



Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting

June 4-5, 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.

All meetings are held online due to COVID restrictions.

Schedule At-A-Glance:

- ***Friday, June 4, 2021***
 - Platform & Resolutions Committee
 - Affiliated Caucus Organizations (Caucus) Meetings
 - Affiliated Policy Councils (Council) Meetings

- ***Saturday, June 5, 2021***
 - County Chairs Meeting
 - Affiliated Caucus Organization (Caucus) Meetings
 - 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 [NDP website](#).

- 30-Day Packet--you are reading it :)
- SCC Meeting Facebook Event (we will stream the meeting on FB):
 - https://www.facebook.com/events/1353917278332877/?notif_id=1619804270687050¬if_t=plan_edited&ref=notif
- SCC Delegate Training Manual (a must read!):
 - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/SCC-Delegate-101-Manual.pdf>
- County Chair Manual (draft, please give Gina edits):
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YhgqBKB6PPi2VuU7WBI-8usqDdiw2O8RIBZnN3HJwzk/edit?usp=sharing>
- Block Captain Manual 2021:
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zmSGxgLa_-Z9NIsiUPpfPMYISkUVrFYR/view?usp=sharing
- Archived SCC Minutes and SCC Governing Documents:
 - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/sccminutes/>
- Archived Resolutions:
 - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/blog/ndp-resolutions/>

Full Schedule and SCC Meeting Agenda:

Reminders:

- Due to COVID, all meetings take place online.
- Meeting times are posted in CT.
- **The online Zoom 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.

Friday, June 4, 2021

6-7 p.m.

- Platform and Resolutions Committee
 - Chair Shirl Mora James, platform@nebraskademocrats.org
- Black Caucus
 - Chair Precious McKesson, preciousmckesson@gmail.com
- Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus
 - Chair Adrian Sanchez, adriansanchezne@gmail.com
- Working Families Council
 - Chair CJ King, cjking5406@yahoo.com

7-8 p.m.

- Latinx Caucus
 - Chair Dulce Sherman, dulce_sherman@yahoo.com; latinxchair@gmail.com
- Stonewall Democrats Caucus
 - Chair Sarah Cohen Walker, sarah.cohenwalker@gmail.com
- Rural and Agriculture Council
 - Chair Roger Morgan, roger_morgan@hotmail.com
- Veterans and Military Families Council
 - Chair Jim Harrold, jamesaharrold@gmail.com

8-9 p.m.

- Native Caucus
 - Chair, Colette Yellow Robe, coletteyellowrobe@gmail.com
- Climate Council
 - Chair Gina Frank, NEClimateCaucus@gmail.com
- Secular Council
 - Chair Rachele Walter, secularnedems@gmail.com
- Interfaith Council
 - Chair Brodey Weber, brodeyw12@gmail.com

Saturday, June 5, 2021

10 a.m.-11 a.m.

- County Chairs Meeting
 - Chair Bud Pettigrew, anbpettigrew@msn.com

11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- Nebraska Youth Assembly Caucus
 - President Emma Craig, emma.craig.1023@gmail.com
- Women's Caucus
 - Chair Sharlette Schwenninger, scarlettos@yahoo.com

12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

- Congressional District 1 Caucus Meeting
 - Chair John Yoakum, cd1chair@nebraskademocrats.org; johnyoakum@aol.com
- Congressional District 2 Caucus
 - Chair Ben Cass, cd2chair@nebraskademocrats.org
- Congressional District 3 Caucus
 - Chair 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
LD7, Female Alternate
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LD10, Female Alternate
LD14, Male Alternate
LD16, Female Alternate
LD18, Male Delegate
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2:30-3 p.m.

- 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.

SCC Meeting Agenda

June 5th, 2021

3-5 p.m. 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 peter@nebrasksademocrats.org or call 816-506-4170 with any issues logging on.
- Meeting Called to Order at 3pm
 - Land Acknowledgment, Dr. Yellow Robe
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- Actions of the NDP Secretary, Caleb Rohrer
 - Quorum
 - Seating of Delegates

- CD Chairs report any actions from their Caucus
 - Approval of Minutes
 - March 2021 SCC Minutes
 - https://nebraskademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SCC-meeting-03_07_2021.pdf
- NDP Officer Updates and New Business
 - Jane Kleeb, Chair
 - Spencer Danner, Vice Chair
 - Pastor Janet Banks, 2nd Vice Chair
 - Charlene Ligon and Ron Kaminski, DNC Committee Members
- Staff Updates
 - Jim Rogers, Executive Director
 - Review of 2021 elections
 - Looking ahead to redistricting and 2022 elections
 - Candidate recruitment and trainings
 - Sen. Blood assisting with candidate coaching/services
 - Monthly call on candidate recruitment--reminder that even-numbered LDs are up in 2022
 - Ron Rivera, Data and Field Director
 - Elected Officials in each county (93)
 - VAN Cleanup for 2022 (Audit)
 - Caleb Roher, Frank LaMere Grassroots Fellow
 - Mobile Rural Office Project with CD3 Caucus and Rural Council
 - Visibility at events (county fairs, rodeos, Pow Wows, Juneteenth, etc.)
 - Calendar--send us your events we should be tabling at!
 - Gina Frank, Grassroots Outreach Director
 - Block Captain updates
 - Help us get t200 more Block Captains signed up: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/become-a-block-captain/>

- Action in the fall will be an issue survey.
- Summer party building events
 - Voter registration goals
 - a. No through the end of the year, we are asking each large county (Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy) to register 100 voters, smaller counties to register 50 voters and each Caucus add Council to register 50 voters. If we all do our part, we could register close to 5,000 new voters.
 - i. We are asking all SCC Members to help in this effort with your county, caucus or council.
 - Beer and Burger events to bust the 30x30 myths and other GOP conspiracies around climate and other issues.
 - a. Let us know if you want us to come to your town.
- NDP Mobilize Tool
 - Review of how your county, caucus and council can use the tool which is now open to candidates also.
- Welcome to the Party Calls + Postcards
- Outreach to the 7,500 Nebraskans who left the Republican Party since the insurrection.
- Peter Coyne, Operations Director
 - Listserves reminders
 - Office hours
 - Managing new outreach for campaign staff to assist candidates with their operations.
- Precious McKesson, Finance Director
 - Monthly donor program
 - We want to recruit 10 more monthly donors during this meeting.
 - We are at 313 donors, making \$5,720.11 per month. That's an average of around \$18 per donor. In 2021 we want at least \$10k a month with monthly donors.

- 73 are party leaders which donate \$1,702 per month.
 - Sign up here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/nebdem>
- Online fundraising
- Donor events
 - Silent Auction, Trivia Night, Salute to State Senators, Morrison Exon
- Kevin O'Hanlon, Communications Director
 - Update on social media outreach
 - WH briefings/resources on American Rescue Plan and Jobs Plan
 - Weekly blog
 - Letters to the Editor project
 - Thank you to those who have submitted letters, we need more!
- 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.
- 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 May 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

- Reports filed with FEC and NADC
 - Copies of latest FEC and NADC report available from Ted
- Finance Committee Report, Precious McKesson, Charlene or Jonathan
 - 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/>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair, Jane Kleeb ● Vice Chair, Spencer Danner ● 2nd Vice Chair, Pastor Janet Banks ● DNC Committeewoman, Charlene Ligon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DNC Committeeman, Ron Kaminski ● Treasurer, Ted Kessler ● Secretary, Caleb Rohrer |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At-Large SEC Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sean Flowerday ○ Richard Register ● Committee Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Platform & Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Shirl Mora James ○ Rules | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Trevor Fitzgerald ○ State Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stephanie Matejka ○ Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jonathan Petersen ○ Nominating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.

- Jennifer Norris, CD1
- Courtney Lyons, CD1
- Tom Green, CD1
- Zachary James, CD1
- Dee Austin, CD2
- Lacey Merica, CD2
- Ben Cass, CD2
- Mark Hoeger, CD2
- Diane Norris, CD3
- Cynthia LaMere, CD3
- Ryan Griffin, CD3
- VACANT MALE, 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
- Patti French, CD1
- Marta Nieves, CD1
- Marthaellen Florence, CD1
- Mark Minchow, CD1
- Roy Gertig, CD1
- Price Rivers, CD1
- Tom Havelka, CD1
- Amy Himes, CD2
- Precious McKesson, CD2
- Dee Austin, CD2
- Morgann Freeman, CD2
- CJ King, CD2
- Cornelius Williams, CD2
- John Wees, CD2
- Scott Williams, CD2
- Shannon Graves, CD3
- Sharlette Schwenninger, CD3
- Kris Kinzie, CD3
- Cynthia LaMere, CD3
- 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.

- 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
- Marthaelen Florence, 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
- Roy Gertig, CD1
- Ted Kessler, CD1
- Amy Himes, CD2
- VACANT FEMALE, CD2
- Cornelius Williams, CD2
- Jake Glantz, 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, Co-Chairs Jonathan Petersen and Charlene Ligon

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, Danner, 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:

- 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
- 2022/Potential Candidates: 2022-ndp-candidates@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 Director. 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 May 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 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. The 2022 meeting dates will be announced later in 2021. Cities may include Hastings, Scottsbluff and Lincoln.

Jan. 8-9, 2021

Phone / Virtual Meetings

March 6-7, 2021

Phone / Virtual Meetings

June 4-5, 2021

Phone / Virtual Meetings

October 2021

Phone / Virtual Meetings

NDP Contact Info and Key Links:

Phone: 402-434-2180

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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/>

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

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

NDTC Nebraska Page:

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

