



**Nebraska Democratic Party Central Committee Meeting
Hilton Omaha, 1001 Cass St, Omaha, NE
Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by State Chair Jane Kleeb

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Black Caucus Chair Precious Mckesson

Invocation – Pastor Janet Banks - NDP Chaplain

Chair Kleeb recognized special guest ASDC President, DNC Vice Chair and Chair Minnesota DFL Chair Ken Martin.

Quorum – Secretary, Charlene Ligon – 77 present

Seating of New Delegates

CD2

Delegate - LD8 – Female – Christi Bradley

Delegate – LD8 – Male – Peter Bradley

Alternate – LD13 – Male – Maurice Jones

Motion by Nathan Zingg LD9, to seat the delegates, seconded by Precious McKesson LD13; carried by voice vote.

Minutes corrected - Should read

John Yoakum made motion to seat the delegates, instead of approve the minutes.

Motion concerning by bylaw was withdrawn; should not be in the minutes.

Remark at end by Michelle Sky Walker should not be in minutes.

Minutes accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report – Ted Kessler

Finance Committee Update – Richard Register, Chair

Motion to appoint Charlene Ligon, Sharlette Schwenninger, Patty Zieg Co-Finance Chairs by John Yoakum LD, seconded by Bill Forsee, LD3, carried by voice vote.

Chair Kleeb thanked Mayor Mike Fahey for his continuing support for the Block Captian Program and President Ken Martin and DNC Chair Tom Perez for the award of \$47,500 for the Block Captain Program (allows the NDP to bring on Gina Frank full time).

Chair Kleeb stated the Party Reform committee has met and is working on reforms; the Frank LaMere Grassroots Fellow Programs is for rural communities.

Candidates

Ann Ashford
Gladys Harrison
Babs Ramsey

Officer Report and Staff Repts

1st Associate Chair – Richard Register
Give to local candidates
Thanked the staff for the ME Dinner success
National Committeewoman – Patty Zieg
Thanked everyone.
National committeeman – Ron Kaminski
Thanked everyone.

Guest Speaker – Ken Martin, President ASDC, Vice Chair DNC and Chair, Minnesota Farmers Labor Party

Candidates

Video – Senator Amy Klobuchar
Kieran McCarney spoke for Senator Klobuchar.
Sidney Butler spoke for Senator Elizabeth Warren

Staff Updates (See slides) Gina Frank, Precious McKesson, Ron Rivera, and Jim Rogers

1. Summer Survey Results
2. Welcome to the Party Postcard Project
3. Block and Community Captains
4. Grassroots Outreach with Diverse Communities
5. Candidate Recruitment
6. VAN Reminders
7. Security Handout from DNC
8. Newsletter, Listserves + Email Sign Up Reminder

Rules Committee Report – Trevor Fitzgerald, Chair

Delegate Selction Plan

Motion to approve the date, May 14-24, 2020 for county conventions by Lisa Fricke, LD49, seconded by Jason Valndra LD13, carried by voice vote.

Motion to move state convention location to Capital Marriott, Omaha on June 5-7, 2020 by Precious McKesson LD13 and seconded by Nathan Zingg LD9, carried by voice vote.

Chair Kleeb stated Precious McKesson and Patty Zieg did a National Convention site visit to the Crown Point Hotel, Chicago O'Hare airport vicinity, the Nebraska delegation will share the hotel with Tennessee.

Candidates

Video – Kate Bolz
Dan Wik

Angie Phillips
Chris Janicek

Platform and Resolution Report – Shirl Mora James, Chair

1. Resolution: Opposing Military Intervention in and Economic Sanctions on Venezuela

WHEREAS United States foreign policy has contributed in the past to the overthrow of governments in Latin America; and

WHEREAS the Trump Administration along with other Republican and some Democratic leaders have called for the ouster of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro – whose government is recognized by United Nations – and have abetted Venezuelan military officers seeking to overthrow their government, have threatened to use U.S. troops to invade the country, and have violated the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations by failing to secure Venezuelan consulates from hostile takeover -- actions that are made more troubling coming from a president who openly admits that control of oil is a main driver for his policies, and is desperate to distract from multiple ongoing investigations; and

WHEREAS the actual effect of the Trump administration's sanctions, placed in violation of the UN and OAS charters, has been the opposite of their proclaimed purpose – they have increased the suffering of the Venezuelan people by cutting off the availability of basic necessities and critical medications while wreaking havoc on Venezuela's economy, thereby further polarizing the Venezuelan people, and exacerbating civil conflict;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party opposes any attempts by the Trump Administration to overthrow the government of Venezuela directly or indirectly by arming other forces, internal or external, that aim to take power undemocratically and in violation of international law, calls for the easing of economic sanctions, affirms the right of the Venezuelan government to safely operate and control its own embassy in Washington, D.C., opposes infliction upon the Venezuelan people of more suffering that overt or covert war and sanctions surely bring; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on our Democratic leaders to support multilateral diplomatic efforts to promote negotiations between the Venezuelan government and the various opposition groups to resolve the Venezuelan crisis peacefully and democratically.

Sponsor/Submitted by:
National Democratic Party **PASSED**

2. Resolution: Support of Nuclear Arms Control

WHEREAS the U.S. has announced that it is walking away from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, an agreement made between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in 1987 to eliminate nuclear weapons deployed in Europe that put the continent on a trip-wire to nuclear war; and the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), which limits the number of US and Russian strategic nuclear weapons, is set to expire soon, with no renewal in sight; and

WHEREAS the U.S. has also withdrawn from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) agreement that prevents Iran from building or acquiring nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS the threat of nuclear war is the most acute it has been in decades because of the world's 15,000 or so nuclear weapons that have the risk of literally ending the world according to International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Chief Beatrice Fihn of Sweden;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party urges the Nebraska Congressional delegation to vigorously advocate U.S. adherence to the INF Treaty and reject the funding of nuclear weapons systems which the INF Treaty bans; support U.S. diplomacy to negotiate continuation of the INF Treaty, renew START, and honor the JCPOA agreement; and advocate negotiations to eliminate all nations' nuclear weapons, in keeping with the Nuclear Non- Proliferation Treaty passed by the U.N. in 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to all members of the Nebraska Congressional delegation.

Sponsor/Submitted by:

National Democratic Party - **PASSED**

3. Resolution: Auditing of the Pentagon Budget

WHEREAS the Pentagon Budget represents more than half of the discretionary spending in the national budget of the United States; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States of America (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11) specifically grants to Congress the authority to declare war, making the AUMF a fundamental violation of division of power among the branches of the government codified in the Constitution; and

WHEREAS the military's wasted and misdirected funds would be far better used to assist conversion from a military and fossil-fuel based economy to a sustainable economy that meets such civilian needs as health care, education, housing, mass transportation, renewable energy, and ending poverty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party urges the Congressional Delegation from Nebraska to support on-going auditing of the Pentagon budget and to vote against any Defense Appropriations legislation in 2019 and 2020 that does not directly address Pentagon waste;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to all members of Nebraska's Congressional delegation.

Sponsor/Submitted

National Democratic Party **PASSED**

4. Repeal of the AUMF Resolution

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States passed the AUMF (Authorization of Use of Military Force) in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks – with Congresswoman Barbara Lee casting the lone dissenting vote – granting the President of the United States sole discretionary power, without specific Congressional authorization, to direct the U.S. military to undertake offensive operations; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States of America (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11) specifically grants to Congress the authority to declare war, making the AUMF a fundamental violation of division of power among the branches of the government codified in the Constitution; and

WHEREAS since the passage of the AUMF, the United States, under three Presidents, has engaged in military action in at least 14 different countries without Congressional approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party urges the Congressional Delegation from Nebraska to support the repeal of the AUMF;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to all members of Nebraska's Congressional delegation.

Sponsor/Submitted by:

National Democratic Party – **PASSED**

5. Resolution: Diversity/Cultural Sensitivity Training and Practices

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Democratic Party is constantly changing and evolving toward a more culturally diverse coalition of activists and change-makers, and that the Nebraska Democratic Party has a strong foundation of various cultures and ethnic backgrounds making up our assemblage and organization;

WHEREAS, to make the biggest possible impact, the Nebraska Democratic Party needs to adapt to this truth. In order to become a truly inclusive organization, diversity training will help the Nebraska Democratic Party to develop the necessary awareness and knowledge of said cultures. This will result in the party's ability to thrive with an everchanging base of voters;

WHEREAS, despite today's growing diversity and open mindedness, many Nebraska Democratic Party decisions are still the result of unconscious biases—often without the decision- maker even realizing it, and these unconscious biases can make Nebraska Democratic Party members feel left out—both from social groups in the organization and from professional opportunities for growth and advancement;

WHEREAS having a diverse and engaged community of members means having access to an organization with a wide range of perspectives to tackle challenges, and each person brings their own experiences and way of thinking to the organization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party, to grow and to develop as a proactive body for future Democrats of Nebraska, to include, to adopt, to implement, and to encourage ongoing formalized diversity/cultural sensitivity training and practices for the organization, its subordinates and its affiliates; and ideally, the Nebraska Democratic Party State Executive Committee shall participate annually and the Nebraska Democratic Party State Central Committee shall participate biannually.

Sponsor/Submitted by:

Kimara Z. Snipe - **PASSED**

CD1 Report – John Yoakum, CD Chair

Passed resolution to allow 90 minutes for meetings.

CD2 Report – Ben Cass, CD Chair

Passed resolution to allow 90 minutes for meetings.

Rules Committee

Stan (Ford) Mommaerts-Brown, Sam Huppert, Lacey Merica

CD3 Report – Judy Vohland, CD Chair

Platform and Resolution Committee

Haley Mazoor

Chair Kleeb stated the NDP is close to signing the lease on a South Omaha office.

Working Families Caucus – CJ King

Event – Blue Collar boxing. November 27 – tickets available at United Way of the Midlands website.

Meeting adjourned by motion.

**Submitted by Charlene Ligon
Secretary, Nebraska Democratic Party**

First Name	Last Name	LDistrict	Delegate/A		10/26/2019
			Iternate	Female/Male	Attendance
Janet	Kirkendall	1	Delegate	Female	x
Clayton	Christiansen	1	Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	1	Alternate	Female	
Spencer	Morrissey	1	Alternate	Male	
Mark	Minchow	2	Delegate	Male	x
Susan	Tafini	2	Delegate	Female	x
Marsha	Babcock	2	Alternate	Female	x
Kenneth	Cotton	2	Alternate	Male	
Karima	Al-Absy	3	Delegate	Female	x
William	Forsee	3	Delegate	Male	x
Marta	Nieves	3	Alternate	Female	x
Robert	Gerber	3	Alternate	Male	
Dee	Austin	4	Delegate	Female	x
Allen	Sherman	4	Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	4	Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	4	Alternate	Male	
Robin	Quarles	5	Delegate	Female	
Evan	Schmeits	5	Delegate	Male	
Lacey	Merica	5	Alternate	Female	x
Ronald	Rivera	5	Alternate	Male	x
Jennie	Butler	6	Delegate	Female	
Eric	Bemberger	6	Delegate	Male	
Lynne	Anderson	6	Alternate	Female	x
Sean	Fennessy	6	Alternate	Male	
Suzanne	Holczer	7	Delegate	Female	
Steven	Rief	7	Delegate	Male	
Elsa	Ramon-Moody	7	Alternate	Female	
Riley	Wilson	7	Alternate	Male	
Cherie	Clark	8	Delegate	Female	x
William	Clark	8	Delegate	Male	x
Sarah Jane	Teezel	8	Alternate	Female	x
Peter	Bradley	8	Alternate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	9	Delegate	Female	
Mark John	Hoeger	9	Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	9	Alternate	Female	
Nathan	Zingg	9	Alternate	Male	x
Lisa	Jennings	10	Delegate	Female	x
Matthew	Mueller	10	Delegate	Male	
Kathy	Miller	10	Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	10	Alternate	Male	
Elizabeth	Keller-Charbonneau	11	Delegate	Female	x
Richard	Ream	11	Delegate	Male	
Pamela Jean	Owens	11	Alternate	Female	
Cornelius	Williams	11	Alternate	Male	x

Marie	Meyers	12 Delegate	Female	Excused
Robert	Meyers	12 Delegate	Male	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	12 Alternate	Female	
Trevor	Fitzgerald	12 Alternate	Male	x
Precious	McKesson	13 Delegate	Female	x
Jason	Valandra	13 Delegate	Male	x
Gail	Knapp	13 Alternate	Female	
Nyok	Kuoiloi	13 Alternate	Male	
Peg	O'Dea Lippert	14 Delegate	Female	x
Randy	Prier	14 Delegate	Male	Excused
Rachel	Carraher	14 Alternate	Female	x
George	Lippert	14 Alternate	Male	x
Bonnie	Phillips	15 Delegate	Female	
Micheal	Petersen	15 Delegate	Male	x
Cary	Deane	15 Alternate	Female	
Vernon	White	15 Alternate	Male	
Candra	Guenther	16 Delegate	Female	
Jo-EI	Chiles	16 Delegate	Male	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	16 Alternate	Female	
Lyle	Koenig	16 Alternate	Male	
Jana	Adam	17 Delegate	Female	
Frank	Adams	17 Delegate	Male	
Bev	Calvert	17 Alternate	Female	
David	Hoelting	17 Alternate	Male	
Brittany	Black	18 Delegate	Female	x
Brad	Christian-Sallis	18 Delegate	Male	
Caroline	Sedlacek	18 Alternate	Female	
Scott	Winkler	18 Alternate	Male	
Leann	Widhalm	19 Delegate	Female	x
Daniel	Wik	19 Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	19 Alternate	Female	
Pete	Rizzo	19 Alternate	Male	
Lynne	Elwood	20 Delegate	Female	x
Nate	Gadzinski	20 Delegate	Male	
Schmeeka	Simpson	20 Alternate	Female	x
Jeremy	Wright	20 Alternate	Male	
Mechelle	Sky Walker	21 Delegate	Female	x
Brodey	Weber	21 Delegate	Male	
Shari	Busch	21 Alternate	Female	
David	Nun	21 Alternate	Male	
Nina	Nelson	22 Delegate	Female	
Tom	Havelka	22 Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	22 Alternate	Female	
Charles	Jasper	22 Alternate	Male	
Jennifer	Norris	23 Delegate	Female	x
Mikel-Jon	Divis	23 Delegate	Male	

Merrion	Brooks	23	Alternate	Female	
Jack	Eager	23	Alternate	Male	
Shannon	Graves	24	Delegate	Female	x
Alex	Kufeldt	24	Delegate	Male	x
Deanna	Pulse	24	Alternate	Female	
Eric	Manley	24	Alternate	Male	
Barbara	Tracy	25	Delegate	Female	x
Tom	Green	25	Delegate	Male	x
Lauren	Williams	25	Alternate	Female	x
John	Roosmann	25	Alternate	Male	
Irene	Nedved	26	Delegate	Female	x
John	Cartier	26	Delegate	Male	
Patti	French	26	Alternate	Female	x
Kenneth	Nickerson	26	Alternate	Male	
Shayla	Swift	27	Delegate	Female	
Ron	Hiatt	27	Delegate	Male	
Jennifer	Seaman	27	Alternate	Female	
Thomas	Beckmann	27	Alternate	Male	
Maryjo	Engelhard Shibata	28	Delegate	Female	x
Gerry	Finnegan	28	Delegate	Male	x
Angel	Schmidt	28	Alternate	Female	x
Aurang	Zeb	28	Alternate	Male	
Janet	Banks	29	Delegate	Female	x
Roger	Eschliman	29	Delegate	Male	x
Hannah	Wroblewski	29	Alternate	Female	x
Brandon	Helding	29	Alternate	Male	
Shirley	Mora James	30	Delegate	Female	x
Zachary	Mora James	30	Delegate	Male	x
Sue	Martin	30	Alternate	Female	x
Steven	Jones	30	Alternate	Male	
Catherine	Baker-Coleman	31	Delegate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	31	Delegate	Male	
Sarah	Mertz	31	Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	31	Alternate	Male	
Jane	Egan	32	Delegate	Female	
Travis	Waldron	32	Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	32	Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	32	Alternate	Male	
Dianne	Norris	33	Delegate	Female	x
Tom	Genung	33	Delegate	Male	x
Judy	Wagoner	33	Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	33	Alternate	Male	
LeEllen	Haynes	34	Delegate	Female	x
Matthew	Vajgrt	34	Delegate	Male	
Yolanda	Chavez Nuncio	34	Alternate	Female	
Richard	Maciejewski	34	Alternate	Male	
VACANT	VACANT	35	Delegate	Female	

Brian	Whitecalf	35 Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	35 Alternate	Female	
Terry	Wegner	35 Delegate	Male	x
Ann	Trullinger	36 Delegate	Female	x
VACANT	VACANT	36 Delegate	Male	
Laura	Rody	36 Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	36 Alternate	Male	
Deanna	Jesse	37 Delegate	Female	x
Mark	Foradori	37 Delegate	Male	x
Kit	Alff	37 Alternate	Female	
Darren	Cudaback	37 Alternate	Male	
Elena	Olson King	38 Delegate	Female	X
Steve	Kile	38 Delegate	Male	Excused
Jan	Hobbs	38 Alternate	Female	
Jerrell	Johnson	38 Alternate	Male	
VACANT	VACANT	39 Delegate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	39 Delegate	Male	
VACANT	VACANT	39 Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	39 Alternate	Male	
Marlo	Johnson	40 Delegate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	40 Delegate	Male	
VACANT	VACANT	40 Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	40 Alternate	Male	
Carol	Leth	41 Delegate	Female	
Art	Tanderup	41 Delegate	Male	
VACANT	VACANT	41 Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	41 Alternate	Male	
Christie	Parker	42 Delegate	Female	X
Terry	Sigler	42 Delegate	Male	x
Lauree	Sigler	42 Alternate	Female	x
Robert	Parker	42 Alternate	Male	x
Jazmin	Pruneda Mehne	43 Delegate	Female	
Evan	Mehne	43 Delegate	Male	
Donabeth	Houx	43 Alternate	Female	
Roger	Wess	43 Alternate	Male	x
Martha Jane	Keller	44 Delegate	Female	
Justin	Daake	44 Delegate	Male	
Angela	Thomas	44 Alternate	Female	
Michael	Jonckheere	44 Alternate	Male	
Nancy	Scott	45 Delegate	Female	x
Roy	Gertig	45 Delegate	Male	
Jean	Seibel	45 Alternate	Female	x
Edward	Ventura Jr	45 Alternate	Male	
Stephanie	Matejka	46 Delegate	Female	x
Joe	Shaw	46 Delegate	Male	x

Shams	Al-Badry	46 Alternate	Female	
Price	Rivers	46 Alternate	Male	x
Ann	Klein	47 Delegate	Female	x
James "Doc"	Moore	47 Delegate	Male	x
VACANT	VACANT	47 Alternate	Female	
David	Bass	47 Alternate	Male	
VACANT	VACANT	48 Delegate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	48 Delegate	Male	
VACANT	VACANT	48 Alternate	Female	
VACANT	VACANT	48 Alternate	Male	
Lorri	Kile	49 Delegate	Female	Excused
Philip	Champion	49 Delegate	Male	
Lisa	Fricke	49 Alternate	Female	x
Thomas	Gray	49 Alternate	Male	x

