



Nebraska Democratic Party

Spring Meeting: April 6-7, 2018 30-Day Packet

The Nebraska Democratic Party (NDP) and Lincoln County Party are excited to see all the SEC and SCC members along with County Chairs, Candidates, Elected Officials and Grassroots Democrats at our Spring Meeting in North Platte—home of the Golden Spike!

At our meetings, which we hold four times a year, the NDP conducts party business, issue and constituency-based Caucuses meet and we gather to further the goals of the party—electing Democrats at all levels in our state.

If you have any questions about the logistics of the meeting, please contact Ryan Krumel, ryan@nebraskademocrats.org; 402-304-1884.

View the full agenda and other information including minutes and attendance logs from previous meetings and re-cap of votes: nebraskademocrats.org/blog/spring2018

#NebDems Store

We opened an online store so you can purchase t-shirts and sweatshirts to show your #NebDems pride! The store features American-made shirts that are printed locally by union-shop Shirts 101. Many of you know Rick Poore, owner of Shirts 101, a longtime supporter of Democrats in Nebraska. **Check out the store:** <https://tinyurl.com/NebDemShop>



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Register Online for Spring Meeting, April 6-7, 2018

Register Online: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/spring2018>

Registration Deadline and Guests: Online registration closes on April 3, 2018 at 10am CT. All SCC and SEC members can register on-site. All other guests MUST register online. The meetings are open to all Democrats and we welcome Independents. Guests may attend the caucuses, trainings, and SCC Meeting but cannot vote on items in the meetings. Guests are at times permitted to talk during the SCC meeting.

Agenda at a Glance

April 6: Workers Summit

- This event is for Nebraskans from all political parties who work with and support unions. If you want to participate in this meeting, please email Lincoln County Chair Terry Sigler, terryes51@charter.net or Mike Gage, President IBEW 1920, mgage1670@gmail.com.

April 6: Featured Caucus—Working Families: Night at the Spike!

- Golden Spike Tower, 1249 North Homestead Rd., North Platte, Nebraska 69101
- 6-9pm (reception with BBQ sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks)

April 7: Caucuses, Congressional Districts, Blue Bench Trainings and SCC Meeting

- Quality Inn & Suites, 2102 S Jeffers Street, North Platte
- 8:30am-4:30pm (registration open 8:30am-noon)

April Meeting: Key Highlights and Reminders

Featured Caucus: The featured caucus on Friday is the **Working Families Caucus** with a special event during the day Friday bringing together unions from all parties and backgrounds. Friday evening's special event— "**Night at the Spike**"—includes with food and speakers.

#NebDemsCare Collection: The #NebDemsCare items we are collecting at this meeting are **socks, underwear and feminine hygiene products** to donate to the local family shelter, The Connection, in North Platte. Thank you to Christie and Bob Parker who volunteer at the shelter and are working with residents on voting and community issues.

- You can bring an item with you or buy items from the Wish List we have up online: <http://a.co/dnTHfOi>

Fun things to do while in North Platte: <https://visitnorthplatte.com>

- Get a beer and pizza at Pals Brewing: <https://visitnorthplatte.com/pals-brewing-company>
- The Sandhill Cranes will be in their last days, but you can probably still see the amazing annual dance: <https://visitnorthplatte.com/sandhill-cranes/>
- Buffalo Bill lived here: <http://outdoornebraska.gov/buffalobillranch/>

Hotel: We have block of rooms at a reduced rate. The meeting on April 7 takes place at this same hotel.

Quality Inn & Suites, 2102 S Jeffers Street, North Platte

- When book your hotel, tell the operator you are with the Nebraska Democrats
- Standard Room rate of \$89/night and the Suite Room rate of \$119/night

Blue Bench Trainings: The Blue Bench Trainings at the April 7 meeting are Creating Targeted Walk Lists, Block Captain Program and Using Community Service and Dialogue to Build the Party.

Minutes and Attendance List: Minutes and attendance list from our last meetings are posted online and we will have copies at the podium with Ryan during the meeting if you want a hard copy: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/spring2018>

Rules Committee Submissions: If you want to submit a rule or by-law change to the committee, please email the Rules Chair Pam Hopkins by **March 28, 10am CT** to email pamela.lynn.hopkins@gmail.com. Any votes/proposals will then be emailed to the SEC/SCC listserv 10 days ahead, March 28, by 5pm CT.

Resolutions Committee Submissions: Any resolutions for the SCC to consider will be on the chairs of voting members at lunchtime. If you want to submit a resolution for consideration, please email the Resolutions Chair Jennie Butler by **March 28, 10am CT** to email jennie.lynn.butler@gmail.com. Any proposed resolutions will then be emailed to the SEC/SCC listserv 10 days ahead, March 28, by 5pm CT.

Chair Kleeb Round Table: At each meeting, Chair Jane Kleeb holds a roundtable to get feedback on key issues facing the state and national party. For the roundtable on April 7, the conversation will focus updates on the DNC Unity Commission final report (votes are taking place at the March DNC Meeting), the Coordinated Campaign, Block Captain program and looking ahead to 2020 process for Presidential races.

State and County Conventions: Please help us get the word out on the date for the State Convention and the window of time for the County Conventions.

State Convention: The State Convention is June 22-24 at the Innovation Campus and Graduate Hotel in Lincoln.

County Conventions: All County Parties must hold their convention during May 18-June 3. The delegate allocation was emailed to all Chairs. If you need a copy or have questions, please email jacob@nebraskademocrats.org.

Each County Chair must complete this google form by April 6. The sooner you can get us the dates the better so grassroots Democrats can plan to attend (i.e. take time off work, find a babysitter, etc).

County Convention Form for County Chairs to complete by April 6, 2018:
<https://tinyurl.com/countydates>

Training Resources

The NDP partners with the National Democratic Training Committee to provide all candidates and party leaders access to a free training account to support your local work.

Sign up for a free training account where you can access training videos and materials: <https://www.traindemocrats.org/nebraskadems>

The DNC offers an in-depth online training program many Nebraskans are certified in and many more are going through the certification process now. Some topics include Social Media Organizing and Fundraising.

We created a page on the Nebraska Democrats website where we post all the previous DNC training sessions: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/training/>

NDP Officers and staff are available to speak at your monthly meetings, caucus meetings or fundraisers. Every NDP staff member and officer has specific skills and experience on which he or she can train and work with county parties. If you would like to schedule a training for your Caucus or County Party or campaign, please email Jacob Denniston: jacob@nebraskademocrats.org

Trainings officers and staff can offer at the local level and county meetings:

Jane Kleeb, Chair

Jane can provide updates on national DNC work including the Unity Commission which she is a member of. Jane can also train on grassroots organizing, peer to peer turnout, media work, communications/branding.

Frank LaMere, Associate Chair

Frank can train on indigenous organizing and indigenous issues including providing updates on the White Clay matter. He can lead discussions on other progressive issues and can train on how to utilize motivational skills; to keep volunteers engaged. He can also lead discussions based on the movie "Sober Indian, Dangerous Indian".

Tom Tilden, 2nd Associate Chair

Tom can train on canvassing, both traditional campaign canvassing and information gathering canvasses such as; Knock Every Door and the Obama neighborhood team building model.

Patty Zieg, National Committeewoman

Patty can train on prospecting for donors and fundraising. She can also train on messaging strategies.

Ron Kaminski, National Committeeman

Ron can train on labor organizing and union history in Democratic politics.

Eric Aspengren, Executive Director

Eric can train on candidate recruitment, how to use the VAN for targeting voters, creating walk lists and updating info like emails and cell phones. Eric can also train the party on how to create GOTV plans.

Jacob Denniston, Communications and Party Building Coordinator

Jacob can train on the topics of Organizing Events, Volunteer Recruitment and Building Relationships, Telling your Personal Story, Earning Media Coverage, and Digital Storytelling.

Ron Rivera, Grassroots Organizer

Ron can train volunteers on phone banking, canvassing and becoming a Block Captain.

Monthly Donors Build Our Party

Our goal for 2017 was to sign up 200 monthly donors and we hit our goal! Our 2018 goal is to hit 500 monthly donors—be part of the group of Democrats who support the party every month.

Sign Up as a Monthly Donor:

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/nebdem>

Benefits for monthly donors:

- At least \$10 a month: 1 Morrison Exon (ME) Dinner ticket
- \$50 a month: 2 ME Dinner tickets
- \$100 a month: Picture with Keynote speaker, 2 ME Dinner tickets and 2 VIP reception ticket
- \$250 a month: Picture with Keynote speaker, 4 ME Dinner tickets and 4 VIP reception ticket

Attend the 2018 ME Dinner:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ME2018>



April 6, 2018

**Featured Caucus Event: Working Families Caucus
Workers Summit and Night at the Spike**

Workers Summit

1pm and 5pm: Quality Inn and Suites, 2102 South Jeffers St., North Platte

- Bipartisan meeting of union members to discuss issues around organizing and membership.

Night at the Spike

6-9pm: 1249 North Homestead Rd., North Platte

- Food and drinks are available on site. Please purchase the food option on the online registration link: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/spring2018/>
- The Working Families Caucus will have a brief program with speakers from 6:30-7pm.

The **Workers Summit** will be open to all Labor Union members and partners. The purpose of the Workers Summit is to unite all the Unions and to better inform the membership of the issues that are important for their safety and welfare. The meeting times are 1:00pm and 5:00pm (two separate sessions with the same info at each). For more information, contact Mike Gage, President IBEW 1920, mgage1670@gmail.com.

"**A Night at the Spike**" includes a tour and dinner at the Golden Spike Tower in North Platte. Our state has the only observation tower overlooking the world's largest rail yard. Three Tour Guides will be on site to answer questions and give you behind the scenes stories. You can also ride the elevator to the eighth floor indoor observation deck overlooking the rail yard. To enjoy the live cam or get more info about the Golden Spike Tower: goldenspiketower.com.

April 7, 2018

**Caucus, CD and SCC Meetings
Quality Inn & Suites, 2102 S Jeffers Street, North Platte**

8:30am-Noon

Check In (get name badge, meeting materials)

8:30-9:30am

Catholic Caucus

Black Caucus

Climate Caucus
Platform and Resolutions Meeting
Blue Bench Training: Using Community Service and Dialogue to Build the Party by Bob Parker

9:35-10:35am

County Chairs Meeting
Latino Caucus
Native Caucus
Veterans Caucus
Nebraska Young Democrats
Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus

9:35-11:00am

Blue Bench Training: Creating Walk Lists by Eric Aspengren

10:40-11:40am

Women's Caucus
LGBTQ Caucus
Rural and Agriculture Caucus
Rules Committee Meeting
Roundtable with Chair Kleeb

11:00-11:45am

Blue Bench Training: Serving as a Block Captain and Supporting Block Captains in your LD and County

11:45am-12:45pm

CD1 Meeting
CD2 Meeting
CD3 Meeting

VOTES--the following will be voted on in each CD Meeting:

- Vacancies for SCC and committee openings get voted on during the CD meetings, see openings here: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/be-a-party-leader>
- Each CD caucus shall elect two (2) temporary members to the Credentials Committee. (This Committee shall pass upon the qualifications of the delegates and alternates elected to attend the State Convention)
- In order to serve as Credential Committee Member at Convention, the temporary member must attend the Convention as a delegate or alternate to the State Convention.

12:50-1:30pm

Lunch and Open-Mic for Announcements, Sharing of Ideas

1-1:30pm

State Executive Committee (SEC) Check-In Huddle

- **VOTE:** Selection of Credentials Committee Chair

State Central Committee (SCC) Agenda

1. Call to Order at 1:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Christie Parker
 - a. Veterans recognized on stage during the pledge
3. Invocation led by Bob Parker
4. Host County Welcome
 - a. Lincoln County Chair, Terry Sigler
 - b. Connection Executive Director, Ashley Lewis
5. Elected Officials and Candidates
 - a. Elected Officials recognized (2 minutes each to address SCC)
 - b. Candidates recognized (1 minute each to address SCC)
6. Community Presentation from Dreamers
 - a. Presentation on how Democrats can support members of the Latino community as they become American citizens, with a focus on Dreamers.
7. Actions of the NDP Secretary, Charlene Ligon
 - a. Quorum
 - b. Seating of Delegates
 - c. Approval of Minutes (copies available at the podium with Ryan and on NDP website)
8. Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - a. Summary of accounts (report in SCC packet)
 - i. National support update
 - ii. Monthly donor update
 - iii. Report on events: Salute to State Senators
 - iv. Detailed P+L statement available from Ted
 - b. Reports filed with FEC and NADC
 - i. Copies of latest FEC and NADC report available from Ted
 - c. Finance Committee updates

9. New Business of Chair Jane Kleeb

- 2018 NDP State Convention
 - **VOTE:** Approval of Credentials Committee Chair and Notice of Credential Committee Members elected at CD meetings
 - State Convention: June 22-24, Lincoln
 - County Conventions: May 18-June 3
- Unity Commission
 - Update on Unity Commission
 - Update on DNC votes from the March 2018 meeting
- NDP Officer Updates
 - Frank LaMere, 1st Associate Chair
 - Tom Tilden, 2nd Associate Chair
 - Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
- Staff Reports
 - Eric: Executive Director
 - 2018 candidate updates
 - Tasks being implemented from Audit and Review Committee Report
 - 2018 Coordinated Campaign
 - Block Captain Program
 - Jacob: Communications and Party Building Coordinator
 - County Party updates
 - SCC and Committee Vacancies (on NDP website)
 - #NebDems News
 - #NebDemsCare and #DemsForYou
 - Press List
 - Social Media
 - Ryan: Operations Manager
 - Interns update
 - Online #NebDems store
 - Future SCC Meetings, Convention and Fundraising Dates
 - Ron: Grassroots Organizer
 - Update on NE2 community outreach and canvassing

- New staff announcements for NE2 region (new staff starting April 1)

10. Rules Committee Chair Report, Pam Hopkins

- a. Conduct any votes for proposed rule changes which will be emailed to SCC members on March 28, 2018 (10 days before the meeting)
- b. Update on Code of Conduct Process
- c. Update on Audit and Review Report
- d. **VOTE:** Approval of Convention Rules
- e. Preliminary recommendations for Rules changes to be considered at State Convention

11. Platform and Resolutions Committee Chair Report, Jennie Butler

- a. Conduct any votes for proposed resolutions, which will be emailed to SCC members on March 28, 2018 (10 days before the meeting)

12. Reports from other Caucuses, CDs and Committees

Adjournment

Election Dates and Vote By Mail Reminders

Primary Election Day: May 15, 2018

Election Day: Nov. 6, 2018

Register to Vote Via Mail and Online: deadline is April 30 for the Primary

Register to Vote In-Person, until 6:00pm, at your County Elections office until May 4 for the Primary

Request Vote By Mail Ballot In-person or by Mail: deadline May 4 for the Primary

April 9 is when the Primary Ballots to those who requested to vote by mail start to get sent to voters. These happen on a rolling basis.

April 16 is when you can start to vote early in-person at your County Election office. Early voting in-person ends May 14 for Primary.

All of these election dates and links are on the NDP Voting Center:

<http://nebraskademocrats.org/voting-center/>

Pledge to Vote and Register to Vote:

<https://iwillvote.com/>

2018 Schedule: NDP Events, Trainings and Meetings

All of the meetings, fundraisers and special events are posted on Facebook and our NDP website:
<http://nebraskademocrats.org/events>

National Special Event

April 13-14, 2018

National Federation of Democratic Women Midwest Regional meeting
Omaha

Statewide Special Event

May 15, Primary Election Day

National Special Event

June 14-17, 2018

National Women's Federation Convention, Tempe AZ
<http://www.nfdw.com>

State Central Committee Meeting (VIA PHONE)

Saturday, June 16th

10am-11:30am CT

State Convention, Trainings, and Caucuses Meetings

June 22-24, 2018

CD1, Lincoln: Innovation Campus (with Friday and Sunday meetings on Platform held at the Graduate Hotel in the Haymarket)

Blue Bench Trainings—Working with the VAN, Block Captain Training

Fundraiser

July 20, 2018

Morrison Exon Dinner

Hilton Downtown, Omaha

National Voter Registration Day

Sept. 25th, 2018

<https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org>

Statewide Special Event

Nov. 6, General Election Day

State Central Committee and Caucuses Meeting

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2018

CD3, Crete, Convention Center

Featured Caucus--Latino Caucus

Blue Bench Trainings--Digital and grassroots organizing in off-year cycles, Working with the VAN

Listserve

We send emails to the lists on key information, messaging memos and updates. **If you are not on a listserv and want to be, please email ryan@nebraskademocrats.org.**

- SCC + SEC Members: nebdem@googlegroups.com
- County Chairs: nebraskacountychairs@googlegroups.com
- Grassroots Allies and Organizing Rapid Response: nebgrassroots@googlegroups.com
- Elected Officials: nebraska-democratic-elected-officials@googlegroups.com
- Candidates: 2018-candidates-nebdems@googlegroups.com



NDP Contact Info and Key Links

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaDemocraticParty>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NebraskaDems>

NDP Staff Contact Info: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/ndp-staff>

NDP Elected Officer Contact Info: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/elected-officers>

Serve as a Block Captain: <http://nebraskademocrats.org> (click on block captain button)

Serve as a Party Leader and SCC Vacancies:
<http://nebraskademocrats.org/be-a-party-leader>

Contact Nebraska's Members of Congress:
<http://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/contact-information-for-federal-office-holders>