

**Roane County Democratic Party  
Convention  
March 28, 2009**

The doors were secured at 9:00 a.m. by the sergeant-at-arms.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Watts, followed by the invocation and pledge of allegiance. The chair recognized the elected officials who were present.

Brad Parish explained the rules of the convention that each of the seven districts would elect a man and a woman to serve on the executive committee. Those attending the convention broke into district caucuses to elect their executive committee representatives. The convention as a whole then reconvened.

Tony Brown moved because not all district executive committee positions had been filled, that the rules be suspended and all present be included on the executive committee. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of having such a large executive committee. A vote to suspend the rules was taken, with 19 voting yes and 4 voting no.

Having elected the executive committee, it was moved and seconded that the convention be adjourned. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Blencoe  
Secretary

**Roane County Democratic Party  
Executive Committee's Convention Meeting  
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Immediately following the adjournment of the Roane County Democratic Party Convention, the Executive Committee's Convention Meeting was called to order by Jim Watts.

The revised Roane County Democratic Party bylaws were presented to the executive committee. The main changes are:

- Added accommodations for persons with disabilities
- Quorum for meetings will be 25% of the executive committee
- The addition of four city chairs (Kingston, Oliver Springs/Oak Ridge, Harriman, and Rockwood)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws and the motion passed.

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

- Chairman – Charles Sargent
- Vice Chairman – Bob Cowan
- Secretary – Mary Ellen Blencoe
- Treasurer – John Hume
- Kingston Chair – Bobby Collier
- Harriman Chair – Marty Taylor
- Rockwood Chair – Steve Scarborough
- Oliver Springs/Oak Ridge Chair – Peggy Meier

The new officers took the oath of office.

Dennis Ferguson expressed his appreciation for the work done by the past officers and executive committee. He presented Jim Watts and Peggy Meier with certificates of appreciation.

Future meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Kingston Community Center.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Blencoe  
Secretary