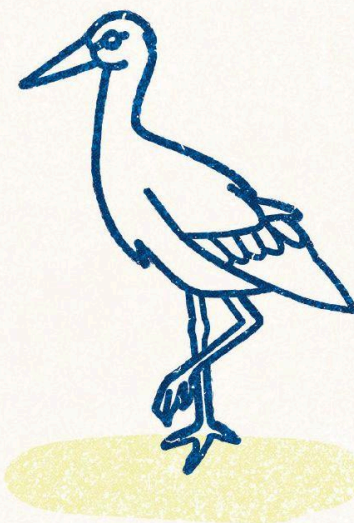


Hastings

Stay Kool Democrats!

STATE CONVENTION
JUNE 7-9, 2024



2024 STATE CONVENTION DELEGATE PACKET
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA



Nebraska Democratic Party

2024 State Convention Delegate Packet Hastings, Nebraska

We welcome you to Hastings for the 2024 Nebraska Democratic Party's State Convention. We gather this weekend to conduct our party's business and to build our infrastructure so we can keep electing strong Democrats who represent our values.

Since 2016, we have grown from 500 to over 900 Democrats elected across our state. We have raised roughly \$1 million a year. Our staff is professionalized and unionized. Our county parties are growing. Candidate recruitment is strong.

While we are zeroed in on securing the #JoMaha blue dot once again, we are also focused on winning competitive races up and down the ballot. We only win with your continued engagement at the state and local level.

- **If you need anything during the convention, please text Jack (630-730-8449) or Precious (402-378-2034).**
- **Saturday night when the convention proceedings for the day end, we will enjoy a DJ, drinks and food trucks outside of First Street Brewing.**
- **Keep this link handy, it has the agenda and other key docs all online: [Linktree](#)**

Thank you for your service to our party,

-Chair Kleeb, Vice Chair Kaminski, Vice Chair of County Parties Griffin, DNC Committeewoman Ligon, DNC Committeeman Flowerday, Treasurer Kessler, Secretary Matejka, Finance Chair Austin



Key Highlights:

- **Convention meeting locations.**
 - Hastings City Auditorium: 400 N Hastings Ave, Hastings, NE 68901
 - Registration and convention proceedings
 - Masonic Lodge: 411 N Hastings Ave, Hastings, NE 68901
 - Caucus, Council, and Committee meetings
 - The Lark: 809 W 2nd St, Hastings, NE 68901
 - Friday welcome reception, some caucus/council meetings

2024 State Convention: Downtown Hastings Map



Things to Do and Places to Eat:

Downtown Food + Drinks

Back Alley Bakery – 609 W 2nd St

- Take home their bread! The sandwiches and salads are amazing too. -Chair KleeB

Big Dally's Deli – 610 E South St

- Yummy sandwiches.

What the Dickens British Bakery – 537 W 2nd St

- Million Dollar Bars are worth the stop. -Chair KleeB

Eileen's Colossal Cookies – 730 W 2nd St

- World-famous cookies.

Special Scoops Ice Cream Parlor – 237 N St Joseph St

- Special needs young people work here :)

Frahm Bar– 647 W 2nd St

- Coffee and cocktails.

Blue Moon Coffee Co – 635 W 2nd St

- I am here pretty much every Friday eating and working. -Chair KleeB

Murphy's Wagon Wheel – 107 N Lincoln Ave

- Best burgers and taco salads in Hastings.

Odyssey – 521 W 2nd St

- Farm-to-table restaurant, get a reservation!

Reno Bar – 414 W 2nd St

- Amazing cocktails.

First Street Brewing Company, 119 N St Joseph Ave

- The FIRST local brewery.

Steeple Brewing Co – 717 W 1st St

- Great local beers.

Olive Saloon – 423 W 3rd St

- Best dive bar. – Convention Co-Chair Kathy Jensen

Downtown Hot Spots

Bath Bliss Gift – 536 W 2nd St

- Locally made soaps.

Bryant Book Store – 625 W 2nd St

- Run by progressives. They have vinyl too!

Small Town Famous – 733 W 2nd St

- The owner, Jacque Cranson, is running for Mayor and she is a Dem!

Rivoli Theatre - 528 W 2nd St

- Historic movie theatre.

Avani Yoga Studio and Spa - 601 W 2nd St #101

- I pretty much live here. - Chair Kleeb

Other Restaurants (not downtown)

- Kitty's Roadhouse – 1400 E South St
- El Puerto - 1008 S Burlington Ave
- Blue Fork Kitchen – 3609 Cimarron Plaza
- Barrel Bar Lounge – 1200 E South St
- Beto's Tacos – 314 N Burlington Ave, Ste E
- Bullseye's Sports Bar – 2017 W 2nd St
- Rivals Restaurant - 3100 Osborne Dr E #100
- El Toro - 3609 Cimarron Plaza # 130

MUST STOPS

Hastings Museum – 1330 N Burlington Ave

- Get a selfie with a BIG Kool-Aid man.
- They also have fun Hastings and Kool-Aid items in their shop.

State Convention Schedule and Agenda

June 7-9, 2024

June 7 Agenda

- **Hastings City Auditorium:** 400 N Hastings Ave.
- **Masonic Lodge:** 411 N Hastings Ave.
- **The Lark:** 809 W 2nd St.

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. / Hastings City Auditorium

- Registration: Get your Delegate badge, tote bag (if you purchased a meal ticket), and agenda packet

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. / Hastings City Auditorium

- County Chairs Council

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. / Masonic Lodge

- Nominations Committee, Upstairs Room A
- Credentials Committee, Upstairs Room B

5:10 - 5:40 p.m. / Masonic Lodge

- CD1 Informational Session, Upstairs Room A
- CD2 Informational Session, Upstairs Room B
- CD3 Informational Session, Downstairs Room A

Agenda of CD Information Sessions:

- CD Caucuses will nominate elector candidates (for their CD and suggest at-large names) and fill vacancies on convention committees as needed.
- Other businesses of electing District-Level National Delegates and SCC members take place on Saturday in the CD Caucus meetings.

5:45 - 7:00 p.m. / Hastings City Auditorium

- Presidential Electors Committee, Upper Floor
- Platform and Resolutions Committee, Main Floor
 - Platform Committee may run later if more time is needed.

5:45 - 6:45 p.m. / Masonic Lodge

- Latinx Caucus, Upstairs Room A
- Black Caucus, Upstairs Room B
- Native Caucus, Downstairs Room A
- Working Families Council, Downstairs Room B
- Rules Committee, Theatre
 - Rules Committee may run later if more time is needed.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. / Masonic Lodge

- Climate Council, Upstairs Room A
- OPEN SPACE IF NEEDED, Upstairs Room B
- Democrats with Disabilities Council, Downstairs Room A
- Stonewall Caucus, Downstairs Room B

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. / The Lark

- Welcome Reception: Come meet other Delegates and enjoy appetizers and drinks!



June 8 Agenda

- **Hastings City Auditorium:** 400 N Hastings Ave.
- **Masonic Lodge:** 411 N Hastings Ave.
- **The Lark:** 809 W 2nd St.

7:30 am – Noon / Hastings City Auditorium

- Registration: Get your Delegate badge, tote bag (if you purchased a meal ticket), and agenda packet.

8:00 am / Various Locations

- Women's Caucus, The Lark
- Veterans and Military Families Council, Masonic Lodge, Upstairs Room A
- Rural and Agricultural Council, Masonic Lodge, Upstairs Room B
- Secular Council, Masonic Lodge, Downstairs Room A
- Nebraska Young Democrats, Masonic Lodge, Downstairs Room B

9:10 am / Hastings City Auditorium

- State Convention Call to Order
 - State Chair Jane Kleeb
- Opening Remarks
 - Adams County Democrats
 - Chair Jane Kleeb
 - Video address DNC Chair Harrison
- Land Acknowledgement and Prayer
 - Led by Stacy Lavarie
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Led by Veterans and Military Family Council Chair Jerry Johnson
- Report of Committee on Credentials
 - Credentials Committee Chair Richard Register
 - VOTE
- Adoption of Convention Rules and Convention Agenda
 - Rules Committee Chair Trevor Fitzgerald
 - VOTE

- Report of Convention Committee and Election of State Convention Officers
 - Convention Committee Co-Chair Kathy Jensen and Tom Genung
 - VOTE:
 - Chair, Senator Terrell McKinney
 - Vice Chair, Charlene Ligon
 - Secretary, Stephanie Matejka
 - Sergeant of Arms, Vice Chair Ronald Kaminski
- Address of State Convention Chair Senator Terrell McKinney
 - Move to CD and LD Caucus Meetings, reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

10:30 am - 12:00 p.m. / Various Locations

- CD3, Hastings City Auditorium
- CD2, Masonic Lodge, Auditorium
- CD1, Masonic Lodge, Downstairs Room A

Agenda for CD Caucus Meetings includes:

- Elections of CD Chair and Vice Chair
- Election of District-Level Delegates and Alternates to National Convention
 - CD1 – 4 Male/NB Dels, 3 Female/NB Dels, 1 Female Alt
 - CD2 – 4 Male/NB Dels, 5 Female/NB Dels, 1 Male Alt
 - CD3 – 2 Male/NB Dels, 2 Female/NB Dels, no Alt
- Upon conclusion of your CD Caucus, pick up your box lunch at the Auditorium and move to Legislative District Caucuses.

12:10 p.m. / Various Locations

- CD3 LDs, City Auditorium
- CD2 LDs, Masonic Lodge, Theatre
- CD1 LDs, Masonic Lodge, Downstairs Room A
- LDs Split between Multiple CDs, City Auditorium Upstairs Bowl

Agenda for LD Caucuses includes:

- Elections of State Central Committee Members by LD
 - Term begins directly after State Convention during the SCC meeting on Saturday night for a two-year term
 - One Female/NB and One Male/NB Delegate per LD
 - One Female/NB and One Male/NB Alternate per LD

1:15 p.m. / Hastings City Auditorium

- Reconvene entire Convention Body
- Report of the CD Caucus Elections
 - CD Caucus Chairs
- Report of Nominations Committee
 - Nominations Committee Chair Roger Morgan
 - Election of Democratic National Committeepersons
- Election of Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates to National Convention
 - Convention Chair McKinney
 - VOTE
- Report of the Committee to Recommend Nominations of Presidential & Vice Presidential Electors
 - Electors Committee Chair Charlene Ligon
 - VOTE
- Candidate Speeches
 - Via video remarks
- Election of At-Large Delegates to National Convention
 - Convention Chair McKinney
 - VOTE
- Report of the Rules Committee
 - Chair Trevor Fitzgerald
 - VOTE: [Rules Report](#)
- Convention Recess (between 6-7pm)

When Convention Recesses / Auditorium

- State Central Committee Briefing
 - ONLY for elected members of the 2024-2026 delegates and alternates

Evening Fun–Democracy Rocks!

- We encourage all Delegates to walk downtown, enjoy supper at a restaurant, get a cocktail and enjoy our small town! We invite you to dance in the street with a DJ and food trucks outside of [First Street Brewing](#) on 119 North Saint Joseph Ave. (a short 5-minute walk from the convention proceedings).

June 9 Agenda

- All meetings on Sunday will be held at the Hastings City Auditorium

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

- Meeting of National Convention Delegates
 - Auditorium Balcony

9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

- Reconvene Convention body
 - Conduct any business not completed on Saturday
- Report of the Rules Committee (if not completed on Saturday)
 - Chair Trevor Fitzgerald
 - VOTE: [Rules Report](#)
- Report of the Platform and Resolutions Committee
 - Co-Chairs Quinton Corwin and Shannon Graves
 - VOTE: [Platform Report](#)
 - [Resolution Honoring Democratic Commitment to Pride Month](#)
- Adjourn