

Proposed Amendment to the Capital Area Progressive Democrats Bylaws

1. Move to Amend Bylaws of the Capital Area Progressive Democrats Article III, Subsection E so that it reads: “The organization shall host an annual membership/fundraising party at which will be presented one or more award ~~four awards~~, to be named the “Kick-Ass Awards,” honoring those who have served the Democratic Party and progressive causes with distinction. In addition, an annual award, to be named the Emma Barrientos Memorial Award, will be presented to an individual or couple who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to progressive ideals through dedication to improving the lot of all in society, particularly the most disenfranchised and vulnerable. A contribution to charity ~~the Emma Barrientos Scholarship Fund~~ in the name of the award recipient will be made in an amount determined by the Budget Committee. The recipients of all awards will be chosen by a committee appointed annually by the Chair.

2. Move to Amend Bylaws of the Capital Area Progressive Democrats Article III by adding subsection G, to read as follows: “Sponsors of the annual membership/fundraising party shall become members of the organization, with their membership lasting until the next annual membership/fundraising party.”

3. Move to Amend Bylaws of the Capital Area Progressive Democrats Article VI by adding subsection D, to read as follows: “In non-partisan elections for public office, only Democrats may participate in the candidate forum. Only Democrats may receive the endorsement of the organization.”

This proposed amendment to the bylaws makes three substantive changes:

- 1. Removes requirement to present four awards and changes the requirement to presented one or more awards.**
- 2. Allows the Emma Barrientos Memorial Award to be presented to a couple as well as an individual.**
- 3. Permits a donation in honor of the Barrientos Award winner to any charity, including the Emma Barrientos Scholarship Fund.**

Process to Amend the Bylaws:

- 1. Proposed bylaw amendments must be submitted in writing.**
- 2. Proposed amendments must be published prior to discussion and possible adoption at the next general meeting.**
- 3. Proposed amendments shall be adopted by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the members present and voting.**
- 4. Changes regarding the form of proposed amendments may be offered from the floor at the general meeting and adopted without prior publication.**