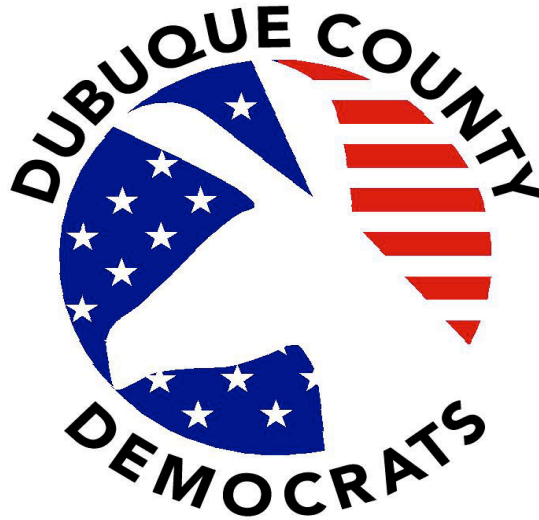


2026 Dubuque County Democratic Convention



Saturday, 21 March, 2026
Keystone Area Education Agency
2310 Chaney Road, Dubuque, 52001

Regular Registration will start at 9:15 a.m. and close at 10:00 a.m.
Late-arriving Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. and close at 10:45 a.m.
Call to order: 10:00 a.m.

Suggested Donation: \$20.00 (cash or check) accepted on Saturday.
Delegates wishing to pay by credit card may pay online through
Friday, March 20 at 12:00pm at
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/countyconvention2026>

About 30 copies of this booklet will be available at the Convention

2026 County to State Convention Timeline

March

Saturday 21 10:00 a.m., **Dubuque County Democratic Convention; Elections for Delegates/Alternates to District/State Conventions, District Convention Committee Members and County Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Chair**

Monday 23 Deadline to submit election results from the County Convention to the Iowa Democratic Party and the Second Congressional District Democrats.

Sunday 29 1pm **First meeting** of Second Congressional District Democratic Convention Committees via zoom.

April

Saturday 11 Deadline for State Chair to appoint Temporary State Convention Committee chairs.

Friday 17 Deadline for District Convention Committees to nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding state committee. Additional nominations can be taken at District Convention.

Wednesday 22 Deadline for District Convention Credentials Challenges to be made

Saturday 25 Deadline to Distribute District Convention booklets or the Call if the District Arrangements and Credentials committee decide they don't want to mail the whole booklet.

May

Saturday 2 9:00 a.m. **Second Congressional District Democratic Convention** at location to be determined.

Saturday 9 Likely First Meeting of the **State Arrangements, Credentials, Platform Rules & Nominations** Committees.

Friday 22 Last day State Convention Committees can hold their initial meeting.

June

Tuesday 2 **Primary Election**

Saturday 13 9:00 a.m., **State Democratic Convention, Des Moines.**

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FYI: A large-type version of this document is available by calling 583-4419.

If you need additional accommodations, please contact the Credentials Chair, George Tompkins at (563) 583-3983 or georgetompkins@mac.com.

About 30 BOOKLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CONVENTION

**Regular Registration will start at 9:15 a.m. and close at 10:00 a.m.
Late-arriving Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. and close at 10:45 a.m.**

DELEGATE & ALTERNATE DELEGATE CREDENTIALING

1. Registration of late-arriving Delegates shall remain open for at least 45-minutes after the Convention is scheduled to convene (10:00 a.m.). However, as soon as the Credentials Committee reports to the Convention that a quorum of Delegates has been Credentialed, the Convention may transact official and binding business.
2. Dubuque County could elect 250 Delegates to the County Convention. At precinct caucuses, 68 Delegates were elected. This means the approximate convention size is now 68.
3. The Credentials Committee may credential all Delegates & Alternates as they arrive.
4. To be a Delegate a person had to be elected at their Precinct Caucus or Monday 2 February 2026.
5. If a Delegate is unable to attend, they may name their Alternate from **any** registered Democrat in the county in writing on the **designated form** to the Credentials Committee.
6. All Alternates that were elected on caucus night were credentialed for the convention as Delegates. Therefore there are no remaining alternates to be credentialed.
7. The first priority order for Democrats who don't have an alternate designation form is:
 - a) Alternates from precincts 1-2, 7-11, 13 and 16-20 can be credentialed in any unfilled delegate spots in House District 71.
 - c) Alternates from precincts 3-6, 12, 14-15, 23, 25 and 30 can be credentialed in any unfilled delegate spots in House District 72, 64 and 67. (They are grouped together because 64 and 67 each have only one precinct in Dubuque County).
 - d) Alternates from Precincts 21-22, 24, 26-29 and 31-34 can be credentialed in any unfilled delegate spots in House District 65.
8. The second priority order for Alternates is: any Alternate can be seated in any remaining unfilled Delegate spots in any House District.
9. A Youth Delegate is someone who will not be 18 by election day, Tuesday, 3 November 2026. A youth that did not attend the Caucus may attend the County Convention by showing up the day of the Convention and declaring themselves. The Credentials Committee will present the list of Youth Delegates to the County Convention for approval.
10. The Credentials Committee will give an initial report at 10:00 a.m. If they have credentialed all 68 eligible Delegates minus the number of Delegates who have indicated they will not be attending by designating a Democrat to take their place, registration may close before 10:45 a.m. If Credentials has not reached this number earlier, registration shall stay open until 10:45 a.m. for any late arriving Delegates and Alternates.

Suggested Donation for Registration

There is a \$20 (Twenty dollar) suggested donation from each County Delegate at Registration. The donation is used to defray the costs of the convention. Alternates may wait until they are credentialed as Delegates to make their donations. Donations are always appreciated from any Democrat at any time. However, no Delegate's right to vote shall be denied for inability to do so. Observers and/or Youth Delegates can donate whatever amount they feel comfortable with. Coffee will also be available. Soda pop is available for purchase from the vending machines. To expedite registration you can show up at the Convention with your \$20 check made out to the Dubuque County Democrats. Any person who feels they cannot afford the \$20 donation can have it reduced or waived at the registration table or contact Credentials Chair George Tompkins. Your privacy on this matter will be respected. If you wish to pay in advance of the convention, you may do so at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/county-convention2026> by **noon Friday 20 March**.

General Information

Smoking: Smoking is not permitted in the convention hall.

Food: In the morning, the Arrangements Committee is providing juice, coffee, and rolls for a free-will offering of \$5. Vending machines are available and cups will be provided for the water fountain. Can fill water bottles at water fountain.

Signs: Sign limitations for Candidates.

- Limited to no more than three (3) 3' x 4' signs outside
- Limited to two (2) signs on inside walls. May distribute flyers on chairs.
- Flyers may be distributed between 9:00a.m. & 10:00 a.m. on convention morning.
- A table for candidate literature will be available

Accessibility: The Convention Hall rest rooms, and vending are accessible on the ground level. Handicap parking stalls will be available near the convention entrance.

Dubuque County Democrats will allow delegates to attend via zoom. Please see the convention call emailed to delegates for the zoom link.

COVID & Other respiratory viruses:

Masks are no longer required, but are welcome if someone chooses to wear one.

The Dubuque County convention will convene at 10:00 a.m., for these purposes:

1. Continue the procedures begun at the Caucuses, giving people the means to directly affect the political process, sustaining, and enhancing participatory democracy.
2. Provide a forum for brief appearances of Democratic candidates for office.
3. Discuss and adopt a County Platform of Democratic positions and legislative proposals.
4. Elect a county Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chairperson.
5. Elect 33 Delegates and up to 66 Alternates to the Congressional District Democratic Convention on May 2 and the State Convention in Des Moines on June 13. If you are elected a District Delegate, you are automatically a State Delegate.
6. Elect 4 committee members and up to 8 alternates each to the District Arrangements, Credentials, Platform and Rules & Nominations Committees. The first organizational meeting for these District committees could be in-person or a zoom meeting.

Proportional Representation

All conventions of the Iowa Democratic Party shall assure that they include women, men, various ages, and economic and demographic groups in reasonable relationship to the proportions to which these groups are found in the community they represent.

How To Challenge A Delegate Or Alternate

Any Democrat may initiate a challenge by writing to the Credentials Committee Chair, George Tompkins at georgetompkins@mac.com and the Dubuque County Rules Committee Chair, R.R.S. Stewart at countess14@hotmail.com.

A challenge must include the name and address of the person challenged and the grounds on which the challenge is based pursuant to the IDP Constitution and/or the Dubuque County Democrats Constitution..

The challenge must be received by noon Friday, March 20.

The challenger also must send a copy of the challenge to the Delegate or Alternate who is challenged and the County Chair at dbqdemchair@gmail.com

AGENDA

1. Call to Order (10:00 a.m.)
2. Credentials Committee Report (10:00 a.m. and again after registration closes)
3. Election of the Convention Chair (as soon as there is a quorum)
4. Rules & Nominations Committee Report (as soon as there is a quorum)
5. Convention Speakers
6. Recognition of any Youth Delegates present
7. Nomination of District/State Delegates and Alternates
8. Election and Ratification of District/State Delegates and Alternates
9. Platform Report
10. Consideration and Adoption of Platform
11. Election and Ratification of District Convention Committee Members
12. Election and Ratification of County Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment

(For efficiency's sake, it is acceptable to go back and forth between different items on the agenda. For example, alternating between convention speakers, platform, and election of District/State Delegates and Alternates).

RULES

1. CALL TO ORDER

If the Temporary Convention Chair does not call the Convention to order within 15 minutes of the announced start time (10am), any Delegate may call the Convention to order at 10:15 so that the order of business shall commence.

2A. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee shall give its initial report at 10 a.m. It will give its final report after registration closes at 10:45 a.m. or earlier if 68 minus the number of Delegates who have indicated they will not be attending by designating an Alternate to take their place has been reached.

- a) The Temporary Convention Chair shall recognize the Chair of the Credentials Committee of their designee to present the Committee's Report. The Chair of the Credentials Committee may present Committee amendments, may yield to others, and may yield for the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing his/her right to the floor.
- b) Credentialed means a Delegate or Alternate has been given voting privileges at the Convention. At 10 a.m. and 10:45a.m., the Credentials Committee shall report the number of Delegates and Alternates credentialed at that time for quorum purposes.
- c) In the case of a challenge to a Delegate or Alternate on the basis of party, the Credentials Committee may request them to present a voter registration card to prove they are a Democrat and require them to fill out a new voter registration form re-registering as a Democrat if they are unable or unwilling to show their voter registration card. If the Credentials challenge is based on identity, the Credentials Committee may ask for identification. If the Credentials Committee cannot verify the party or identity of the challenged Delegate/Alternate, then the Convention shall vote on each challenge reported by the Credentials Committee. The report of the Credentials Committee must be approved

by a majority vote of the Convention before a Delegate or Alternate being challenged or added may vote or participate in the Convention.

- d) Delegates elected at Caucuses shall be credentialed when they arrive. Alternates may be credentialed as they arrive following the priority order in the Call on page 2.
- e) If the Credentials Committee wishes to credential more than 68 attendees, they may request to do so in their Credentials Committee report.

2B. QUORUM

According to the By-Laws of the Iowa Democratic Party (Article 1, Section 7), a quorum is forty (40) percent of the number of Delegates elected to the Convention. Since 68 delegates were elected at caucuses, the Convention may conduct business starting at 10 a.m. if the Credentials Committee has credentialed at least 28 people. The Credentials Committee can credential up to 68 Delegates and Alternates total. After registration closes at 10:45 a.m. (or prior if 68 minus the number of Delegates who have indicated they will not be attending by designating an Alternate to take their place has been reached earlier), the Credentials Committee will announce the final number of people credentialed. Once a quorum has been established, the continued presence of a quorum is presumed to exist. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed.

3A. SELECTION OF A PERMANENT CONVENTION CHAIR

The Convention shall proceed to choose a permanent Chair of the Convention using the following procedure:

- a) The Arrangements Chair or their designee shall read the following statement: **“All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Iowa shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, disability, or status. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, the Iowa Democratic Party has adopted a program of effective affirmative action. Discrimination on the basis of ‘status’ in the conduct of Iowa Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.”**
- b) The Chair of the Rules & Nominations Committee or their designee shall be recognized to offer a nomination for the Convention Chair.
- c) Nominations from the floor of the Convention shall be requested and received.
- d) At the point when there are no further nominations or upon adoption of a motion to close nominations, the Rules & Nominations Committee shall, after offering any nominee the opportunity to decline that nomination, conduct a vote of the Delegates present to elect the Convention Chair. If needed, a subsequent ballot shall be conducted to elect a permanent Chair of the Convention from the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot.

3B. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHAIR

It shall be the duty of the Chair to conduct and expedite the business of the Convention and to preserve order and decorum in its proceedings.

The Chair is authorized to:

- a) In consultation with the Rules & Nominations committee, appoint a Secretary and other officers, such as a Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-arms, Timekeeper, etc., as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention. In doing so, the Chair will adhere to the voluntary Affirmative Action principles adopted by the Democratic Party as much as

possible. If the Chair fails to do so, any Delegate may call upon the Chair to take the Democratic Party Affirmative Action into consideration.

- b) Appoint any Delegate to temporarily perform the duties of Chair or to act as Co-Chair.
- c) Take such lawful action as may be appropriate and necessary to preserve order throughout the convention hall. In the instance of excessive numbers of appeals, motions, minority reports, points of order, or other dilatory actions, the Chair may rule initiators of these actions out of order, subject to appeal and majority vote. Such appeals shall be decided without debate.

4A. RULES & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair shall then recognize the Chair(s) of the Rules & Nominations Committee to present the Committee's Recommended Rules for the Convention and minority reports, if any.

4B. VOTING

Voting shall be by voice, show of hands, standing vote, roll call or ballot (in order of stringency). A vote may also be had on any question upon demand of any Delegate supported by 20% of the authorized Delegates present. The determination as to which method of voting shall be used will be the decision of the Chair unless there is a call for a specific method by at least 20% of the Convention.

- a) All questions, except as specified otherwise in these rules, shall be determined by a majority vote of the Delegates present and voting. Visitors are asked to remain in the back of the room during a vote count.
- b) For Standing Votes, credentials are to be clearly visible (around the delegate's neck) to the counting officials.
- c) For roll call votes, the roll call shall be called by precinct. Delegates of each precinct will state their vote when their Precinct number is called.
- d) For a written ballot, delegates must use the number ballot that is assigned by the Chair and the ballot must be signed. Failure to do so will lead to a spoiled ballot. In the election of Delegates to District, each Delegate must vote for the required number of people on each ballot. Any more or less will lead to a spoiled ballot.
 - a. Upon the completion of counting the ballots, the Rules & Nomination Committee Chair shall take possession of all written ballots. Written ballots shall be preserved for one year.
- e) When a question has been put to a vote, the vote may not be interrupted for any purpose other than a demand for a more stringent voting method or a point of order directed to the conduct of the vote. The Chair may interpret a demand for a more stringent voting as a call for any voting method more stringent than the method in use when the call is made.
- f) During the counting of the ballots on an issue, the Chair may place a new main motion on the floor and return to the previous question after the counting of the ballots has been complete.
- g) No proxy or absentee voting is permitted. Attendance via zoom is not absentee.

4C. APPEALS

The Chair, with the advice of the Rules Committee, shall decide all questions of procedural order subject to appeal by any Delegate. The Chair shall be entitled to briefly state the reasons for the ruling. If the Chair's ruling is appealed, the question may then be debated for not more than 10 minutes. This time is to be divided equally between the Delegate(s) sustaining the chair's ruling and those opposed.

4D. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

It is not in order at any time to suspend the Rules in their entirety. The Chair shall entertain a motion to suspend a specific rule (or rules) for a specific purpose which shall be decided without debate and which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates (a quorum being present).

4E. MOTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

A privileged motion is a motion in parliamentary procedure that is granted precedence over ordinary business because it concerns matters of great importance or urgency. Such motions are not debatable, although the chair may solicit relevant facts from the motion maker. The Chair shall not entertain motions of privilege when such a motion too closely follows another such motion or when, in the opinion of the Chair, such a motion is dilatory. The privileged motions are, in order of precedence:

1. Adjourn, but not unless all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed.
2. Motion to recess, which shall state the time the Convention is to reconvene.
3. Raise a question of privilege, including matters of comfort, amplification, or safety.
4. Call for orders of the day, asking the convention to follow the Order of Business).

An appendix of parliamentary procedure is on pages 12 & 13 of this booklet.

4F. MINORITY REPORTS

Minority reports of committees shall not be considered unless adopted by at least 10% of the members of the committee in a signed minority report.

4G. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

It shall be in order at any time for the Rules Committee to report to the Convention a resolution, motion, Committee report, minority report, amendment to a Committee report or any other matter for which provision is not made under these rules.

4H. DEBATE

Unless otherwise stated, the procedure for debate is as follows:

- a) A single microphone will be available for debaters. Debate time will alternate between proponents and opponents. The Chair will designate a timekeeper who will notify all speakers that they have a two (2) minute limit to speak. The Chair will strictly enforce the time limit.
- b) Each topic will be limited to six (6) speakers: Three (3) for and three (3) against.
- c) No more than two (2) consecutive speakers on the same side of an issue shall be permitted. If there is no speaker for the other side, debate is finished.
- d) At the end of the initial debate time for a single question, the Convention may, by a two-thirds (2/3) standing vote, extend the debate for no more than twelve (12) additional minutes, subject in all respects to rules a), b), and c) above.
- e) Debate may be closed by unanimous consent or by a two-thirds (2/3) standing vote in support of closing debate. A motion for the previous question shall not be in order during the course of a speech from either the speaker or the floor..

4I. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RULES

Convention Rules have evolved over the years to solve various problems that have occurred in conventions as delegates have attempted to give communal expression to their competing and often conflicting notions of what is most important for the Democratic Party. Rules enable Delegates to accomplish as much as possible in the limited time available. To be an effective Convention Delegate, who represents your Precinct well, you will need to be familiar with the Rules. Read them over carefully before coming to the Convention. When a matter of the Convention is not covered in this Rules & Nominations Committee Report, the 2022 Iowa Democratic Party Constitution & By-laws, the 2021 Dubuque County Democrats Constitution & By-laws, the 2021 Iowa First Congressional District Constitution & By-laws, the 2013 Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, and the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be used as the authority in the order listed above. The Rules & Nominations Committee shall have copies of these documents (either in electronic or hard copy) at the Convention and present them to any Delegate who wishes to view them for clarification of any matter.

5. CONVENTION SPEAKERS

The Convention's guest speakers shall be limited to five (5) minutes, including federal and statewide candidates and their surrogates. The Chair shall enforce this time limit with the assistance of an official Timekeeper when appropriate. If the Chair fails to do so, a Delegate may call upon the Chair to enforce the time limit.

6. YOUTH DELEGATES

Youth Delegates who will not be 18 by Election Day, Tuesday, 3 November 2026, do not have voting rights at the regular County Convention. They are still able to attend and may be elected Youth Delegates/Alternates to the District/State Convention. Youth Delegates can caucus separately for the purpose of electing District/State Convention Youth Delegates and Alternates and writing their own platform.

7. NOMINATION OF DISTRICT/STATE DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

All County Delegates who desire to run for a position as Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the District/State Conventions, shall inform either the Credentials Committee during registration, or afterwards to the Rules & Nominations Committee during the Convention.

- a) Before the Rules & Nominations Committee accepts nominations during the Convention, the County Arrangements Chair or their designee shall read the following statement: "**All caucuses, convention, Committees, and Democratic Party officials shall take such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to assure that all caucuses and conventions as well as committees shall include: men, women, various age groups, racial minority groups, economic groups, and representatives of identifiable geographically defined populations -all in reasonable relationship to the proportions in which these groups are found in the populations of the respective constituencies. In the spirit of the above, all caucuses, conventions, and Committees will also endeavor to include citizens of all national origins, ethnic identities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and disabilities.**"
- b) District/State Delegate/Alternates shall be elected by the Convention as a whole.
- c) Candidates for the Delegate positions shall be put on a candidate list and lettered or numbered before the elections begin.
- e) **The total number of Delegates Dubuque County can send to District/State Conventions is 33.** The election of up to 66 District/State Alternates is also permitted. This is a

guideline, so it is possible to elect slightly more than 66 alternates if there is interest in doing so.

8. ELECTION OF DISTRICT/STATE DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

Persons need not be present to be elected but all Delegates must be present to vote (No proxy or absentee voting is permitted). Being present on zoom counts as being present to vote.

- a) A candidate for a District/State Delegate position must be at least 18 years of age by Election Day, Tuesday, 3 November 2026, be registered as a Democrat, reside within the county and support the purposes of the County, District and Iowa Democratic Parties. (Those 17 years old who otherwise qualify as candidates for Delegate positions, but are not within six months of their 18th birthday are exempted from the registration requirement).
- b) The election shall be led by the Rules & Nominations Committee Chair or their designee. Ballots shall be counted by the Rules & Nominations and Credentials Committees.
- c) The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Nominations shall explain the provisions for achieving gender balance to the Convention. Nonbinary, agender and genderqueer nominees shall be subtracted from the gendered nominee, starting with males, and then subtracting from each gender for each nonbinary, agender and genderqueer nominee.
- d) Each nominee is allotted up to thirty (30) seconds to address the voting group prior to election.
- e) If the number of nominations is equal to the number of State/District delegates to be elected, they may be elected by acclamation. If there are more nominations than the number of District/State Delegates, voting will be by signed ballot. County Delegates must vote for at least half of the Delegates to be selected on any given ballot and failure to do so will result in a spoiled ballot. For example, if a ballot is for 16 District/State Delegates, the County Delegate must vote for at least eight (8) people on their ballot. No more than a simple majority of the Delegate positions may be determined by the first ballot. No Candidate may be elected with less than five (5) votes. If candidates are tied, they must be declared elected together or returned to the candidate pool for the next ballot together.
- f) Anyone not elected a Delegate will automatically be nominated for Alternate at the end of Delegate voting unless they withdraw. Anyone else who wants to be an Alternate will also be listed. Balloting is only needed to fill Alternate positions if there are many more nominees than twice the number of Delegates. As this is a guideline rather than a strict rule, the County may elect slightly more Alternates than twice the number of Delegates.
- g) The ballots shall be collected and counted under the authority of the Rules & Nominations and the Credentials Committee. The Rules & Nominations Committee Chair or the Credentials Committee Chair shall take possession of all the ballots and preserve for one year.
- h) The entire Convention shall ratify the election of the entire slate of Delegates and Alternates to the District & State Conventions. Ratification means only that it is the sense of the Convention that the procedures used were in conformity with required procedures under the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party and applicable Convention procedures and rules. The standard policies concerning challenges and Minority Reports shall apply, with such being carried to the District Affirmative Action Chair and the District Convention Credentials Committee.

9. PRESENTATION OF PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

The consideration of the Report of the Platform Committee shall take place at the discretion of the Chair during the Delegate selection process. The Report of the Platform Committee shall be presented by the Platform Chair or their designee. Debate on the Platform shall be conducted by

the Platform Chair or their designee. For the purpose of expeditious use of time, the Temporary or Permanent Convention Chair may ask the Platform Chair to conduct debate on any amendment as soon as the Platform Committee Chair or Secretary receives a valid proposed amendment (one that contains the signatures of at least 14 credentialed Delegates). The actual vote on such amendments will take place (without further debate) only after the final report of the Credentials Committee.

Order of Voting

1. Planks shall be presented for Convention action (debate and vote, table for amendment and/or debate, adoption, or rejection) in the order they appear in the Platform Committee report by section. Delegates may put to the Platform Committee requests for clarification of the plank it presents. Up to 2 minutes may be spent per plank upon such clarification.
2. Amendments to the Platform shall be considered at the time they apply in the following order: (A) Minority reports from the Platform Committee;
(B) Amendments changing the language of planks/general principles offered by written petition of 15 Credentialed Delegates. If more than one amendment from either (A) or (B) is offered they shall be considered in the order they are received by the Chair and/or the Secretary of the Platform Committee.
3. Additional planks offered by written petition of 14 Credentialed Delegates.
4. Replacement planks offered by written petition of 14 Credentialed Delegates.
5. Rejection (deletion) of planks (this the only change that can be proposed from the floor).
6. Any remaining tabled planks. Everything tabled must receive a final up or down vote before the final Platform Committee Report can be adopted.

The Platform Committee Report shall be adopted as amended upon a majority vote of the Delegates present and voting.

Rules found in the sections entitled "4B. Voting", "4H. Debate" and "10. Platform Consideration Procedures" shall also apply to the consideration of the Report of the Platform Committee.

10. PLATFORM CONSIDERATION PROCEDURES

No amendment shall be entertained unless it is germane to the subject of the motion or resolution to which it is applied, and is not, in the opinion of the Platform Chair, dilatory.

- a) New planks and amendments to planks in the Platform Committee Report must be filed in writing at the Rules Table with the Chair or Secretary of the Platform Committee before the time that motions on such amendments are in order and at the latest 11:10am. These planks will be considered for inclusion, substitution or amendments to existing Platform Proposals by the Platform Committee and/or may be omitted if redundant or contradictory to Existing Platform Committee reported planks.
- b) Amendments or motions to amend, add or replace a platform plank or other changes to the platform language must be printed legibly on a petition signed by 14 credentialed delegates.
- c) Motions to add, replace, or amend may not be amended except by friendly amendment. A "friendly amendment" is one agreed to by the maker of the original motion. The maker of the original motion can only accept a friendly amendment on their own before the motion has been stated by the chair. Once the Chair has stated a motion, it is no longer the property of the mover, but of the assembly. If the Chair has already stated the motion, it is proper for the Chair to ask if there is "any objection" to allowing the friendly amendment. If no objection is made, the maker of the original motion may choose to accept the friendly

amendment. If even one member objects, however, the amendment cannot be considered friendly, and must be submitted as a separate motion in accordance with 11(a) and 11(b).

- d) With the support of 14 Delegates, a plank may be tabled for later amendment and /or debate. (A motion to table is undebatable.) When a plank, which was tabled for the purpose of amendment, comes up for consideration, if there is no viable petition for amendment, then it shall be debated in its original form.

11. ELECTION OF DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The County Convention will proceed to elect four (4) committee members and up to eight (8) alternates each to the District Arrangements, Credentials, Platform and Rules & Nominations Committees. As much as practicable, District Convention Committee shall be determined in the same manner that Delegates are allocated to the preference groups if the convention chose to break into preference groups. The Convention may also elect slightly more Alternates than twice the number of Delegates as this a guideline.

- a) Each of the County Convention Committees shall nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding committee at the District Convention.
- b) Additional nominations may be made from the Convention floor.
- c) When there are no further nominations or upon adoption of a motion to cease nominations, the Convention Chair shall, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline nomination, conduct a vote for each position to be filled. If the number of nominations is exactly even to the number of committee members, they may be elected by acclamation. If there are more nominations than the number of committee members to be elected, voting shall be by ballot using the rules and procedures described in the election of District/State Delegates & Alternates.
- d) A simple majority vote of the Delegates present and voting shall be required to elect District Convention Committee members. After all District Convention Committee Members and Alternates have been elected, the entire Convention shall ratify the election of the Committee Members and Alternates to the District Committees.

12. ELECTION OF COUNTY DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION CHAIR

The Rules and Nominations Committee shall receive nominations for one (1) person to serve as the County Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair, who will be a member of the County Executive Board and the District Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. The Convention will proceed with this election. The Convention Chair shall read the following description or have the Rules & Nominations Chair read the following description:

"The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair shall promote recruitment of new members into the Democratic Party and encourage their full participation in the caucus/convention, platform development, and delegate selection processes, and within the Central Committee and other party organizations with particular concern towards those groups which have been historically under represented within the Iowa Democratic Party. "

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS - DUBUQUE COUNTY DEMOCRATS (DCD) CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) MEETINGS

All DCD Meetings are open meetings; please feel welcome to come. However, only duly elected CC members may vote. If you would like to be nominated as a Central Committee member from your precinct, please contact a member of the Executive Board. The Central Committee usually

meets once a month. Although meeting times and locations are subject to change, meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m at UAW Hall. For exact times and locations of future meetings, check our web site, dbqdemocrats.org, or sign up for our listserve at <http://eepurl.com/dC9jCD>. **See the description of Central Committee responsibilities on the back cover for more information.**

Other announcements may be made throughout the day.

14. ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX

Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart Based on <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition)</i>							
Part 1, Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Part 2, Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None
Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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 Credentials Committee Chair: George Tompkins

Platform Committee Chair: Terry Stewart , Co-Chair Matthew Robinson
Secretaries: Hillary Hannan & Donavon Walker
Rules & Nominations Chair: R.R.S. Stewart
Booklet compiled by R.R.S. Stewart

Dubuque County Convention Committees & District Convention Nominees:

? = *delegate for District Arrangements Committees.*

Can have **four** more nominees for District Arrangements Committee

© = *delegate for District Credentials Committees*

Can have **two** more nominees for District Credentials Committee

® = *delegate for District Rules & Nominations Committees*

Can have **three** more nominees for District Credentials Committee

Committee on Committee Members

Daniel J. Balm	Emily K. Bush ©
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Additional Tellers may be appointed by the Rules & Nominations Committee on the day of the convention to help with collecting and counting votes.

Platform Committee Members

* = *delegate for District Convention Committees.*

α = *alternate for District Convention Committees*

M. Faith Blaskovich	Larry D. Ellis
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Jill M. Hunt	Zackary R. Kenz
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Eli Licht	Linda J. Ressler @
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Donavon S. Walker *	Kelly L. Work

Do not need any more delegates or alternates for District Platform Committee

2026 Dubuque County Democratic (DCD) Party Platform

Completed by the Platform Committee on March 8, 2026

The Dubuque County Democratic Party Mission

We believe that the American dream of peace, security, and opportunity is achieved through securing human rights, economic equality, and environmental justice for all people.

Therefore, we advocate the adoption of the practices summarized below.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

We believe in certifiable agricultural practices that are economically sustainable and protect people, land, water, and air resources now and for future generations. To this end, we advocate the following:

1. Promote small farms, farm jobs, and eco-friendly farm management, preserving natural resources for future generations.
2. Expand Iowa crop diversity and local markets.
3. [Humane treatment of all animals](#) and stewardship of resources required for and impacted by the livestock industry.
4. Revise [master matrix](#) to better protect water, air, and soil quality.
5. Reduce tiling and move to retention & absorption. Support implementation of the [Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy](#).

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

We believe that protecting our environment will counter the destructive effects of climate change, greatly expand employment opportunities, and improve our quality of life. To this end, we advocate for:

1. Adoption of a [state constitutional amendment](#) that protects the people's right to a clean, safe, and healthy environment.
2. Greater investment of resources in environmentally sustainable industries, reducing harmful emissions and waste while creating jobs in sustainable energy industries.
3. Educating Iowans on climate change, enabling them to become knowledgeable and action-oriented stewards of our environment.
4. Community action to raise public awareness, implement sustainable practices, and protect the environment.
5. Funding of [Iowa Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund](#) to promote natural waterways for flood control and to protect our aquifers from environmental threats.
6. Preserving our cultural and historical sites (including indigenous input) while enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities.
7. Immediate and aggressive action to slow and reverse climate change, including continuing support for the [Paris Climate Agreement](#).

8. Funding expansion of mass transit resources by renewing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
9. Regulation of data center development and operation to protect water and energy consumption.
10. Fund water quality testing.

EDUCATION

We believe in providing sufficient funding to ensure that all students learn in an environment that is safe, accessible, comprehensive, and affordable. Doing so leads to improved student outcomes and creates a lifelong love of learning. To this end, we advocate for the following:

1. The Iowa Legislature and Governor facilitate timely and adequate funding for:
 - a. Universal public preschool.
 - b. Public schools that offer career and technical education, including implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics ([STEAM](#)).
 - c. The attraction and retention of a diverse workforce of educators, support professionals, and licensed professional medical and brain health workers.
 - d. Affordable community colleges/universities and/or tuition-free public post-secondary education.
 - e. Unemployment and medical benefits for eligible Education Support Professionals ([ESPs](#)).
 - f. Area Education Associations ([AEAs](#)).
 - g. The Summer Food Service Program ([SFSPs](#)).
 - h. Adequate educator pay, salary, and benefits.
2. The use of education funds only for public education, barring the use of public funds for vouchers, tuition tax credits, and private for-profit education businesses.
3. The use of an accurate, diverse, equitable, and inclusive educator-developed curriculum that represents the community.
4. Restoring full rights of Iowa public employees in collective bargaining for wages, terms, and conditions of employment.
5. Protecting Iowa Public Employee Retirement System ([IPERS](#)).
6. Total federal funding of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ([IDEA](#)).
7. Develop common sense student loan reform to increase access to affordable higher education.
8. Support the development of age-appropriate K-12 conflict resolution training.

GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND IMMIGRATION

We believe that our elected leaders must improve social justice and domestic tranquility by promoting ethical, legal treatment for all and providing equal rights under the law through the following:

1. Comprehensive immigration reform that includes promotes these policies:

- a. Extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program until the Passage of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors ([DREAM](#)) Act.
 - b. Promote timely application processing, issue work permits, and create an expedited [roadmap to citizenship](#).
 - c. Include long-term protection for asylum seekers/refugees from conflict zones.
 - d. Fast-track T and U Visas for survivors of human trafficking.
 - e. Prevent family separation, support family reunification, and increase special protections for minors.
 - f. Decrease reliance on physical barriers and force in border security by utilizing technology and timely legal processes.
 - g. Oppose efforts to make state and local law enforcement responsible for enforcing federal immigration [laws](#).
 - h. Provide a path for individuals, regardless of immigration status, to purchase vehicle insurance and obtain a [driver's license](#) in Iowa.
 - i. Provide additional services for integrating immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees.
 - j. Remove restrictions on visas that make it difficult for immigrants to work and attend school at the same time.
 - k. Support establishment of international relationships fostering human rights as outlined in International Affairs.
 - l. Acknowledge importance of immigration in reinvigorating our labor force.
2. Uphold the Second Amendment rights while reinforcing common sense safety measures that include:
 - a. Universal background checks, mandatory registration of all gun purchases, and maintaining a “weapon-free zone.”
 - b. Authorize sheriffs to deny permits to persons who are adjudicated mentally ill, on the “no-fly” list, or convicted of domestic violence.
 - c. Ban kits or parts that would convert semi-automatic weapons to fully automatic weapons.
 3. Reformation of law enforcement agencies at all levels through demilitarization, emphasizing respecting due process and improving community policing.
 4. Adequate funding for judicial systems.
 5. Publicly (not privately) owned and operated correctional systems that rehabilitate and assist offenders to become contributors to a civil and just society.
 6. Protection from coercive non-disclosure agreements of persons alleging sexual harassment.
 7. Equality of all opportunities and elimination of discriminatory practices - not limited to pay, housing, education, employment, and commerce.
 8. Support decriminalization, legalization, and expungement of cannabis drug convictions at the national and state levels for adults, and release inmates held solely for nonviolent cannabis crimes.

9. Develop and expand services based on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
10. Maintain integrity of elections by:
 - a. Securing elections against foreign and domestic interference and protecting voter rights by way of the [John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) of 2021.
 - b. Overturning [Citizens United](#) and enacting comprehensive campaign finance reform.
 - c. Enacting impartial redistricting laws to prevent [gerrymandering](#).
 - d. Adopting a constitutional amendment to protect voter rights.
 - e. Adopting [ranked choice voting](#).
11. Disengage with the punitive nature of criminal sentencing.
12. Elevate [Bureau of Conflict Resolution](#) to cabinet-level status to more effectively resolve world conflicts.
13. Institute appropriate term limits at all levels and branches of government.
14. Enforcement of Constitutional checks & balances and that the Legislative and Judicial Branches exercise their Constitutional authority. Democrats call on Congress to pass legislation banning all elected and appointed state and federal officials and their families from stock trading.
15. Enforce the [Emoluments Clause](#).
16. Establish environmentally sensitive and economically usable mass transit to, within, and across the State of Iowa. This future oriented system would include:
 - A. Restoration of the [State of Iowa Rail Plan](#)
 - B. The State of Iowa should join the [Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail \(MIPR\) Compact](#).
 - C. Improve bus, rail, and air connectivity for rural public transportation.
 - D. Improve automotive and truck transportation surfaces.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

We believe that a healthy society acknowledges and supports the need for self-determination and dignity of all people in achieving mental and physical wellness. To this end, we are advocating for:

1. Single-payer healthcare system that is accessible and affordable to all Iowans, includes vision, hearing, behavioral, and brain health treatment, and allows the government to negotiate prescription drug costs.
2. Right to self-determination for healthcare decisions.
3. Protection of the individual's right to personal, accessible, and affordable reproductive healthcare decisions.
4. Accessibility and affordability of gender-affirming healthcare options.
5. Recruitment and retention of a diverse and well-paid healthcare workforce.
6. Protection of medical care providers to ensure all medical care needs are met.
7. Fully funding brain healthcare and services that utilize researched best practice models.

8. [Medical use of cannabis](#) for children and adults as prescribed and regulated appropriately.
9. Recognition and treatment of addiction as a healthcare issue.
10. Increase funding for medical research at public institutions apart from the influence of drug manufacturers, patent holders, or entities exploiting patent loopholes.
11. Fully fund social programs, food assistance programs, and affordable quality housing for low-income and the elderly, and the [Iowa Department of Aging](#) through public, not-for-profit organizations.
12. Ensure fiscal viability of the Social Security Program.
13. Financial support for public health agencies to provide preventative health screening and public health education.
14. Fully funding and utilizing state inspectors and ombudsman positions to follow state and federal safety guidelines for safety of Iowa nursing home residents.
15. Programs aiding in the transition from [institutional restrictive living](#).
16. Codification of [The Declaration of Human Rights](#).
17. Educating and enforcing measures to end human trafficking and increasing efforts to support the rehabilitation of human trafficking victims.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

We are committed to worldwide peace and sustainable prosperity by supporting international laws and treaties that heavily emphasize diplomacy, human rights, and peaceful conflict resolution. To this end, we advocate to:

1. Provide U.S. leadership in diplomatic conflict resolution and support of [human rights](#) for all people, including the right of self-governance and self-determination.
2. Ensure economic and participatory support for The [United Nations](#), World Health Organization ([WHO](#)) and for The North Atlantic Treaty Organization ([NATO](#)).
3. Achieve international agreements to end proliferation and use of nuclear weapons, landmines, chemical weapons, cluster bombs, and cyber warfare.
4. Adhere to [Geneva Convention](#) agreements with respect to prisoner treatment and prosecution of violators.
5. Ensure physical and economic protection of non-combatant civilians and children in war.
6. Develop assistance for emerging countries through the [International Monetary Fund](#) and [World Food Program](#) to promote long-lasting growth, an improvement in trade, and an increase in economic opportunity.
7. After decades of violence, the [Israeli and Palestinian peoples](#) deserve to live safely and freely within secure borders.
 - a. Commitment to a sovereign Palestinian state within the June 4, 1967 lines based on United Nation Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which have been annually reaffirmed by the UN and is the international consensus. Opposition to ongoing military suppression of occupied Palestinian Territories (which include the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the

Gaza Strip). A just resolution between Palestine and Israel should be based on United Nation General Assembly Resolution 194 for the return of Palestinian Refugees of 1948, after an end-of-conflict treaty between the Palestinian and Israeli states, followed by normalization between Israel and the Arab states.

8. Support Ukraine's sovereignty and defense.

LABOR

We believe all workers deserve the right to fair pay, equitable working environments, and safe working conditions by advocating for:

1. Rights of workers to form unions, engage in [collective bargaining](#), and choose the terms and requirements of union membership.
2. Repeal of [Right to Work](#) laws that allow nonunion members to receive benefits and protections of unions without paying union dues.
3. Right of every person to earn a livable wage by raising the minimum wage to \$18/hour and indexed to inflation, as well as paid family and sick leave.
4. Making all forms of wage theft illegal and creating penalties to support enforcement.
5. Opposing Child Labor laws that conflict with the National Labor Relations Act and Department of Labor Regulations.
6. Institution of Project Labor Agreements; PLAs organize complex construction projects and ensure their efficient and timely completion.
7. Strengthening and protecting public employees' pension fund ([IPERS](#)).
8. Right of every person to receive equal pay for equal work and ending sub-minimum wage for individuals with disabilities.
9. Holding businesses accountable for adhering to ethical standards set by regulatory and oversight agencies.
10. Workers' rights to ethical corporate practices and safe working conditions.
11. Eliminating outsourcing labor beyond the U.S. borders
12. Allowing workers to select their preferred medical provider for worker compensation injuries.

ECONOMY AND TAXES:

We believe in a just economy that benefits all workers, vulnerable populations, and businesses, advocating for:

1. Growing the U.S. economy through [jobs related to clean and sustainable energy](#).
2. Investing in infrastructure repair, safety, long-term planning, and climate-change adaptations.
3. Expanding [broadband internet access](#) in all locations and secure [net neutrality](#).
4. Increasing Earned Income Tax Credit.
5. Supporting and enforcing legislation that requires the wealthy and corporations to pay their proportionate share to reduce the tax burden on the middle and lower class population and close tax loopholes.
6. Protection of historic preservation tax credits and TIFs (Tax Increment Financing).

7. Negotiating trade agreements that are transparent and environmentally responsible and that safeguard:
 - a. Rights and best interests of the American public.
 - b. U.S. jobs.
 - c. Well-being of populations in countries where the U.S. imports goods and materials.
8. Supporting tens of thousands of projects locally and around the nation based on [ARPA](#).
9. We oppose tariffs that are unconstitutionally levied or without prior congressional approval.
10. Creation of a [21st Century Glass-Steagall Act](#).
11. Regulating purchasing of housing by private equity firms in order to promote more equitable and affordable housing.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

We appreciate the sacrifices of our veterans, reservists, and active duty service members and their families and pledge our full support in the following ways:

1. Improve funding for the [Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs](#) and [Iowa Veterans Trust Fund](#).
2. Subsidize counties for timely access and delivery of veterans' services.
3. Maintain state income tax exemptions for military retirement or disability pay of personnel with Iowa as their primary residence.
4. Continue [Military Service Ownership Assistance](#).
5. Continue funding for the [Injured Veterans Grant Program](#).
6. Increase funding for [Iowa Veterans Home](#).
7. Actively recruit veterans for civilian employment.
8. Improve physical and mental health treatment for veterans.
9. Expand Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act ([USERRA](#)).
10. Protect jobs for veterans with disabilities incurred while on active duty.
11. Ensure reduction of long wait times, increased clarity of eligibility requirements, and establishment of accountability for privatized veterans health care providers.
12. Secure coverage for veteran, military family, and civilian victims of [Agent Orange](#) and [burn pit](#)-related health issues (including second and third-generations).
13. Support and increase measures centered on ending homelessness among our veterans.
14. Maintain county [Veterans Services Office \(VSO\)](#) funding.
15. Restore the evaluation standard for the [Disability Ratings Rule](#).

Welcome to the Dubuque County Democratic Central Committee

Congratulations on being elected to (or being interested in) represent(ing) Democrats in your precinct as a member of the Dubuque County Democratic Central Committee!

A strong and active county party can make the difference between winning and losing elections. Democratic campaigns rely heavily on support from the county party — from literature drops, door-knocking, and voter registration drives to get-out-the-vote efforts, community engagement, event planning, information gathering, fundraising, and communication.

The Central Committee (CC) is the governing body of the Dubuque County Democratic Party. As a member, you have the right to vote on all policy and budget matters, provided they do not conflict with the Code of Iowa or the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party.

Central Committee members are elected to serve two-year terms, beginning at the Even-Year Precinct Caucus and continuing until the next such caucus.

As a Central Committee member, your role includes:

- Attending monthly meetings, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm, usually at UAW Hall, 3450 Central Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001.
- Supporting our nominated Democratic candidates within your precinct.
- Recruiting volunteers to help elect Democrats in your precinct / district.
- Participating in Party fundraisers and other events as much as possible.
- Engaging in campaign and get-out-the-vote efforts, especially leading up to Election Day.
- It is also recommended that you serve on at least one of the Standing Committees, although we understand not everyone's schedule will allow for this.
 - Candidates and Campaigns.
 - Community Engagement.
 - Data and Analytics.
 - Development
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The officers elected by the CC propose a budget, which must be approved by the CC. But the success of the plan this budget represents ultimately depends on the active participation and commitment of every CC member — including you.

Welcome aboard and thank you for stepping up to help advance the values of freedom, justice, and equality. Your work is essential to electing Democrats and strengthening our community! More information can be found at www.dbqdems.org