



Nebraska Democratic Party

**Big Blue Weekend:
Trainings, Caucus Meetings, Morrison Exon Fundraiser, Black
Caucus Fundraiser and State Central Committee Meeting**

October 25-27, 2019

10-Day Packet

The Nebraska Democratic Party looks forward to seeing all the SCC members along with County Chairs, Candidates, Elected Officials and Grassroots Dems at our meeting!

All of the events take place at the Downtown Hilton (1001 Cass Street) in Omaha.

Amazing speakers are coming into Omaha for the events (in order of appearance):

- Senator Nina Turner will keynote the Black Caucus fundraiser on Oct. 25.
- National trainers with the National Democratic Training Committee on Oct. 26.
- Christine Pelosi will serve as the lunch speaker on Oct. 26.
- Speaker Nancy Pelosi will join us for the Morrison Exon (ME) fundraiser on Oct. 26.
- NDP 2020 Candidates along with DNC Vice Chair, ASDC President and MN DFL State Party Chair Ken Martin will address the SCC on Oct. 27.

Because of the high level of security, **all SCC members must register for the meetings, even if you do not plan to pay/attend any of the fundraisers and meals.** You must register for the free trainings and meetings.

REGISTER FOR THE WEEKEND EVENTS BY 10/17, Noon CT:

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

FULL AGENDA:

- <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/big-blue-weekend-and-morrison-exon-fundraiser/>

Key Information

Questions: Jim and Precious are the staff leads for the Big Blue Weekend. All ideas and questions can be directed to them. If you have any questions about the meeting, please email precious@nebraskademocrats.org or jim@nebraskademocrats.org.

Hotel: The special room rate of \$99 ended on Oct. 11--*but there are a few left, so act fast.*

All meetings, trainings and fundraisers are taking place at the Hilton.

Downtown Hilton, 1001 Cass Street, Omaha
Hotel Phone: 402-998-3400

Link to get hotel discounted room rate: <https://book.passkey.com/go/NDP1019>

Registration and Guests at SCC Meetings: All SCC and SEC members are MUST register for this meeting because of the higher level of security. No one can register on site. You must register by 10/17 at noon:

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

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.

Costs to Attend Meetings: While there is no fee to attend the meetings and trainings, *there are fees to purchase the meals and to attend the fundraisers.*

Big Blue Weekend Tickets: We strongly encourage purchasing meal tickets since the agenda is packed and there is not a lot of time to go find outside food. You can also choose to purchase a ticket to the Black Caucus fundraiser on Friday night.

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

Morrison Exon Tickets: We are excited to announce Speaker Pelosi will serve as our keynote speaker. The event is on Oct. 26, from 6-9pm. We have a separate page to purchase the Morrison Exon tickets since many other Dems will join us.

- <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ndp2019>

Fun Things to Do While in Omaha: We encourage SCC members to carpool to Omaha! Here are some links for fun stuff to do while in town.

- <https://www.visitomaha.com/>
- <http://www.omahazoo.com>
- <https://www.joslyn.org>

#NebDemsCare Collection: The Nebraska Democratic Party is working with the Salem Baptist Church Pantry (where then Senator Barack Obama spoke) to collect items for the community. Please bring toiletry items, adult and child diapers. We will have a box at the registration desk you can drop your items off to.

#NebDems Store: 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.

We added a new Dems love Ag shirt 🌾🇺🇸, go check out all the shirts!

Buy a shirt-->> https://shirts101.store/nebraska_democrats

Be a Monthly Donor: 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.

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

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>

Big Blue Weekend Schedule

October 25-27, 2019
Downtown Hilton, 1001 Cass Street, Omaha, NE

The public is welcome to attend the events and trainings.

Everyone MUST register by Oct. 17 at noon CT.

Because of security, no one will be allowed to attend events if you have not registered, this includes State Central Committee (SCC) Members.

Register here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/bigblueweekend>

October 25: Meetings and Black Caucus Fundraiser

3:00-7:00PM

Registration
2nd Floor, directly off the escalator

Staff Room
Fontanelle Room (if you have questions, please come see us or the registration desk)

5:00 PM

Latinx Caucus
Paxton Room

Climate Caucus
Merchants Room

Women's Caucus (5-6:30PM)
Hill Room

6:00 PM

Stonewall Democrats Caucus
Paxton Room

Nebraska Young Democrats
Merchants Room

6:30 PM

County Chairs
Hill Room

7:00 PM

Platform Committee
Merchants Room

7:30-10 PM

Black Caucus Fundraiser
St. Nicholas Room

*Food, Music and **Keynote Speaker Senator Nina Turner**. The first annual Senator Edward R. Danner Awards will be presented. Cost is \$30, get your ticket:

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

October 26: Blue Bench Training and Morrison Exon Fundraiser with Speaker Pelosi

8:00 AM- 6:30 PM

Registration
2nd Floor, directly off the escalator

*You must pick up your Morrison Exon name badge by 6:30pm.

8:00 AM- 9:00 AM

Light breakfast and coffee provided by the NDP and the National Democratic Training Committee
Grand Ballroom Foyer (the area outside the Grand Ballroom)

8:30 AM – Noon

Training Track 1: Candidate/Potential Candidate
Ballroom A

Training Track 2: Campaign Staff
Ballroom B

Training Track 3: Party Leader/Volunteer
Hill Room

12:15-1:15 PM

Lunch with **special guest speaker Christine Pelosi**
Ballroom C, D, & E

*Lunch cost is \$12, get your ticket here:
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/bigblueweekend>

1:30-3:30 PM

Training Track 1: Candidate/Potential Candidate
Ballroom A

Training Track 2: Campaign Staff
Ballroom B

Training Track 3: Party Leader/Volunteer
Hill Room

6:00-9:00 PM

Morrison Exon Fundraiser with **special guest Speaker Nancy Pelosi**

VIP Reception, 6-7pm
Grand Ballroom (please use the doors for Grand Ballroom A to enter the VIP event)

General Reception and Photo Booths, 6-7pm
Grand Central Foyer

Program and Dinner, 7-9pm
Grand Ballroom OR St. Nicholas Room (please see your name tag to know which room you are seated in)

October 27: NDP State Central Committee Meeting and Caucus Meetings

8:00 AM- 9:00 AM

Registration
2nd Floor, directly off the escalator

Light breakfast and coffee provided by the NDP.
Grand Central Foyer

8-8:45 AM

CD Caucus 1

Ballroom A

CD Caucus 2
St. Nicholas Room

CD Caucus 3
Ballroom B

9 AM-Noon

State Central Committee Meeting **with special guest DNC Vice Chair and ASDC President Ken Martin and NDP 2020 candidates**
Ballroom C,D,E

Noon-1 PM

Native Caucus
Hill Room

Veteran and Military Families Caucus
St. Nicholas-A Room

Secular Democrats Caucus
Herndon Room

Nebraskans Living with Disabilities
St. Nicholas-B Room

Interfaith Caucus
Washington City Room

Rural Caucus
Cozzens Room

SCC Meeting Agenda Sunday, October 27, 2019

- Call to Order at 9 AM
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Jo-el Chiles, Black Caucus Treasurer
- Invocation led by Pastor Janet Banks, NDP Chaplain

- Special Guests and Candidates Address the State Central Committee members (as of Oct. 16, 2019 and not in the order of appearance which will be determined the morning of the SCC meeting)
 - Ken Martin, DNC Vice Chair, ASDC President and Chair of the MN Democratic Farmer Labor Party
 - Joseph Couch, LD 21 Candidate
 - Terrell McKinney, LD 11 Candidate
 - Marque Snow, LD 9 Candidate
 - Kara Eastman, CD2 Candidate
 - Morgann Freeman, CD2 Candidate
 - Ann Ashford, CD2 Candidate
 - Gladys Harrison, CD2 Candidate
 - Angie Philips, US Senate Candidate
 - Chris Janicek, US Senate Candidate

- Actions of the NDP Secretary, Charlene Ligon
 - Quorum
 - Seating of Delegates
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Copies available at the podium and on NDP website
<https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>

- Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - Summary of accounts
 - Copies of detailed P+L statement available from Ted
 - Reports filed with FEC and NADC
 - Copies of latest FEC and NADC report available from Ted

- Finance Committee Report
 - Finance Plan Updates
 - Morrison Exon Fundraiser and Volunteer Awards
 - National support update
 - SPIF Grant from ASDC and DNC
 - DCCC Staff Member, Jason Valandra, on the ground organizing hand and hand with the NDP.
 - Monthly donor update
 - Sign Up to Be a Monthly Donor today.

- NDP Officer Updates
 - Jane Kleeb, Chair
 - Update on Party Reform Special Committee
 - CD Meetings and SCC Manual
 - Frank LaMere Grassroots Fellows
 - Richard Register, 1st Associate Chair
 - Preston Love Jr., 2nd Associate Chair
 - Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
 - DNC Meeting updates
 - National Convention updates
- Staff Updates
 - Summer Survey Results
 - Welcome to the Party Postcard Project
 - Block Captains
 - Candidate Recruitment
 - VAN Reminders
 - Security Handout from DNC
 - Newsletter, List serves + Email Sign Up Reminders
- Rules Committee Report, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald
 - Update on Delegate Selection Plan process for 2020 Democratic National Convention (July 13-16, 2020 in Milwaukee)
- Platform and Resolutions Committee Report, Chair Shirl Mora James
 - Conduct any votes for proposed resolutions, which are emailed to SCC members on October 17, 2019 at 5pm CT. (10 days before the meeting)
- Reports from Congressional District and Committee Chairs

Announcements

- Announcements from the floor.

Adjournment

- Caucus meetings to follow, see agenda.

Additional Information for SCC Members

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

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

List serves: 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
- SEC Members: secnebdems@googlegroups.com
- County Chairs: nebraskacountychairs@googlegroups.com
- Grassroots Allies: nebgrassroots@googlegroups.com
- Elected Officials: nebraska-democratic-elected-officials@googlegroups.com
- Candidates: NDP-candidates-nebdems@googlegroups.com

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 is October 17, 2019 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.

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 writable 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.

Critical Dates: Locations and dates for the upcoming meetings and debates.

- December 7, 2019: SCC Phone Meeting
- Jan. 10-12, 2020: CD3, South Sioux City
 - Featured Caucus: Disabilities Caucus
 - Possible forum with Presidential candidates, NDP and Tribal Nations
- March (dates TBA) 2020: CD1, Fremont
 - Featured Caucus: Working Families Caucus
- May 14-24, 2020: County Conventions
 - The window for County Parties to hold their County Convention is May 14-24, 2020. Counties can not go before or after this window.
- June 5-7, 2020: CD2, Omaha, State Convention
 - Featured Caucus: Stonewall Democrats

- July 13-16, 2020: Democratic National Convention
 - Location Milwaukee, WI (go Midwest!!)
- September 25-27, 2020: CD3, Hastings
 - Featured Caucus: Young Democrats
- December 5, 2020: SCC Phone Meeting

General Election Presidential and VP Debate Schedule

First Presidential Debate

- Tuesday, September 29, 2020
 - University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Vice Presidential Debate

- Wednesday October 7, 2020
 - The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Second Presidential Debate

- Thursday, October 15, 2020
 - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Third Presidential Debate

- Thursday, October 22, 2020
 - Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Trainings: The NDP offers Block Captain and Blue Bench trainings as well as access to other national training resources.

We can come to your county or caucus meetings as well to tailor a training. Please schedule trainings with precious@nebraskademocrats.org.

Block Captain Trainings

Gina Frank is our Block Captain Coordinator. She will publish the Block Captain 2020 training schedule soon. We need to recruit an additional 500 Block Captains. Email gina@nebraskademocrats.org for more information.

You can watch previous Block Captain trainings here:
<https://nebraskademocrats.org/become-a-block-captain/>

NDP and National Democratic Training Committee

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>

DNC Trainings and Resources

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. See Precious for more info. The DNC also has a Job Bank: <https://jobs.lever.co/dnc/2e44b5bb-6b7b-493d-8b63-a9c3a8877c66/apply>

NDP Contact Info and Key Links

Phone: 402-434-2180 **Email:** info@nebraskademocrats.org

Lincoln NDP Office: 3701 O Street #200, Lincoln, NE 68510 (new address!)

Omaha NDP Office: The building we had our Omaha office in, with other community groups, was sold. We will have our new office in South Omaha by the end of the year. We are also working out of the Sarpy County Democrats office.

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

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

Hashtags: #NebDems, #NEleg, #NebDemsCare

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>