



Nebraska Democratic Party

State Central Committee Meeting
March 1-2, 2024
Day of Agenda Packet

Welcome to Grand Island!

All meetings will occur at the **College Park at Grand Island, 3180 US-34, Grand Island, NE 68801.**

The event on Friday night for Sen. Dan Quick and the NDP Welcome Reception is being held at the **Chocolate Bar, 116 W 3rd St, Grand Island**, starting at 7pm.

All times posted in the packet are in Central Time (CST), the local time for Grand Island.

The Community College and Chocolate Bar are **both ADA-accessible.**

- If you need anything or have any questions about accommodations on-site, **please find an NDP staff member or call/text Jack, 630-730-8449.**

Please consider practicing social distancing and be aware of others by giving respect to space with our larger crowd.

Our Dems Care event this meeting will be focused on household items for the [Grand Island Multicultural Coalition](#). Please bring at least one household item to donate to a good cause—some suggestions include toiletries, toilet paper, women's health products, silverware, plates, etc. (ONLY NEW ITEMS)

You can still [purchase your meal ticket](#) (reception, breakfast, lunch). Meals included in the \$25 fee are the reception on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. This is not required to attend the meeting, but this is required for meals if you want to eat breakfast and lunch on site of the meeting.

Schedule At-A-Glance:

- **Friday, March 1**

- Caucus and Committee Meetings
 - Working Families Caucus - 4:30pm
 - Nebraska Young Democrats - 4:30pm
 - State Convention Committee - 4:30pm
 - Technology Committee - 5:30pm
 - Platform and Resolutions Committee (to get feedback on 2024 Platform) - 5:30pm
- NDP Welcome Reception + Quick for Legislature Event
 - 7:00pm @ The Chocolate Bar
 - 116 W 3rd St, Grand Island, NE 68801
 - All are welcome to enjoy apps and drinks—donations to Quick encouraged but not required

- **Saturday, March 2**

- Caucus and Committee Meetings
 - Veterans and Military Families - 8:30am
 - Climate Council - 8:30am
 - Stonewall Democrats - 8:30am
 - Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus - 8:30am
 - Secular Council - 9:40am
 - Latinx Caucus - 9:40am
 - Black Caucus - 9:40am
 - County Chairs Caucus - 9:40am
 - Rural and Agricultural Council - 10:50am
 - Native Caucus - 10:50 am
 - Women's Caucus - 10:50am
 - Interfaith Council - 10:50am
- Congressional District Caucus Meetings and Lunch - 12:00pm (noon)
- SCC Meeting - 1:30-5:30pm
- Post-SCC Social Gatherings (see note post SCC agenda)

Meeting Schedule for Friday, March 1

Meeting Location: College Park at Grand Island, 3180 US-34, Grand Island, NE 68801

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Working Families Council
 - Chair, CJ King
- Nebraska Young Democrats
 - Chair, Larissa Schultz
- State Convention Committee
 - Co-Chairs, Tom Genung and Kathy Jensen

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

- Platform and Resolutions Committee
 - Co-Chairs Shannon Graves and Quinton Corwin
 - The meeting will be ONLY focused on getting feedback from the community and SCC delegates on the 2024 Platform
- Technology Committee
 - Chair, Roger Wess

7:00 p.m.

- NDP Event with Dan Quick for Legislature Campaign
 - Hosted at The Chocolate Bar
 - 116 W 3rd St, Grand Island, NE 68801
 - All are welcome to attend, we encourage you to make a donation to help us cover food at event
 - You can purchase a meal for the event [at the link here](#)

Meeting Schedule for Saturday, March 2

Meeting Location: College Park at Grand Island, 3180 US-34, Grand Island, NE 68801

8:00 a.m.

- Registration and breakfast open
 - Meal Ticket: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/marchscc2024>

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

- Veteran and Military Families Council
 - Chair, Jerry Johnson
- Climate Council
 - Chair, Gina Frank
- Stonewall Democrats
 - Chair, Michael Marcheck
- Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus
 - Chair, Lacy Smith

9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

- County Chairs Caucus (ends at 11am)
 - Chair, Ryan Griffin
- Black Caucus
 - Chair, Pastor Janet Banks
- Latinx Caucus
 - Chair, Zachary James
- Secular Council
 - Chair, Philip Deevy

10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

- Rural and Agricultural Council
 - Chair, Roger Morgan
- Native Caucus
 - Vacancy for Chair is still open

- Interfaith Council
 - Chair, Brodey Weber
- Women's Caucus
 - Chair, Dee Austin

12:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

VOTE: *In preparation for State Convention, each CD Caucus is responsible for electing two (2) members per CD Caucus for the following State Convention Committees: Committee on Credentials and the Committee to Recommend Nominations for Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors. This will be done in the Caucus meetings.*

VOTE: *Fill vacancies on committees. See list below.*

- CD1 Caucus
 - Chair, Marthaellen Florence
- CD2 Caucus
 - Chair, Ben Cass
- CD3 Caucus
 - Chair, Randy Fair

Committee Vacancies:

CD1:

Male/NB - Platform
 Male/NB (x2) - Technology
 Male/NB + Female/NB - Audit

CD2:

Female/NB - State Convention
 Female/NB - Technology

CD3:

Male/NB - Platform
 Male/NB - State Convention
 Male/NB - Nominating
 Male/NB - Technology

Agenda for SCC Meeting, March 2, 2024

- **SCC Meeting Called to Order at 1:30 p.m.**
 - Prayer & Secular rooms will be open until 1:38 p.m.
 - Land Acknowledgment
 - Led by Dulce Sherman
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Led by Veterans and Military Families Council Chair Jerry Johnson
- **Actions of the NDP Secretary, Stephanie Matejka**
 - Quorum
 - Seating of Delegates
 - CD Chairs report any actions from their caucus on seating of delegates
 - **VOTE:** Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes from the December meeting are [online](#)
- **Reproductive Rights Ballot Campaign Volunteer Training**
 - Bring home volunteer petition sheets to help gather signatures to get this critical issue on the ballot!
 - [Informational One Pager Linked Here](#)
- **Chair Jane Kleeb**
 - SCC meeting schedule for 2024
 - Online: May 18, 2024 at 10am CT
 - Current SCC delegates
 - September: Omaha 2024 (date pending on Ben Nelson Gala)
 - New SCC elected at State Convention
 - Online: December 2024
 - New SCC elected at State Convention

- Fundraiser schedule:
 - Lincoln: Salute to State Senators, Tuesday, March 5
 - [Purchase Tickets here](#)
 - Omaha: Ben Nelson Gala (date pending confirmed keynote speaker)
 - Monthly donor program—free tshirt for those that sign up today
- **VOTE:** Committee Chair Appointments
 - Shannon Graves and Quinton Corwin, Platform and Resolutions
 - State Convention Temporary Committees
 - Charlene Ligon, Credentials
 - Richard Register, Recommendation of Electors
 - National Convention Temporary Committees ([due to NDP per DSP on 2/16](#))--the following were the only individuals who submitted their names
 - Trevor Fitzgerald, Rules
 - Stephanie Matejka, Platform
 - Ryan Griffin, Credentials
- **VOTE:** Endorsements of Independent Candidates
 - Melissa Temple (LD19)
 - Nicki Behmer Popp (LD25)
 - Allison Heimes (LD39)
 - Allison Kinney-Walker (Millard Public School Board)
 - If you are aware of an independent candidate interested in the party's endorsement, please email scc@nebraskademocrats.org
- **Vice Chair of County Chairs Ryan Griffin**
 - County convention updates and reminders
- **CD Caucus Reports, Chairs Marthaellen Florence, Ben Cass, and Randy Fair**
 - Reports and updates
- **Larissa Schultz, Nebraska Young Democrats President**
 - Young Dem Convention

- **Staff Updates**

- Precious McKesson, Executive Director

- Office update—new office in Omaha

- 1102 S. 76th Ave
- Regular hours in both Lincoln and Omaha starting now
 - Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm with scheduled Saturday hours for canvass launches

- Further staff updates will be in closed session for deep dive into 2024 plans and goals

- Ron Rivera, Political Director

- Review of candidates announced (deadline to file March 1, 2024)

- Reminder of the 2024 VAN Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and DemsLaunch Program

- Gina Frank, Outreach Director

- Vote By Mail Program

- We need Volunteers to help text and phone bank!
- Scan QR code on the screen

- State of the Union Watch Parties

- Lincoln: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/603285/>
- Omaha: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/603288/>
- Scotts Bluff: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/600076/>
- Columbus: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/604823/>
- Hastings: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/607007/>
- Scottsbluff: <https://www.mobilize.us/nebdems/event/600076/>

- Block Captain schedule

2024 Block Captains Schedule:

- **Contact 1: Issues Survey and Vote-by-Mail**

- Training: April, 2024

- **Contact 2: County Choice**

- Block Captains will team up with their local county party to build

infrastructure across Nebraska and increase community involvement

- **Contact 3: Voter Guides**

- **Training:** September, 2024

- **State Convention Committee Report, Co-Chairs Tom Genung and Kathy Jensen**

- Pins for the convention committee
- The NDP has room blocs at the following three hotels. If you are interested in attending State Convention please mention the NDP room bloc at checkout.

- Hampton Inn, Hastings, NE

- **Booking Link:**

- <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GRIH AHX&groupCode=CHHDC1&arrivaldate=2024-06-07&departuredate=2024-06-09&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

- Group Code: DC1

- 402.303.6778

- Holiday Inn, Hastings, NE

- Online booking link will be posted on NDP site soon
- 402.463.8858

- My Place, Hastings, NE

- To book rooms, call the hotel directly
- 402.303.6060

- **Rules Committee Report, Chair Trevor Fitzgerald**

- Update on [Independents voting in the Primary](#)—our letter was submitted to the NE SOS office.
- **VOTE:** [State Convention Delegate Allocation Formula](#)

- **Platform and Resolution Committee Report, Chairs Corwin and Graves**

- **VOTE:** [Committee Report](#)
- All of the archived resolutions on the NDP website: <https://nebraskademocrats.org/party/>

- Proposed resolutions must follow the instructions and deadlines included further below in the packet
- **Other Committee, Caucus and Council Reports**
 - Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Chair, Lacy Smith
- Announcements from the floor

CLOSED SESSION

- Treasurer's Report, Ted Kessler
 - Summary of accounts.
 - Detailed P+L statement available from Ted
 - Reports filed with FEC and NADC.
 - Copies of the latest FEC and NADC report available from Ted
- Review of all finance, field and outreach plans. Please review the booklet in your folder given to you at the check-in
 - **VOTE:** Finance and Staff Goals Plan
 - Review of our plans for Vote By Mail, Voter Registration, Voter Guides, Young Democrats and other plans in your packet and folder
 - **Reminder the booklet and folder MUST BE RETURNED, please bring to the podium at the front of the room at the end of the meeting**

Adjournment

Informal Social Gatherings evening of March 2nd:

- These are *not official NDP gatherings*, we are providing information for those who want to get together after our meetings.
- We know fellow Dems love to get together after the SCC meeting, so we included some options for people to share a drink or supper!
 - Right after the SCC meeting, we will gather at Prairie Pride Brewing, <https://www.prairiepridebrewery.com/>, 111 E South Front St, Grand

Island, NE. They have pretzel bites, beer (of course), sodas and pizza. Even if you just want to come for a drink, please join us!

- We are also putting in some restaurants that we love and encourage you to gather a group to make reservations for supper. We are giving these restaurants a heads-up that larger groups may be headed their way. These are all within walking distance of Prairie Pride Brewing.
 - McKinney’s Pub, 123 W 3rd St, Grand Island, NE 68801. The BEST Irish food in rural Nebraska hands down.
 - <http://mckinneyspubgi.agilxweb.com/>
 - Sin City Grill, 410 W 3rd St, Grand Island, NE 68801. The BEST burgers in GI, plus other great diner food.
 - A fourth option is not downtown but only a 5-minute drive. The BEST Vietnamese noodle house in the tri-cities, hands down. Noodle House, 2004 N Broadwell Ave, Grand Island, NE 68803
 - <http://places.singleplatform.com/noodle-house-22/menu?ref=google>

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 have a Candidate Manual (thank you Sen. Blood and staff!) and a candidate training series. We do not publish these on the website. Candidates must first complete the MOU -- please email ronr@nebraskademocrats.org.

- If you or someone you know wants to run for office, please [promote this link](#).

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

- SCC Members: ndpscc2022@nebraskademocrats.org
- SEC Members: NDPSEC2022@googlegroups.com
- County Chairs: ndpcountychairs2022@nebraskademocrats.org
- County Officers: ndpcountyofficers2022@googlegroups.com
- Block Captains: nebdemblockcaptains@googlegroups.com
- Elected Officials: nebraska-democratic-elected-officials@googlegroups.com
- State Senators: demsenators@googlegroups.com
- 2024 Candidates: 2024-ndp-candidates@nebraskademocrats.org

#NebDems Store: You can purchase t-shirts and sweatshirts to show your #NebDems pride!

Monthly Donor Program: Sign up (or increase your monthly amount) during the SCC meeting 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 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!

Platform and Resolutions Committee Submissions: If you want to submit a resolution for consideration, please contact the Resolutions Chairs Quinton Corwin and Shannon Graves by email 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.

- **Please follow all instructions below.**
- The committee takes three actions on resolutions submitted. All resolutions and the recommendations from the committee are included in our Platform and Resolutions Committee Report which is then voted on at the SCC meeting.
 1. We can approve the resolution out of committee (as is or with edits) and bring it to the floor of the SCC for a vote in our Committee Report which was included in the 10-Day packet and is linked in the Day Of Agenda packet.
 2. We can reject a resolution and will inform the submitter of this decision. An SCC member can bring the resolution to the floor with a motion.
 3. We can recommend the resolution to a committee or to the body at the State Convention.
 4. All three of these options are in our Committee Report.

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:

Phone: 402-434-2180

Email: info@nebraskademocrats.org

NDP Office: 3701 O Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68510 and a new Omaha office is opening on March 4!

Socials

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TikTok: @NebDems

Hashtags: #NebDems, #NELeg

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