



Nebraska Democratic Party

**State Central Committee Meeting**  
**July 15, 2023**  
**Day of Agenda Packet**

The Nebraska Democratic Party looks forward to seeing you at our next SCC meeting in Scottsbluff, Nebraska!

All meetings will take place at the **University of Nebraska's Panhandle Research Center, 4502 Ave I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.**

All times will be posted in **MOUNTAIN TIME (MST)** which is the local time zone for Scottsbluff.

***If you have any questions or if you can not attend the meeting, please email [scc@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:scc@nebraskademocrats.org).***



[2023 Ben Nelson Gala Award Nomination Form](#)

## Schedule At-A-Glance:

- **Friday, July 14**

- County Chairs Caucus @ 5:30 p.m. (Nebraska Panhandle Research Center)
  - Address is located at 4502 Ave I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.
  - If you are in town and not a county chair, please still join us. We will discuss summer events and candidate recruitment.
- International Food Fair
  - During/After County Chairs Caucus.
  - Located at 10th St in Gering.
  - Please support the local community by attending this great event.

- **Saturday, July 15**

- Oregon Trail Days Parade (1500 U St, Gering, NE 69341).
  - Meet at Gering High School by @9:30am.
    - Parking is at the high school.
    - Look for the NDP signs in the parade line up, you will find us!
    - We will have donuts for everyone on site.
  - Parade begins @10am.
- Caucus and Council Meetings @1pm (Nebraska Panhandle Research Center).
- SCC Meeting (Nebraska Panhandle Research Center).
- Reception with food at Backaracks
  - 1402 E 20th St, Scottsbluff, NE

## Special Notes:

- **Dems Care:** Our Dems Care event this meeting will be focused on items for Potter's Wheel Food Pantry. Please bring (to the SCC meetings on Saturday) at least one non-perishable food item to donate to a good cause :)
- **Meals:** Purchase your meal ticket by July 10. Meals included in the \$25 fee are breakfast (donuts), lunch, and dinner on Saturday.

- **Accommodation Request:** To request a reasonable accommodation for accessible participation for this in-person meeting, please let us know at [scc@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:scc@nebraskademocrats.org).
- **Time Zone:** Meeting times are posted in the **Mountain Time zone**.
- **Agenda Time:** If you want speaking time on any of the meeting agendas, you **MUST** email the Chair of the meeting. Each Chair decides the agenda items for their meeting.
- **Various Caucus and Councils are meeting the week of July 9th via phone and online to help us free up time in the schedule to all participate in the parade on Saturday in Scottsbluff. Please email the respective Chairs for Zoom links.**
  - Climate Council: [Wednesday, July 12- 7pm CST](#)
    - Chair, Gina Frank, [gina@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:gina@nebraskademocrats.org)
  - Interfaith Council
    - Chair, Brodey Weber, [brodeyw12@gmail.com](mailto:brodeyw12@gmail.com)
  - Secular Democrats: Monday, July 10- 6:00pm MST (7:00 CST)
    - Chair, Philip Deevy, [secularedems@gmail.com](mailto:secularedems@gmail.com)
  - Stonewall Democrats: Friday, July 14- 5:30pm MST (6:30 CST)
    - Chair, Michael Marchek, [stonewall@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:stonewall@nebraskademocrats.org)
  - Black Caucus: Sunday, July 30- 2:00pm MST (3:00 CST)
    - Chair, Pastor Janet Goodman Banks, [janetgoodmanbanks@gmail.com](mailto:janetgoodmanbanks@gmail.com)
  - Disability Caucus:
    - Chair Lacy Smith, [lacy.j.nadeu@gmail.com](mailto:lacy.j.nadeu@gmail.com)

## Meeting Schedule for Friday, July 14:

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. MT**

- County Chairs Caucus Meeting
  - Chair Ryan Griffin, [vicechairofchairs@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:vicechairofchairs@nebraskademocrats.org)
  - If you are in town and not a county chair, please still join us. We will discuss summer events and candidate recruitment.

**5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. MT**

- Oregon Trail Days International Food Fair
  - Located at 10th St in Gering.
  - Begins @5pm (if not attending County Chair Meeting).
  - Please support this local event.

## Meeting Schedule for Saturday, July 15:

### 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. MT

- Oregon Trail Days Parade (**Gering High School**)
  - **1500 U St, Gering, NE 69341**
  - The theme of the parade is “Rediscover the West.”
    - The Scotts Bluff County Party is asking all of us to wear **blue+pink** to support the trans community and/or **green** to support women.
    - Please arrive to parade location by 9:30am at the latest. The parade starts at 10am. NDP Staff will be on site starting at 9:00am with donuts.

### 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. MT

- BREAK between Oregon Trail Days Parade and SCC Meetings

### 1:00 p.m MT

- Reconvene for SCC Meetings (**Nebraska Panhandle Research Center**)
  - [Nebraska Panhandle Research Center](#), 4502 Ave I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.
- Grab + Go lunch served on-site.

### 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. MT

- Nebraska Young Democrats
  - Chair Larissa Schultz, [larissakschultz@icloud.com](mailto:larissakschultz@icloud.com)
- Latinx Caucus
  - Chair Zachary James, [zachjames2012@gmail.com](mailto:zachjames2012@gmail.com)
- Rural and Agricultural Council Meeting
  - Chair Roger Morgan, [nominations@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:nominations@nebraskademocrats.org)

### 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. MT

- Women's Caucus
  - Chair Dee Austin, [dee.austin7@gmail.com](mailto:dee.austin7@gmail.com)
- Working Families Council Meeting
  - Chair CJ King, [cjking5406@gmail.com](mailto:cjking5406@gmail.com)
- Veterans and Military Families Council
  - Chair Jerry Johnson, [jhnsn31@gmail.com](mailto:jhnsn31@gmail.com)

### 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. MT

- Congressional District 1 Caucus
  - Chair Marthaellen Florence, [cd1chair@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:cd1chair@nebraskademocrats.org)
- Congressional District 2 Caucus
  - Chair Ben Cass, [cd2chair@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:cd2chair@nebraskademocrats.org)
- Congressional District 3 Caucus
  - Chair Randy Fair, [cd3chair@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:cd3chair@nebraskademocrats.org)

## Agenda for SCC Meeting, July 15:

### 4:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. MT

- **Meeting Called to Order at 4:15 p.m.**
  - SCC Meeting (**Auditorium**)
    - We will gavel in at 4:15 p.m.
    - Prayer & Secular rooms will open until 4:25 p.m.
      - Secular
      - Prayer
    - **We go to FB live at 4:30 p.m.**
  - Land Acknowledgment, Native Caucus
  - Pledge of Allegiance, Veterans and Military Families Council
- **Actions of the NDP Secretary, Stephanie Matejka**

- Quorum
- Seating of Delegates
  - CD Chairs report any actions from their caucus on seating of delegates.
- Approval of Minutes
  - Minutes from the spring meeting are [online](#).
- **Chair Jane Kleeb**
  - SCC meeting and training schedule for the rest of 2023 and 2024.
    - **VOTE**—we made one change to the 2024 schedule (moved the meeting in GI to September and October). We will re-vote on the schedule.
  - 2023 SCC schedule:
    - Oct. 14, 2023: Online
      - Training for SCC members on candidate recruitment and voter engagement tools.
      - In-person training also happening for candidates and campaign staff:
        - *Pillars of a Successful Campaign: Field, Fundraising and Communications*
          - Omaha, Saturday, October 14, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
          - Sign-up: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/562999/>
    - Dec. 3, 2023: Online
      - Training on the Delegate Selection Plan—how to run as a delegate to the National Convention in 2024.
        - Additional in-person and online trainings will be scheduled.
  - 2024 SCC schedule:
    - March TBD 2024: Omaha
      - Training on DEIA by DNC.
      - Possible march in St. Patrick’s Day parade.

- May 11, 2024: Online
  - September 13-14, 2024: Grand Island
    - Training on Rural Outreach by Rural Scale and GOTV plans for November Election.
  - Dec. 8, 2024: Online
    - Recap Nov. election cycle.
- Fundraiser schedule:
  - Omaha: Ben Nelson Gala, September 29th, 2023
    - Omaha Marriott Capitol District
    - You can book rooms here:
      - <https://book.passkey.com/e/50541642>
        - (Room Block Closes on September 11th, 2023)
        - Optional training on Sept. 30–VendorFest!
- 2024 Convention schedule:
  - County Convention Window: May 18 - May 28
  - State Convention: June 7 - 9, Hastings, NE
  - National Convention: August 19 - 22, Chicago, IL
- Committee Chair Appointments:
  - **VOTE**
    - Brian Murray, Audit and Review
    - Tommy Blanton, Technology
    - Kathy Jensen and Tom Genung, State Convention (Co-Chairs)
  - **Paul Theobald**
    - Announcement.
  - **DNC Committeeman Charlene Ligon**
    - Voter Outreach Presentation

- **Disability Caucus Leadership Team**
  - Membership Presentation
- **Vice Chair of County Chairs Ryan Griffin**
  - Updates on summer actions from county parties.
  - Other County Chair updates.
- **CD Caucus Reports, Chairs Marthaellen Florence, Ben Cass, and Randy Fair**
  - Reports and updates.
- **Larissa Schultz, Nebraska Young Democrats President**
  - Debrief of NYD Convention.
  - Outreach plans.
- **Support our Schools Signature Collection!**
  - Support our Schools is attempting to get signatures to ensure that Nebraskans have their voices heard on education! Signatures ensure that a ballot measure will be held to repeal the voucher scheme so that the people decide where their tax money goes.
- **Staff Updates**
  - Precious McKesson, Executive Director
    - ASDC Summer Meeting Updates – June 12-16 in Minneapolis.
  - Ron Rivera, Data and Field Director
    - 2022 data analysis.
    - Lincoln city elections update.
    - Candidate Training schedule:
      - June 4: The Basics: Starting Out Strong (Virtual)
        - Email Ron if you would like the recording.
      - September 30: Vendorfest: Tools for a Successful Campaign
        - <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/563485/>
      - October 14: Pillars of a Successful Campaign: Field, Fundraising, and Communications
        - <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/562999/>



- Gina Frank, Outreach Director
  - #HotDemsSummer, how to get involved.
    - State Fair– need for volunteers!
  - Democrats Deliver- Newspaper project
  - Block Captain updates.

2023 Block Captains Schedule:

- **Contact 1 for 2023: All Hands on Deck for LNK**
  - Training: LNK: Apr 1, 2023
  - Contact: LNK: All Hands on Deck for Lincoln
  - Action: LNK: Block Captains will be tasked with making calls and/or sending texts for the Lincoln elections.
    - Over 15,000 texts were sent by Lincoln Block Captains!
- **Contact 2 for 2023: County Choice (new!)**
  - Training: Determined by County Parties
  - Contact 2: July 1- September 1, 2023
  - Action: These are determined by counties. Suggestions include service projects, invitations to events, walk in a county parade, or distribution of a summer schedule or county newsletter.
- **Contact 3 for 2023: Dems Deliver**
  - [Training: Sept 14, 2023](#)
  - Contact 3: September 20- Nov. 1, 2023
  - Action: Distribute NDP Newspaper–Dems Deliver!

- Jose Flores, Jr., Communications Director
  - Updates on Communications & Messaging.
  - Communication Outreach.
- Jack Schiewe, Party Affairs Coordinator
  - NDP Headquarters and mobile offices.
  - Weekly blog–[sign up for it!](#)
  - Monthly donor packets went out for new sign ups and if you hit your one-year mark.
- **Rules Committee Report, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald**
  - Updates on 2024 DNC Delegate Selection Plan.
    - **Special Committee on Delegate Selection Plan**
      - Trevor Fitzgerald, Rules Chair and Chair of Special Committee (CD2)

- Stephanie Matejka, NDP Secretary (CD1)
  - Charlene Ligon, DNC Committeewoman (CD1)
  - Ben Cass, CD2 Caucus Chair (CD2)
  - Jennifer Norris (CD2)
  - Millie Worthington (CD2)
  - Shannon Graves (CD3)
  - Kathy Jensen (CD3)
- **State Convention Committee Report, Co-Chairs Tom Genung and Kathy Jensen**
  - The State Convention Committee will be visiting the convention sites in Hastings on August 12, 2023.
  - Convention Committee will be meeting quarterly for duration of 2023– more frequently in 2024.
- **Platform Committee Report, Chair Shirl Mora James**
  - All of the archived resolutions on the NDP website:
    - <https://nebraskademocrats.org/party/>
  - Discuss Platform Committee Report which includes resolutions.
    - Reminder–proposed resolutions must follow the instructions further below in the packet. Please follow the instructions and deadlines.
      - **Date to submit proposed resolutions for the July SCC meeting was June 25.**
    - **VOTE** on [Platform Committee Report](#).
- Announcements and Adjournment.

## **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.
- 2023-24 VAN Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Reception off-site with food!

## **Additional Information:**

**SCC Governing Documents:** All of our SCC meeting documents, agendas, bylaws and the training manual for SCC Delegates are on the NDP website:

**Statewide Officers, Standing and Special Committee Chairs:** The work of party operations happens in our committees, caucus, councils and county parties. Thank you to the Chairs, SCC Members, County Officers and Committee Members for serving.

### **SCC Agenda Packets**

- Archived Agenda Packets can be found under “2017-2022 Archive Meetings”

### **SCC Resolutions**

### **SCC Governing Documents:**

- Governing Documents can be found under “Key Party Documents”

### **SCC Meeting Facebook Event:**

- We stream our SCC meetings on FB, except the closed session portion.

### **SCC Delegate Training Manual**

### **County Chair Manual**

### **Block Captain Program**

**NDP Candidate Manual + Trainings:** We now have a Candidate Manual (thank you Sen. Blood and staff!) and a monthly candidate training series. We do not publish these on the website. Candidates must first complete the MOU -- please email [ronr@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:ronr@nebraskademocrats.org).

- If you or someone you know wants to run for office, please promote this link. Once a person completes this form, staff hold a meeting with the candidate and then they get added to a listserv and trainings:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6kCBwlpu5YNR7e4yIUrA\\_776V5saFxCGMyIV9I\\_sblcCthw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6kCBwlpu5YNR7e4yIUrA_776V5saFxCGMyIV9I_sblcCthw/viewform)

**Events:** A reminder that we post our events and volunteer opportunities here:  
<https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/>

- Gina leads the outreach plan, please email her if you need a mobile office (i.e. materials to use at county fairs, parades, etc) or materials sent to you for meetings and events.

**Listserves:** We send emails to the lists on key information, messaging memos and updates. If you are not on a listserv and need to be, please email [jack@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:jack@nebraskademocrats.org)

- SCC Members: [ndpscc2022@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:ndpscc2022@nebraskademocrats.org)
- SEC Members: [NDPSEC2022@googlegroups.com](mailto:NDPSEC2022@googlegroups.com)
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- County Officers: [ndpcountyofficers2022@googlegroups.com](mailto:ndpcountyofficers2022@googlegroups.com)
- Block Captains: [nebdemblockcaptains@googlegroups.com](mailto:nebdemblockcaptains@googlegroups.com)
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- State Senators: [demsenators@googlegroups.com](mailto:demsenators@googlegroups.com)
- 2024 Candidates: [2024-ndp-candidates@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:2024-ndp-candidates@nebraskademocrats.org)

**#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 merch often:

**Monthly Donor Program:** Sign up while in Scottsbluff and you get to choose a t-shirt or other swag we have on site!

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 Ben Nelson Gala 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 Ben Nelson Gala 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

**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 to your needs.

**Blue Bench Training:** We have a new training page that focuses on what we officer candidates and staff:

**Block Captains:** Gina Frank is our Block Captain Director. We currently have 700 Block Captains. 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.

**DNC Trainings and Resources:** The DNC offers an in-depth online training program for both volunteers *and* party leaders/elected officials!

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

- **NOTE:** Any proposed resolution must be submitted to the Resolution Committee Chair 21-days ahead of the SCC meeting per the new rule passed at the State Convention in 2022. This gives the committee a chance to review all resolutions and for staff to get the resolutions into the 10-Day packet.
  - **Date to submit proposed resolutions for the July SCC meeting was June 25.**
  - **Please follow all instructions below.**
- The committee then reviews and votes on resolutions. The committee can take three 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 (for online meetings they are included in the 10-day packet, and the day-of agenda).

2. We can reject a resolution and will inform the submitter of this decision. An 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.
  - [2022-2024 Platform](#)
  - [Archived 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:

### Direct Contact

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