



Nebraska Democratic Party

## State Central Committee Meeting July 18-19, 2020 10-Day Packet

The Nebraska Democratic Party will hold Congressional District Caucus meetings and a State Central Committee meeting on July 18 and 19, 2020 via phone/video platform.

The agenda and schedule is below with further information about key dates.

- View the SCC Manual, this will help you understand your role in the party:
  - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/SCC-Delegate-101-Manual.pdf>
- View the list of SCC Members and vacancies:
  - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/scc-members-2020-22/>

If you have any questions about the meeting, please email Precious McKesson, the lead staff member for our SCC meetings: [precious@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:precious@nebraskademocrats.org).



# Schedule and Agenda

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## July 18: Congressional District Caucus Meetings 12:30pm-7:30pm CT

The phone/video platform information will be sent to all SCC Members via email.

### **CD3 Caucus, Chair Vohland**

12:30-2pm CT

### **CD2 Caucus, Chair Cass**

3-5pm CT

### **CD1 Caucus, Chair Yoakum**

5:30-7:30pm CT

### **Agenda for CD Caucus Meetings**

- Fill vacancies for SCC Member positions
- Other agenda items relevant to each CD
- Review of Standing Committees
  - **Reminder:** We cannot elect Standing Committee positions at the Congressional District level until after the continuation of the State Convention. The descriptions of the Committees are listed below for information purposes only and to help SCC Members in the planning process. When we hold the continuation of the State Convention and our SCC Meeting (Sept. 25-27 in Hastings), that is when you can run for one of the committee positions in your Congressional District Caucus meeting.

### **Standing Committees**

The work of party operations happens in our committees. Elections to serve on one of the committees will take place in the CD Caucus meetings after the continuation of the State Convention.

#### **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.

- Each CD elects two men and two women to serve on the Rules Committee.

**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.

- Each CD elects four men and four women to serve on the Platform and Resolutions Committee.

**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.

- Each CD elects two men and two women to serve on the State Convention Committee.

**Nominating Committee, Chair Roger Morgan**

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.

- Each CD elects two men and two women to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**Technology Committee, Chair TBA**

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.

- Each CD elects two men and two women to serve on the Technology Committee.

**Audit and Review Committee, Chair TBA**

The Audit & Review Committee shall review expenditures by 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.

- Each CD elects one man and one woman to serve on the Audit and Review Committee.

### **Archives and Historical Preservation Committee, Chair TBA**

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.

- The Archives and Historical Preservation Committee is composed of at least one individual from each CD, appointed by the State Chair.

### **Finance Committee, Co-Chair's Charlene Ligon, CD1, Sharlette Schwenninger, CD3, and Patty Zieg, CD2**

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the development and implementation of an annual financial plan to include the evaluation of all fundraising activities and events.

- The Finance Committee is composed of at least one individual from each CD, appointed by the State Chair.
  - Chair Jane Kleeb, CD3
  - 1st Associate Chair, Richard Register, CD1
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Associate Chair, Preston Love Jr. CD2
  - DNC Committeeman, Ron Kaminiski, CD2
  - Treasurer, Ted Kessler, CD1
  - Dennis Crawford, CD1
  - Stephanie Matejka, CD1
  - Joe Shaw, CD1
  - Dee Austin, CD2
  - Brian Fahey, CD2
  - Trish Lanphier, CD2
  - Tom Genung, CD3
  - Staff: Finance Director Precious McKesson and Executive Director Jim Rogers

## **July 19: State Central Committee Meeting 1-3pm CT**

- Call to Order at 1 p.m.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
- Secretary's Report: Charlene Ligon

- Quorum
- Seating of Delegates
  - Reports from CD Caucus Chairs Cass, Yoakum and Vohland
- Approval of Minutes
  - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>
- Treasurer's Report: Ted Kessler
  - Summary of accounts
    - 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 update
    - 2020 Goal is \$1,270,000 and we have raised \$359,544
  - National support update
  - Monthly donor update
  - Morrison Exon update
- New Business of Chair Jane Kleeb
  - Appointments
    - Treasurer
      1. Ted Kessler
    - Secretary
      1. TBA
    - At-Large SEC Members
      1. Sean Flowerday
      2. Richard Register
    - Committee Chairs
      1. Platform & Resolutions
        - a. Shirl Mora James
      2. Rules

- a. Trevor Fitzgerald
- 3. State Convention
  - a. Stephanie Matejka
- 4. Finance
  - a. Co-Chairs Zieg, Ligon, Schwenninger
- 5. Nominating
  - a. Roger Morgan
- 6. Archives & Historical Preservation
  - a. TBA
- 7. Technology
  - a. TBA
- 8. Audit & Review
  - a. TBA

■ VOTE on Approval

- NDP Officer Updates
  - Jane Kleeb, Chair
  - Richard Register, 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Chair
  - Preston Love Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Associate Chair
  - Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
  - **Reminder:** new DNC Committee Members take office in late August 2020; other new officers take office in January 2021.
- Executive Director Report: Jim Rogers
  - New staff with Coordinated Campaign
  - Review of field operations and investments
- Rules Committee Report: Trevor Fitzgerald
  - Review & Approve the Vacancy rules:  
<https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/u-s-senate-and-house-of-representatives-vacancy-election-procedures/>

- VOTE on US Senate ballot line replacement if/when vacancy occurs
  - VOTE on US Senate write-in candidate if a vacancy does not occur
  - VOTE on CD3 ballot line replacement if/when vacancy occurs
  - VOTE on CD3 write-in candidate if a vacancy does not occur
- Adjournment

## Additional Information

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

- <https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>

**Resolutions Committee Submissions:** We will not consider resolutions at the July SCC Meeting. We will consider resolutions for the September SCC Meeting.

If you want to submit a resolution for consideration, please contact the Resolutions Chair Shirl Mora James by email [platform@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:platform@nebraskademocrats.org)

- Any proposed resolution must be submitted to the Resolution Committee Chair 10-days ahead of the SCC meeting (the next deadline is September 15th, 2020 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 it to the floor of the SCC for a vote. We will hand out the proposed n/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/2020/06/2020-2022-Nebraska-Democratic-Party-Platform.06.01.20fnl.pdf>
  - **Resolutions:**  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7\\_8rcZIkfz7cmdSMk4zZnBZZ0U](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7_8rcZIkfz7cmdSMk4zZnBZZ0U)
- 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.

**#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 🌾 [https://shirts101.store/nebraska\\_democrats](https://shirts101.store/nebraska_democrats)





**Be a Monthly Donor:** Our goal is for every SCC Member to be a monthly donor. For more information email Finance Director Precious McKesson at [precious@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:precious@nebraskademocrats.org).

*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

**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](mailto:kevin@nebraskademocrats.org).

The listservs are meant for the NDP to communicate information to party leaders, candidates and elected officials.

- SCC Members: [2020-SCC@googlegroups.com](mailto:2020-SCC@googlegroups.com)
- SEC Members: [2020-sec@googlegroups.com](mailto:2020-sec@googlegroups.com)
- County Chairs: [nebraskacountychairs@googlegroups.com](mailto:nebraskacountychairs@googlegroups.com)
- Dem Senators: [demsenators@googlegroups.com](mailto:demsenators@googlegroups.com)
- Elected Officials: [nebraska-democratic-elected-officials@googlegroups.com](mailto:nebraska-democratic-elected-officials@googlegroups.com)
- Candidates: [NDP-candidates-nebdems@googlegroups.com](mailto:NDP-candidates-nebdems@googlegroups.com)
- Block Captains: [nebdemblockcaptains@googlegroups.com](mailto:nebdemblockcaptains@googlegroups.com)

**Trainings:** The NDP offers Block Captain, Blue Bench, and Delegate 101 training 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 a training with [precious@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:precious@nebraskademocrats.org).

**Block Captains:** Gina Frank is our Block Captain Coordinator. We currently have over 800 Block Captains and we need to recruit an additional 200 Block Captains.

You can watch previous Block Captain trainings and see the 2020 Block Captain schedule: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/become-a-block-captain/>

Email [gina@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:gina@nebraskademocrats.org) for more information on the Block Captain program.

**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 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://traindemocrats.org/training-overview/?partner=nebraska-democratic-party>

**DNC Job Bank, 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. The DNC also has a Job Bank:

- <https://jobs.lever.co/dnc/2e44b5bb-6b7b-493d-8b63-a9c3a8877c66/apply>

## Key Dates

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**Nebraska Primary and General Election Dates:** We post election information on the NDP Vote Center <https://nebraskademocrats.org/voting-center/>

- General Election Day: November 3, 2020 (Polls are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT)

**General Election Presidential and VP Debate Schedule:** The formal Presidential Commission has chosen dates for the debates after the primary.

### First Presidential Debate

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

### Vice Presidential Debate

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

### Second Presidential Debate

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

### Third Presidential Debate

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

## NDP Contact Info and Key Links

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**Lincoln NDP Office:** 3701 O Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68510

**Omaha NDP Office:** 5418 S. 27th, Suite 6, Omaha, NE 68107

We also work out of the Sarpy County Democrats office and will open additional field offices in 2020. If your county is interested in hosting an office, please talk with Jim Rogers.

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

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

**Hashtags:** #NebDems, #NEleg, #NebDemsCare

**NDP Staff Contact Info:** <https://nebraskademocrats.org/staff/>

**NDP Elected Officer Contact Info:** <https://nebraskademocrats.org/officers/>

**Serve as a Block Captain:** <https://nebraskademocrats.org/become-a-block-captain/>

**Contact Nebraska's Members of Congress:**

<http://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/contact-information-for-federal-office-holders>

