

Wikler starting national search for state Dem Party executive director

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New state Dem Chair Ben Wikler is starting a national search for a single executive director to help lead the party, one of his first significant staffing moves since winning election to the post earlier this month.

Wikler's predecessor, Martha Laning, had split the executive director's job into two positions. Devin Remiker is now the executive director-political, while Breianna Hasenzahl-Reeder is the executive director-party operations.

In an email to the party's administrative committee that was shared with WisPolitics.com, Wikler wrote both were invited to apply for the consolidated job and discuss "other opportunities for senior leadership roles within the state party."

He also, though, wrote, "We're planning a broad, national search process that generates diverse, top-tier candidates."

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The new executive director will oversee an "expanded overall leadership team," Wikler wrote without adding details. He also pledged any selection would be brought to the committee for consideration.

Wikler noted the national convention coming to Milwaukee next year, building "a local blue wave in the spring" and delivering Wisconsin for the party's nominee against President Trump.

"To do all that, we'll need to grow," Wikler wrote.