



Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting March 29-31, 2019 Agenda Packet

The Nebraska Democratic Party and Lancaster County Democratic Party welcome all the SEC and SCC members along with County Chairs, Candidates, Elected Officials and Grassroots Democrats at our meeting today in Lincoln!

View the Agenda and Linked Items for Votes Online:

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

Fun things to do in Lincoln:

- <https://www.lincoln.org/visit/attractions>

Sunday Activities:

- The Interfaith Caucus will hand out information on services in the area if you would like to attend on Sunday.
- Help Lincoln Candidates Win: 3701 O St, Lincoln, NE 68510

From 11am-3pm on Sunday, we are hosting walk-in volunteer time at the Lancaster Democratic Party office (***new address 3701 O St Lincoln, NE 68510***) to help Lincoln candidates. NDP staff and Lancaster County Dems 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, School Board and Airport Authority. **Sign up to canvass or just show up on Sunday:** <https://goo.gl/forms/lqxuuRpZQ6ltDEtH3>

Meal Tickets:

- Please see Stephanie to purchase a meal ticket onsite if you have not done so ahead of the meeting.

Guests at SCC Meetings:

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. All guests must register, giving their contact information, at the front table and get a Guest name tag.

#NebDemsCare Collection:

The Nebraska Democratic Party knows workers and families who rely on our government for basic, daily needs are still hurting and catching up because of the Trump Shutdown. We are also now helping families recover from the historic flooding.

We are collecting items to help food pantries replenish. Please leave your donation at the registration table or purchase an item online <http://a.co/gpm8Ukg>:

- Baby diapers and formula
- Bottled water
- Canned goods
- Pasta, dry beans and rice
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, brooms, buckets)

Monthly Donors Build Our Party:

Our 2019 goal is to hit 500 monthly donors. Help us reach our goal. Sign up today.

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.

Sign Up as a Monthly Donor: <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/nebDEM>

Notes: The Morrison Exon and Salute tickets are not transferable. These are the new 2019 Monthly Donor benefits, which have changed from 2018.

Listserve:

We send emails to the listserve on key information, messaging memos and updates. If you are not on a listserv and want to be, please email kevin@nebraskademocrats.org. The listserve available to join are below.

All members of the listserve must follow our listserv guidelines: <https://tinyurl.com/NDPlists>

- SCC Members
- SEC Members
- County Chairs
- Block Captains
- Elected Officials
- Candidates
- Grassroots Allies and Organizing Rapid Response

#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, owned by Rick Poore.

Check out the store: https://shirts101.store/nebraska_democrats

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.

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

We livestream all Block Captain trainings on FB live.

January 25, 2019

- Introduction to 2019 Block Captain Program

March 10, 2019

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

May 4, 2019

- Special "Big Blue Canvass" and training with Block Captains and party leaders from all over the state coming to Lincoln to help win the city elections. You can attend the 11am-1pm or the 2-4pm shift. Food is served for both shifts at 1pm. We will train you before you head out to knock doors or phone bank.

June 29, 2019

- Looking to 2020, Issue Survey at the Doors

Blue Bench Trainings

March 9, 2019

- Candidate Interest Training with trainer Preston Love and Voter Registration and VBM with trainer Chris Carrithers
 - 11am-3pm CT at the NDP Office, 2505 North 24th Street Suite 216, Omaha

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

May 4, 2019

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June 8, 2019

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

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

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 issues including providing updates on the White Clay matter with screening the “Sober Indian, Dangerous Indian” documentary.

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 as well as messaging strategies.

Ron Kaminski, National Committeeman

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

Schedule

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, Room U105

Interfaith Caucus, Room U107

Native Caucus, Room U108

Rural and Agriculture Caucus, Room U109

Veteran's Caucus, Room U111

Mini-VAN Training, Room U110

9:00-9:10am Break

9:10 - 10:10am

Black Caucus, Room U105
Climate Caucus, Room U107
LGBTQIA Caucus, Room U108
County Chairs Meeting, Room U109
Voter Registration Training, Room U110
Room U111 empty during this time if a Committee needs space

9:10-10:40am

Women's Caucus, same room set up for SCC meeting

10am-Noon (get your picture taken!)

The team from BCom is on-site near the Registration Area to take professional headshots of candidates, SCC Members and County Chairs. We know this can be a hassle to get these done, so we have you covered :)

10:10-10:20am Break

10:20 - 11:20am

Working Families Caucus, Room U105
Nebraska Young Democrats, Room U107
Latinx Caucus, Room U108
Digital Organizing Training, Room U110
Room U109 empty during this time if a Committee needs space

11:20-11:30am Break

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

See vacancies on the SCC and Committees starting on page 10 that you will vote on these positions in your CD Meetings.

CD1 Meeting, Room U107
CD2 Meeting, same room set up for SCC meeting
CD3 Meeting, U109

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.
- Same room as set up for SCC meeting. Lunch can be brought into the room.

1:50-2:00pm Break

2:00 - 5:00 pm

State Central Committee Meeting

5:00-6:00 pm

Voter Registration Training, Room U109

Digital Organizing Training, Room U110

Block Captain Meet-Up, Room U111

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. Welcome Addresses
 - a. Lancaster County Officers
 - b. Candidates for Lincoln Offices
 - i. NOTE: some Lincoln candidates have a forum at the same time, we will allow them to address the SCC when they arrive later in the day
 - c. Sen. Bob Krist
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 Jim and on NDP website
<https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>

6. Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler

- a. Summary of accounts
 - i. Treasurer's report handed out to SCC Members
 - ii. Detailed P+L statement available for review from Ted
- b. Reports filed with FEC and NADC
 - i. The latest FEC and NADC report available for review from Ted

7. Finance Committee Report, Richard Register, Finance Chair

- a. Presentation of Finance Plan (copies handed out to SCC Members)
 - i. VOTE
- b. National support update
- c. Monthly donor update
- d. Report on fundraising events: Salute to State Senators, April 8 in Lincoln, Date for ME Dinner announced soon--we are looking at a hosting rural fundraiser while we are in Scottsbluff.

8. New Business of Chair Jane Kleeb

- NDP Officer Updates
 - Jane Kleeb, Chair
 - Farmer Bill of Rights presentation with Rural and Ag Chair, Doc Moore
 - Update on 2019 and 2020 meeting dates (see dates on page 14)
 - VOTE
 - Discussion on formation of Special Committee on Party Structure
 - No vote at this meeting, we will bring to the body in June.
 - Frank LaMere, 1st Associate Chair
 - Preston Love Jr., 2nd Associate Chair

- o Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
- Staff Update
 - o May 4: Big Blue Canvass, all hands on deck, in Lincoln
 - Sign up to canvass: <https://goo.gl/forms/lqxuuRpZQ6itDEtH3>
 - o Lincoln Coordinated Campaign
 - Copies of Field Plan at podium for SCC Members who would like a copy
 - April 9 is the Primary / We are hosting with the Lancaster Democrats a Unity Breakfast on April 10 / May 7 is the General
 - o Getting ready for 2020

9. Rules Committee Report, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald

- a. Update on Delegate Selection Plan process for 2020 Democratic National Convention including Public Comment period.
 - i. The SEC voted on March 14th to open up Public Comment (which started on March 20th and runs through April 19th)
 - ii. Copies of the proposed plan will be posted on the NDP Website on March 20th
- b. Recommendation to approve the proposed Secular Democrats Affiliated Caucus Organization (ACO Bylaws linked for your review on NDP site)
 - i. VOTE
- c. Recommendation to adopt revised version of Code of Conduct (PDF linked for your review on the NDP site)
 - i. VOTE
- d. Proposed amendment to Bylaw 5.7.3, ACO Social Media & Website Access (PDF linked for your review on the NDP site)
 - 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 site)

10. Platform and Resolutions Committee Report, Chair Shirl Mora James

a. Conduct any votes for proposed resolutions.

i. VOTE

1. Proposed resolutions in this packet, page 15.

11. Reports from Congressional District Chairs and Committee Chairs

12. Announcements

a. Reminder to give your name tag and lanyard back to staff as you leave. Please write any updates needed on your name tag.

b. Drop off your monthly donor pledge with staff.

c. Fill out the SCC Member form with your information if you filled a vacancy recently so we can make sure you are in our system.

13. Adjournment

Vacancies and Committees: The work of party operations happens at our State Central Committee, the NDP's governing body, and in our working committees. Thank you to the Chairs and committee members for serving. Most vacancies are filled in your CD meetings.

LD Vacancies:

- LD 1 Alternate Female
- LD 2 Alternate Female
- LD4 Delegate Male
- LD 4 Alternate Male
- LD 5 Alternate Male
- LD 10 Alternate Male
- LD 11 Alternate Male
- LD 12 Delegate Female
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Standing and Special Committee Members:

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

Delegate Selection Plan's Inclusion Committee

- Charlene Ligon (Chair, CD 1)
- Janet Chung (CD 1)
- Janet Goodman-Banks (CD 1)
- Frank LaMere (CD 3)
- Elena Olson King (CD 3)
- Caleb Rohrer (CD 3)
- Kamryn Sannicks (CD 1)
- Dulce Sherman (CD 2)
- Jason Valandra (CD 2)

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.

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| ○ Marta Nieves | ○ Connie Gage |
| ○ Price Rivers | ○ Sharlotte Schwenninger |
| ○ Michael Petersen | ○ Jerri Johnson |
| ○ Roy Gertig | ○ Justin Daub |
| ○ Mark Minchow | ○ Vacant CD1 Female |
| ○ Schmeeka Simson | ○ Vacant CD1 Female |
| ○ Sarah Hanify | ○ Vacant CD1 Female |
| ○ Preston Love Jr. | ○ Vacant CD2 Female |
| ○ Angela Thomas | ○ 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 ensuring 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

Additional Information for SCC Members

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/>

Dates and Locations for 2019-2020 SCC Meetings: Locations and dates proposed for the upcoming SCC meetings. Some cities have changed because of spacing issues. We will re-take the vote for the schedule during the SCC meeting.

- March 29-31, 2019: CD1, Lincoln
 - Featured Caucus: Latinx Caucus
- June 28-30, 2019: CD3, Scottsbluff
 - Featured Caucus: Interfaith Caucus
- September 20-22, 2019: CD2, Omaha
 - Featured Caucus: Black Caucus
 - Full-day training on Sept. 22 for candidates, party leaders and campaign staff
- December 7, 2019: Phone Meeting
- Jan. 2020: CD3, South Sioux City
 - Featured Caucus: Disabilities Caucus
 - Possible forum with Presidential candidates, NDP and Tribal Nations
- March 2020: CD1, Fremont
 - Featured Caucus: Working Families Caucus
- June 2020: CD2, La Vista, State Convention
 - Featured Caucus: LGBTQIA+
- July 13-16, 2020: Democratic National Convention
 - Location Milwaukee, WI (go Midwest!!)
- September 2020, CD3, Hastings
 - Featured Caucus: Young Democrats

- December 2020, Phone Meeting

Resolutions Committee Submissions: If you want to submit a resolution for consideration, please contact the Resolutions Chair Shirl 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 for this meeting the date was March 20 at Noon CT).
- The committee then reviews and votes on resolutions. The committee can take 3 actions.

1) We can approve the resolution out of committee (as is or with some suggested edits) and bring to the floor of the SCC for a vote. We will hand out the proposed resolutions for SCC consideration in a packet at the Registration desk.

2) We can reject a resolution and we will inform the submitter of this decision. A SCC member can then bring the resolution to the floor with a majority vote of the body to hear the resolution.

3) We can recommend the resolution to a committee for the State Convention.

Resolutions for Consideration at March Meeting

Submitted by Marta Nieves & Yolanda Chavez Nuncio, approved by Platform and Resolutions Committee

Whereas the Nebraska Democratic Party recognizes the changing demographics of the Latinx population in the State of Nebraska,

Whereas the Nebraska Democratic Party also recognizes the value of registering the Latinx population as new voters,

Whereas the Nebraska Democratic Party also recognizes the importance in building the Latinx voting power in the upcoming 2020 election process and into the future,

Now Be It Resolved that the Nebraska Democratic Party supports Nebraska Latinx population through the following: voter outreach, voter education, accurate tracking of voter registration, voter participation, a direct mail bilingual (Spanish/English) campaign, a

dedicated office located in South Omaha, and a bilingual (Spanish/English) Community Organizer identified well before the 2020 presidential election.

Tips and Tricks for Submitting a Resolution to the NDP:

- Research the resolution's topic. Make sure what you want to propose does not conflict with the Platform and other passed Resolutions.
 - **Platform:**
<https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-2020-NDP-Platform-Final.pdf>
 - **Resolutions:**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7_8rcZlkfz7cmdSMk4zZnBZZ0U
- Write your resolution to be free of spelling and grammatical errors. Shorter resolutions are better. Whereas paragraphs should be descriptions. The resolved paragraph sets out the actions you want taken.
- The Platform Committee needs to receive a writeable document (non-PDF, non-hard copy) sent to one or both designated email addresses, even if the resolution comes from the floor.
- Please be sure to designate who will present the Resolution and speak in favor of it, if you are unable to attend the meeting.

NDP Contact Info:

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

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

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

Hashtags: #NebDems, #NEleg, #NebDemsCare

SCC Member Information Form

All data is used to keep our systems updated. If you have recently been elected to a party position, moved, have a new phone or email, please fill this form out and hand to an NDP staff member.

First and Last Name:

Mailing Address:

Cell Phone:

Email:

LD # (1-49):

CD # (1, 2 or 3):

Party Positions You Hold (e.g. LD for District #, Caucus Chair, County Vice Chair, Platform Committee Member for CD #, etc):
