



Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting March 29-31, 2018 30-Day Packet

The Nebraska Democratic Party and Lancaster County Democratic Party look forward to seeing all the SEC and SCC members along with County Chairs, Candidates, Elected Officials and Grassroots Democrats at our Meeting in Lincoln!

View the full agenda and other information including minutes and attendance logs from previous meetings online:

- <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/state-central-committee-meeting-and-trainings-march-2019/>

March Meeting Locations:

- March 29, Featured Latinx Caucus with food, Cerveza Mexicana, and live entertainment: The Bay, 2005 Y St, Lincoln, NE 68503
- March 30, Caucus Meetings, Trainings, CD Meetings, SCC Meeting: Southeast Community College, 8800 O St, Lincoln, NE 68520
- March 31, Helping Lincoln Candidates Win (canvass and phone bank): 3701 O St, Lincoln, NE 68510

If you have any questions about the meeting, please email jim@nebraskademocrats.org.

Registration, Meals and Hotel Information

Buy Meal Tickets Online:

We strongly encourage purchasing meal tickets since the agenda is packed and there is not a lot of time to go find outside food. We will only have very limited amount of tickets for sale on Friday and Saturday. Please purchase meal tickets ahead.

- <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/marchscc2019>

Registration and Guests at SCC Meetings: All SCC and SEC members are automatically registered for the meeting. We will 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.

There are important elections in Lincoln this year and we will work tirelessly to elect Democrats in 2019. In addition, we know that this year is a crucial building block leading up to the 2020 elections.

The relationships and infrastructure we are building today is how Democrats will win elections in Nebraska tomorrow. We want to make sure you have the tools and information you need as we work to bring Democratic leadership to our State and Country. We must start now.

Fun things to do while in Lincoln: <https://www.lincoln.org/visit/attractions>

Hotels:

There are many hotels in the Lincoln area. They range in price from \$75-150 per night. Below are some options in various prices ranges.

- Hilton Garden Inn Lincoln Downtown/Haymarket
 - 801 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508,
 - 402-475-9000
 - https://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nebraska/hilton-garden-inn-lincoln-downtown-haymarket-LNKDHGI/index.html?SEO_id=GMB-HI-LNKDHGI

- Hyatt Place Lincoln/Downtown- Haymarket
 - 600 Q St, Lincoln, NE 68508
 - (402) 742-6007
 - https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/nebraska/hyatt-place-lincoln-downtown-haymarket/lnkzl?src=corp_lclb_gmb_seo_nam_lnkzl

- Hampton Inn Lincoln - South/Heritage Park
 - 5922 Vandervoort Dr, Lincoln, NE 68516
 - (402) 420-7800
 - https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nebraska/hampton-inn-lincoln-south-heritage-park-LNKNEHX/index.html?SEO_id=GMB-HP-LNKNEHX

#NebDemsCare Collection: The Nebraska Democratic Party knows government workers and families who rely on our government basic daily needs are still hurting and catching up because of the Trump Shutdown. We are collecting items to help food pantries replenish.

Please bring with you to the meeting a donation or purchase one online
<http://a.co/gpm8Ukg>:

- Baby diapers
- Baby formula
- Canned Goods
- Pasta, Dry Beans and Rice

Schedule and Agenda

March 29: Featured Latinx Caucus and Reception The Bay, 2005 Y St, Lincoln, NE 68503

- 6-8pm CT
- Reception with Featured Latinx Caucus
- Food, drinks, music and dancing.
- Tickets to the event are \$12, purchase here:
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/marchscc2019>

March 30: Meetings and Trainings Southeast Community College, 8800 O st, Lincoln, NE 68520

7:30 - 11:00 am

Check-In and Registration

- You can also sign up for VAN access at the Registration table with Ron Rivera or Jim Rogers (for CD, County and Caucus Chairs only, SCC Members can get access to the VAN via their CD, County Party or a Caucus or Candidate).

8:00 - 9:00 am

Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus

Interfaith Caucus

Native Caucus

Rural and Agriculture Caucus

Veteran's Caucus

Mini-VAN Training

9:00-9:10am Break

9:10 - 10:10am

Black Caucus
Climate Caucus
LGBTQIA Caucus
County Chairs Meeting
Voter Registration Training

9:10-10:40am

Women's Caucus

10:10-10:20am Break

10:20 - 11:20am

Working Families Caucus
Nebraska Young Democrats
Latinx Caucus
Digital Organizing Training

11:20-11:30am Break

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

CD1 Meeting
CD2 Meeting
CD3 Meeting

12:30-12:40pm Break

12:40 - 1:50 pm

Lunch and interactive training on Mini-VAN and Hustle.

- We will train everyone on this amazing tool and then work on a group text to help Lincoln candidates.

1:50-2:00pm Break

2:00 - 5:00 pm

State Central Committee Meeting

- Specific agenda items listed at the end of the packet

5:00-6:00 pm

Voter Registration Training
Digital Organizing Training
Block Captain Meet-Up

March 31th: Interfaith and Canvass Events

Sunday morning

Interfaith Caucus will hand out information on services in the area if you would like to attend on Sunday.

11:00am - 3:00 pm

Walk-in volunteer time at the Lancaster Democratic Party office (new address 3701 O St Lincoln, NE 68510) to help Lincoln candidates. NDP staff will be there to get you started on a canvass walk packet, phone calls, texting or postcard writing.

We have a primary on April 9 and the general election is May 7. These are critical elections for Mayor, City Council and School Board. Put your Saturday training right to work to elect Democrats.

SCC Meeting Agenda

Items for review are linked on the NDP website: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/> (just click on the blue box that says SCC Meeting on the NDP home page)

1. Call to Order at 2 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dulce Sherman, Latinx Caucus Chair
3. Invocation led by Interfaith Caucus and Pastor Janet Banks, NDP Chaplain
4. Host County and Candidate Welcome
 - a. Lancaster County Officers
 - b. Candidates for Lincoln Offices
5. Actions of the NDP Secretary, Charlene Ligon
 - a. Quorum
 - b. Seating of Delegates
 - c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Copies available at the podium with Sam and on NDP website <https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>
6. Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - a. Summary of accounts

- i. 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
7. Finance Committee Report, Richard Register, Finance Chair
 - a. Presentation of Finance Plan (copies will be available at registration desk)
 - i. VOTE
 - b. National support update
 - c. Monthly donor update
 - d. Report on events: Salute to State Senators, April 8 in Lincoln
8. New Business of Chair Jane Kleeb
 - NDP Officer Updates
 - Jane Kleeb, Chair
 - Farmer Bill of Rights
 - VOTE
 - Frank LaMere, 1st Associate Chair
 - Preston Love Jr., 2nd Associate Chair
 - Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
 - Staff Update
 - May 4 big canvass, all hands on deck
 - Lincoln Coordinated Campaign
 - Getting ready for 2020
9. Rules Committee Report, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald
 - a. Update on Delegate Selection Plan process for 2020 Democratic National Convention
 - b. Recommendation to approve the proposed Secular Democrats Affiliated Caucus Organization (ACO Bylaws linked for your review on the NDP website)
 - i. VOTE
 - c. Recommendation to adopt revised version of Code of Conduct (PDF linked for your review on the NDP website)

- i. VOTE
 - d. Proposed amendment to Bylaw 5.7.3, ACO Social Media & Website Access (PDF linked for your review on the NDP website)
 - i. VOTE
 - e. Notice that the Rules Committee rejected a proposed amendment to Bylaw 5.2, County Chairs on the SCC (PDF linked for your review on the NDP website)
10. Platform and Resolutions Committee Report, Chair Shirl Mora James
- a. Conduct any votes for proposed resolutions, which will be emailed to SCC members on November 28, 2018 (10 days before the meeting)
11. Reports from Congressional District and Committee Chairs

Adjournment

Additional Information for the March Meeting

Minutes and Attendance List: Minutes and attendance list from our last meetings are posted online.

- See all previous 2017-2018 SCC minutes and attendance:
<https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>

Resolutions Committee Submissions: If you want to submit a resolution for consideration, please contact the Resolutions Chair Shir Mora James by email sa@morajameslaw.com.

- Any proposed resolution must be submitted to the Resolution Committee Chair 10-days ahead of the SCC meeting (therefore, March 20 at Noon CT). The Resolutions Committee then decides what resolutions to bring forward to the SCC to vote on during the SCC meeting. Copies will be provided to the SCC members at the SCC meeting.

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 jim@nebraskademocrats.org.

- June 28-30, 2019: CD3, Scottsbluff
 - Featured Caucus: Interfaith Caucus

- September 20-22, 2019: CD2, Omaha
 - Featured Caucus: Black Caucus
- December 6-8, 2019: CD3, South Sioux City
 - Featured Caucus: Disability Caucus
- March 2020: CD1, TBA
 - Featured Caucus: Working Families Caucus
- June 2020: CD2, La Vista, State Convention
 - Featured Caucus: LGBTQIA+
- July 13-16, 2020: Democratic National Convention
 - Location TBA
- September 2020, Phone Meeting
- December 2020, CD1, Crete
 - Featured Caucus: Young Democrats

Standing and Special Committee Members

The work of party operations happens in our committees. Thank you to the Chairs and committee members for serving.

If you see a vacancy, please contact your CD Chair to serve.

Delegate Selection Plan Special Committee, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald

The Committee develops the NDP delegate selection plan that we submit the DNC for approval that lays out the process for nominating and selecting Delegates to the National Convention that selects the Presidential nominee for our party.

- Roger Foster
- Pam Hopkins
- Charlene Ligon
- Stephanie Matejka
- Christie Parker
- Kamryn Sannicks
- Dulce Sherman
- Jason Valandra
- Janet Banks

Platform and Resolutions Committee, Chair Shirl Mora James

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.

- Marta Nieves
- Price Rivers
- Michael Petersen
- Roy Gertig
- Mark Minchow
- Schmeeka Simspon
- Sarah Hanify
- Preston Love Jr.
- Angela Thomas
- Connie Gage
- Sharlotte Schwenninger
- Jerri Johnson
- Justin Daub
- Vacant CD1 Female
- Vacant CD1 Female
- Vacant CD1 Female
- Vacant CD2 Female
- Vacant CD2 Female
- Vacant CD2 Male
- Vacant CD2 Male
- Vacant CD2 Male
- Vacant CD3 Female
- Vacant CD3 Male
- Vacant CD3 Male

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.

- Jennifer Norris
- Pam Hopkins
- Zach James
- Tom Green
- Cherie Clark
- Dee Austin
- Bill Clark
- Mark Hoeger
- Connie Gage
- Diane Norris

- Steve Kile
- Brian Whitecalf

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.

- Maryjo Shibata
- Candra Guenther
- Mikel-Jon Divis
- Tom Havelka
- Schmeeka Simpson
- Caroline Sedlacek
- Bob Meyers
- CJ King
- LeEllen Haynes
- Shannon Graves
- Brian Osborn
- Janet Banks
- Vacant CD3 Male

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.

- Janet Stewart
- Christa Yoakum
- Mikel-Jon Divis
- Michael Peterson
- Dee Austin
- Precious McKesson
- Matt Martin
- Jeff Parris
- Doc Moore
- Vacant CD3 Male
- Vacant CD3 Female
- Vacant CD3 Female

Technology Committee, Chair Lauren Williams

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.

- Pam Hopkins
- Gina Frank
- Bill Forsee
- Ted Kessler
- Nathan Zingg
- Jazmin Mehne
- Matthew Vajgrt
- Scott Melvin
- Vacant CD2 Female
- Vacant CD2 Female
- Vacant CD3 Female
- Vacant CD2 Male

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.

- Michael Petersen
- Sarah Jane Teetzel
- DJ Jennings
- Vacant CD1 Female
- Vacant CD3 Female
- Vacant CD3 Male

Archives and Historical Preservation Committee, Chair Diane Parris

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.

- Vacant CD1
- Jason Shald CD2
- Bob Parker CD3

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.

- Stephanie Matejka, CD1
- Joe Shaw, CD1
- Dee Austin, CD2

- Tom Genung, CD3
- All statewide officers

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/>

The DNC also has a Job Bank.

- <https://jobs.lever.co/dnc/2e44b5bb-6b7b-493d-8b63-a9c3a8877c66/apply>

Block Captain Trainings

Jan. 25

Introduction to 2019 Block Captain Program

We held the training on FB Live.

March 10th

Knocking doors and preparing for Lincoln's Primary/General Elections

1:00pm CT (FB live only)

May 4th

Special 'All Hands On Deck' canvass with Block Captains all over the state coming to Lincoln to help win the city elections.

11am-1pm CT

June TBA

Looking to 2020, Issue Survey at the Doors

More info soon on this exciting event around getting ready for 2020.

Blue Bench Trainings

March 9, 2019

Candidate Interest Training with trainer Preston Love

11am-1pm CT at the NDP Office, 2505 North 24th Street Suite 216, Omaha, NE

April 13, 2019

VAN Training for candidates (or potential candidates) who want to learn more

11am-1pm CT at the NDP Office, 2505 North 24th Street Suite 216, Omaha, NE

May 4, 2019

Special Canvassing Day in Lincoln to elect Democrats (Lincoln elections are May 7)

11am-4pm CT at the Lancaster County Dem Office,

You can attend the 11am-1pm shift or the 2-4pm shift. Food is served for both shifts at 1pm. We train you before you head out to knock doors or phone bank.

June 8, 2019

Mobilizing at Community Events

11am-1pm CT at the NDP Office, 2505 North 24th Street Suite 216, Omaha, NE

Trainings by Staff and Statewide Officers

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 Jim Rogers: jim@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.

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 kevin@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>

NDP Contact Info and Key Links

Phone: 402-434-2180

Email: info@nebraskademocrats.org

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

Omaha NDP Office: 2505 N. 24th St #216, Omaha, NE 68110

Reserve the Lincoln or Omaha office space: <https://tinyurl.com/NDPrequest>

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: <http://nebraskademocrats.org/be-a-party-leader>

Contact Nebraska's Members of Congress:

<http://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/contact-information-for-federal-office-holders>

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 ticket to annual Salute to State Senators event and a bumper sticker
- \$25 a month: 1 ticket to annual Morrison Exon Dinner, a bumper sticker, and a t-shirt
- \$50 a month: 1 ME Dinner ticket + 1 VIP reception tickets
- \$100 a month: 1 ME Dinner ticket + 2 VIP Reception tickets + Picture with Keynote speaker.

Note that ME dinner and Salute tickets are not transferable. These are the new 2019 Monthly Donor benefits, which have changed from 2018. The Salute to State Senators is on April 8, 2019 in Lincoln. The ME Dinner will be in the Fall 2019.