



Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting January 8-9, 2021 Day of Agenda

The Nebraska Democratic Party looks forward to “seeing” all the SEC and SCC members along with County Chairs, Candidates, Elected Officials and grassroots Democrats at our Council, Caucus and SCC meetings.

Please review the agenda and schedule as some items have changed.

Key Documents:

All of our SCC meeting documents, agendas, bylaws and the training manual for SCC Delegates are on the NDP website.

- Day of Agenda Packet--you are reading it :) All agenda packets are online:
 - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>
- Please share the SCC Meeting Facebook Event (we will stream the meeting on FB):
 - <https://fb.me/e/O93SAS4J>
- SCC Delegate Training Manual (a must read!):
 - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/SCC-Delegate-101-Manual.pdf>
- County Chair Manual (draft):
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YhgqBKB6PPi2VuU7WBI-8usqDdiw2O8RIBZnN3HJwzk/edit?usp=sharing>
- Block Captain Manual 2020 (a 2021 version will be updated soon):
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Booklet-Block-Captain-2020_Screen.pdf
- Archived Minutes and SCC Governing Documents:
 - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>
- Archived Resolutions:
 - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/ndp-resolutions/>

Schedule and Agenda

January 8, 2021

All Meetings Take Place Online and Meeting Times are in CT

6-7 pm

- Platform & Resolutions Committee Meeting (meeting cancelled due to illness)
- Secular Council
 - <https://zoom.us/j/97268126189>
 - Code: 796339
- Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/93390646864>
 - Code: 573444
- Working Families Council
 - <https://zoom.us/j/91586219405>
 - Code: 405722
- Veteran's & Military Families Council
 - <https://zoom.us/j/99386204119>
 - Code: 679388
- Youth Assembly Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/95137950821>
 - Code: 566471

7-8 pm

- Stonewall Democrats Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/93874189409>
 - Code: 755795
- Interfaith Council
 - <https://zoom.us/j/98313469336>
 - Code: 573828
- Rural and Agriculture Council
 - <https://zoom.us/j/96846270219>
 - Code: 846777

- Latinx Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/91915905859>
 - Code: 336291
- Women's Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/95779797036>
 - Code: 274291

8-9 pm

- Climate Council
 - <https://zoom.us/j/92078466823>
 - Code: 227712
- Black Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/97938115918>
 - Code: 50238
- Native Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/98009185228>
 - Code: 411296

January 9, 2021

All Meetings Take Place Online and Meeting Times are in CT

9-10 am

- County Chairs Meeting
 - <https://zoom.us/j/92782306190>
 - Code: 744309

10-11:30 am

- Congressional District 1 Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/98989247918>
 - Code: 234726
- Congressional District 2 Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/92030939932>
 - Code: 997249
- Congressional District 3 Caucus
 - <https://zoom.us/j/91771436832>
 - Code: 171332

SCC Meeting Agenda

January 9, 2021

Noon-3pm CT

- Reminders:
 - Only SCC Delegates can vote during the SCC meeting and are the only ones on the Zoom phone or online platform. SCC Members that are Alternate come on then ZOOM only when seated as a Delegate and are notified by staff. The public and Alternates can view the meeting via FB Live.
 - If you are a SCC Delegate, please look for a separate email with the ZOOM SCC call information.
 - Staff be on the zoom link to allow you into the meeting up to 15 minutes before the gavel-in time at noon CT.
- Meeting Called to Order at Noon
 - The public can view the meeting live on the NDP's FB page.
 - The Zoom link has been emailed to all SCC Delegates (Alternates watch on FB Live) by Peter Coyne. Please Check your spam mail. If you have not received, please email Peter at peter@nebraskademocrats.org or call 816-506-4170.
- Welcome from Omaha and Lincoln Candidates
 - Candidates for the 2021 Elections are given 3 minutes to address the body.
 - Mark Gudgel - Omaha Mayor
 - RJ Neary - Omaha Mayor
 - Jasmine Harris - Omaha Mayor
 - Kimara Snipes - Omaha Mayor
 - William King - Omaha Mayor
 - Bennie Shobe - Lincoln City Council (CC) At-Large
 - Sändra Washington - Lincoln CC At-Large
 - Aurang Zeb - Lincoln CC At-Large
 - Tom Beckius - Lincoln CC At-Large
 - Juanita Johnson - Omaha CC District 2
 - Steven Abraham - Omaha CC District 2
 - Jonathan Lathan - Omaha CC District 2
 - Cornelius Williams - Omaha CC District 2
 - Destiny Stark - Omaha CC District 5

- Kate Gotsdiner - Omaha CC District 5
 - Robert Wagner - Omaha CC District 5
 - Naomi Hattaway - Omaha CC District 6
 - Sara Kohen - Omaha CC District 7
- Actions of the NDP Secretary, Caleb Rohrer
 - Quorum
 - Seating of Delegates
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Notice of Minutes for the Convention and SCC Meeting in September 2020
 - State Convention 2020 Minutes:
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NDP-Convention-minutes-9_25_2020.pdf
 - September 2020 SCC Minutes:
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SCC-meeting-9_26_2020.pdf
- NDP Officer Updates and New Business
 - Jane Kleeb, Chair
 - Preview of Donor Briefing with Precious McKesson and Jim Rogers
 - **VOTE** on 20 At-Large Appointments
 - Review the proposed names approved by the SEC. The SCC will vote to confirm.
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19KeOiroXfcPQ6lxqInneif2jZmYhJw0E0ekSFYhs9wE/edit?usp=sharing>
 - **VOTE** on updated SCC 2021 schedule
 - **Jan. 8-9, 2021**
Phone Meetings
 - **March 6-7, 2021**
Phone Meetings
 - **June 5-6, 2021**
Hastings (or will be via phone if COVID ongoing)
Featured Caucus: Youth Assembly Caucus (or will be moved to October)

- **October 1-3 2021**
 - Omaha -- Big Blue Weekend including Morrison Exon Event
Featured Council: Working Families Council (If Youth Assembly moved to October, then Working Families will be in 2022 so both caucuses and council have a chance to hold a fundraiser)
 - The 2022 meeting dates will be announced later in 2021. Cities may include Columbus, Scottsbluff and Lincoln. We will not finalize the 2022 dates and cities until we see if we can hold our meetings in Hastings and Omaha.
- Paul Theobald, Vice Chair
- Pastor Janet Banks, 2nd Vice Chair
- Charlene Ligon and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
- **Staff Updates**
 - Jim Rogers, Executive Director
 - Gina Frank, Grassroots Outreach Director
 - Preview of 2021 Block Captain schedule of canvassing and training.
 - Overview of how you can be involved in the 2021 Inauguration activities.
 - You can follow all of the Inaugural activities and purchase official 46 gear here: <https://bideninaugural.org/>
 - MLK Day of Service, Jan. 18
 - a. Food Drive Sign Up:
 - COVID Memorial, Jan. 19
 - a. Light a Candle or Ring Bells Sign Up:
 - Watch President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris get sworn in (online only), Jan. 20
 - a. <https://bideninaugural.org/>
 - Peter Coyne, Operations Director
 - We want to recruit 20 more monthly donors during this meeting.
 - We are at 358 donors and \$6,382 per month. In 2021 we want at least \$10k a month with monthly donors.

■ Sign up here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/nebdem>

- CD Caucus Reports, Chairs Yoakum, Cass and Vohland

- Rules Committee Report, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald

- Proposed amendment to Bylaws 5.7, 5.7.1, & 5.7.4, Affiliated Policy Council references

■ **VOTE**

- <https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SCC-Proposal-A-Bylaw-5.7-5.7.1-5.7.4.-APC-References.docx>

- Proposed amendment to Bylaw 5.8.1, Second Associate Chair references

■ **VOTE**

- <https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SCC-Proposal-B-Bylaw-5.8.1.-Second-Associate-Chair-Reference.docx>

- Platform Committee Report, Chair Shirl Mora James

- Reminder we now have all of the archived resolutions on the NDP website:
■ <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/ndp-resolutions/>

- Discuss and Vote on Proposed Resolution

■ **VOTE** on Resolutions Committee Report

- Celebrating a Restoration of Honorable Military Service Resolution:

<https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Resolution-Celebrating-a-Restoration-of-Honorable-Military-Service.pdf>

- Caucus and Council Reports

- Each Affiliated Caucus Organization (Caucus) & Affiliated Policy Council (Council) is now required to submit a report to the SCC from a new rule passed by the State Convention.

- During the SCC Meeting, each Caucus and Council will state one accomplishment and one goal from their report during the meeting. The reports will be on file for any SCC Member to review and will be included in the next SCC Meeting minutes.

- Each Caucus and Council will have two minutes to give a summary of their report highlighting their goals for the next two-year term.

CLOSED SESSION (end of FB Live)

- 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, Sharlette Schwenninger, Finance Chair
 - 2020 and 2021 Finance Plan Overview, Precious McKesson, Finance Director
 - Updates on fundraising from 2020
 - Monthly donor update from 2020
 - Goal for 2020 was at least \$6k a month.
 - a. We are at 358 donors and \$6,382 per month
 - b. 2021 we want at least \$10k a month
 - Fundraising events this year will include Salute to State Senators (Lincoln), Doris Morgan BBQ (Greater Nebraska) and Morrison Exon (Omaha). This of course depends on COVID.
 - **VOTE** on the 2021 Finance Plan.
 - Precious McKesson will share the plan via zoom on shared screen and review contents before the vote.
- Field, Outreach, Communications and Party Building Plan, Jim Rogers
 - 2021 Plan Overview
 - **VOTE** on 2021 Field and Comms Plan.
 - Jim Rogers will share the plan via zoom on shared screen and review contents before the vote.
- Announcements and Adjournment

Additional Information

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

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

Standing and Special Committee Members: The work of party operations happens in our committees. Thank you to the Chairs and committee members for serving.

- Treasurer
 - Ted Kessler
- Secretary
 - Caleb Rohrer
- At-Large SEC Members
 - Sean Flowerday
 - Richard Register
- Committee Chairs
 - Platform & Resolutions
 - Shirl Mora James
 - Rules
 - Trevor Fitzgerald
 - State Convention
 - Stephanie Matejka
 - Finance
 - Sharlette Schwenninger
 - Nominating
 - Roger Morgan
 - Archives & Historical Preservation

- Jason Valandra
- Technology
 - Hannah Wroblewski
- Audit & Review
 - Dulce Sherman

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 and Council Organizations recognition following the Rules Committee’s initial or requested review.

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| ○ Jennifer Norris, CD1 | ○ Ben Cass, CD2 |
| ○ Courtney Lyons, CD1 | ○ Mark Hoeger, CD2 |
| ○ Tom Green, CD1 | ○ Diane Norris, CD3 |
| ○ Zachary James, CD1 | ○ Cynthia LaMere, CD3 |
| ○ Dee Austin, CD2 | ○ Ryan Griffin, CD3 |
| ○ Lacey Merica, CD2 | ○ Travis Waldron, CD3 |

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.

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| ○ Stephanie Matejka, CD1 | ○ John Wees, CD2 |
| ○ Patti French, CD1 | ○ Scott Williams, CD2 |
| ○ Marta Nieves, CD1 | ○ Shannon Graves, CD3 |
| ○ VACANT FEMALE, CD1 | ○ Sharlette Schweninger, CD3 |
| ○ Mark Minchow, CD1 | |
| ○ Roy Gertig, CD1 | ○ Kris Kinzie, CD3 |
| ○ Price Rivers, CD1 | ○ Cynthia LaMere, CD3 |
| ○ Tom Havelka, CD1 | ○ Jon Marx, CD3 |
| ○ Amy Himes, CD2 | ○ Jerry Johnson, CD3 |
| ○ VACANT FEMALE, CD2 | ○ Randy Fair, CD3 |
| ○ VACANT FEMALE, CD2 | ○ Quinton Corwin, CD3 |
| ○ VACANT FEMALE, CD2 | |
| ○ CJ King, CD2 | |
| ○ Cornelius Williams, CD2 | |

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.

- Patti French, CD1
- Pastor Janet Goodman Banks, CD1
- Richard Register, CD1
- Price Rivers, CD1
- Lacey Merica, CD2
- Amy Himes, CD2
- Bob Meyers, CD2
- John Wees, CD2
- Bev Calvert, CD3
- Shannon Graves, CD3
- Jason Buss, CD3
- Randy Fair, CD3

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 Vice 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.

- Pastor Janet Goodman Banks, CD1
- VACANT FEMALE, CD1
- James Dake, CD1
- William Forsee, CD1
- Dee Austin, CD2
- Terri Alberhasky, CD2
- Nate Johnson, CD2
- Jason Valandra, CD2
- Kathy Moore Jensen, CD3
- Ann Trullinger, CD3
- Jon Marx, CD3
- Doc Moore, CD3

Technology Committee, Chair Hannah Wroblewski

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.

- Gina Frank, CD1
- VACANT FEMALE, CD1
- Roy Gertig, CD1
- Ted Kessler, CD1
- Amy Himes, CD2
- VACANT FEMALE, CD2
- Cornelius Williams, CD2
- VACANT MALE, CD2
- Sharlette Schwenninger, CD3
- Haley Mazour, CD3
- Roger Wess, CD3
- Quinton Corwin, CD3

Audit and Review Committee, Dulce Sherman

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.

- Nina Kavich, CD1
- Tom Havelka, CD1
- Alisha Shelton, CD2
- Sam Huppert, CD2
- Carol Leth, CD3
- Roger Wess, CD3

Archives and Historical Preservation Committee, Chair Jason Valandra

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.

- Zachery James, CD1
- Dee Austin, CD2
- VACANT, CD3

Finance Committee, Chair Sharlette Schwenninger

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.

- Stephanie Matejka, CD1
- Dennis Crawford, CD1
- Richard Register, CD1
- Dee Austin, CD2
- Precious McKesson, CD2
- Jim Rogers, CD2
- Trish Lanphier, CD2
- Brian Fahey, CD2
- Tom Genung, CD3
- All statewide officers--Kleeb, Theobald, Banks, Kaminski, Ligon

#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 add new shirt, hats and face masks often:

https://shirts101.store/nebraska_democrats

Be a Monthly Donor: Our goal is 500 monthly donors by the end of 2021 that brings in at least \$10k per month. We are at 358 now bringing in \$6,382.74.

Help us reach our goal for this meeting which is 20 new sign ups.

NEW Benefits for 2021 Monthly Donors:

At least \$10 a month:

- Proud Nebraska Democrat Sticker
- Exclusive Lapel Pin

\$25 a month:

- 1 ticket to annual Salute to State Senators
- Sticker
- Exclusive Lapel Pin

\$50 a month:

- 1 ticket to annual Morrison Exon Dinner with VIP Reception
- Invitation to Donor Briefings with Party Leaders and Elected Officials
- Sticker
- Exclusive Lapel Pin

\$100 a month:

- 1 ticket to annual Salute to State Senators and Morrison Exon Dinner with VIP Receptions
- Invitation to Donor Briefings with Party Leaders and Elected Officials
- First access and reserved seats to NDP special events and national events that we get tickets for (e.g. special guest speakers, etc.)
- Sticker
- Exclusive Lapel Pin

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 peter@nebraskademocrats.org.

- SCC Members: 2020-scc@googlegroups.com
- SEC Members: 2020-sec@googlegroups.com
- County Chairs: nebraskacountychairs@googlegroups.com
- County Officers: county-officers@googlegroups.com
- Block Captains: nebdemblockcaptains@googlegroups.com
- Elected Officials: nebraska-democratic-elected-officials@googlegroups.com
- State Senators: demsenators@googlegroups.com
- 2021 Candidates: 2021ndpcandidates@googlegroups.com

Trainings: The NDP offers SCC, Block Captain, Blue Bench, and Candidate 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.

Block Captains: Gina Frank is our Block Captain Coordinator. We currently have almost 1,000 Block Captains and we need to recruit an additional 500 Block Captains before 2022.

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 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://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>

Resolutions Committee Submissions: If you want to submit a resolution for consideration, please contact the Resolutions Chair Shirl Mora James by email platform@nebraskademocrats.org

- 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 December 30th, 2020 at 9 a.m. 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.
 - **2020-2022 Platform:** <https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-2022-Nebraska-Democratic-Party-Platform.06.01.20fnl.pdf>
 - **Archived Resolutions:** <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/ndp-resolutions/>
- 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.

NDP Contact Info and Key Links

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

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

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

Hashtags: #NebDems, #NEleg, #NebDemsCare

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

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

