## **Article VIII. Endorsements**

- **Section 1.** The Caucus shall endorse candidates and issues in any election submitted to the electorate for a vote.
- **Section 2**. Only candidates of the Democratic Party are eligible for endorsements of the Caucus in partisan elections.
- **Section 3.** The Executive Board shall prepare a list of candidates and/or issues to be submitted to the membership for endorsement consideration. The Executive Board is not obligated to select every item or race on a ballot, but may choose only those items it justly deems viable and appropriate for consideration.
- **Section 4**. The Executive Board shall adopt the rules of procedure prior to submitting the endorsements to the Caucus Members for approval.
- **Section 5.** The Executive Board may, at its discretion, require candidates for endorsement to complete a questionnaire, appear before a screening committee, or to produce any such documents as a prerequisite for endorsement. The Executive Board must approve the contents of any questionnaire.
- **Section 6**. Endorsements must be approved by the membership either at a properly called meeting, by mail-in ballot or e-mail ballot. Candidates or issues for endorsement must receive a majority vote of the Members present at the Executive Board meeting or responding by mail or e-mail to gain the endorsement of the Caucus. A situation of no endorsement is permitted. Recommendations to vote against a ballot issue or to withhold a vote for a candidate are permitted.