



## **DFL State Central Committee Agenda: Our Revolution MN's Annotated Guide**

December 10, 2016  
11:00 a.m.

Lakeville North High School  
19600 Ipava Ave Lakeville, MN 55044

**What is the SCC?** - The SCC is the DFL's mini-version of Congress with representatives from every local unit, they meet quarterly to help decide important party business.

### **I. Opening Business**

#### **A. Call to Order**

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Adoption of Agenda** - *This agenda is adopted, prior to adoption new items can be proposed from the floor but require a vote.*

**D. Reading and Approval of Minutes** - *Minutes from prior SCC meeting are reviewed and approved by voting members.*

### **II. Informational Reports**

**A. Officer Reports**- *Includes reports from Treasurer, Chairs, Secretary, Outreach Officer, and Directors (if need be)*

#### **B. Report from the Auditor**

#### **C. Standing Committee Reports**

**1. Budget** - *Each year the Budget Committee proposes to the State Central Committee a budget. The State Central Committee approves the budget. The Budget Committee then keeps a watchful eye on income and expenditures to ensure the budget remains on track. Budget Committee members include the state party chair, the state party vice chair, the state party treasurer, the finance chair, eight members elected by the State Central Committee and one member elected by each congressional district from among its treasurer and state central committee delegates and alternates.*

**2. Constitution, Bylaws and Rules** - *Every two years, the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Committee recommends changes to, and then revises, the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws, to include, for example, provisions to allow DFLers more opportunity to review and comment on the constitutional proposals in this committee's report to the state convention. This committee also hears reports on all delegate and alternate challenges.*

3. **Outreach & Inclusion** - *The Outreach and Inclusion Committee is responsible for initiatives designed to encourage underserved and underrepresented constituencies to take part in the political process. This committee is responsible for compiling a list of interpreters (for persons with auditory disabilities or language barriers) in all eight congressional districts, raising money for a fund adequate to pay them, and maintaining a list of resources. This committee includes the State Outreach Officer; two delegates, not of the same gender, elected by each congressional district, and several congressional district outreach officers, among others.*
4. **Party Affairs & Coordinated Campaign** - *The Party Affairs and Coordinated Campaign Committee works with the DFL State Chair, Party Affairs Director, and the Coordinated Campaign Director to facilitate close coordination of policies and initiatives of party activities and related campaign activities. It further works with DFL staff and relevant committees to train party organizations, leaders, and volunteers. It also serves as a liaison between local party units and officers, and State DFL staff, to facilitate communication among these groups. It finally works with the state chair to ensure the coordinated DFL campaign receives the necessary support from local party units, and local party officers understand the goals of the coordinated DFL campaign. This committee is composed of two delegates elected by the State Executive Committee, two delegates elected by the congressional district in even-numbered years and 11 at-large delegates (at least four from counties outside of Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties) elected by the State Central Committee.*
5. **Platform, Issues and Legislative Affairs** - *The Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee develops platform criteria and form procedures for the ongoing process of resolutions from the caucuses, and for an orderly procedure in regard to the convention. It also monitors and evaluates the implementation of platform planks by appropriate governmental bodies and reports the results to the appropriate party officials. This committee is comprised of two delegates elected by the State Executive Committee, two delegates elected by the congressional district in even-numbered years, and 11 at-large delegates (at least four from counties outside of Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota, and Washington counties) elected by the State Central Committee. Membership in this committee should also include at least two DFL elected officials, elected at the convocation of elected officials.*

### III. Special Orders

- A. **Approval of the FY 2017 Budget** - *Discussion of the 2017 budget will include explanations of major line items and unexpected expenses. There will be an opportunity to ask questions before the budget is voted upon.*

**B. Consideration of the 2017 Legislative Priorities** - *These agendas are meant to be guides for our elected officials both state and federal, about what items DFLers think are most important to pursue and protect. The items have been selected from [a list of roughly 80 resolutions](#) passed by caucus attendees this year.*

The Central Committee will review and affirm Federal and State Legislative priorities for the year (20 federal and 20 state). These cover topics from agriculture to veterans affairs, and are presented as brief statements of policies that the Party will support and/or promote. Some are fairly general (“Support the continued development of a progressive tax system that is based on the ability to pay”), others more specific (“Support the EPA’s clean power plan for replacement of coal by renewable energy sources for 50% of electricity by 2030 and 100% by 2050”). The priorities have been winnowed down from the approximately 80 generated and approved by people attending the caucuses earlier this year. They are not specific “action items” but rather guides for our elected officials as to what is most important to DFLers with additional consideration of what is most feasible during the current legislative sessions.

Topics covered in the state list are agriculture, business and community development, civil, human and constitutional rights, consumer issues, education, energy, government accountability, health and human services, labor and employment, natural resources and the environment, public safety and crime prevention, tax policy, transportation and veteran’s affairs. See full lists [here](#) and [here](#).

**C. Consideration of a Resolution #54 for the Action Agenda**

**Resolution #54:**

Oppose sulfide ore mining, which is significantly different from taconite mining, poses unacceptable environmental risks, threatens multiple watersheds (Lake Superior, BWCA/VNP, Mississippi) and should not be allowed in the sulfur bearing rock of Minnesota.

This resolution was brought to the DFL State Convention and was voted on along with other resolutions on a written ballot where it passed by over 60%. However, it was tabled for further discussion at the Minnesota DFL State Central Committee on August 6. At this meeting, it was tabled once again until the December 10 meeting.

Opponents of this resolution argue that the wording is too broad and would include all mining. They fear that passing this resolution would cost Minnesota mining jobs and could cause the DFL to lose future elections in the Iron Range.

However, proponents argue that sulfide mining is distinct from taconite and iron mining (which is explicitly stated within the resolution). The major concern is that the sulfide waste will react with water and air to become sulfuric acid which could flow into area waters for decades after mining operations stop. This water could then flow into other lakes and rivers. The proposed PolyMet mine would destroy thousands of acres of wetlands. Additionally, they argue that tribes living within the area have not been adequately consulted.

[This](#) is an in-depth history of Resolution #54 along with an argument in favor of passing it.

[This](#) is a link to the Environmental Caucus's argument for passing Resolution #54.

[This](#) link provides an argument against the resolution.

[This](#) is a link to the DNR's environmental review. A link to The Environmental Impact Statement along with public comments is found toward the bottom of the page.

#### **D. Election to fill State Central Committee vacancy**

1. **At-Large Delegate (not identifying as male)** - *There is an opening for an individual that does not identify as male to join the SCC as an at-large delegate. There are no residency requirements for this position, which grants voting rights at future SCC meetings. Our Revolution MN member Shauna Wimmer Valdez is running, see her statement [here](#).*

#### **IV. General Order**

- A. **Recognition of the 2016 Volunteers of the Year**- *Each local party unit selected two volunteers for this award.*

#### **V. Closing Business**

- A. **Previous Notice**
- B. **Announcements**
- C. **Adjournment**

#### **Useful Links:**

- [Robert's Rules guide](#)
- [The DFL Call](#) (the rules for meetings and conventions)
- [The DFL Constitution and Bylaws](#)
- [SCC Standing Rules](#)