

CAUCUS RESOLUTIONS FOR MARCH 1ST

At the Feb 6th MAP Retreat, these three caucus resolutions were put forth for all MAP members to choose one or more of them to present to the caucus members attend on March 1st.

Wayne Wittman submitted

1. Full Voting Rights Resolution

Whereas; One of the most important political actions Minnesota citizens perform in a 4 year political cycle is the expression of their political choice for persons seeking the office of “President of the United States” (the most powerful position in the world). And

Whereas; the system Minnesota is currently using requires persons to be physically present at community caucus site and register to cast a ballot within a prescribed time (6:30 to 7:30). This results in persons with limited transportation, physical ability and persons working during these hours not being able to fully participate in this important civic activity.

Therefore Be It Resolved –that the Minnesota Legislature appoint a bipartisan Legislative Commission to study and make recommendations for changes that allow for all Minnesota citizens to fully participate in the selection of political candidates for the President of the United States of their choice.

Sook Holdridge submitted

Corporate Governance Resolution

WHEREAS, increasing shareholder value has become the presumed primary purpose and legal mandate of corporate boards of directors by the Michigan Supreme Court precedent decision Dodge v Ford in 1919; and

WHEREAS, since the Dodge v Ford decision renders as secondary, corporate concern for healthy eco-systems, the fair distribution of wealth among all stakeholders, and the safeguard of a ruling democracy by the people; and

WHEREAS, the Dodge v Ford decision stands in direct opposition to the mandate ordered by the States at the beginning of this Republic—to serve the public good or risk losing its corporate charter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic party supports reinstating “serving the public good” as the primary purpose of corporations or risk losing their charter, and that corporate boards of directors be balanced to reflect the interests of all stakeholders—all its workers, the affected local communities, the environment, the public’s health and safety, and shareholders, with the state reserving the authority to appoint an impartial ombudsman or ombudswoman to observe and expose corporate boards unable to substantiate a healthy stakeholder balance.

Barbara Gerten submitted

We The People Resolution

WHEREAS, through a long line of U.S. Supreme Court decisions over the past hundred plus years, artificial entities have been given U.S. Constitutional rights intended only for natural persons; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a series of decisions since 1976, but most notably in its 2010 Citizens United v Federal Elections Commission decision, has declared that the right to spend money to influence our elections, whether by individuals or legal entities, is protected by the U.S. Constitutional First Amendment free speech rights;

RESOLVED, we defend democracy, a system of government in which power is vested in the people, and call for an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that:

- 1) Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and
- 2) Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.