



## **Minutes, Resolutions and Attendance List from Nov 11, 2017 Meeting**

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by State Chair Jane Kleeb

**Pledge of Allegiance and Recognition of Veterans**

**Invocation** – Led by the Tri-Faith Initiative – Imam Mohamad Jamal Daoudi

**Welcome** – Crystal Rhoades, Chair Douglas County Democrats

**Elected Officials and Candidates** were recognized and invited to say a few words to the SCC.

Chair Kleeb stated changes have been made to make it easier for candidates to run. The VAN is now free for all candidates and the enhanced VAN is available for a small fee. She gave a shout out to the chairs of Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy County for their input for free and reduced fee for VAN access.

**Roll Call** – Secretary, Charlene Ligon – Quorum

### **CD Reports**

CD1 – Richard Register

SCC Appointments

LD 16 – Brendon Gepson - Delegate

LD 23 – Mikel-Jon Divis – Delegate

LD 23 – Jack Eager – Alternate

LD 27 – Jennifer Seaman – Alternate

LD 28 – Janet Banks – Delegate

LD 28 – Maryjo Engelhard Shibata – Alternate

LD 30 – Shirley Mora James – Delegate

Committee

Platform and Resolution – Mark Minchow, Elbert Traylor

CD2 – Mark Hoeger

LD 6 – Dale Gutierrez – Delegate

LD 10 – Charles Spence - Delegate

LD 13 – Jason Valandra – Alternate

LD 18 – Ellen Bennett - Delegate

LD 31 – Tyler Kelly – Alternate

LD 49 – Phillip Champion – Delegate

Committees

Platform and Resolution – Dale Gutierrez, Bert Calentine, Ben Cass, Janet Bonet

Rules – Anne Marasco

CD3 – Stan Kontogiannis  
Committee

Platform and Resolution – Frank LaMere, Bud Pettigrew

**Minutes** – Stand as submitted

**Treasurer's Report** – Ted Kessler

Fundraising going well, above projected revenue for the year, current cash on hand ~\$120,000. (see Treasurer for the full report)

**Audit and Review Committee Report** - John Ewing, Committee Chair

Findings:

1. All Accounts were not reconciled each month.
2. When there is a coordinated campaign with one of the federal offices, there should be contracts in place that spell out how assets and liabilities will be handled at the end of the campaign period. For example, equipment purchased by the Coordinated Campaign is the property of the NDP and in a contract it must be spelled out when the equipment must be returned by the campaigns to the NDP headquarters.
3. Section 5.11.4.2 of the NDP Bylaws provides that, "No commission for collection of funds or performance of service shall be paid to any person unless the payment of such commission has been previously authorized by the State Central Committee or the State Executive Committee." Bonuses were paid to staff at the end of 2016 without notice or consultation to the SCC or Executive Committee.
4. Section 5.11.2.3 of the NDP Bylaws states "Dual Signature Requirements: Any check or negotiable instrument of Over \$1,000 drawn on any account of the Nebraska Democratic party shall require the approval of two persons authorized by the State Central Committee. The approval may be the signatures of the authorized persons on the check or negotiable instrument or on a document of payment authority to issue such check or negotiable instrument." Several contracts were signed that locked the party into major financial commitments until 2021.

Recommendations:

1. Provide a clear delineation of responsibility for financial decisions.
2. Then NDP Executive Director should not have the ability to approve expenditures in excess of \$1,000 unless the dual signature requirement is met.
3. Rules should be established for contracts regarding the duration, signing and/or aggregate financial obligations that may circumvent limits referenced in Bylaw 5.11.2.3 and/or commit the Party to long-term financial commitments.
4. All accounts should be reconciled each month.
5. All rules should be closely followed when handling finances, especially around Coordinated Campaigns that have a history of leaving various expenses to the State Party long after campaigns have been closed.
6. The State Central Committee should consider adoption of provisions, both substantive and procedural, with regard to bonus payments to employees.
7. The issues and recommendations of this report should be referred to the Finance Committee and the Rules Committee for further action, as necessary.

Motion by Clayton Christiansen LD1 to refer recommendations to the finance committee and rules committee and the results should be implemented immediately by the chair if possible and a report will be made by these committees at the next SCC meeting, seconded and carried by voice vote.

Chair KleeB asked the SCC to accept the report submitted by the audit and review committee. Report accepted by voice vote.

**Finance Committee Report – Jim Simon, chair and Patty Zieg, National Committeewoman**  
Lessons from 2017. Plans for 2018

“The biggest lesson from 2017 was the need for our party to rebuild relationships with major donors. After the 2016 elections, many donors who have given in the past felt deflated and unsure if they wanted to stay in politics. The NDP staff and Finance Team are working hard to develop programs that show our strategy for winning elections in 2018—including expanding on the success of Resistance summer, building on our small donor/online fundraising, securing at least 200 monthly donors by years end of 2017 and reaching out to state and national allied groups and unions who share our values.”

“We are confident we can hit our 2018 goal of \$1 million. We are proud we raised our 2017 goal and look forward to ending the year with at least another \$25,000 raised.”

**Rules Committee – Pam Hopkins, Chair**

Pam discussed the attributes of an active Democrat:

1. Attends meetings regularly (committee)
2. Service on party committees
3. Service in public office
4. Campaign volunteering
5. Voter recruitment
6. Financial support
7. Commitment of personal time and resources to party activities

Pam also discussed decorum.

**Platform and Resolutions Committee Report - Jennie Lynn Butler**

Sandy Skorniak housekeeping changes for Eminent Domain Resolution

Strike: ~~Platform Amendment for Consideration~~

~~Under the section of Government, I am suggesting this addition:~~

~~96. We oppose the use of eminent domain for private gain.~~

Resolutions 1, 2, 4, 6 passed as read Attached

Resolution #3 Irrigation and Water Management

Motion by Clayton Christiansen LD1 to amend resolution #3 to add after last paragraph AND, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party commend the NRDs for the actions they have already taken, seconded and carried by voice vote.

Chair KleeB move to accept resolution #3 as amended; carried on voice vote.

#### Resolution #5 Nebraska Property Taxes

Motion by Tom Green to postpone action on Resolution #5 indefinitely.

Seconded, carried by voice vote.

#### Resolution My Brother's Keeper

Motion to amend resolution by Bob Meyers LD12 last paragraph will read:

**2. The Nebraska Democratic Party's endorsement of this resolution does not imply agreement with legislation promoting the establishment of charter schools or education vouchers for private education, seconded; carried by voice vote.**

**Guest Speaker, Michael Blake, DNC Vice Chair** - Michael delivered a powerful message at our meeting. Michael is a New York State Assembly Member. After a career in Journalism, Blake began his political career in the 2006 "Yes We Can" training program. He then managed three winning state legislative races in Michigan, became President Obama's 2008 Iowa Caucus Constituency vote director, and served in eight additional states, including Michigan, where his team won all seven races as part of their Coordinated campaign. Blake later served as White House Associate Director of Public Engagement and Deputy Associate Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. In, 2012 Blake was National Deputy Operation Vote Director for President Obama.

#### Staff Reports

## Eric Aspengren Executive Director

### Candidate Recruitment

### Voter Registration By Congressional District

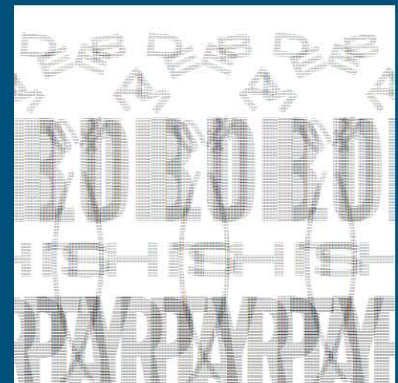
### VAN Updates

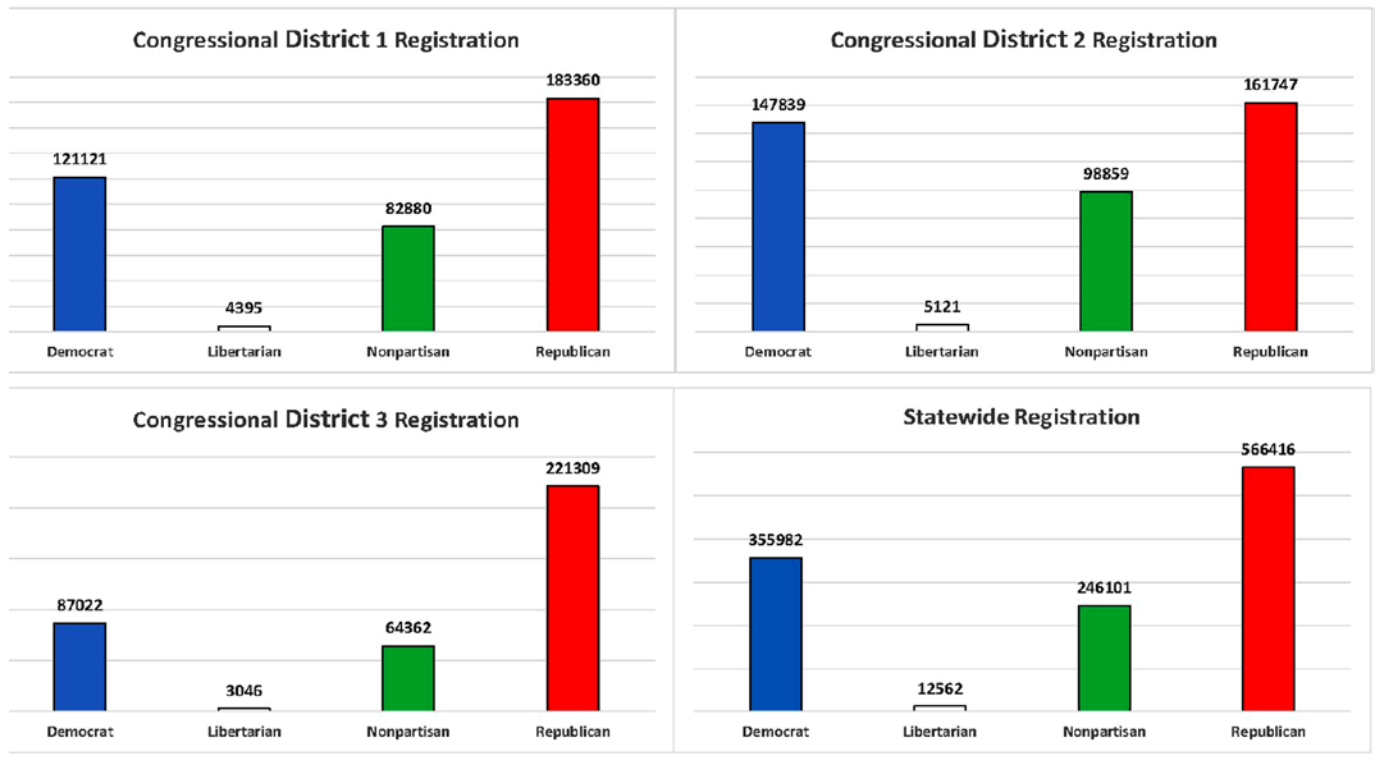
### Candidate Memo

- Includes VAN Changes
- What the Party offers
- Expectations from Candidates

### Work Plan

- Ensure all candidates and campaign staff are trained on VAN
- Stay in constant contact with candidates and campaign managers
- Supervise NDP staff on a daily basis





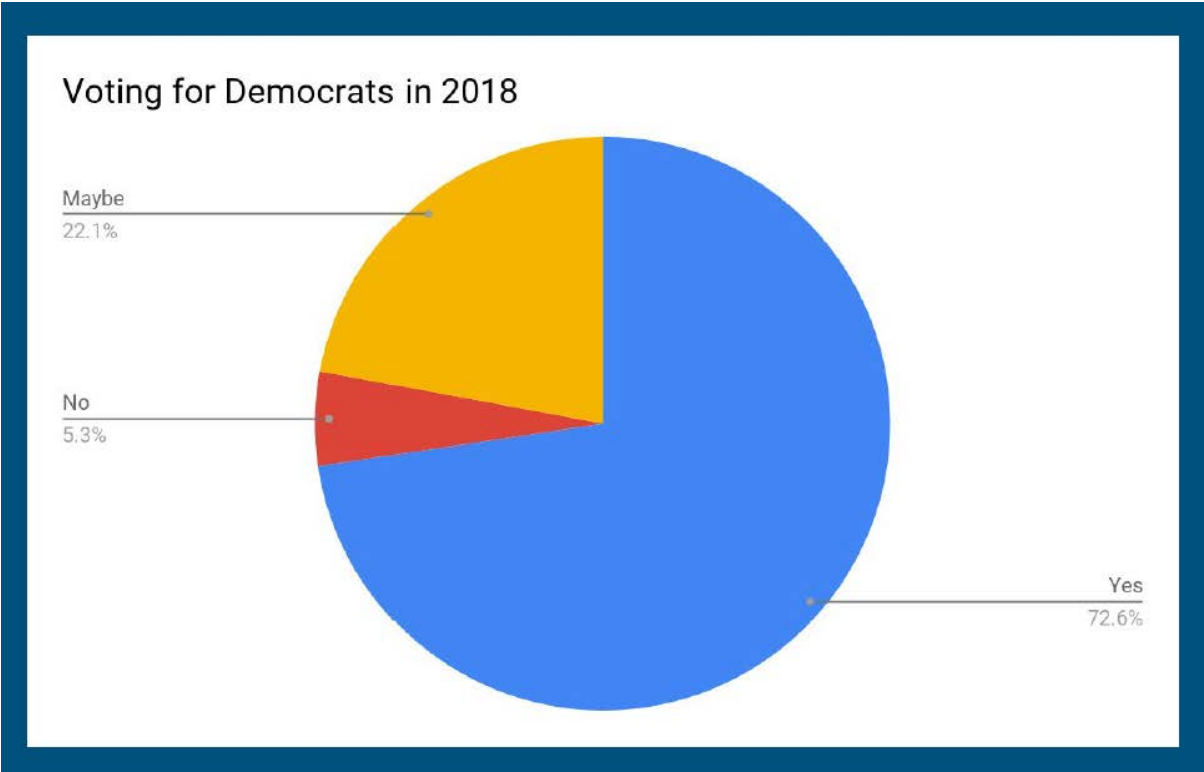
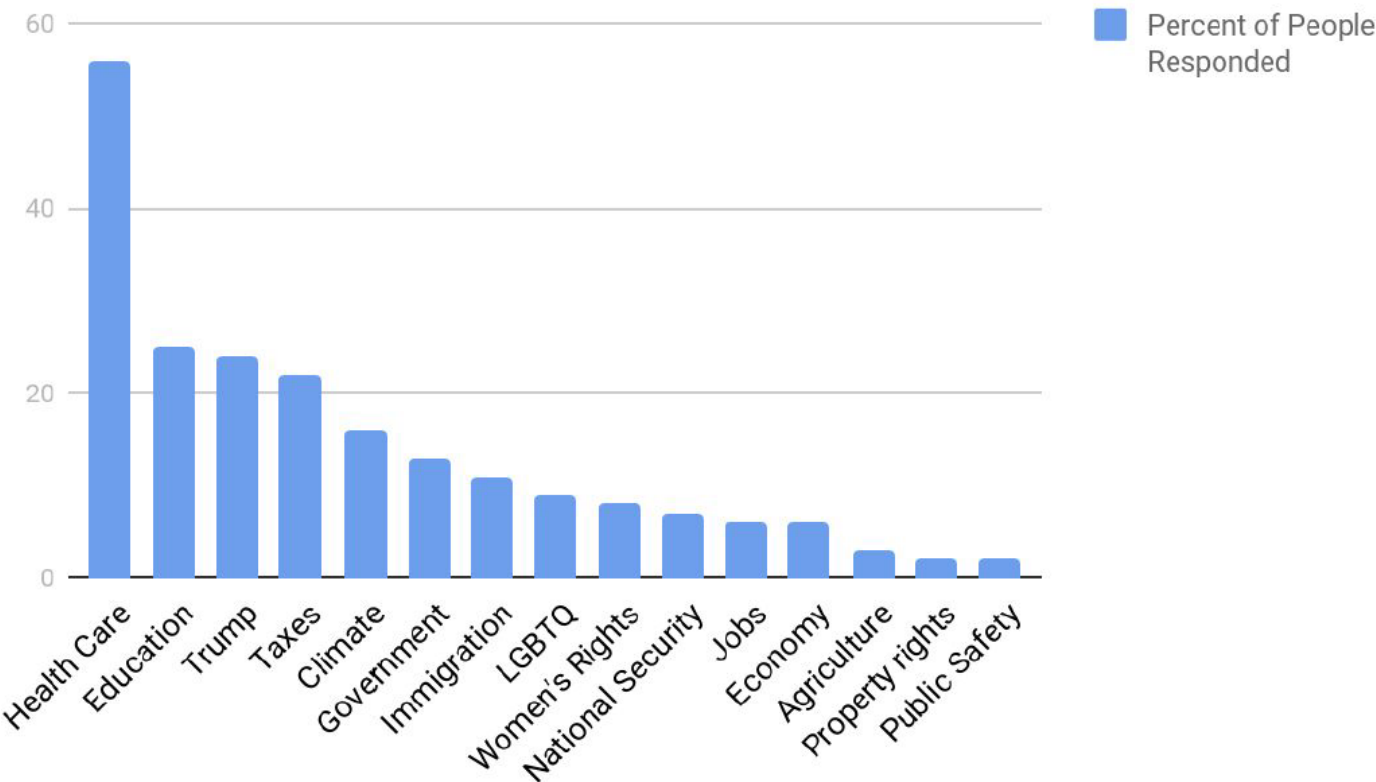
## Jacob Denniston Communications and Party Building Coordinator

- County Party Meetings
- Resistance Summer results
  - Doors Knocked Goal 4,000
    - 5,259 Knock Attempts
    - 605 Conversations
  - Voter Contact Calls Goal 6,450
    - 6,481 Dial Attempts
    - 318 Conversations
  - Volunteer Shifts Completed 332
  - County Party or Allies Events Goal 20
    - 51 events attended over the summer.
  - Issue Survey Goal 1,000
    - 1,681 Issue Surveys collected

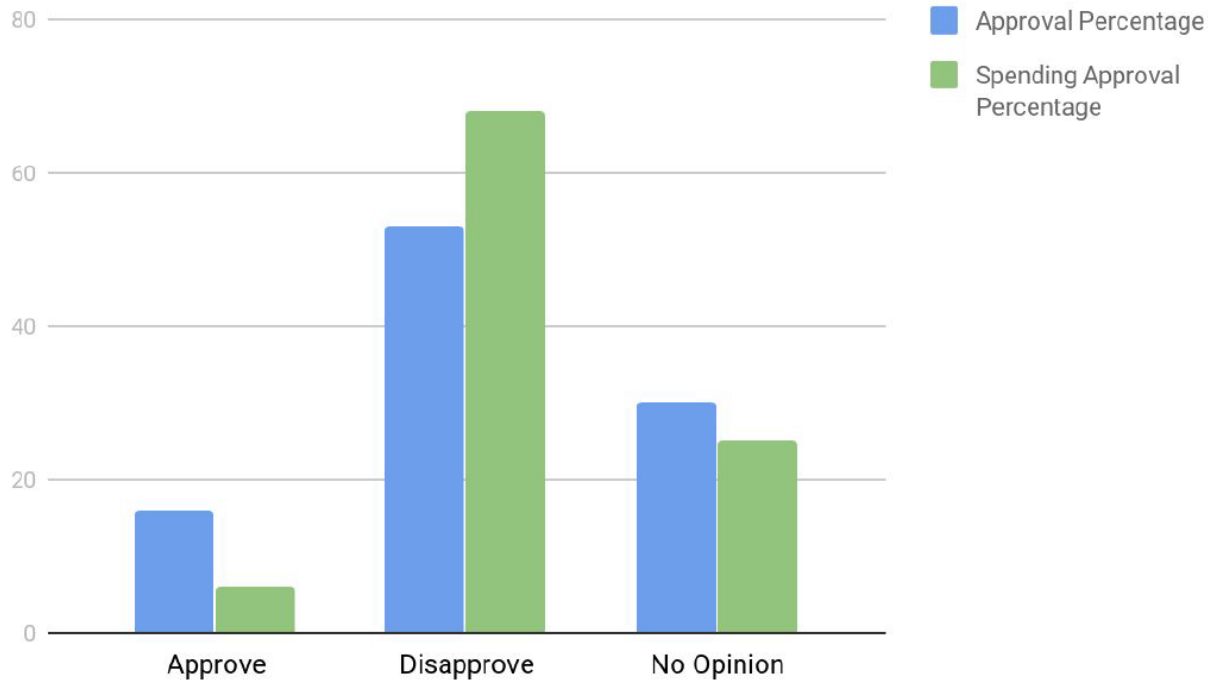
**MAKE CALLS.  
KNOCK DOORS.  
WIN ELECTIONS.**

*Join a Resistance Summer event*

# Issue Responses



## Gov. Ricketts Approval on Job Performance + Buying Legislature



## Social Media and Digital Organizing

- Facebook: 13,184 page fans
  - 3,081 new page supporters since Jan. 2017
  - Reaching on average 30-40k Nebraskans a month, triple what we did one year ago
- Twitter: 5,162 followers
- Working on Instagram and SnapChat as we grow social media reach





# #NebDems News

- A newsletter sent out to Party leaders and allies every two weeks.
  - These are updates on what the Party is working on and some upcoming events or actions that they should be aware of.
- We send this out to the following listservs and groups.
  - SEC/SCC members
  - County Chairs
  - Candidates
  - Elected Officials
  - Grassroots Leaders
  - Identified Allies
- If you would like to be on one of these lists email [ryan@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:ryan@nebraskademocrats.org)

## Work Plan Goals

- Work with Grassroots Organizer Ron Rivera on creating a Block Captain system to reach our goal of 100 Block Captains trained by May 2018.
- Add 30 more press contacts with a focus on communities of color papers and radio and rural weeklies.
- Recruit and train 10 County Chairs.





# Ryan Krumel

## Operations and Compliance Director

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- Day to day upkeep of the office which includes answering phones, getting the mail, keeping things organized in the physical space.
- Lead staff with the planning and logistics of quarterly meetings, fundraisers, state fair, etc.
- Oversees the sustaining donor effort, with emphasis on capturing lapsed donors. Plan in place, needs to be executed.
- Work with Chris Patton to hone compliance and real time access to the party's financial status at any given time.
- Take whatever preemptive steps needed to prepare for coordinated in 2018. Make sure systems in place, tracking documents created, etc so this isn't being hastily put together just as we're getting under way.

## Work Plan Goals

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- Not just keeping sustainers, how does the monthly sustainer program grow - Think outside the box...
- Coordinated 2018
- Interns - Getting them in daily routine, defined tasks, goals of their own, etc.



# Ron Rivera

## Grassroots Organizer

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- NE2 Updates
- Work Plan
  - Keep Congressman Bacon accountable for bad votes and not representing in the district.
  - Build the Democratic Brand so our base voters want to turn out in 2018.
  - Create Block Captain Training to have potential Block Captains.
  - Work with County Chairs and local Party leaders.
- Traditional and Non-traditional Voter contact
  - Phone banks, door to door
  - Allied group outreach and coordination
  - Cultural and Issue-Based Events

Meeting adjourned by motion.

**Submitted by Charlene Ligon**  
**Secretary, Nebraska Democratic Party**

Last Name	First Name	Nov Meeting
Adam	Jana	Y
Adam	Delmer	Y
Adams	Frank	N
Al---Absy	Karima	Y
Alff	Kathleen	excused
Anderson	Julie	Y
Anderson	Donita	N
Anderson	Kendall	N
Atkeison	John	Y
Austin	Deidre	Y
Axon	Catherine	N
Baker	Shaun	Y
Banks	Janet	Y
Barbara	Tracy	N
Barr	Meg	N
Bear Eagle	Jennifer	N
Bennett	Noah	Y
Bennett	Ellen	Y
Bennett	Tim	Y
Berg	Merikay	N
Bickel	Taylor	N
Bonet	Janet	Y
Bowman	Linda	Y
Bowman	Douglas	Y
Breazile	Melissa	N
Brown	Sharon	N

Burgess                      Michael                      excused

Burns	Autumn	N
Butler	Jennie	Y
Cadwallader	Maria	N
Carney	Suzanne	N
Carr	Asia	N
Carraher	Robert	Y
Carraher	Rachel	Y
Cass	Benjamin	Y
Champion	Philip	Y
Christian	Brad	N
Christiansen	Clayton	Y

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nov Meeting</b>
Clanton	Lesha	N
Clark	William	excused
Clark	Cherie	N
Clarke	Eston	N
Conrad	Susan	Y
Cornelius	Sloane	N
Daake	Justin	N
Dalal	Meena	N
Defrain	Debra	N
Delaney	Erik	N
Divis	Mikel---Jon	Y
Eager	Jack	Y
Eckstrom	Mikal	N
Elwood	Lynne	N
Evans	Elizabeth	N
Ewing	John	Y
Fall	Alex	N
Fitzgerald	Trevor	N
Forsee	William	excused
Foster	Scott	N
Foster	Roger	N
Frank	Gina	N
Fricke	Ramona	N
Friedrichsen	Shaun	N
Gadzinski	Nathaniel	Y
Gates	Alex P.	N
Genung	Tom	N
Gepson	Brandon	Y
Gerber	Robert	Y
Gertig	Roy	Y
Goertzen	Kent	N
Gonzales	Rebecca	N
Green	Thomas	Y
Grimes Middento	Charise	N
Gruber	Joe	N
Guenther	Candra	N
Guereca	Dunixi	N
Hamilton	Willie	Y

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nov Meeting</b>
Harvey Holmes	Karen	Y
Havelka	Thomas	Y
Haynes	LeEllen	Y
Heiden	Chris	N
Herres	Mary	N
Hoeger	Mark	Y
Hopkins	Pam	Y
Hoppe	Rick	N
Houchin	Alex	N
Hughes	Michael	N
Hughes	Mike	N
Hultine	Brent	N
Jackson	Craig	N
James	Zachary	Y
Jankovich	Doreen	N
Jennings	Lisa	Y
Jennings	Dustin "DJ"	Y
Jensen	Kathy	Y
Jimenez	Jose	N
Johnson	Marlo	Y
Johnson	Adam	Y
Jones	Kyle	N
Jones	Steven	N
Jones	Maurice	Y
Jones	Faith	N
Jorde	Brian	N
Kaminski	Ron	Y
Katalenich	Linda	N
Kelley	Tyler	N
Kessler	Ted	Y
Kile	Steven	N
Kile	Lorri	Y
King	Clarence	N
Kirkendall	Janet	N
Kleeb	Jane	Y
Klein	Ann	Y
Klug	Susan	N
Knapp	Gail	N

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nov Meeting</b>
Kohowski	Sara	Y
Kontogiannis	Stan	Y
Lamere	Frank	Y
Landgren	Richard	N
Langlois	Brandon	N
Lieth	Lisa	N
Ligon	Robert	excused
Ligon	Charlene	Y
Line	Bryon	Y
Lippert	George	Y
Love	Preston	N
Lyons	Philip	N
Maciejewski	Richard	Y
Marasco	Anna	Y
Markley	Jarod	N
Martin	Susan	N
Martinez	Vincent	N
Marvin	Dan	Y
Matejka	Stephanie	N
Matthews	Fiona	N
McDonald	Edison	N
Mehne	Evan	N
Meister	Michelle	N
Meister	Mike	N
Merica	Lacey	Y
Meyers	Robert	Y
Mikoljczck	Meg	N
Minchow	Mark	Y
Monahan	Maureen	Y
Moore	James	Y
Moore	Ellen	Y
Mora James	Shirley	Y
Morgan	Roger	N
Nedved	Irene	Y
Neumann	Russell	N
Nichols	Cheryl	Y
Nickerson	Kenneth	N
Niece	Michael	N



<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nov Meeting</b>
Nieves	Marta	N
Norman	Aimee	N
Norris	Jennifer	Y
Nowicki	Christopher	N
Nuss	Maegan	Y
O'Dea Lippert	Peg	Y
Olson---King	Elena	Y
OPEN	Female	N
Open	Female	N
OPEN	Male	N
OPEN	Male	N
OPEN	Female	N
OPEN	Female	N
OPEN	Male	N
OPEN	Female	N
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OPEN	Female	N
OPEN	Male	N
OPEN	Male	N
OPEN	Female	N
OPEN	Male	N
OPEN	Male	N
OPEN	Female	N
OPEN	OPEN	N
Orsi	Joe	N
Parker	Jesse	N
Parker	Penny	N
Parker	Christie	N
Parker	Robert	N
Payne	Barbara	N
Pemberton	Gale	N
Pettigrew	Bud	Y
Pierce	Kevin	N
Pierce	Kristie	N
Poleshuk	George	Y
Pruneda	Jazmin	N
Pulse	Deanna	Y
Quirk	John	N
Quirk	Deborah	N

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nov Meeting</b>
Ream	Richard	N
Reamer	James	N
Redding	Lynn	N
Register	Richard	N
Richardson	Karen	N
Riter	Ken	Y
Rizzo	Pete	N
Rodriguez	Anna	N
Rohlfing	Charles	N
Rohrer	Caleb	Y
Roos	Joy	N
Roosmann	John	N
Sanchez	Adrian	N
Sannicks	Kamryn	N
Schmid	Brenda	N
Schmidt	Angel	N
Schmitz	Rae	N
Schnakenberg	Amanda	N
Schwenninger	Sharlette	N
Scott	Nancy	Y
Seaman	Jennifer	Y
Seibel	Jean	Y
Shaw	Joe	Y
Sherman	Dulce	Y
Shibata	Maryjo	Y
Sigler	Lauree	N
Sigler	Terry	N
Simmons	Justin	N
Simon	Jim	Y
Skorniak	Sandra	Y
Smith	Jodie	N
Smith	Kellen	N
Snipe	Kimara	N
Sotelo	Luis	N
Spence	Charles	Y
Stewart	Janet	Y
Swift	Shayla	Y
Tafini	Gary	Y

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Nov Meeting</b>
Tafini	Susan	Y
Tanderup	Art	N
Thomas	Angela	N
Tilden	Tom	Y
Tjaden	Stacy	N
Traylor	Elbert	Y
Tworek---Hofstette	Virgil	N
Valandra	Jason	Y
Vander Weil	Michaela	N
Venter	Kate	N
Vohland	Judy	Y
Vondrasek	Mark	N
Waldron	Travis	N
Walker	Mechelle Sky	Y
Walters	Chris	N
Weaver	Sue	N
Weinrich	Sonja	Y
Weiss	Natalie	N
<b>Wess</b>	<b>Roger</b>	N
White	Vernon	Y
Whitecalf	Brian	Y
Widhalm	Leann	N
Wiedeman	Grady	N
Williams	Melanie	N
Williams	Cornelius	N
Williams	Lauren	N
Wiseman	Leslie	Y
Wormington	Cynthia	N
Wright	Jeremy	N
Yoakum	John	excused
Yoakum	Christa	Y
Zieg	Patty	Y