

ADC50 Meeting Minutes

Second Meeting of the Assembly District Committee

WHEN: Monday, January 28th, 2019

WHERE: Alligator Lounge

TIME: 7pm-9pm

IN ATTENDANCE: See attendance sheet [here](#).

Temporary Officers for 1/28 meeting: Chair: Nick Rizzo, Vice Chair: Linda Minucci,
Secretary: Michele Kaufman, Treasurer: Adam B Baran

1. Called to vote: Dispense with reading of the minutes from the last ADC meeting. They are available online.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Dispense with reading of the minutes from the last ADC meeting.

2. Chair Report:

- a. The next County Committee meeting will be held on February 12th, 2019 at the [Brooklyn Expo Center](#), located at 72 Noble St, Brooklyn, NY 11222.
- b. County Committee (cc) members will be voting on an endorsement for the Public Advocate race. If one candidate gets the majority of the cc members vote, there will be a District Leader meeting to ratify that decision OR it could be a straw poll.
- c. In principle, all cc members are getting a say, which is a good thing.
- d. At the last ADC meeting we had people sign up for a rules subcommittee (they met three times) and we will hear about what that committee has done.

3. Josh Schneier and Elana Ehrenberg give the Rule Subcommittee report.

- a. *The Rules Subcommittee was renamed the "Special Committee on Rules Creation" (SCRC) which will dissolve after today
- b. All existing County rules and the the SCRC recommended rules are on the ADC50 [website](#).
- c. The SCRC rules were added to make this committee as strong as possible, we will open the adoption of these suggested rules to the floor to vote.
- d. Suggested Rules:
 - i. Adding a Sergeant at Arms as a fifth officer to break ties.
 - i. Adoption of Robert's Rules as a decision making process.
 - ii. A non-voting parliamentarian who will be an elected non voting member of the Executive Committee. This member will also provide training for the full ADC.
 - iii. District Leaders are non voting members of the Executive Committee and they can't hold another officer position.
 - iv. Each ADC member can only hold three proxies at a time

- v. All ADC meeting minutes must be posted on the website once approved in order to make this process as transparent as possible. Minutes must be posted for Executive Committee meetings and subcommittee meetings as well.

1. Jessica Baker Vodoor makes a motion to open the floor to discussion for the additional rules recommendations for 15 minutes

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Floor is open to discuss the recommended rules for 15 minutes.

1. Open Discussion:

- a. Question: How do we elect folks for the two new positions: Sergeant and Arms and Parliamentarian?
Answer: We'll elect these positions at our next meeting, along with judicial delegates and judicial alternates.
- a. Subcommittees should be launched at the next meeting to help bring discussions and issues to the whole ADC group. Nick suggests that we use the general ADC meetings to vote on items proposed by subcommittee groups.
- b. Question: What are the rules about public access to ADC meetings?
Answer: Meetings are open to public and the press according to County rules, but this is not stipulated for subcommittees —we're party not public.
- a. The SCRC took a lot of the rules they suggested from other County Committees and other organizations
- b. We are still considered a subcommittee of the larger Brooklyn party —we are authorized to make our own rules with proxies but beyond that the party outlines general rules for the ADCs that we are bound by unless we present rules amendment to the county
- c. Victoria- More restrictive rules trump less restrictive rules
- d. transparency was always a goal for recommended rules
- e. Speaking time is three minutes, but anyone on exec committee can grant you more time
- f. There is concern that a three proxy per person cap is low. We should consider that people might want the option to give their proxy to the person they want to give it to, but the current proxy issue (one person holding too many and controlling all decisions) is recognized as a serious problem.
- g. It will be easier to assign a proxy once the group as a whole gets to know each other better
- h. Linda Minucci clarifies that people can specify to their proxy who/what they want to vote for. If specified, the proxy has to honor their vote.
- i. It is brought to discussion that a $\frac{1}{3}$ quorum is too high and we should amend this to $\frac{1}{4}$
- j. Baz: Were all here because we're concerned about proxies — we shouldn't grant more proxies per person because it's more convenient

- k. There are people in the 51st(?) AD that are trying to form an ADC and they are being blocked
- l. Josh: North Brooklyn is transient: people who move come against us
- m. We might not be allowed to lower our quorum.
- n. Nick: It's a good precedent to not have all of the same rules as County
- o. A shared rsvp document could be a good solution to hold everyone accountable for themselves and relive a couple of people from all of the pressure of meeting quorum.
- p. There should be very little information available only to ExCo and not the rest of the body.

2. Jessica makes a motion to propose an adoption of all of the recommended rules.

MOTION PASSED (one abstention, the rest vote yes): The rules recommended by the SCRC are adopted.

- 1. Motion to raise the number of proxies one person can have to five.
 - a. Josh makes a point of order: There are people here today with more than three proxies
 - b. Another point of order: We should delay the proxy vote
 - c. Nick: We can remake our rules at any time, we can revise things at the next meeting
 - d. Paul: If we don't count all of the proxies we might not make quorum and we have to have quorum throughout the whole meeting according to the rules
 - e. Paul makes a motion to call a question

1. Vote on the floor: Who is in favor of raising the limit of proxies to 5

MOTION PASSED (In favor: 24, Opposed: 20): The limit of proxies one person can hold is 5.

- 1. Jessica: Technically we already passed the SCRC rules which says the limit is 3 proxies per person, so we don't have a quorum to have this vote right now
- 2. Nick motions to lower quorum to 1/4 —a rule change so we have a quorum

MOTION PASSED (6 opposed, the rest vote yes): Quorum lowered to 1/4 for ADC meetings.

- 1. We voted ourselves out of quorum when we accepted the draft rules

Meeting goes into recess to determine weather we still made Quorum if each person only counts three of their proxies. It was determined that we still have a quorum.

- 1. Jessica transferred Victoria Rich's proxy to Shawn A Tervenski with her consent.
 - a. Do we raise the number of proxies to five?
 - b. Victoria: worried about future members, just a couple of people could potentially take over with five proxies each
 - c. Worth noting the threshold is now 30 people (not 40), since we voted to lower the quorum to 1/4
 - d. The County could tell us we're not legit if they're decide to if we only get 1/4 quorum

- e. Jessica: Quorum exists to represent an assembly and a minority shouldn't be taking over. It is suggested that we should amend the motion to say we would hold a meeting but wouldn't vote with $\frac{1}{3}$ quorum.
 - f. Nick: We're out of time for debating.
2. Vote on the floor: Should we raise the number of proxies one person can hold to five.

MOTION FAILED (votes in favor: 8, votes against: 35): Raising the number of proxies one person can hold to five.

1. Vote on the floor: To amend prior vote so that with a $\frac{1}{4}$ quorum the ADC could hold a meeting but, could only conduct business with a $\frac{1}{3}$ quorum

MOTION FAILED (votes in favor: 21, votes against: 25, abstained: 1): Amend prior vote so that with a $\frac{1}{4}$ quorum the ADC could hold a meeting but, could only conduct business with a $\frac{1}{3}$ quorum

- a. There's a process to amending rules, it's supposed to go to the rules subcommittee.

1. Nick makes an amendment to lower all speaking from three minutes to two minutes.

MOTION FAILED (votes in favor: 19, opposed: 23): To lower all speaking from three minutes to two minutes.

1. Elections:

- a. Elana Ehrenberg is running for Chair unopposed
- b. William Vega and Josh Schneier both running for Vice Chair
- c. Michele Kaufman running for secretary unopposed
- d. Jessica Baker Vodoor running for treasurer unopposed

Vice Chair results:

William Vega wins Vice Chair

1. The elected Executive Committee will decide when the next ADC meeting will meet.
2. We will be voting for some judicial delegate positions at next meeting and the Sergeant at Arms and Parliamentarian.
3. Everyone should consider putting your names forward
4. Everyone should sign up for subcommittees for the next meeting -you can sign up right on the website: ad50districtcommittee.com

