



State Central Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 18, 2020
Divots Conference Center, Norfolk, Nebraska

Meeting called to order by State Chair Kleeb at 1:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance and Remarks – Adrian Sanchez, Chair Disabilities Caucus

Invocation – Pastor Janet Banks

Welcome – Pete Rizzo, Chair Madison County Democrats

Candidate Remarks

Angie Phillips
Alisha Shelton

Delegate 101 Training – Slides and Manual

Precious Mckesson, Gina Frank, Trevor Fitzgerald
Chair Kleeb discussed the Fairness Resolution

Candidate Remarks –

Babs Ramsey
Chris Janicek
Video Ann Ashford

Quorum State Secretary, Charlene Ligon – 60 present

Seating of Delegates and CD Reports

CD1 – John Yoakum
LD27 Peter Cohen – Male Alternate
LD19 Stacey James – Female Alternate
CD Secretary – Hannah Wroblewski
CD2 – Ben Cass
LD4 Bob Meyers - Male Alternate
LD10 Alisha Shelton – Female Alternate
LD12 Trevor Fitzgerald – Male Alternate
LD18 Spencer Danner – Male Delegate
LD20 Nate Johnson – Male Delegate
LD49 Thomas Gray – Male Delegate
Technology Committee – Christy Bradley

CD3 – Judy Vohland
LD41 Nina Sprague – Female Delegate
Rules Committee – Caleb Rohrer
State Convention Committee – Bob Parker
Nomination Committee - Shannon Graves and Christy Parker

Approval of Minutes – Accepted as submitted

Treasurer’s Report – Jim Rogers, Executive Director

Finance Committee Report – Co-Chairs Charlene Ligon, Sharlette Schwenninger, Patty Zieg

Report presented by Sharlette Schwenninger

NDP met its 2019 plan

2020 Plan presented

Motion to accept plan by Precious McKesson, seconded by Ben Cass; carried by voice vote.

ME Dinner was highly successful.

National Support Update – Jim Rogers, Executive Director

SPIF grant from ASDC and DNC

DCCC staff member is Jason Valandra

20 new donors

New Business

Officer Report –

1st Associate Chair – Richard Register

ASDC Meeting Update

National convention Update

National Committeeman – Ron Kaminski

National Convention

Chair Kleeb

Frank LaMere Grassroots Fund raised over \$20,000

Party Reform Committee Report

- **State Central Committee Membership**

- Keep current LD structure for the election of State Central Committee members.
- Add 20 gender balanced at-large seats, appointed by the Executive Committee to ensure regional, ethnic and racial diversity in our body.

- 4 Tribal Members of each Sovereign Nation in Nebraska (Ponca, Santee, Omaha, Winnebago) that are elected by their Tribal Councils.
 - 5 County Chairs.
- Must be from underrepresented areas with a focus on rural counties.
 - 5 Young Democrats (under the age of 35).
 - 6 from diverse communities to bring fuller representation to the SCC.
- **Statewide Officers**
 - First Associate Chair changes name to Vice Chair.
 - Vice Chair of County Parties (also a name change) elected by the County Chairs (replacing the Chair of Chairs seat).
 - Chair, Vice Chair and Vice Chair of County Parties serve 4-year terms (versus 2-year terms) starting their term of service in 2023 (with election of these officers for the new term in 2022).
 - Elections for these three positions to be held in midterm-years at State Convention rather than Presidential years, starting in 2022.
 - Elections for DNC Committeeman and Committeewoman will remain in Presidential years at State Convention. The terms remain 4-year terms.
 - After the regularly scheduled leadership elections, the new officers takes office the day after the general election of that year instead of at the next SCC meeting after the election.
- **Vacancies**
 - If a vacancy occurs, there must be at least 30 days before an election is held.

- If something happens to both Chair and Vice Chair, the Chair of County Parties becomes acting Chair until the election at least 30 days after the vacancy.
- **Conflicts of Interest**
 - Statewide Officers cannot hold elected office, or run campaigns, or run for office while serving their term.
 - NDP staff cannot hold elected office, or run campaigns as a paid staff member to the candidate, or run for office.
 - The NDP's expectation is these rules of state party staff and officers also applies to any county with large resources in order to avoid conflicts of interest and promote fairness among candidates. It is up to each county to adopt or not adopt this rule.
 - Our Code of Conduct and Fairness Resolution are still party of the NDP policies.
- **Caucuses and Councils**
 - Caucuses with members that have immutable characteristics and the Chair of the Caucus SEC.
 - This includes: Women's, Black, Latinx, Native, Stonewall Democrats and Young Democrats.
 - Councils are for issue-based members and the Chair of the Council gets a seat on the SCC (but not the SEC).
 - Councils and Caucus do not have to re-apply for their charters to be recognized under these new rules.
 - Caucuses and councils must submit a yearly report about their past year accomplishments and their plans for next year along with their yearly submission of their bylaws and officers.
 - CDO Associate Chairs of Caucuses become Vice Chair in name also to be consistent with statewide office name change.

Staff Updates

Jim Rogers – Executive Director

Finance Director opening

The Nebraska Democratic Party (NDP) Finance Director's primary responsibilities are to carry-out an annual, large-scale fundraiser, several smaller-scale fundraisers, growing the small donor base and to keep the financial operations at the NDP running smoothly on a day-to-day basis. Candidates must pay meticulous attention to detail, have a passion for growing our organization and demonstrate a real commitment to working on a team in an interactive and dynamic environment. The Finance Director will work closely with the NDP's finance committee, Party Chair and Executive Director.

Data Collection Exchange – DDX with DNC and ASDC
Important partnership -Stack Labs

Gina Frank – Block Captain Program

Block Captain Program
New Voter Welcome Card

Precious Mckesson – Constituency Director

Shop Talk
Delegate 101 Training

Ron Rivera – Data Manager

VAN

Kevin O'Hanlon – Communications Director

Weekly Newsletter
Daily News Clips
List Serves

Rules committee Report – Trevor Fitzgerald, Chair

Delegate Selection Plan – Approved by DNC

NDP 2020 County Convention Rules submitted for approval by Trevor Fitzgerald,
Rule Committee Chair

Motion to amend by CJ King

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Bylaws, the 2020 Nebraska Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) as approved by the Democratic National Committee, and the county party Constitution and Bylaws.

seconded by Doc Moore and carried by voice vote.

Motion to amend by CJ King

3a. All registered Democrats are eligible to be seated as a county convention delegate in the county (and legislative district) in which they reside and are registered to vote. Individuals registered with another political party and registered Independents may not participate in county conventions. For purposes of this rule, a voter's registration status shall be determined by confirming their party affiliation on the centralized voter registration list maintained by the Secretary of State.

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seconded by Doc Moore and carried by voice vote.

Motion to amend by BJ King

3d. A county party may not place an attendance cap on county convention for any reason, and shall seat all registered Democrats in the county (and legislative district) who appear on the date, time, and location designated for county convention as county convention delegates. All county convention delegates may participate fully in all county convention business.

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seconded by Doc Moore; carried by voice vote.

Motion to amend by Richard Register

4c. There shall be no non-public methods of voting used at any county convention. Voting shall be by voice vote, division of the house (standing or show of hands), roll call (by legislative district), or by signed written ballot. No electronic methods of tabulation shall be used, and any signed

written ballots used shall be preserved by the Convention Secretary for possible inspection if necessary.

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seconded by Precious Mckesson; carried by voice vote.

Motion to amend by CJ King

4i. Following the election of county party officers and state convention delegates and alternates, a county convention may conduct other business as appropriate, including:

- i. Adopting a county platform;
- ii. Electing county central committee members;
- iii. Adopting resolutions to be presented to the Platform & Resolutions Committee at State Convention;
- iv. Providing a forum for Democratic candidates for office at the state or local level; or
- v. Transacting any other county party business

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seconded by Doc Moore; carried by voice vote.

Motion to amend by CJ King

6a. In the event of any dispute, all matters will be resolved in accordance with these County Convention Rules, the NDP Constitution & Bylaws, and the 2020 Nebraska DSP.

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Constitution & Bylaws, the 2020 Nebraska DSP, and the county party Constitution and Bylaws.
seconded by Doc Moore; carried by voice vote.

The 2020 Convention Rules adopted as amended carried by voice vote.

Motion to establish NDP County Convention Committee(NDPCCC) by Gina Frank, seconded by Precious McKesson; carried by voice vote.

Motion to set the State Convention Allocation target number at 400, actual number at 581 carried by voice vote.

Platform and Resolution Committee – Shirl Mora James, Chair

Resolution from the Rural Caucus commending Chair Jane Kleeb

The Rural Caucus of the Nebraska Democratic Party, Believing, That a strong rural base in the Democratic Party is crucial to developing a strong national Democratic Party; Believing, That the Heartland States are critical to the strong rural base of the Democratic Party; and Believing, That State Chairs are a significant source of leadership in this effort; therefore Commends, Chair Jane Kleeb for her efforts to rebuild the Nebraska Democratic Party; Commends, Her support of the rural Democrats in Nebraska and the Rural Caucus of the Nebraska Democratic Party; and Commends, Her for the time and effort she spent to address the Regional Rural Conference in Topeka Kansas on October 19th, where her speech was well received by those in attendance.

Resolution accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Janet Stewart announced she is stepping down as Chair of the Women's Caucus, Sharlette Schwenninger will step up to chair the caucus.

Motion to accept the NDP Field Plan accepted as proposed by Anna Marasco, second by Rachel Walter; carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned by motion.

Submitted by Charlene Ligon
Secretary, Nebraska Democratic Party

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Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Adrian Sanchez,

Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus Chair

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Invocation

Led by Pastor Janet Banks,
NDP Chaplain

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Welcome

Pete Rizzo,
Madison County Chair

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SCC Training: Delegate 101

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Charlene Ligon

NDP Secretary

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

Ted Kessler

Treasurer

- **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**
 - **VOTE: Finance Plan 2020** (in your folder at the registration desk, please leave with staff after the meeting)
- **Morrison Exon Final Report**
 - Funds raised and feedback

Finance Committee Report

- **National support update**
 - SPIF Grant from ASDC and DNC
 - DCCC Staff Member, Jason Valandra, on the ground organizing hand in hand with the NDP, working out of NDP office in Omaha
- **Monthly donor update**
 - Sign Up to Be a Monthly Donor today. Our goal for this meeting is 20 new donors

New Business

NDP Officer Updates

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Jane Kleeb, Chair

- **Update on Party Reform Special Committee**
 - See contents of proposed ideas at the end of your packet--the ideas will be discussed at the SCC meeting in Norfolk. We will not vote on these possible changes until the State Convention)

Jane Kleeb, Chair (continued)

- **Frank LaMere Grassroots Fellows**

Richard Register, 1st Associate Chair

- **ASDC Meeting updates**
- **National Convention updates**

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Preston Love Jr.

2nd Associate Chair

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Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members

- **DNC Meeting updates**

Staff Updates

- **VOTE:** Field Plan 2020 (in your folder at the registration desk, please leave with staff after the meeting)
- **Finance Director position** (open, see Jim Rogers to apply or if you have recommendations)
- **Grassroots Outreach with Diverse Communities**

Staff Updates (continued)

- **DDX Data Exchange with DNC & ASDC**
- **New Data Project + VAN Reminders**
 - Feb 1st Deadline for Enhanced Users
- **Delegate 101 Trainings** (locations at the end of this packet)

Staff Updates (continued)

- **Welcome to the Party Postcard Project**
- **Block Captains**
- **Candidate Recruitment**
- **Newsletter, Listserves + Email Sign Up Reminders**

Trevor Fitzgerald

Rules Committee

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

Trevor Fitzgerald

Rules Committee (continued)

- **Read the DSP and the blog summarizing the information:**

<https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/how-to-become-a-delegate-to-the-2020-democratic-national-convention/>

Trevor Fitzgerald

Rules Committee (continued)

- **Reminder that applications for Temporary Standing Committee Members are due February 14th**
 - See detailed information below on the DSP

Trevor Fitzgerald

Rules Committee (continued)

Update on County/State Convention Preparation

- **VOTE:** County Convention Rules (proposed county convention rules are in your packet.)
- **VOTE:** State Convention Delegate Allocation Formula (proposed delegate allocation formula are in your packet)

Shirl Mora James

Platform and Resolutions Committee

- **Conduct any votes for proposed resolutions, which are in the SCC folder.**

Reports from Congressional District and Committee Chairs

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Announcements

- Announcements from the floor.

Thank you, SCC Members!

- **Return Folders with Finance Plan and Field Plan**
- Reminder to give your **name tag and lanyard** back to staff as you leave. Please write any updates needed on your name tag.
- Drop off your **monthly donor pledge** with staff.
- 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.

Adjournment

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First Name	Last Name	1/18/2020 SCC Meeting
Jane	Kleeb	x
Richard	Register	x
Preston	Love Jr.	Excused
Patty	Zieg	Excused
Ron	Kaminski	x
Charlene	Ligon	x
Ted	Kessler	Excused
Willie	Hamilton	
Shams	Al-Badry	Excused
John	Yoakum	x
Marthaellen	Florence	Excused
Ben	Cass	x
Anna	Marasco	x
Judy	Vohland	x
Terry	Sigler	x
Precious	McKesson	x
Edison	McDonald	Excused
Dulce	Sherman	x
Adrian	Sanchez	x
Joe	Shaw	x
Jason	Valandra	x
Dustin	Jennings	x
Janet	Stewart	x
CJ	King	x
Emma	Craig	x
Doc	Moore	x
Gina	Frank	x
Bud	Pettigrew	x
Trevor	Fitzgerald	x
Rachele	Walter	x
Adelle	Burk	
Sharlette	Schwenninger	x

First Name	Last Name	1/18/2020 SCC Meeting
Spencer	Morrissey	
VACANT	VACANT	
Clayton	Christiansen	
Janet	Kirkendall	
Marsha	Babcock	Excused
Kenneth	Cotton	Excused
Mark	Minchow	x
Susan	Tafini	Excused
Marta	Nieves	Excused
Robert	Gerber	
William	Forsee	Excused
Karima	Al-Absy	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	
Bob	Meyers	Excused
Dee	Austin	x
Allen	Sherman	x
Lacey	Merica	Excused
Ronald	Rivera	x
Robin	Quarles	
Evan	Schmeits	
Lynne	Anderson	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	
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Elsa	Ramon-Moody	
VACANT	VACANT	
Steven	Rief	
Sarah Jane	Teetzel	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	
Christi	Bradley	x
Peter	Bradley	x
VACANT	VACANT	
Nathan	Zingg	x
VACANT	VACANT	
Mark John	Hoeger	x
Alisha	Shelton	x
Vincent	Shelton	x
Lisa	Jennings	x

Matthew	Mueller	
VACANT	VACANT	
Cornelius	Williams	
Elizabeth	Keller-Charbonneau	
Stanford	Mommaerts-Brown	
VACANT	VACANT	
VACANT	VACANT	x
Marie	Meyers	Excused
Trevor	Fitzgerald	x
Gail	Knapp	
Maurice	Jones	
Precious	McKesson	x
Jason	Valandra	x
Rachel	Carraher	Excused
George	Lippert	Excused
Peg	O'Dea Lippert	Excused
Randy	Prier	x
Cary	Deane	
Vernon	White	
Bonnie	Phillips	
Michael	Petersen	
Holly	Bonasera	
Lyle	Koenig	
Candra	Guenther	x
Jo-El	Chiles	Excused
David	Hoelting	
Bev	Calvert	
Jana	Adam	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	
Caroline	Sedlacek	
VACANT	VACANT	
Brittany	Black	Excused
Spencer	Danner	x
VACANT	VACANT	
Pete	Rizzo	x
Leann	Widhalm	x
Daniel	Wik	x
Schmeeka	Simpson	
Nate	Johnson	x
Lynne	Elwood	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	

Shari	Busch	Excused
David	Nun	
Mechelle	Sky Walker	x
Brodey	Weber	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	
Charles	Jasper	
Nina	Nelson	
Tom	Havelka	Excused
Merrion	Brooks	
Jack	Eager	
Jennifer	Norris	x
Mikel-Jon	Divis	x
Deanna	Pulse	
Eric	Manley	
Alex	Kufeldt	
Shannon	Graves	x
Lauren	Williams	
John	Roosmann	
Barbara	Tracy	
Tom	Green	
Patti	French	x
Kenneth	Nickerson	
Irene	Nedved	
John	Cartier	
Jennifer	Seaman	
Thomas	Beckmann	
Shayla	Swift	
Ron	Hiatt	
Angel	Schmidt	
Aurang	Zeb	
Maryjo	Engelhard Shibata	Excused
Gerry	Finnegan	x
Hannah	Wroblewski	x
Brandon	Helding	
Janet	Banks	x
Roger	Eschliman	
Sue	Martin	Excused
Steven	Jones	
Shirley	Mora James	x
Zachary	Mora James	x
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Jane	Egan	Excused
Travis	Waldron	
Judy	Wagoner	
VACANT	VACANT	
Dianne	Norris	
Tom	Genung	Excused
Yolanda	Chavez Nuncio	
Richard	Maciejewski	Excused
LeEllen	Haynes	x
Matthew	Vajgrt	
VACANT	VACANT	
Terry	Wegner	x
VACANT	VACANT	
Brian	Whitecalf	
Laura	Rody	
VACANT	VACANT	
Ann	Trullinger	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	
Kit	Alff	Excused
Darren	Cudaback	
Deanna	Jesse	
Mark	Foradori	
Jan	Hobbs	Excused
Jerrell	Johnson	
Elena	Olson King	x
VACANT	VACANT	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	
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Marlo	Johnson	
VACANT	VACANT	
Mena	Sprague	
VACANT	VACANT	

Carol	Leth	
Art	Tanderup	Excused
Lauree	Sigler	Excused
Robert	Parker	x
Christie	Parker	x
Terry	Sigler	Excused
Donabeth	Houx	
Roger	Wess	
Jazmin	Pruneda Mehne	
Evan	Mehne	
Angela	Thomas	
Michael	Jonckheere	
Martha Jane	Keller	
Justin	Daake	
Jean	Seibel	Excused
Edward	Ventura Jr	Excused
Nancy	Scott	Excused
Roy	Gertig	Excused
Shams	Al-Badry	
Price	Rivers	
Stephanie	Matejka	x
Joe	Shaw	x
VACANT	VACANT	
David	Bass	
Ann	Klein	x
James "Doc"	Moore	x
VACANT	VACANT	
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Lisa	Fricke	Excused
VACANT	VACANT	Excused
Lorri	Kile	Excused
Thomas	Gray	Excused