

Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting March 6-7, 2021 30-Day Packet

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.

Schedule At-A-Glance:

- Saturday, March 6, 2021
 - Candidate Training
 - Platform & Resolutions Committee Meeting
 - Other Committee Meetings
 - Tech Committee
 - Audit and Review Committee
 - Affiliated Caucus Organizations (Caucus) Meetings
 - Affiliated Policy Councils (Council) Meetings
- Sunday, March 7, 2021
 - County Chairs Meeting
 - CD1, CD2, CD3 Caucus Meetings
 - New SCC Member Orientation
 - SCC Meeting

Key Documents:

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

- 30-Day Packet--you are reading it:)
- SCC Meeting Facebook Event (we will stream the meeting on FB):
 - https://www.facebook.com/events/249076176091064
- SCC Delegate Training Manual (a must read!):
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/SCC-Delegate-1 01-Manual.pdf
- County Chair Manual (final version will be updated by the March meeting):
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YhgqBKB6PPi2VuU7WBI-8usqDdiw2 O8RIBZnN3HJwzk/edit?usp=sharing
- Block Captain Manual 2020 (2021 version will be updated by the March meeting):
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Booklet-Block-C
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- Archived SCC Minutes and SCC Governing Documents:
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/
- Archived Resolutions:
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/ndp-resolutions/

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

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

Twitter: https://twitter.com/NebraskaDems

Hashtags: #NebDems, #NEleg, #NebDemsCare

Staff: https://nebraskademocrats.org/staff/

Party Officers: https://nebraskademocrats.org/officers/

NDP Governing Documents: http://nebraskademocrats.org/be-a-party-leader

2021 Candidates: https://nebraskademocrats.org/2021-candidates/

701 Elected Democrats Statewide: https://nebraskademocrats.org/elected-democrats/

Block Captains: https://nebraskademocrats.org/become-a-block-captain/

Contact Nebraska's Members of Congress:

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

NDTC Nebraska Page:

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



NebraskaDemocrats.org

Full Schedule and SCC Meeting Agenda:

Reminders:

- Due to COVID, all meetings take place online.
- Meeting times are posted in CT.
- The online and phone information for each of the meetings will be posted in the 10-day packet.
- If you want to speak during any of the council or caucus meetings, you MUST email the Chair of the meeting and request permission.

Saturday, March 6, 2021

10am-Noon

- Candidate Training Series: "I Wish I Knew"
 - Hosted by Sen. Blood and other guests
 - Learn about the best practices candidates and elected officials put in place for their campaign. Key lessons, learned the hard way, will be shared. Plenty of time will be left for Q+A.
 - Sign up for the training: https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/373899/

1-2 pm

- Platform & Resolutions Committee Meeting
 - Chair Shirl Mora James, <u>platform@nebraskademocrats.org</u>
- Secular Council
 - o Chair Rachele Walter, secularnedems@gmail.com
- Working Families Council
 - Chair CJ King, ciking5406@yahoo.com
- Youth Assembly Caucus
 - President Emma Craig, emma.craig.1023@gmail.com

2-3 pm

- Stonewall Democrats Caucus
 - Chair Sarah Cohen Walker, <u>sarah.cohenwalker@gmail.com</u>

- Interfaith Council
 - Chair Brodey Weber, <u>brodeyw12@gmail.com</u>
- Rural and Agriculture Council
 - Chair Cheryl Welch, <u>loswelchitos@gmail.com</u>
- Women's Caucus
 - Chair Sharlette Schwenninger, <u>scarlettos@yahoo.com</u>

3-4 pm

- Black Caucus
 - Chair Precious McKesson, <u>precious@nebraskademocrats.org</u>
- Native Caucus
 - Chair Colette Yellow Robe, <u>coletteyellowrobe@gmail.com</u>
- Latinx Caucus
 - o Chair Ducle Sherman, dulce_sherman@yahoo.com; latinxchair@gmail.com

4-5 pm

- Climate Council
 - o Chair Gina Frank, <u>NEClimateCaucus@gmail.com</u>
- Veteran's & Military Families Council
 - Chair Jim Harrold, jamesaharrold@gmail.com
- Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus
 - o Chair Adrian Sanchez, adriansanchezne@gmail.com

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Noon-1pm

- County Chairs Meeting
 - Bud Pettigrew, <u>anbpettigrew@msn.com</u>

1-2:30pm

- Congressional District 1 Caucus Meeting
 - Chair John Yoakum, <u>cd1chair@nebraskademocrats.org</u>; <u>johnyoakum@aol.com</u>

- Congressional District 2 Caucus
 - o Ben Cass, cd2chair@nebraskademocrats.org
- Congressional District 3 Caucus
 - o Judy Vohland, cd3chair@nebraskademocrats.org; hcdp2012@gmail.com

During the CD Caucus meetings, SCC Vacancies are filled, if you are interested in serving in a position, please contact the CD Caucus Chair for more information:

LD1, Male Alternate	LD22, Female Delegate	LD36, Male Alternate
LD7, Female Delegate	LD22, Female Alternate	LD39, Female Delegate
LD7, Female Alternate	LD23, Female Alternate	LD39, Female Alternate
LD7, Male Alternate	LD25, Female Delegate	LD39, Male Alternate
LD8, Female Alternate	LD25, Female Alternate	LD40, Female Delegate
LD10, Female Alternate	LD27, Female Alternate	LD40, Male Delegate
LD14, Male Alternate	LD28, Female Alternate	LD40, Female Alternate
LD16, Female Alternate	LD29, Male Delegate	LD40, Male Alternate
LD18, Male Delegate	LD29, Male Alternate	LD43, Female Alternate
LD18, Male Alternate	LD30, Female Alternate	LD43, Male Alternate
LD19, Male Delegate	LD31, Female Alternate	LD44, Female Delegate
LD19, Female Alternate	LD31, Male Alternate	LD44, Female Alternate
LD19, Male Alternate	LD32, Female Delegate	LD44, Male Alternate
LD20, Female Alternate	LD32, Female Alternate	LD45, Female Alternate
LD20, Male Alternate	LD32, Male Alternate	LD47, Female Alternate
LD21, Female Alternate	LD35, Female Alternate	LD47, Male Alternate
LD21, Male Delegate	LD36, Male Delegate	LD49, Male Alternate

2:30-3pm

- New SCC Member Orientation
 - Training for new delegates and alternates or anyone in the public interested in learning more about the party structure including how the SCC operates, committees, councils and caucuses

Help us spread the word about this new petition:

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-our-democracy-urge-senators-ben-sasse-and-de b-fischer-to-impeach-donald-trump



SCC Meeting Agenda March 7, 2021 3-6pm CT

Reminders:

- Due to COVID, all meetings take place online.
- Meeting times are posted in CT.
- 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 an 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.
 - Please email Peter at <u>peter@nebrasksademocrats.org</u> or call 816-506-4170 with any issues logging on.
- Meeting Called to Order at 3pm
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome from State Senators
 - State Senators Morfeld and Wayne address SCC on the current legislative session with a focus on redistricting and the attempts at changing the Electoral Vote system.
 - The NDP has an action page up for Dems and allies on the Republicans' voter suppression bills:
 https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/take-action-oppose-republicans-bills-attacking-our-voting-process/
- Actions of the NDP Secretary, Caleb Rohrer
 - Quorum
 - Seating of Delegates
 - CD Chairs report any actions from their Caucus

- Approval of Minutes
 - January 2021 SCC Minutes
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1biBNzjoyQ8RSAMCNNCCdbGl 380ienlgW/view?usp=sharing
- NDP Officer Updates and New Business
 - Jane Kleeb, Chair
 - VOTE on updated Candidate MOU
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iMjnVwDDA7I-bNqzGA7 oAIMqM_8kdOiuhvfYQkqk4kQ/edit?usp=sharing
 - **VOTE** on updated List Serve Guidelines
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QIkPYza-D8-AR4NdRM4cwDG bRwikM9VG/view?usp=sharing
 - o Richard Register , Vice Chair
 - Pastor Janet Banks, 2nd Vice Chair
 - Charlene Ligon and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
- Staff Updates
 - Jim Rogers, Executive Director
 - Update on City Elections
 - VBM, Voter Registration and Voter Guides
 - Coordinated Campaign
 - VAN Trainings (Ron Rivera)
 - Precious McKesson, Finance Director

Nebraska)

- Update on Donor Briefing and next steps with major donors
- Regional Donor + Grassroots Support Briefings
 - February 11, 6pm-7pm (Congressional District 2)
 - a. Mobilize Link:
 - https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/373877/
 - February 15, 6pm-7pm (Congressional District 1)
 - a. Mobilize Link: https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/373878/
 - March 3, 6pm-7pm (Congressional District 3 Central & Eastern

- a. Mobilize Link: https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/373879/
- March 8, 6pm-7pm / 5pm-6pm MT (Congressional District 3 Western Nebraska)
 - a. Mobilize Link: https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/373880/
- o Gina Frank, Grassroots Outreach Director
 - 2021 Block Captain schedule of canvassing and training
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/become-a-block-captain/
 - NDP Mobilzie Tool
 - Review of how your county, caucus and council can use the tool which is now open to candidates also.
- Peter Coyne, Operations Director
 - We want to recruit 10 more monthly donors during this meeting.
 - We are at 328 donors and \$6,023.74 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
- Platform Committee Report, Chair Shirl Mora James
 - All of the archived resolutions on the NDP website:
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/ndp-resolutions/
 - Discuss and Vote on Proposed Resolution Packet
 - **VOTE:** Resolution packet will be included in the 10-day packet.
- Nominations Committee Report, Chair Roger Morgan
 - Review of rules on voting for the Vice Chair.
 - See the rules of the Vice Chair election.
 - Nominations and speeches.
 - **VOTE** for NDP Vice Chair (aka First Associate Chair).

- Other Committee, Caucus and Council Reports
 - Chairs of Caucus and Councils must request time on the agenda. Please submit a request to be on the agenda to Peter by Feb 19 at 5pm CT so it can be considered for inclusion in the 10-Day packet. The request must include the agenda item description.

CLOSED SESSION (end of FB Live)

- Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - Summary of accounts
 - Detailed P+L statement available from Ted
 - o Reports filed with FEC and NADC
 - Copies of latest FEC and NADC report available from Ted
- Finance Committee Report, Sharlette Schwenninger, Finance Chair
 - 2021 Finance Plan update
- 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/

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

See the leadership of our party online: https://nebraskademocrats.org/officers/

- Chair, Jane Kleeb
- Vice Chair, Richard Register
- 2nd Vice Chair, Pastor Janet Banks
- DNC Committeewoman, Charlene Ligon

- DNC Committeeman, Ron Kaminski
- 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.

- o Tom Green, CD1
- Zachary James, CD1
- Dee Austin, CD2
- Lacey Merica, CD2
- o Ben Cass, CD2

- Mark Hoeger, CD2
- Diane Norris, CD3
- Cynthia LaMere, CD3
- o Ryan Griffin, CD3
- 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.

- Stephanie Matejka, CD1
- o Patti French, CD1
- Marta Nieves, CD1
- VACANT FEMALE. CD1
- Mark Minchow, CD1
- Roy Gertig, CD1
- o Price Rivers, CD1
- Tom Havelka, CD1
- Amy Himes, CD2
- Precious McKesson, CD2
- Dee Austin, CD2
- Morgann Freeman, CD2
- o CJ King, CD2
- o Cornelius Williams, CD2

- John Wees, CD2
- Scott Williams, CD2
- Shannon Graves, CD3
- Sharlette Schwenninger, CD3
- o Kris Kinzie, CD3
- Cynthia LaMere, CD3
- o Jon Marx, CD3
- Jerry Johnson, CD3
- Randy Fair, CD3
- Quinton Corwin, CD3

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.

- o Patti French, CD1
- Pastor Janet Goodman Banks. CD1
- Richard Register, CD1
- Price Rivers, CD1
- Lacev Merica, CD2
- Amy Himes, CD2
- Bob Meyers, CD2

- John Wees, CD2
- o Bev Calvert, CD3
- Shannon Graves, CD3
- o 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
- Vacant Male , 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
- o Roy Gertig, CD1
- Ted Kessler, CD1
- o Amy Himes, CD2
- VACANT FEMALE, CD2
- o Cornelius Williams, CD2
- o VACANT MALE, CD2

- Sharlette Schwenninger, CD3
- Haley Mazour, CD3
- o 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
- o 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

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
- o Richard Register, CD1
- o Dee Austin, CD2
- Precious McKesson, CD2
- Jim Rogers, CD2
- Trish Lanphier, CD2
- o Brian Fahey, CD2
- o Tom Genung, CD3
- o All statewide officers--Kleeb, Register, 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.

Help us reach our goal for this meeting which is 10 new sign ups for this meeting.

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: <u>2020-scc@googlegroups.com</u>
- 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: <u>2021ndpcandidates@googlegroups.com</u>

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.

<u>Block Captains:</u> 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 training account to access training videos and materials: https://traindemocrats.org/training-overview/?partner=nebraska-democratic-party **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 February 25th, 2021 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.

2021-2022 SCC Meeting Schedule: Because of COVID, more of our meetings are taking place online.

Jan. 8-9, 2021

Phone / Virtual Meetings

March 6-7, 2021

Phone / Virtual 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 if we hold another phone meeting)

October 1-3 2021

Omaha -- Big Blue Weekend including Morrison Exon Event and Trainings

 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.