the MCDCC, September 20, 2001
Student Club Organizing Committee	Chair of the Central Committee to appoint the chair and vice chair from members of the Central Committee, with the chair being one of the student members of the Central Committee	MCDCC By-Laws, article XI; Policy on Student Membership on the Central Committee (§§ 2 and 5), adopted by the MCDCC July 13, 1999
Student Volunteer Mobilization Committee	Chair of the Central Committee to appoint the chair and vice chair from members of the Central Committee, with the chair being one of the student members of the Central Committee	MCDCC By-Laws, article XI; Policy on Student Membership on the Central Committee (§§ 2 and 5), adopted by the MCDCC July 13, 1999
Sunshine Committee	- - -	Policy on Expressions of Sympathy and Recognitions of Achievements, § 6, adopted by the MCDCC, September 14, 1999
Trustees Group	all former Montgomery County Democratic elected officials	Organization of the Montgomery County Democratic Trustees Group, adopted by the MCDCC December 8, 2003 ⁶
[Voter] Registration Committee	- - -	Rules Governing Qualifications, Elections and Meetings of Democratic Precinct Officials of Montgomery County, Maryland, section C(2)(d)

Former permanent committees of the Montgomery County Democratic Party:

Committee	Membership	Source
Networking Committee	- - -	Originally designated as a

⁵ Originally designated as a permanent committee in article XI, § 2(c) of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee By-Laws, adopted April 11, 1995. The reference to the Rules Committee was eliminated in the general revision of article XI adopted by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee on July 13, 1999.

⁶ Superseded the Lucille Maurer Award policy adopted by the MCDCC, March 11, 1997.

		permanent committee April 11, 1995 by Central Committee By-Laws article XI, §§ 1(b) and 2(b). Permanent status withdrawn July 13, 1999 by the adoption of the general revision of article XI.
Political Inclusion Effort Committee	- - -	Originally designated as a permanent committee April 11, 1995 by Central Committee By-Laws article XI, § 2(c). Permanent status withdrawn July 13, 1999 by the adoption of the general revision of article XI.
Student Elections Oversight Committee	Secretary of the Central Committee and two members each of the Networking Committee, the Political Inclusion Effort Committee, and the Rules Committee	Originally designated as a permanent committee April 11, 1995 by Central Committee By-Laws article XI, §§ 2(b) and 2(c). Permanent status withdrawn July 13, 1999 by the adoption of the general revision of article XI.
Young Democratic Leadership Council	One representative of each high school and/or collegiate Democratic club chartered by the Central Committee ⁷	Originally designated as a permanent committee April 11, 1995 by Central Committee By-Laws article XI, § 1. Permanent status withdrawn July 13, 1999 by the adoption of the general revision of article XI.

⁷ The former article XI, section 2 of the Central Committee By-Laws allowed Central Committee District Liaisons to appoint members of the Young Democratic Leadership Council in certain circumstances.