

The Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC LEADER

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **Members of the Central Committee;
The Honorable David Brock, Chair,
Cuyahoga County Democratic Party**

cc: **Leader Karolyn Isenhardt, Executive Director, CCDP**

From: **Hon. Andrew C.M. Mizensak, M.A.P., MBM,
The Senior Democratic Leader**

Subject: **Leadership Team/Committee Assignments**

Date: **February 26, 2023**

Please be advised that as of today, this is the roster of leadership positions and Committee Assignments, until further notice.

ADMINISTRATION; OFFICE OF THE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC LEADER AND ANTHONY J. BELLANTE MEMORIAL CHAIR (OA):

The Senior Democratic Leader (SDL) and Anthony J. Bellante Memorial Chairman:

The Honorable Andrew C.M. Mizensak, M.A.P., MBM
BWHDP.Mizensak@gmail.com

(Assumed Office 06/11/2008 – Acting; Assumed Office 08/01/2008; Elected 6/19/2010; Returned from Leave 11/19/2016; 06/13/2018; 06/28/2022; Assistant Democratic Leader, 05/29/2002 – 06/10/2008); *Designated as Senior Democratic Leader – 05/14/2020.*

The Democratic Leader is the elected head of the Democratic Party of the City of Bedford and Village of Walton Hills. The Democratic Leader is elected by the Members of the Central Committee for a term of 4 years. The Democratic Leader is also the Chairman of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party, and serves as the presiding officer of all meetings, and chairs the Executive, Central, and Rules and Reference Committees.

Chief of Staff to the Senior Democratic Leader (COS) and Deputy Director of Political Operations: Patrick Barham

(Appointed 07/01/2022)

The Chief of Staff is the manager of all appointed staff officers, as well as the senior-most advisor to the Democratic Leader. The Chief of Staff serves as Committee Staff to all Committees chaired by the Democratic Leader.

The Associate Democratic Leader/Democratic Leader *pro tempore* (ADL):

The Honorable Jennifer M. Allen
(Elected Assistant Democratic Leader
11/19/2016; Appointed Assistant Democratic
Leader 06/13/2018; Elevated to Associate
Democratic Leader 06/28/2022; Deputy
Democratic Leader for Walton Hills,
06/19/2010 – 11/19/2016)
BWHDP.Allen@gmail.com

The Associate Democratic Leader is appointed by and reports to the Democratic Leader to serve as the immediate Executive Officer to the Democratic Leader. The Associate Democratic Leader is also the Vice Chair and Chair pro tempore of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party. The Assistant Democratic Leader is also the Vice Chair of the Central and Executive Committees, is a member of the Party Cabinet, and is automatically a Member of the Rules and Reference Committee. The Associate Democratic Leader must be of the opposite gender of the Democratic Leader.

Deputy Democratic Leader for Bedford (DDL-B):

The Honorable Anne L. McPherson, *Senior Deputy Democratic Leader*
(Appointed 02/01/2017; 06/13/2018; 06/28/2022) BWHDP.McPherson@gmail.com

The Deputy Democratic Leaders leads the Executive and Central Committee Members for their respective communities and reports to the Democratic Leader. The Deputy Democratic Leaders are appointed by the Democratic Leader, and serve as Members of the Cabinet, and the Rules and Reference Committee. The Deputy Democratic Leader who has the earlier date of appointment is designated as the Senior Deputy Democratic Leader. Additionally, the Senior Deputy Democratic Leader serves as the Floor Leader of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party, and is the third-ranking member of the Leadership Team.

Deputy Democratic Leader for Walton Hills (DDL-WH):

The Honorable Raymond Weeden (Appointed 04/01/2017; 06/13/2018; 06/28/2022)
BWHDP.Weeden@gmail.com

The Deputy Democratic Leader is the Assistant Floor Leader of the Party, and is the fourth-ranking member of the Leadership Team.

Floor Leader (FL):

The Honorable Anne McPherson

Assistant Floor Leader (AFL):

The Honorable Raymond Weeden

The Floor Leaders manage Resolutions and debates on the floor of the general and Committee of the Whole meetings.

Democratic Whip (DW):
(Appointed 06/28/2022)

The Honorable Barbara J. Parks
barbaradoveparks@yahoo.com

The Democratic Whip is the fifth-ranking member of the Leadership Team, and is responsible for the counting of votes of members on the floor during meetings of the Party, the Executive, or the Central Committee.

Secretary and Committee Clerk (SECY):

Vacant

Chief Technology Officer (CTO):

Vacant

Chaplain:

The Reverend Keith L. Collins
(Appointed June 15, 2018; June 28, 2022)

The Chief Technology Officer is responsible for all aspects of the technology infrastructure of the BWHDP.

The Secretary and Committee Clerk is the keeper of the records of meetings (known as the Journal). The Secretary and Committee Clerk is appointed by the Democratic Leader.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Democratic Leader: The Honorable William L. Allen

FINANCE; OFFICE OF THE NANCY M. LACHOWSKI MEMORIAL TREASURER (OF):

Nancy M. Lachowski Memorial Treasurer and Deputy Whip (TREAS):

The Honorable John Hardy.
(Appointed by the Leader 01/01/2021;
06/28/2022)
BWHDP.Hardy@gmail.com

The Treasurer is responsible for the management of the finances and the maintenance of the financial records of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party. While the Treasurer is appointed by the Democratic Leader, the Treasurer serves independently from the Democratic Leader.

OPERATIONS (OPS):

Chief of Operations (CHOPS): Vacant.

The Chief of Operations oversees the “physical plant” of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party. From managing outreach events, to any headquarters buildings, to the safety and security of those locations and personnel, the CHOPS is in charge of this aspect of the Party.

Sergeant-at-Arms (SAA): The Honorable Andrew P. Mizsak
(Original Date of Appointment: 05/11/2003;
re-appointed 06/11/2008; 06/15/2010;
11/19/2016; 06/13/2018; 06/28/2022)

The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for the maintenance of order and decorum, including security, of all meetings, as well as the safety and security of the Leadership Team.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: Rev. Keith L. Collins (06/28/2022)
Anthony Longino-Thomas (06/28/2022)

Hospitality Chair (HOSP): The Honorable Barbara Parks
(Appointed 06/13/2018; 06/28/2022)

The Hospitality Chair is responsible for the providing of refreshments, food, and beverage at all BWHDP events.

POLITICAL OPERATIONS (PolOps):

Director of Political Operations: Senior Leader Mizsak (06/10/2004)

The Director of Political Operations oversees all campaign-related activities and efforts.

COMMITTEES:

Central Committee (CentComm; 12): McPherson (1-A, Vice Chair, 4th term)
Collins (1-B, 2nd term)
Hardy (2-A, 2nd term)
W. Cloud (2-B, 2nd term)
Reese (3-A; Chair & Dean, 5th term)
Vice Mayor Fluharty (3-B, 3rd term)
Trice (4-A, 2nd term)
Dula (4-B, 1st term)
Rambert (5-A, 1st term)
Mizsak (6-A; 5th term)
Councilman Weeden (WH-A, 3rd term)
Parks (WH-B, 2nd term)
Associate Leader Allen (*ex officio*)

The Members of the Central Committee are elected by the voters of their precincts, and are the governing authority of the Bedford/Walton Hills and Cuyahoga County Democratic Parties.

CCDP Executive Committee (XC: 9): Allen (A)
Barham (A)
Dula (A)
Hardy (E)
McPherson (E)
Mizsak, A. (Chair) (A)
Parks (E)
Reese (E)
Weeden (E)

BWHDP Executive Committee (9): Associate Leader Allen (Vice Chair)
Mr. Barham
Mrs. Dula
Senior Leader Mizsak (Chair)
Deputy Leader Weeden
Senior Deputy Leader McPherson
Mrs. Reese
Deputy Whip Hardy
Whip Parks

The Executive Committee serves as the “board of directors” of the BWHDP and the CCDP. They provide oversight to those who manage the operations of the Party.

The Executive Committee also is the screening committee for candidates for office seeking the Party endorsement.

Assistant Central Committee Members: Bedford 1-B: Sherida Collins
Bedford 2-A: Patrick Barham
Cathy Hardy
Bedford 2-B: Sharyna Cloud
Bedford 3-A: Marcus Rhone
Bedford 4-B: Andrew Patrick Mizsak
Bedford 5-A: Joseph Hemphill
Bedford 6-A: Anthony Longino-Thomas
Walton Hills B:
Councilwoman Jennifer M. Allen,
Patricia Allen,
Milan Vrzic,
Johnny Allen-McIntyre

The Assistant Central Committee Members assist their precinct's respective Central Committee Members with the duties of serving as a Central Committee Member, and oftentimes, reside in different locations within the precinct.

Leader's Cabinet: Senior Leader Mizensak
Associate Leader Allen
Treasurer Hardy
Senior Deputy Leader McPherson
Deputy Leader Weeden
Whip Parks
Chief Barham

The Leader's Cabinet is the closest circle of advisors to the Democratic Leader.

Rules & Reference (RNR; 5): Senior Leader Mizensak
Deputy Leader Weeden (Vice Chair)
Associate Leader Allen (Chair)
Senior Deputy Leader McPherson
Treasurer Hardy

The Rules and Reference Committee vets all resolutions presented to the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party, and also serves as the Party disciplinary committee.

Emergency Operations (EOC; 8) Senior Leader Mizensak
Associate Leader Allen (Chair)
Senior Deputy Leader McPherson
Deputy Leader Weeden
Whip Parks
Deputy Whip Hardy
Chief Barham
Councilman Willis (Bedford Heights; *ex-officio*)

The Emergency Operations Committee oversees the operations of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party and assumes the management of the Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party in the stead of the Executive Committee during declared States of Emergency by the Governor of the State of Ohio, Mayor of the City of Bedford, and/or Mayor of the Village of Walton Hills.

Finance (5): Treasurer Hardy (Chair)
Dr. Agnew (Vice Chair)
ADL Allen
SDL Mizensak (*ex-officio*; Committee Staff)
Dula

1 vacancy

The Finance Committee is responsible for fundraising, as well as the oversight of the finances of the BWHDP. They also exercise oversight over the Treasurer.

Campaign Committee (5):
Chief Barham
Senior Leader Mizesak (Chair)
Whip Parks (Vice Chair)
SDDL McPherson

1 vacancy

The Campaign Committee provides oversight over the Director of Political Operations, and oversight of campaign activities and events.

Operations (5):
W. Cloud
A.P. Mizesak
Hardy (Chair)
Rambert (Vice Chair)
Longino-Thomas

The Operations Committee provides oversight to anything related to the capital operations of the BWHDP.

Labor Caucus
Hardy (Chair)
A.P. Mizesak
Vice Mayor Fluharty
McPherson
Weeden
SDL Mizesak
ADL Allen

The Labor Caucus deals with any items related to organized labor, and serves as the BWHDP's liaison to organized labor.

Local Elected Officials Caucus:
Councilwoman Allen
Vice Mayor Fluharty (Chair)
Councilman Weeden
Board of Education VP Turner-Birch
Board of Education Member Akins
Board of Education Member Lipford
Councilman Smith

Mayor Koci
Councilwoman Spinks

The LEOC is the working group of our local elected officials.

Minority/LGBT/Faith-Based Outreach: Councilman Weeden (Chair)
Reese (Vice Chair)
Dr. Agnew
Collins
Longino-Thomas
Trice

This Committee is responsible for the outreach to these constituency groups.

Government Oversight: McPherson (Chair)
Barham (Vice Chair)
K. Collins
Patricia Allen
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Issues & Advocacy: Parks (Chair)
Weeden (Vice Chair)
Hardy
Barham
Dula

- i. Policy Study Chairs:
 - 1. Zoning and Housing:
 - 2. Public Safety: Fluharty
 - 3. Transportation and Infrastructure:
 - 4. State Government: A. Mizesak
 - 5. Economic Development: Allen
 - 6. Education: Vacant
 - 7. Public Lands & Conservation: A. Mizesak

The Issues and Advocacy Committee is responsible for the study, analysis, and lobbying related to issues presented to the Committee, and before legislative, executive, or administrative bodies.

Official Delegation for Functions (e.g., Party Conventions, Funerals, Official Visits, etc.):

Hon. Andrew C.M. Mizesak
(As 5th & 7th Democratic Leader, and ADL to Leader Lachowski)

Hon. Jennifer M. Allen (As ADL to Leader Mizsak)
Treasurer Hardy
Vice Mayor Fluharty
Senior Deputy Leader McPherson
Deputy Leader Weeden

The Official Delegation is the formal “face” of the Party at official functions.

Formal Titles & Styles:

FOR THE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC LEADER:

The Honorable Andrew C.M. Mizsak, M.A.P., MBM

The Senior Democratic Leader, City of Bedford & Village of Walton Hills, Ohio;
& Anthony J. Bellante Memorial Chairman & Director of Political Operations,
Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party

FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER:

The Honorable Jennifer M. Allen

The Associate Democratic Leader/Leader *pro tempore*,
City of Bedford & Village of Walton Hills, Ohio;
& Vice Chair/Chair *pro tempore*, Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party

FOR THE SENIOR DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC LEADER:

The Honorable Anne L. McPherson

SENIOR DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC LEADER, City of Bedford, Ohio;
& Floor Leader, The Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party

FOR THE DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC LEADER:

The Honorable Raymond A. Weeden

DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC LEADER, Village of Walton Hills, Ohio;
& Assistant Floor Leader, The Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party

FOR THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP:

The Honorable Barbara J. Parks

DEMOCRATIC WHIP, The Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party

FOR THE DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC WHIP:

The Honorable John Hardy

DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC WHIP & Treasurer, The Bedford/Walton Hills Democratic Party

Personal Styles:

Senior Democratic Leader Andrew C.M. Mizsak

- Written correspondence salutation: **The Honorable Andrew C.M. Mizsak, M.A.P., MBM**
- Greeting: "Dear Senior Leader Mizsak," "Dear Mr. Leader," "Dear Mr. Chairman," "Dear Mr. Secretary."
- Verbal: "Mr. Leader" (preferred), "Mr. Chairman," "Senior Leader," "Mr. Speaker," (as it relates to the Bedford Democratic Alliance.) "Mr. Secretary" (preferred).

Associate Democratic Leader Jennifer M. Allen

- Written correspondence salutation: **The Honorable Jennifer M. Allen**
- Greeting: "Dear Madam President" (as it relates to Walton Hills Village Council), "Dear Councilwoman Allen" (preferred), "Dear Madam Associate Leader," "Dear Madam Vice Chair."
- Verbal: "Madam Associate Leader," "Madam President" as it relates to Walton Hills Village Council, "Councilwoman," "Madam Vice Chair," when in the role of the presiding officer, "Madam Chair," "Madam Leader."

Senior Deputy Democratic Leader Anne L. McPherson

- Written correspondence salutation: **The Honorable Anne L. McPherson**
- Greeting: "Dear Madam Senior Deputy Leader," "Dear Senior Deputy Leader McPherson"
- Verbal: "Madam Senior Deputy Leader," when in the role of the presiding officer, "Madam Chair," "Madam Leader."

Deputy Democratic Leader Raymond A. Weeden

- Written correspondence salutation: **The Honorable Raymond A. Weeden**
- Greeting: "Dear Mr. Deputy Leader," "Dear Deputy Leader Weeden," "Dear Councilman Weeden," (preferred)
- Verbal: "Councilman Weeden" (preferred), "Deputy Leader Weeden," when in the role of the presiding officer, "Mr. Chairman," "Mr. Leader."
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All Correspondence should be directed to:

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Office of the Senior Democratic Leader
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Bedford, Ohio 44146

-or-

The Honorable Andrew C.M. Mizsak, M.A.P., MBM
Senior Democratic Leader

City of Bedford and Village of Walton Hills, Ohio
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Bedford, Ohio 44146

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Email for Assistant Democratic Leader Allen: BWHDP.Allen@gmail.com

Email for Senior Deputy Democratic Leader McPherson: BWHDP.McPherson@gmail.com

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Email for Whip Parks: barbaradoveparks@yahoo.com

Email for Deputy Whip Hardy: BWHDP.Hardy@gmail.com

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Website: www.BWHDems.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BedfordWaltonHillsDemocraticPartyOhio

Twitter: @BWHDemocrats

Instagram: @BWHDemocrats

Meeting Information:

- Regular Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM (except July).
- Zoom Information: Email: BWHDP.Info@gmail.com
- Special Sessions, Emergency Sessions, and Committee Meetings are subject to the call of the Chair of the BWHDP or the respective Committee.

General Information:

- Established 1951
- Founding Member of the Bedford Democratic Alliance
- Democratic Leaders:
 - o Anthony J. Bellante (1951-1964)
 - o Donald J. Grossenbaugh (1964-1999)
 - o Nancy M. Lachowski (1999-2006)
 - o Rose M. Grossenbaugh (1999-2008)
 - o Andrew C.M. Mizensak (2008-2014, until Civic Duty Leave)
 - o Donald A. Saunders (2014-2016 – Acting)
 - o Andrew C.M. Mizensak (Resumption of Office in 2016 – Present; Designated Senior Democratic Leader May 12, 2020)

Donald J. Grossenbaugh Democratic Man of the Year:

2008 – Peter J. Dickson[^]

2009 – Andrew Patrick Mizensak

2010 – Andrew C.M. Mizensak

2011 – Councilman Donald A. Saunders

2012 - William S. Lavezzi
2016 - Senator Kenny Yuko
2017 - Senator Kenny Yuko*
2018 - Councilman Victor Fluharty
2019 - Andrew Patrick Mizesak*
2020 - Councilman Raymond A. Weeden
2021 - Andrew C.M. Mizesak*
2022 - John Hardy

Rose M. Grossenbaugh Democratic Woman of the Year:

2008 – Rose M. Grossenbaugh^
2009 – Dorothy Mulh
2010 – Nancy M. Lachowski^
2011 – Councilwoman Paula Mizesak^
2012 – Anne L. McPherson
2014 – Nancy M. Lachowski*^
2015 – Lucie Petranek
2016 – Rose M. Grossenbaugh*^
2017 – Vice Mayor Paula Mizesak*^
2018 – Councilwoman Jennifer M. Allen
2019 – Representative Juanita O. Brent
2020 – Tina M. McCauley
2022 – Barbara J. Parks

Award with Distinction denoted with *
^ Deceased

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