



Nebraska Democratic Party

**State Central Committee Meeting
December 7-8, 2018
30-Day Packet**

The Nebraska Democratic Party (NDP) and Valley County Democratic Party are excited to see all the SEC and SCC members along with County Chairs, Candidates, Elected Officials and Grassroots Democrats at our Meeting in Ord!

View the full agenda and other information including minutes and attendance logs from previous meetings and re-cap of votes in this packet and online:

<https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/december-2018-ndp-meeting/>

If you have any questions about the logistics of the meeting, please contact Sam Butterfield, sam@nebraskademocrats.org; 402-405-6277.

If you have questions about the agenda or meeting process, please contact Jacob Denniston, jacob@nebraskademocrats.org, 402-540-6145.

Registration for Dec. 7-8 Meeting

Buy Meal Tickets Online: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/decsc2018>

- We strongly suggest purchasing meal tickets since the agenda is packed and there is not a lot of time to go find outside food.

Registration and Guests at SCC Meetings: All SCC and SEC members are automatically registered for the meeting; we have name tags for everyone at the registration table. All other guests can register on site; there is no fee to attend the meeting. There is a fee to purchase the meals. Our SCC 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, at the discretion of the Chair.

Key Information for the December Meeting

At the December meeting, we will elect all the Standing Committee Members, discuss the SCC schedule for 2019-2020 (see the proposed schedule later in the packet), vote on the

Presidential Primary or Caucus along with Delegation Selection plan procedures, and facilitate a Diversity and Inclusion training. In other words, a very packed agenda.

We know our SCC Members will be tired from the 2018 election season and that we are asking a lot to turn around for a packed meeting -- however, as well know we have elections in May 2019 and need to decide on critical aspects for the 2020 cycle.

Fun things to do while in Ord: <https://www.facebook.com/ordnebraska/>

Meeting Locations: We have three different locations where we are holding events in Ord. We know this causes confusion at time--but since this is a small town, we did our best to make this as easy to navigate as possible.

- Dec. 7, Caucus Meetings: Central Community College, 1514 K St, Ord, NE
- Dec. 7, Featured Caucus (Rural and Ag) with Supper and Guest Speaker from Scratchtown: Trotter Event Center, 127 Trotter Avenue, Ord, NE
- Dec. 8, Training, CD Meetings and SCC Meeting: The Golden Husk, 129 S 16th St, Ord, NE

Hotels: We have block of rooms at a reduced rate at two different hotels.

- **Cobblestone Inn/Trotter Event Center**
 - 127 Trotter Ave, Ord, NE 68862
 - Block Name: Nebraska Democrats
 - Rate: \$79.99 per night
- **Airport Motel**
 - 1518 North 28th st, Ord, NE 68862
 - Call to reserve: 308-728-3649
 - Block Name: Nebraska Democratic Party
 - Rate: 1 person - \$59 + tax -- 2 People \$65 + tax

Featured Caucus: The featured caucus on Friday is the **Rural and Agriculture Caucus**. Friday evening's special meeting includes with a full supper (you must purchase a meal ticket) at the Cobblestone Inn. Our guest speaker will be Caleb Pollard, owner of Scratchtown. He moved back home, started a business and uses local Ag products for his brewery. This is a super fun event where you will learn a lot while enjoying local beer.

Training Information: Given feedback we received over the past year, Chair Kleeb is fully committed to our Democratic Party learning and growing in the areas of inclusion and diversity. We have made progress over the past two years with our new Code of Conduct, Candidates of Color Fund and hiring a Constituency Director, however we all must continue to work on this ongoing need to be in solidarity with communities of color. The training, on Dec. 8, is mandatory for all SCC Members.

- Solutions for Solidarity: Building a Foundation to Create Just and Equitable Democracy
- The workshop will create common definitions around diversity, equity and inclusion frameworks while taking a deeper dive into racial and gender equity.

#NebDemsCare Collection: The Nebraska Democratic Party adopted a family after a housing complex was shut down in Omaha for being managed by a slumlord. The families were living with mold and other dangerous aspects for their families' health. We are collecting items for one of these families.

Please bring with you to the meeting a donation of:

- new towels
- sheets (queen and full)
- silverware sets
- pots and pans
- dishes, bowls
- glasses, mugs
- cutting board
- household products like foil, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, first aid kit, paper towels

Minutes and Attendance List: Minutes and attendance list from our last meetings are posted online and we will have copies at the podium with Sam during the meeting if you want a hard copy: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/december-2018-ndp-meeting/>

Rules Committee Submissions: If you want to submit a proposed rule or by-law change to the NDP Constitution & Bylaws for consideration by the committee, please contact the Rules Chair Trevor Fitzgerald by email fitzgerald_trevor@yahoo.com.

- **Any votes/proposals will then be emailed to the SEC/SCC listserv 10 days ahead, November 28, by 5pm CT.**

Resolutions Committee Submissions: If you want to submit a resolution for consideration, please contact the Resolutions Chair Jennie Butler by email jennie.lynn.butler@gmail.com.

- **Any proposed resolutions will then be emailed to the SEC/SCC listserv 10 days ahead, November 28, by 5pm CT.**

Process for Primary or Caucus Debate and Vote: We want to make sure that every delegate and alternate can make their voice heard in a productive manner. To do this, every delegate and alternate will be allowed 3 minutes to speak, should they want to during the SCC meeting. Everyone may only speak once, unless recognized by the Chair. The speakers will alternate between pro-caucus and pro-primary until the discussion has concluded. We will not allow guests to speak during this debate. However, we will take public written comments before and during the meeting. For reference, providing rules around debate is allowed under Bylaw 8.4.

- You can share this survey on your FB page and with your fellow Dems so we can gather feedback from Democrats across the state:
<https://goo.gl/forms/8HJvLWnCcC32fGq1>

Proposed Dates and Locations for Upcoming SCC Meetings: Below are the locations and dates that we are proposing for the upcoming meetings. If you have feedback on which dates they should be held in these months, email jacob@nebraskademocrats.org.

- March 2019: CD1, Lincoln
 - Featured Caucus: Latinx Caucus
- June 2019: CD3, Scottsbluff
 - Featured Caucus: Interfaith Caucus
- September 2019: CD2, Omaha
 - Featured Caucus: Black Caucus
- December 2019: CD1, Nebraska City
 - Featured Caucus: Disability Caucus
- March 2020: CD3, Hastings
 - Featured Caucus: Working Families Caucus
- June 2020: CD2, La Vista, State Convention
 - Featured Caucus: LGBTQIA+
- September 2020, Phone Meeting
- December 2020, CD1, Crete
 - Featured Caucus: Young Democrats

Election of Standing Committee Members by each Congressional District: There are numerous committees that have an active role in the Party and the membership is elected at this meeting to serve on the committees.

All of the Committees and membership are listed below, and elections take place during the CD meetings on Saturday:

- **Platform and Resolutions Committee, Chair Jennie Butler**
 - The Committee develops the Party's platform and resolutions in a timely, orderly, and open process, for presentation and action at each State Convention. The Committee is also responsible for a timely, orderly, and open process for presenting resolutions offered for action at meetings of the State Central Committee.

 - Four men and four women per Congressional District.

- **Rules Committee, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald**
 - The Rules Committee prepares recommendations on: amendments to the Party Constitution; amendments to the Party Bylaws; the rules and order of business for the State Convention; and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the State Chair or State Central Committee. The Rules Committee shall make recommendations to the State Central Committee regarding Affiliated Caucus Organization recognition following the Rules Committee's initial or requested review of ACOs.

 - Two men and two women per Congressional District.

- **State Convention Committee, Chair Stephanie Matejka**
 - The State Convention Committee shall: select and nominate qualified people to serve as Permanent Officers of the State Convention; serve as the site selection and arrangements committee and make recommendations on the site and arrangements for approval by the State Central Committee.

 - Two men and two women per Congressional District.

- **Nominating Committee, Chair Roger Foster**
 - The Nominating Committee shall solicit and encourage qualified people to serve in the offices of State Chair, First and Second Associate Chairs, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman and conduct the nominating proceedings at the appropriate State Convention or State Central Committee meeting. Nominations for these offices may also be made from the floor by any duly accredited delegate.

- Two men and two women per Congressional District.
- **Technology Committee, Chair Brent Comstock**
 - The Technology Committee shall provide feedback on new technology proposals, oversee NDP technology security and annually review the state of NDP technology recommending changes as new technology becomes available and as prices change.
 - Two men and two women per Congressional District.
- **Audit and Review Committee, Chair Pam Hopkins**
 - The Audit & Review Committee shall review expenditures by the Nebraska Democratic Party to ensure that expenditures comply with the budget or are approved by the State Central Committee. The Committee shall have full access to all financial records.
 - One man and one woman per Congressional District.

Other Committee Positions: There are two committees that are appointed by Chair Kleeb with representation from every Congressional District. If you are interested in serving on any of these Committees email jacob@nebraskademocrats.org.

- **Archives and Historical Preservation Committee, Chair Jason Shald**
 - The Archives and Historical Preservation Committee shall be responsible for gathering, collecting, indexing, organizing, and preserving the documents, data, and materials relating to the history and activities of the Nebraska Democratic Party in whatever form or medium it exists or may be available for the purpose of insuring that an accurate record of the Party's history and activities is preserved for future reference or edification.
 - At least one individual from each Congressional District is appointed by Chair Kleeb.
- **Finance Committee, Chair Richard Register**
 - The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the development and implementation of an annual finance plan to include the evaluation of all fund raising activities and events.

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Training Resources

The NDP partners with the DNC and the National Democratic Training Committee to provide all candidates and party leaders trainings to help elect Democrats.

You can 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:

<https://nebraskademocrats.org/take-action/blue-bench-project/>

NDP Officers are available to speak at your monthly county meetings, caucus meetings or fundraisers. If you would like to schedule a training for your Caucus or County Party or campaign, please email Jacob Denniston: jacob@nebraskademocrats.org

Officers can offer trainings at the local level and county meetings:

Jane Kleeb, Chair

Jane can provide updates on national DNC work. Jane can also train on grassroots organizing, peer to peer turnout, media work, and communications/branding.

Frank LaMere, Associate Chair

Frank can train on indigenous organizing and indigenous issues including providing updates on the White Clay matter with screening the “Sober Indian, Dangerous Indian” documentary. He can lead discussions on keeping volunteers motivated and engaged.

Preston Love Jr, 2nd Associate Chair

Preston can train on community organizing, voter turnout, and community engagement. Preston also can train on the civil rights movement.

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.

Monthly Donors Build Our Party

Our goal last term for monthly donors was to sign up 200 monthly donors and we did! Our 2019 goal is to hit 500 monthly donors. Help us reach our goal.

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 tickets
 - \$250 a month: Picture with Keynote speaker, a full ME sponsored table and 4 VIP reception tickets
- o Note that ME dinner tickets are not transferable.*

Meeting Schedule and Agenda

Dec. 7: Caucus Meetings

Central Community College, 1514 K St, Ord, NE 68862

5:00pm-6:00pm

Veterans Caucus- North Classroom

Climate Caucus- South Classroom

LGBTQ Caucus- Common Area

Latinx Caucus- Main Conference Room

6:00pm-7:00pm

County Chairs Meeting- Main Conference Room

Native Caucus- North Classroom

Nebraska Young Democrats- Common Area
Catholic Caucus- South Classroom

7:00pm-8:00pm

Black Caucus- South Classroom
Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus- North Classroom
Working Families Caucus- Common Area
Women's Caucus- Main Conference Room

Featured Rural and Agriculture: Reception and Supper

- 8:00pm-10:00pm
- Trotter Event Center, 127 Trotter Avenue, Ord, NE 68862
 - You must purchase a meal ticket if you plan on eating supper
 - All are welcome at the event
 - Yes we will have Scratchtown Beer at the event :) If you don't know about this craft, family-run local brewery take a look: <http://scratchtown.beer>

Dec. 8: Training, CD and SCC Meetings
The Golden Husk, 129 S 16th St, Ord, NE 68862

8:00am-Noon

Check In (get name badge, meeting materials)

8:00am-Noon

Diversity and Inclusion Training (all must attend)

Lunch (pick up boxed lunch and go to CD Meeting)

- You must purchase a meal ticket for breakfast, but if you are staying at Cobblestone breakfast is also included

12:00pm-1:30pm

CD1 Meeting and Committee elections
CD2 Meeting and Committee elections
CD3 Meeting and Committee elections

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: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/be-a-party-leader/>
- Elect members to Standing Committees (descriptions above)

State Central Committee (SCC) Agenda

1. Call to Order at 1:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Doc Moore
3. Invocation led by Interfaith Caucus
4. Host County Welcome
 - a. Valley County Chair, Paula Warner
5. Actions of the NDP Secretary, Charlene Ligon
 - a. Quorum
 - b. Seating of Delegates
 - c. Approval of Minutes (copies available at the podium with Sam and on NDP website)
6. 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
7. New Business of Chair Jane Kleeb
 - NDP Officer Updates
 - o Chair Kleeb
 - o Frank LaMere, 1st Associate Chair

- o Preston Love Jr., 2nd Associate Chair
 - o Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
 - Staff Update on General Election
8. Rules Committee Chair Report, Trevor Fitzgerald
- a. Explanation of Delegate Selection Plan process for 2020 Democratic National Convention
 - i. **VOTE:** Authorize Chair to appoint a special committee to draft the Delegate Selection Plan
 - ii. **VOTE:** Authorize the State Executive Committee to give final approval of the Delegate Selection Plan
9. Platform and Resolutions Committee Chair Report, Jennie Butler
- a. Conduct any votes for proposed resolutions, which will be emailed to SCC members on November 28, 2018 (10 days before the meeting)
10. Reports from Congressional Districts
- a. Report of new Committee Members
11. Caucus or Primary Discussion
- a. **VOTE:** Approve a Primary or Caucus for the 2020 Presidential Election.

Adjournment



NDP Contact Info and Key Links

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Mail: NDP, 201 N 8th St #210, Lincoln, NE 68508

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: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/become-a-block-captain/>

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>

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 jacob@nebraskademocrats.org.**

- SCC 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

#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>