

NATIVE AMERICAN CAUCUS
NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Article I: Name

Section 1 Official Name

The name of the caucus shall be the Native American Caucus of the Nebraska Democratic Party.

Article II: Mission and Purpose

Section 1: Mission Statement

The Native American Caucus of the NDP shall promote the involvement of Native Americans in the political process and the activities of the Democratic Party at local, state, and national levels. Further, the Native American Caucus shall advocate for public policies which promote the needs and interests of the Native American community at these levels of governments.

The NA Caucus recognizes the need for inclusive representation throughout the Democratic party and seeks to advance the highest principles of the Democratic party, as outlined in the state platform of the Nebraska Democratic Party. The NA Caucus further endeavors to foster and maintain the democratic procedures in the Democratic party and to support Democratic candidates of integrity, ability and conviction for public office and party positions, promote and encourage active participation by all Democrats in the conduct of their party and their community.

Section 2: Statement of Purpose

The Native American Caucus of the Nebraska Democratic Party will seek to accomplish its mission in the following manner:

By promoting the involvement of Native Americans in the political process and the activities of the Democratic party at the local, state, and federal levels,

By forming coalitions and identifying pertinent issues that are relevant for the Native American community,

By supporting the inclusion of Native Americans in the Democratic Party's leadership at the local, state, and federal levels,

By developing statewide messaging that speaks to the needs, interests and concerns of the Native Americans within the Democratic Party,

By holding the Democratic Party and public officials accountable to the needs of the Native American community, and

By operating in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws governing the Nebraska Democratic Party (NDP).

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Voting Membership

Voting members in the Native American Caucus shall be restricted to any Democrat who identifies themselves as Native American, American Indian, and Indigenous, is enrolled in any federal or state recognized tribes or is a descendent of tribal nations of the Western Hemisphere.

Article IV: Officers and Membership

Section 1: Officers

By vote taken at an NDP State Convention meeting of the Native American Caucus there shall be elected a Chair, Vice Chair (to be opposite gender of each other), Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Officers shall be Federal/State recognized enrolled tribal members with efforts to make the Officers tribally diverse.

Section 2: Committees

The Native American Caucus shall have committees to carry out duties and functions deemed necessary for the Native American Caucus. The Chair shall nominate the committee chair of each committee, for approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Efforts shall be made to represent each Congressional District in Nebraska within each committee. The Executive Committee consist of the five officers of the NA Caucus with committee chairs serving as nonvoting members. Chairs shall be members of the Native American Caucus and be willing to attend state committee meetings each year and work with other Native American Caucus members and officers to complete goals and objectives set forth by the caucus. The committees of the caucus shall consist of, but may not be limited to, the following committees:

Executive Committee: Shall set the agenda of caucus meetings and act on behalf of the caucus between regular meetings;

Revenue Committee: Shall advise the Caucus Treasurer on fiscal issues, draft a finance plan, and conduct fundraising activities;

Policy/Platform Committee: Shall keep the Caucus informed of issues relevant to the Native American Caucus by tracking legislation and media articles/videos and shall draft policy statements to be approved by the Caucus;

Outreach/Recruitment Committee: Shall reach out to the Native American Community for caucus membership and candidates for public office.

Article V: Officer Functions

Section 1: The Chair

The Chair shall preside over all Native American Caucus membership meetings and serve as the official liaison to the Nebraska Democratic Party. The Chair shall coordinate the activities of the NA Caucus and have authority to call meetings when necessary, to create

committees, to appoint members to those committees and to fill vacancies of chairs in committees.

Section 2: The Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall serve as Chair in the regular Chair's absence. Should a vacancy occur in the position of Chair, the Vice Chair will automatically become Chair until next voting convention. The Vice Chair shall be responsible for overseeing committees.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for official communications to the Native American Caucus general membership and the executive committee at the direction of the Chair. The secretary shall be responsible for direct correspondence on behalf of the Native American Caucus, maintain the official Native American Caucus membership rolls, update and maintain the Native American Caucus bylaws, and conduct mailings, phone calls and email communications. The secretary shall take minutes of all meetings and official conference calls.

Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Native American Caucus and be bonded.

Section 5: Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall ensure that proper order is maintained at all Native American Caucus meetings and shall be keeper of the updated copy of Robert Rules of Order and Nebraska Democratic Party rules.

Article VI: Meetings

Official meeting quorum shall be at least 1/3 of total caucus membership. The most recent edition of Robert Rules of Order shall govern the Native American Caucus meetings except when inconsistent with Nebraska Democratic Party Constitution or Bylaws.

Article VII Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by majority vote at an NDP State Convention meeting or 2/3 vote of membership at official Native American Caucus meetings. Any amendment adopted at a Native American Caucus meeting must be ratified by a majority vote at State Convention or the amendment will become null and void.