

# **Colorado Democratic Party: Re-Organization**

**An Overview of Positions, Roles, & Processes for Colorado's Re-Org**

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# What is “Re-Organization?”

## Re-Organization (Re-Org):

- **The election of new officers in the Democratic Party.**
- **Re-Org happens at the county, district, and state levels.**
- **We hold elections every two years (odd # years) to elect new party leaders or reelect existing ones.**



# **Why do we Re-Organize?**

## **Why be registered as a Democrat?**

**We are where organizing happens to recruit and elect candidates that represent our values into office.**

**Re-Org is when we decide who will lead the Party.**

**The Democratic Party is *us*. It consists almost entirely of volunteers. Reorganization decides who will take leadership positions within the party and help set the direction and tone for our future, which will impact everyone's life in Colorado and even the country.**

# Who can run in “Re-Organization?”

## Re-Organization Candidates:

- Any registered Democrat who lives in the district who gives 10 days notice to the chair of the district.





# How do you run in “Re-Organization?”

## How do you run?:

- Give 10 days notice in writing to the current Chair of the district. Attend the (e) meeting. The Chair will likely give you a short period of time to address the voters on why you are running & why people should vote for you. If the position is contested you may wish to run a campaign to get the position.
- **TIP:** Ask the local County or district Chairs where people are already running and where there may be openings with no one running.



# Who can vote in “Re-Organization?”

## Re-Organization Voters:

- **ONLY Members of the Central Committee for the district can vote.**
  - **County & District = Officers, Precinct Organizers, Certain Elected Officials**
  - **State = Officers, County Chairs & Vice-Chairs, Elected bonus members**



# When is Re-Organization?

## County Party Re-Org

February 1 - February 15

## Multi-County District Re-Org

February 26 - March 30

## State Party Re-Org

After Multi-County - April 1

**NOTE:** The actual dates will vary within these ranges every odd year and will take into consideration 10 days required notice and preferably avoid major holidays.

**SOURCE:** CRS §1-3-103 and CDP Rules Article III(C), Article VI(D) and Article VII.

# When is Re-Organization in 2021?

**County Party  
Re-Organization**

**February 1 - February 15, 2021**





# When is Re-Organization in 2021?

**Multi-County House  
District Re-Organization**

**February 27, 2021 @ 2:00PM**



# **When is Re-Organization in 2021?**

**Multi-County Senate  
District Re-Organization**

**February 27, 2021 @ 4:00PM**



# When is Re-Organization in 2021?

**Multi-County Judicial  
District Re-Organization**

**February 28, 2021 @ 2:00PM**



# **When is Re-Organization in 2021?**

**Multi-County  
Congressional District  
Re-Organization**

**February 28, 2021 @ 4:00PM**





# When is Re-Organization in 2021?

**Regional Small County  
Bonus Elections - SEC**

**March 6, 2021 @ 10:00AM**



# When is Re-Organization in 2021?

**State Party Initiative  
Re-Organization**

**March 7, 2021 @ VARIES**



# When is Re-Organization in 2021?

**State Party  
Re-Organization**

**March 20, 2021 @ 10:00AM**



# When is Re-Organization: Overview

<b>Re-Organization of:</b>	<b>Date of Re-Organization:</b>
<b>County Party</b>	<b>February 1 - February 15, 2021</b>
<b>Multi-County House District</b>	<b>February 27, 2021 @ 2:00PM</b>
<b>Multi-County Senate District</b>	<b>February 27, 2021 @ 4:00PM</b>
<b>Multi-County Judicial District</b>	<b>February 28, 2021 @ 2:00PM</b>
<b>Multi-County Congressional District</b>	<b>February 28, 2021 @ 4:00PM</b>
<b>Regional Small County Bonus Elections - SEC</b>	<b>March 6, 2021 @ 10:00AM</b>
<b>State Initiatives</b>	<b>March 7, 2021 @ VARIES</b>
<b>State Party</b>	<b>March 20, 2021 @ 10:00AM</b>



# Summary of Positions

## Chair

- Convene – Preside: Central & Executive Committee Meetings.
- Convene – Preside: Vacancy Committee Meetings.
- Assist in identifying good candidates for office.
- Work with all officers – do or delegate important projects.
- Work with the elected officials, candidates & precinct organizers.
- Set goals, tone and vision for the district.
- Support the Democratic nominees.
- Work with precinct organizers in district.
- Create a positive, welcoming space. Minimize factions.
- Engage volunteers & Raise Funds
- Convene – Preside: Caucuses & Assemblies
- Convene – Preside: Reorganization Meetings
- Automatic Members of the State Central Committee.

## Vice Chair

- Support the Chair.
- Handle any of the other duties of Chair when unavailable or if chair becomes vacant for any reason.
- Preside over any meetings if the Chair is unavailable.
- Create a positive, welcoming space. Minimize factions.
- Workout with Chair & Other Officers best way to put your strengths & skills to use.
- Support the Democratic nominees.
- Automatic members of the State Central Committee.

**All terms are for 2 years (unless resignation, moved, disaffiliated)**

# Summary of Positions

## Secretary

- Take Minutes at Meetings.
  - Agenda
  - Motions, 2nds
  - Discussion
  - Final Actions or Decisions
- Assist in developing and distributing meeting agendas.
- Help prepare accurate lists & data for who receives “the call” or notice for party meetings.
- Fill out necessary paperwork (re-orgs, assemblies, caucuses, vacancies)
- Keep records for the district.
- E-newsletters.
- Support the Democratic Nominees.

## Treasurer

- A signer on bank accounts – 2 signatures recommended
- The Registered Filing Agent with the Secretary of State
- File all TRACER (campaign finance reports) by deadlines
- Balance - reconcile bank account(s).
- Help with fundraising.
- Ensure funds received have all info needed (employer / occupation).
- Know what funds you can / cannot accept.
- Assist with fundraising events.
- Support the Democratic nominees.

## Platform Committee

Each Congressional District and House District elects a member to the Platform Committee. This committee reviews and creates the Platform of the Colorado Democratic Party for 2022.

This is a good position for you if:

- You like policy.
- You are good at framing Democratic values in a way that connects with both base and swing voters.
- You can distill big ideas into concise statements.

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# Summary of Positions

## **Bonus Member: State Executive Committee**

The State Executive Committee is responsible for:

- Overseeing and approving the budget of the Colorado Democratic Party
- ratifying the hire of the Executive Director of the Colorado Democratic Party
- Helping with voter registration, outreach or fundraising for the Colorado Democratic Party.

## **Bonus Member: State Central Committee**

The State Central Committee is responsible for:

- Voting in state assemblies to nominate statewide candidates.
- Voting in state reorganizations to elect statewide party officers.
- Consideration of approvals for new initiatives of the party.
- Consideration of proposed rules of the state party.
- Consideration of formal proposed policies to govern the state party.
- Consideration of Delegate Selection Plans in Presidential Years.
- Other decisions requiring vote of the governing body of the Colorado Democratic Party.

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	County Party	County Commisloner	Judiclal District	Congresslonal District	Senato District	House District	State Party
Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1st Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2nd Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Treasurer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Platform Committee				X		X	
Bonus Member SEC	Varles Depending on Number of Democrats Who voted In the last election.						
Bonus Member SCC	Varles Depending on Number of Democrats Who voted In the last election.						

Other positions elected depending on bylaws or local vote.



# State Party Positions

**STATE PARTY:** is responsible for running State Party Reorganizations, Caucuses, State Party Assemblies, State Party Vacancies, Creating and Implementing State Party Win Plan, Assist with Candidate Recruitment, Raising Funds for State Election Programs, Filing Timely Campaign Finance Reports, Engage Precinct Organizers, Voter Registration, Voter Turnout, Running State Central & Executive Committee meetings, Legal Compliance, Voter Protection, Personnel, HR, Taxes, Contracts, Volunteer Management.

## Positions:

- **CDP Chair**
- **CDP 1st Vice Chair**
- **CDP 2nd Vice Chair**
- **CDP Vice Chair - Outreach (x2)**
- **CDP Vice Chair - Communications**
- **CDP Vice Chair - Rural Outreach**
- **CDP Secretary**
- **CDP Assistant Secretary**
- **CDP Treasurer**

# County Party Positions

**COUNTY PARTIES:** Are responsible for running County Party Reorganizations, Caucuses, County Party Assemblies, County Party Vacancies, Creating and Implementing County Party Win Plan, Assist with Candidate Recruitment, Raising Funds for County Programs, Filing Timely Campaign Finance Reports, Engage Precinct Organizers, Voter Registration, Voter Turnout, Running County Central & Executive Committee meetings, Handling County Contracts or Expenses.

## Positions:

- **Chair**
- **1st Vice Chair**
- **2nd Vice Chair**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Other, depending on bylaws or local vote**

# County Commissioner District Positions

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS:**  
are responsible for running County  
Commissioner District  
Re-organizations, CC District  
Assemblies, CC District Vacancy  
Committees, and assist with  
candidate recruitment.

## Positions:

- Chair
- 1st Vice Chair
- 2nd Vice Chair
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Other, depending on bylaws or local vote

# Judicial District Positions

**JUDICIAL DISTRICTS:** are responsible for running Judicial District Re-organizations, Judicial District Assemblies, Judicial District Vacancy Committees, and assist with candidate recruitment.

## Positions:

- **Chair**
- **1st Vice Chair**
- **2nd Vice Chair**
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Other, depending on bylaws or local vote**



# Congressional District Positions

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:** are responsible for running Congressional District Reorganizations, Congressional District Assemblies (Congress, CU Regent, State Board of Ed), Congressional District Vacancy Committees, and assist with candidate recruitment.

## Positions:

- **Chair**
- **1st Vice Chair**
- **2nd Vice Chair**
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Other, depending on bylaws or local vote**

# Senate District Positions

**SENATE DISTRICTS:** are responsible for running Senate District Reorganizations, Senate District Assemblies, Senate District Vacancy Committees, and assist with candidate recruitment.

## Positions:

- **Chair**
- **1st Vice Chair**
- **2nd Vice Chair**
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Other, depending on bylaws or local vote**

# House District Positions

**HOUSE DISTRICTS:** are responsible for running House District Reorganizations, House District Assemblies, House District Vacancy Committees, and assist with candidate recruitment.

## Positions:

- **Chair**
- **1st Vice Chair**
- **2nd Vice Chair**
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Other, depending on bylaws or local vote**

# Upcoming Trainings

<b>Training Title</b>	<b>Training Date</b>
<b>How to Run a Re-Org</b>	<b>December 10 &amp; 13, 2020 @ 6:00PM</b>
<b>County Officer Training Series: Chairs &amp; Vice Chairs</b>	<b>February 20, 2021 @ 10:00AM</b>
<b>County Officer Training Series: Secretaries</b>	<b>February 20, 2021 @ 12:00PM</b>
<b>County Officer Training Series: Treasurers &amp; Campaign Finance</b>	<b>February 20, 2021 @ 2:00PM</b>
<b>County Officer Training Series: County Commissioner District Officers</b>	<b>February 20, 2021 @ 4:00PM</b>
<b>CD, JD, SD, HD Officers Training</b>	<b>April 10, 2021 @ 10:00AM</b>
<b>Initiatives Officers Training</b>	<b>April 10, 2021 @ 12:00PM</b>
<b>Large Metro House District Officers Training</b>	<b>April 10, 2021 @ 2:00PM</b>
<b>Precinct Organizer Training</b>	<b>April 10, 2021 @ 4:00PM</b>



# Recap: How to Get Involved

**1**

**Run for a Party  
position**

**2**

**Join our  
Volunteer Talent  
Bank**

**3**

**Become a  
Precinct  
Organizer**

# **Any Questions?**

