



Nebraska Democratic Party

**Big Blue Weekend
Trainings, Caucus Meetings, Morrison Exon Fundraiser, Black
Caucus Fundraiser and State Central Committee Meeting
October 25-27, 2019
30-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 events this weekend will take place at the Downtown Hilton (1001 Cass Street).

We have BIG news--Speaker Nancy Pelosi will join us for the Morrison Exon (ME) fundraiser. To accommodate her schedule, the ME fundraiser will be held on Oct. 26.

The Black Caucus is the featured caucus for this meeting. They planned a fundraiser for Friday night. **Senator Nina Turner** is their keynote speaker and they have a live DJ for plenty of dancing.

Friday also includes some caucus meetings.

On Saturday, we planned a 3-track training so party leaders, candidates and campaign staff can all be trained with critical skills to prepare for 2020!

Then on Sunday, we will hold our SCC meeting and more caucus meetings.

The schedule is jammed packed with meetings, trainings and fundraisers. We hope you join us for the entire weekend of activities.

You can see the full agenda, including the SCC meeting, for the Big Blue Weekend here (also in this packet):

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

You can see the Morrison Exon event here:

- <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/2019-morrison-exon-fundraiser-with-speaker-nancy-pelosi/>

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.

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.

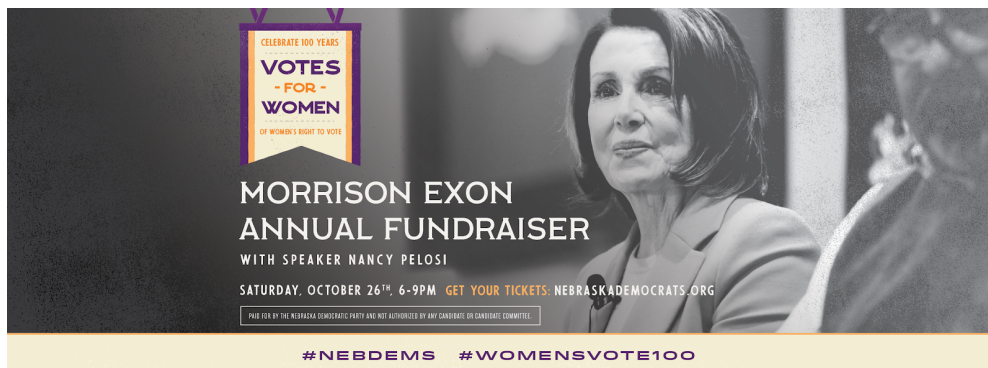
- <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/bigblueweekend>

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>

Key Notes About the ME Event: We wanted to make a few important notes for the event given we expect this to sell out fast.

- 1) Speaker Pelosi will host a photo line. The only packages available for a photo are the sponsorship levels. We have a very limited number of these available. Please email Jim Rogers to get a copy of the sponsorship packages (jim@nebraskademocrats.org).
- 2) The VIP Reception will include monthly donors, guest speakers, elected officials and award winners—Speaker Pelosi will be hosting the photo line at the same time so she will not attend the VIP Reception.
- 3) We have a VERY limited amount of the sponsorship packages. Jim has all of those details. In the sponsorship packages we also list options for purchasing an ad in the program.
- 4) Monthly donors over \$25 get a free ticket to the event per our membership levels for that program. There is an option on the mailed reply card or the individual ticket link below to claim your ticket. *These are non-transferable.*



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>

Hotel: We have a block of rooms set aside for \$99 plus tax. ***The room rate and block will close on October 4.***

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 automatically registered for the meeting. We will have name tags for everyone at the registration table. All other guests can register on site.

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.***

#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.

NOTE: In order to get the free Morrison Exon ticket, you must be a monthly donor at \$25 or higher by Oct. 7, 2019.

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>



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Big Blue Weekend Schedule and SCC Meeting Agenda

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

Friday, October 25 Caucus Meetings and Black Caucus Fundraiser

3-7 PM

Check-In	St. Nicholas Foyer

5:00 PM

Latinx Caucus	Paxton
Climate Caucus	Merchants
Women's Caucus (5-6:30PM)	Hill

6:00 PM

Stonewall Democrats Caucus	Paxton
Nebraska Young Democrats	Merchants

6:30 PM

County Chairs	Hill

7:00 PM

Open Room for Meetings	Paxton
Platform Committee	Merchants

7:30-10 PM

Black Caucus Fundraiser	St. Nicholas
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Food, Music and **Keynote Speaker Senator Nina Turner**. The first annual Danner Awards will be presented. Tickets are \$30:

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

Saturday, October 26
Trainings and Morrison Exon Fundraiser

8:00 AM-5 PM

Check-In	Registration
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8:30 AM - Noon

Training Track 1: Candidate/Potential Candidate	Ballroom A
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Training Track 2: Campaign Staff	Ballroom B
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Training Track 3: Party Leader/Volunteer	Hill
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12:15-1:15 PM

Lunch with Special Guest Speaker (to be announced)	Ballroom C, D, & E
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Lunch costs \$12, you can get your ticket here:
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/bigblueweekend>

1:30-3:30 PM

Training Track 1: Candidate/Potential Candidate	Ballroom A
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Training Track 2: Campaign Staff	Ballroom B
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Training Track 3: Party Leader/Volunteer	Hill
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3:45-4:45 PM

CD Caucus 1	Cozzens
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CD Caucus 2	Washington City
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CD Caucus 3	Hill
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6-9 PM

Morrison Exon Fundraiser with special guest Speaker Nancy Pelosi	Grand Central Ballroom
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*VIP Reception, 6-7pm

Note: Speaker Pelosi will **not** be at the VIP reception, other special guests will be in attendance. We are hosting a photo line for the ME dinner sponsors with Speaker Pelosi at this time, email jim@nebraskadeemocrats.org to get info on how to be a sponsor.

*General Reception, 6-7pm

Grand Central Foyer

*Program and Dinner, 7-8:30pm

Grand Central Ballroom

Sunday, October 27
SCC Meeting and Caucus Meetings

8-9 AM

Registration

Grand Central Foyer

Light breakfast and coffee

Grand Central Foyer

9:00 AM-Noon

State Central Committee Meeting

Ballroom C, D, & E

The public can attend, this is where the NDP conducts party business, it is the state level version of the DNC meetings.

Noon-1 PM

Native Caucus

Hill

Veteran and Military Families Caucus

St. Nicholas-A

Secular Democrats Caucus

Herndon

Nebraskans Living with Disabilities

St. Nicholas-B

Interfaith Caucus

Washington City

Rural Caucus

Cozzens

SCC Meeting Agenda

Sunday, October 27, 2019

1. Call to Order at 9 AM
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Black Caucus
3. Invocation led by Pastor Janet Banks, NDP Chaplain
4. Candidates Address the State Central Committee members
5. Actions of the NDP Secretary, Charlene Ligon
 - a. Quorum
 - b. Seating of Delegates
 - c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Copies available at the podium and on NDP website
<https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>
6. Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - a. Summary of accounts
 - i. Copies of 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
 - a. Finance Plan Updates
 - i. Morrison Exon Fundraiser and Volunteer Awards
 - ii. National support update
 1. SPIF Grant from ASDC and DNC
 2. DCCC Staff Member, Jason Valandra, on the ground organizing hand and hand with the NDP.
 - iii. Monthly donor update
 1. Sign Up to Be a Monthly Donor today.
8. New Business of Chair Jane Kleeb
 - NDP Officer Updates

- o Jane KleeB, Chair
 - Update on Special Committee on Party Reform
 - Frank LaMere Grassroots Fellows
- o Richard Register, 1st Associate Chair
- o Preston Love Jr., 2nd Associate Chair
- o Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
 - DNC Meeting updates
 - National Convention updates
- Staff Updates
 - o Welcome to the Party Postcard Project
 - o Block Captains
 - o Candidate Recruitment
 - o VAN Reminders
 - o Newsletter, Listserves + Email Sign Up Reminders

9. Rules Committee Report, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald

- a. Update on Delegate Selection Plan process for 2020 Democratic National Convention (July 13-16, 2020 in Milwaukee)

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 October 17, 2019 (10 days before the meeting)

11. 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/>

Listserves: 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.

Dates and Locations for 2019-2020 SCC Meetings and Conventions: Locations and dates proposed for the upcoming SCC meetings. This revised agenda was approved at the March SCC meeting.

- 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
- 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. This is where people can start the process to become a State Delegate to the National Convention.
- 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 2020, CD3, Hastings
 - Featured Caucus: Young Democrats
- December 2020, Phone Meeting

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 as tailor a training. Please schedule trainings with precious@nebraskademocrats.org.

Block Captains

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, Lincoln, NE 68508 (new address!)

Omaha NDP Office: The building we had our office in, with other community groups, was sold. We will have our new office in Omaha by the end of the year. We are also working out of the Sarpy County Democrats office as well and will continue to do so during the 2020 cycle in addition to offices in Omaha.

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

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>

