

Elizabeth the Elector: What was the Meeting Like?

ELIZABETH: I got up, I made a speech, I said I was running for one of the six. I can remember during the -- when people were electing delegates to the national convention, there were people who would be saying, you were with Howard Dean, why should you get to go to support John Kerry? You're not a real Kerry supporter. I mean, I think all of us who ran, when we got up there and gave our speech, we basically gave our, you know, resumes about here's what I've done for John Kerry.

You have to get at least 50% plus one to be elected. This time all six of us were elected on the first ballot and then they went and they did the male electors and they were all elected on the first ballot and then we -- they had alternate slots. There were actually two female alternates and two male alternates in case one of us gets sick or dies or gets hit by a bus or something, and those actually win a few ballots. You know, it's 50% of those present and voting. And that's how it was done.

I don't think a lot of people know that that's how it is done. There's no restrictions. All you have to do is be a registered Democrat or a registered Republican. But, you know, obviously if you know these people to begin with, you're going to probably have a little better shot than somebody else. The members of the state committee take that role very -- about who they're going to pick as an elector. They take that pretty seriously, too. We take lots of things very seriously.