



## **Membership Policy as of January 9, 2020**

### Article II: Membership

#### A. Paths to Membership

There are two paths to membership in the Democratic Party of Evanston: Paid and by volunteering. Our members contribute in many ways to the success of the DPOE, and we value our members for any and all contributions.

1. Paid membership: Annual Individual Membership \$40, Biennial Individual Membership \$75
2. Volunteer path to Membership
  - a. Volunteer path to membership requires volunteering at three events. These events should be DPOE events or events for DPOE endorsed candidates. Examples are listed below and can include but are not limited to:
    - i. Committee work for one of the standing or ad hoc DPOE Committees
    - ii. Voter registration drive with the DPOE, at Farmer's Market or other locations
    - iii. Event setup or cleanup at DPOE event or forum
    - iv. Sign-in or membership volunteer at any DPOE event
    - v. Marching at Fourth of July Parade
    - vi. Office work at the DPOE office
    - vii. Data entry
    - viii. GOTV activities organized by the DPOE
    - ix. Button making at the DPOE office
  - b. Volunteer will keep track of their own events and will submit their volunteer hours to the Membership Committee to be verified by the DPOE organizer of the event.
3. Membership is a twelve month membership no matter the initial month of contribution
4. Any donation or ticket to a DPOE event in excess of \$40 that is given by a non-member who is a non-member at the time of the gift or purchase automatically enrolls the person as a member of DPOE and \$40 of that gift or price will be counted towards the membership dues of the individual for the next twelve months.

#### B. Voting Eligibility

Only the following persons may vote at the Annual Meeting and Endorsement Session:

1. Those who reside within the boundaries of School Districts 65 and 202 and who are, at the time of the Endorsement Session/Annual Meeting, in compliance with the Membership Policy; or
2. or are members of the DPOE Board of Directors.

### C. Membership Benefits.

1. The ability to vote at DPOE endorsement sessions.
2. Meet candidates for public office
  - a. Throughout the year the DPOE connects our members and our candidates at formal and informal events.
  - b. Work alongside your elected representatives to gather petitions, canvass, or Get Out the Vote.
3. Learn about the democratic process and engage as a citizen or as a prospective candidate.
4. Receive discounts, early invitations, and preferred seating at designated DPOE events.
5. Maintain an ability to reserve office space and use of DPOE materials in support of a bona fide Democratic candidate without limitation as to constituency, geography, or level of government of the member's choice at any point in the election calendar, pending space constraints. This policy only excludes candidates who are running post-endorsement session against an explicitly DPOE-endorsed or committeeman-endorsed candidate.

### D. Membership Committee Role

The Membership Committee shall support other DPOE committees by supplying membership data and documents and web content as needed. Other Membership Committee responsibilities shall include but not be limited to:

1. Maintaining the membership database;
2. Collecting membership dues;
3. Developing and implementing membership and membership renewal drives. The membership drive will be completed in the fourth quarter (Q4) for the following year.
4. Attending DPOE events as needed for event check-in, membership and volunteer information, and information about the DPOE; and
5. Collecting data to track attendance at events and volunteer events for database input