



**THE NEW YORK STATE
DEMOCRATIC RURAL CONFERENCE**



VOTE ON TUESDAY

Musings of the Chair

Peter Stein and I just returned from New York City where we visited the Wall Street encampment; where we saw and heard an immense outpouring of worry about our economy and our future. The sincerity of the anxiety about our future expressed at the park is unquestionable. How to channel that anxiety to be the basis for a real political reform movement is the challenge. Campaign finance reform is the sine qua non. We are the Party that can rise to that challenge and lead that movement, if we want to do so. Of course, the demonstrators do not see that!

November elections

In spite of the state of the economy, and New York is, of late, looking better, we are running along with a very popular Governor. Let's benefit from that popularity and present our candidates as part of the Cuomo team whenever possible. **JOIN THE CUOMO TEAM! VOTE ROW A IN NOVEMBER.**

Good luck in all your races,

Irene Stein, Chair

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DRC General Membership Meeting November 16, 2011

The meeting will convene at 5:00 PM in a room to be determined at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center at 660 Albany Shaker Road, NY 12211 Shakers

AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report - Emmer
- Committee Reports
 - 2012 DRC Conference -Dodds, Stein
 - Issues - Lockrow
 - Political Committee - Poelker
 - Ad hoc Committee on By-Laws
 - Ad hoc Labor Subcommittee
- Old Business - DRC Brochure
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment



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Meeting of the Board September 29, 2011 By-Laws Committee

After the approval of the minutes and the Treasurer's Report, the Board discussed the previously approved resolution to amend the By-Laws insofar as endorsements were concerned. It turns out the the DRC is a State PAC and, as such, CANNOT endorse candidates. Therefore the proposed amendment on exceptions to the non-endorsement process does not comply with State Election Law.

The DRC is permitted to make contributions to candidates or committees.

After further discussion it was decided not to amend the By-Laws at all, since they already state that the DRC will make no endorsements.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS DRC CONFERENCE 2012 APRIL 27 and 28, 2012

The Conference will be held in Corning, New York on April 27 and 28. On Friday afternoon, it is our hope to offer a session on "Using the Internet/Social Media in Political Campaigns." We expect to have a Welcome Reception, a Banquet featuring our outstanding State Elected Officials and a Dessert Reception.

Saturday morning will start, of course, with Breakfast followed by a brief Business Meeting a which we will hold an election for five Board seats.

We plan to invite our representatives from Congress who represent DRC counties to participate in a panel discussion of rural issues followed by a Q&A session with the audience. After the panel, there will be small group meetings with candidates for Congressional and State Legislative Offices.

Lunch plans and other aspects of the Conference are still in the planning stages.

THE DRC CONTACT INFO, ETC....

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Or e-mail us at:

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Dan McCandless, Vice Chair ---

Cindy Emmer, Treasurer ---

Phil Jones, Secretary ---

Don Ackerman, Parliamentarian ---

Doris Kirsch, Asst. Secretary ---

Cindy Lockrow, Issues Committee Chair ---

Dan McCandless, By-Laws Committee Chair ---

Tom Poelker, Political Committee Chair ---

Jane Dodds, Conference Chair ----

Ted Young, Board Member----

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DRC Board Services...

SPEAKERS Bureau:

The following DRC Executive Committee Members are available as speakers at DRC County events:

Irene Stein, Cindy Emmer, Tom Poelker or Phil Jones.

Mentoring Services: The DRC Executive Committee has many experienced County Chairs. As such, we are available to mentor and provide support to new County Chairs.

DUES

Dues are \$10 for 2011, checks are payable to the DRC and should be sent to Cindy Emmer, 858 Davis St., Elmira, NY 14901.

If you are not getting correspondence from the DRC, be sure to share your e-mail address with phildem@rochester.rr.com

JUST SO YOU KNOW

DRC MAILING LIST – It was decided that eligible voting members should not be removed from the e-mail distribution whether or not they paid their dues. Potential Associate Members who do not pay their dues will be removed the distribution list.

It is very important that the Secretary have current e-mail addresses for all dues paying voting members, potential voting members and Associate Members.