



Call to Convention

Woodbury County Democratic Convention

March 24, 2018

Registration 9:00 AM ~ Convention Convenes at 10:00 AM

West High School, 2001 Casselman Street, Sioux City, IA

General Information

1. Registration will open at 9:00 AM and will continue until 11:00 AM.
\$10.⁰⁰ Registration Request
2. The Credentials Committee may begin Open Convention seating of registered delegates and alternate delegates from Woodbury County at 9:00 AM.
3. Registration will close at 11:00 AM.

Order of Business

1. Temporary Chair Jeremy Dumkrieger shall convene the Convention at 10 AM.
2. Presentation of Flag, Pledge of Allegiance
3. National Anthem
4. Welcome to Woodbury County Democratic Convention - Chair Jeremy Dumkrieger
5. Temporary Chair Jeremy Dumkrieger shall appoint:
Sandi O'Brien as Temporary Vice-Chair,
Karen Havlicek as Temporary Secretary, and
Tim Bottaro as Temporary Sergeant-at-Arms/Parliamentarian.
6. The Temporary Chair shall ask for a motion to adopt as the temporary rules the rules as set out in the report of the Rules and Nominations Committee printed within the 2018 Call to Convention.
7. The adoption of a temporary report of the Credentials Committee:
 - a. By Credentials Committee Chair Laura Mesz
 - b. Certifying the presence of a quorum shall be in order at any time.
 - c. Open seating of delegates as per Convention Rules.
8. The temporary chair shall announce the chairs of all committees:
Arrangements Chair, Teresa Wolff
Rules and Nominations Chair, Cade Herrig
Credentials Chair, Laura Mesz
Platform Chair, Jeremy Saint
If necessary, the committees shall retire to Commons area for meetings.
Committee Chairs will notify Convention Chair.
9. Speakers will be announced at the Convention and the floor given up at any time to assigned Dignitaries and Speakers.

Convention Speakers

Introduction of Candidates:

Governor

Candidate Nate Boulton
Candidate Cathy Glasson
Candidate Fred Hubbell
Candidate Andy McGuire
Candidate John Norris
Candidate Ross Wilburn

Iowa Congressional District 4

Candidate Leann Jacobsen

Candidate John Paschen

Candidate J. D. Scholten

Secretary of State

Candidate Deidre DeJear

Candidate Jim Mowrer

State Auditor

Candidate Rob Sand

State Attorney General

Attorney General Tom Miller

State Treasurer

Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald

State Senate District 3

Candidate David Dawson *

State Senate District 7

Candidate Jackie Smith*

State House District 6

Candidate Rita DeJong *

State House District 13

Representative Chris Hall *

State House District 14

Representative Tim Kacena *

County Supervisor

Candidate Flora Lee *

County Attorney

County Attorney Patrick Jennings

* Candidate or their surrogate currently scheduled to speak

Special Speakers and Acknowledged Guests to the Convention

Tim Bottaro – Speaking on fundraising

Langston Saint – Speaking on March For Our Lives, taking place today at 3PM

Supervisor Alex Watters

Supervisor Marty Pottebaum

10. Report of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee Chair will move adoption of the Platform at any time after the adoption of the temporary report of the Credential Committee. (The Convention Chair may interrupt consideration of the Platform at any time to conduct other convention business).
11. The Rules and Nominations Committee Chairperson may conduct an informational meeting for potential candidates for all positions elected by the convention.
12. The convention will hear announcements and introductions.
13. The Temporary Chair shall announce the time and place of the Youth Caucus.
14. Final Report of the Credentials Committee and adoption of the final Credentials Report shall be in order at any time.
15. The Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee will present the Rules and Nominations Committee Report and move the adoption of the report as the permanent rules of the convention.

Election of Permanent Convention Officers

16. The Rules and Nominations Committee shall nominate a permanent Chair of the Convention and Vice-Chair. Nominations may be received from the floor. The convention will then proceed with elections.
17. The elected permanent Chair will appoint a permanent Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, and Timekeeper.

Election of Delegates to District/State Conventions

18. Each Committee Chair shall submit a list of committee members as their recommendations for District Committee members. The Chair of Rules and Nominations Committee shall then put the recommendations in nomination to their respective committees. Nominations may be taken from the floor. The convention will proceed with elections.
19. Nominations and elections of delegates to attend District Convention.
20. Nomination and election of the District Affirmative Action Co-Chairs.
21. Report of Youth Delegate.
22. Completion of the Platform process.
23. Adjournment following all Convention business.

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

I. GENERAL RULES FOR 2018 CONVENTION:

1. The Convention shall be called to order no later than ten minutes after the time announced in the official call. If the Temporary Chair does not call the Convention to order within this time, any delegates may call the Convention to order and the business shall begin.
2. Convention speakers shall be limited to two minutes speaking time, except for candidates for public office who shall be allowed three minutes. The Convention Chair will enforce these time limits with the assistance of an official Timekeeper. If the Convention Chair fails to enforce these limits, any delegate may call upon the Convention Chair to do so. The Rules Committee and Convention Chairs will jointly determine whether an individual shall have the right to speak.
3. No persons, except keynote speakers, candidates, or delegates shall be allowed to address the Convention without permission of the Rules Committee. Application for permission to speak must be made to the Chair of the Rules Committee or County Chair at least 48 hours before the scheduled beginning of the Convention.

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of a temporary report of the Credentials Committee certifying the presence of a quorum shall be in order any time and shall be acted upon before the consideration of other official business. The Temporary Convention Chair shall recognize the Chair of the Credentials Committee for the purpose of presenting the Committee's initial, temporary report.
2. A final report of The Credentials Committee and adoption of the final Credentials Committee report shall be in order any time after the closing of convention registrations. The Credentials Chair may present the Committee amendments, may yield to others, and may yield for the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the floor.
3. The Nominations and delegate selection process if appropriate to this Convention shall be in accordance with the Delegate Selection Procedure approved by the State Central Committee, and with Supplementary recommendations of the Nominations Committee as adopted by the Convention.
4. Platform Committee Report
 - A. The consideration of the Platform Committee's report shall be taken up at the discretion of the Chair at appropriate times during the delegate selection process in order to save time.
 - B. Any delegate wishing to submit any additional proposed planks to the Platform must submit them in writing to the Platform Committee Chairperson no later than one hour after the convention has been called. Said plank must be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the accredited delegates to the County Convention.
 - C. Notwithstanding other provisions of these Rules, consideration of the Platform Committee draft report shall be conducted in the following order and procedures:
 1. consideration shall first be given to any additional platform planks submitted in accordance with Convention rules;
 2. the Platform Committee Chair or the Convention Chair shall ask the convention delegates to identify any plank or planks on which they request specific and

separate debate; any plank with ten percent (10%) or more delegates requesting such separate debate shall be brought up for separate debate by the Convention; and

3. The final Platform Report as amended, if any, shall be debated and adopted in its entirety.

III. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

It shall be in order at any time for the Rules Committee to report to the Convention, a resolution providing a special order of business for debate of any resolution, motion, committee report, minority report, or amendment to a committee report or for the consideration of any matter of which provision is not made in these rules.

IV. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIR:

It shall be the responsibility 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 appoint a Secretary, Timekeeper, Parliamentarian, and other such officers as may be required to conduct the business of the Convention; appoint any delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the Chair; and take such lawful action as may be appropriate and necessary to preserve order throughout the Convention Hall.

V. VOTING:

1. All voting, except as otherwise required by these rules shall be by the following listed in the order of expected use:
 - A. Voice vote;
 - B. Standing division, used anytime there is doubt of the results of a voice vote;
 - C. Roll call (non-secret ballot) A roll call vote may be ordered only after a standing division, upon a motion, which is seconded and supported by a standing vote of 25 percent (25%) of the authorized delegate body present.
2. All questions, except as otherwise specified in these rules, shall be determined by a majority vote of the authorized delegates present on the floor and voting.
3. When a question has been put to a vote, the vote thereon may not be interrupted for any purpose other than to move for a roll call (or ballot) vote, or a point of order directed to the conduct of the vote.
4. During the counting of the votes on any issue, the Chair of the Convention may accept a new motion from the floor and return to the previous main motion after the counting is completed.

VI. APPEALS:

The Chair shall decide all the questions of order, subject to an appeal by any delegate which may be debated for not more than ten minutes, the time to be equally divided between delegates appealing and delegates in favor of sustaining the ruling of the Chair. An appeal shall not be in order: while another appeal is pending; or from decisions or recognition, or from decisions on dilatoriness of motions, or during a roll call vote, or on a question on which an appeal has just been decided, or when in the opinion of the Chair, such an appeal is

clearly dilatory. Before the question is put on appeal, the Chair shall be entitled to briefly state the reasons for sustaining the ruling.

VII. **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES:**

The Chair may entertain a motion to suspend the rules only for a stated purpose. If seconded, the motion shall be decided without debate. To pass, the motion shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present on the floor and voting, a quorum being present.

MOTIONS:

1. Neither question of privilege nor any motion other than those provided under these rules shall be entertained except the motion to recess, to a time certain or at the call of the Chair, which shall be privileged. (See Section III and XI).
2. *Motions to recess* shall be in order at any time except when the question has been put, or a vote is in progress, and shall be decided by the majority without debate. The Chair shall not entertain a motion to recess when such motion closely follows another motion.
3. A motion to recess shall be for a time period of no more than one hour.
4. A *motion to adjourn* shall not be in order until all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed. Such motion shall be in accordance with decision by the Chair the aforementioned duties have been performed and executed.

VIII. **AMENDMENTS:**

Amendments to resolutions or motions before the Convention shall be permitted including amendments to Committee Reports offered at the direction of the Committee or in a minority report of the Committee. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. The amendment shall be provided in writing to the Chair before it is introduced.

IX. **MINORITY REPORTS:**

Minority Reports of any committee shall not be considered by the Convention unless adopted by at least ten percent of the Committee members present and voting of said Committee. The minority shall provide the Chair with a written report signed by members of the minority before it is introduced.

X. **DEBATE:**

- A. Debate on Convention Business, Excluding Platform
 1. Initial debate on any question shall be limited to twelve (12) minutes, and shall be divided equally between alternating proponents and opponents in speeches, each of which shall not exceed two (2) minutes.
 2. At the end of the initial time, the Convention, by a simple majority vote, may extend the debate an additional twelve (12) minutes.
 3. Debate may be closed sooner by unanimous consent, or by two-thirds standing division vote in support of closing debate. Debate may be extended beyond a total of twenty-four (24) minutes only by a two-thirds standing division vote in support of extension for a specific additional amount of time.

4. On Motions relating to debate time the ruling of the Chair upon standing votes shall be final, appeals to roll call and ballot for votes being out of order.

B. Platform Debate

1. Initial debate on Platform resolutions shall be limited to twelve (12) minutes, and shall be divided equally between alternating proponents and opponents in speeches, each of which shall not exceed two (2) minutes.
2. Initial debate on amendments of resolutions shall be limited to twelve (12) minutes, and shall be divided equally between proponents and opponents in speeches, which shall not exceed two (2) minutes.
3. At the discretion of the Chair, twelve (12) minutes of debate may be added to debate an amended platform plank.
4. At the end of the initial debate time, the convention, by a simple majority vote, may extend debate an additional six minutes, which shall be divided equally between proponents and opponents.
5. After the initial twelve (12) minutes, debate may be closed by unanimous consent or by a two-thirds standing division vote in support of closing debate. A debate may be extended beyond a total of eighteen (18) minutes only by a two-thirds standing division vote in a support of extension for a specified additional amount of time.
6. When there is no speaker for the opposition view, the Chair can, after three calls, allow one more speech from the same view point. Then if after three calls, no opposition is found, at the Chair's discretion, the Chair can call for an end to debate.

XI. QUORUM:

Forty percent (40%) of the elected delegates shall constitute a quorum. If applicable no motion questioning a quorum shall be in order after the delegates have indicated their preference for a candidate during the nominations and delegate selection procedures.

XII. ROBERT'S RULES:

When a point of order is not covered by these rules, the approved Delegate Selection Procedure, the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution, or the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, Robert's Rules of Order as most recently revised or as designated by the Chair and Parliamentarian shall be used as the authority for this Convention.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

[Woodbury County will elect 23 delegates to the 2018 District Convention (April 28) and 2018 State Convention (June 16) and nine (9) members may be elected to the District Committee on Committees and Platform Committee.]

I. RULES FOR NOMINATIONS AT COUNTY CONVENTION PER IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONSTITUTION

1. The registration of Delegates shall remain open for at least one (1) hour after the Convention is scheduled to convene. However, as soon as the Credentials Committee reports to the Convention that a quorum of authorized delegates has been seated, the Convention may transact official and binding business. A quorum for purposes of this section shall mean forty percent (40%) of the total number of delegates actually elected to the Convention at the caucus.
2. The entire Convention shall ratify the election of the entire slate of delegates and alternates to the District/State Conventions as reported to the Nominations Committee. Ratification shall mean only that it is the sense of the Convention that the procedures used by the various preference groups were in conformity with required procedures under the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party and under applicable Convention procedures and rules. The standard policies concerning challenges and minority reports shall apply with such being carried to the District Affirmative Action Committee and then to the District Convention Credentials Committee.
3. All caucuses, Conventions, committees and Democratic Party Officials shall take such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to assure that all caucus, Convention, and 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 proportions in which groups are found in the population of the respective constituencies.

II. ELECTION OF DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. The number of members of the District Convention Committees shall be determined in advance of the County Convention.
2. District/State Committee member nominations will be made from the floor of the Convention or from within the County Convention Committees.
3. Committee members shall be elected by the Convention as a whole.
4. 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.
5. A majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to elect District Convention Committee members.

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PLEASE NOTE:

1. The Platform Committee Chair may move to adopt Platform resolutions at any time after the Credentials Committee report has been received. The Convention Chair may interrupt this process at any time as convention business demands.

2. Any delegate wishing to submit additional planks for consideration must do so in writing to the Platform Committee Chair no later than one hour after the Convention has been called to order. Said plank must be signed by five (5) percent of accredited delegates.
3. Any plank with ten (10) percent of accredited delegates requesting such separate debate shall be brought up for separate debate before the convention.

REPORT OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE

We are proud of our Democratic Party as the party of our nation's heritage, accomplishments, and diversities. No part of that heritage is more valuable than our belief in the inclusion of ALL and commitment to ALL, with recognition of the rights and worth of each human being.

We, the People of the Democratic Party of Woodbury County, affirm the following:

- We support the US Constitution, its amendments and all our founding documents.
- We support the right of all human beings to be treated fairly and equally under the law. We support the use of restorative justice. We oppose the racial and economic disparity in the criminal justice system. We support judicial discretion in the use of alternative interventions to promote healthy and safe communities.
- We condemn all forms of discrimination. Whenever the rights of any citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We support all Iowans regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, regardless of their physical or mental abilities, and regardless of their religious or nonreligious affiliation. We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional and civil rights.
- We support people who demand freedom, justice and opportunity. We believe that anybody who has the right to vote and the desire to vote should have the opportunity to vote. We oppose barriers designed to deny citizens access to the democratic process.
- We support our military and Veterans in war and in peace. We honor their service by supporting a strong VA that provides timely healthcare for all Veterans including all forms of mental health counseling.
- We support individuals and families in their desire to become healthy, educated and contributing citizens. We support their freedom to plan their family without interference from politicians. We support programs that enable families to grow and thrive.
- We condemn the exploitation of working people. We support the right to organize, to achieve living wages with health and retirement benefits and a safe workplace in both the private and public sector. We believe that equal work deserves equal pay and that no one should face workplace discrimination or harassment.
- We support local, independent Iowa farmers in their pursuit of prosperity and economic security as they ensure a strong and safe supply of food for the world.

- We support our elders in their right to self-determination, dignity, income and healthcare security.
- We support parents, students and educators in their quest to achieve high standards. We support free and open access to knowledge and information. We support a strong, stable and lasting funding system to ensure that our public schools are properly funded. We oppose attempts to distort science and health education.
- We support all people of the earth who are working for a clean environment. We support a responsible, prosperous and sustainable existence with nature. We support clean water and acknowledge that climate change is real. We support the development of programs that protect the health of our planet.
- We support economic diversification and the development of local businesses. We support a fair, clear, and transparent taxation system that provides a quality life for ALL Iowans.
- We support the strong hunting traditions of Iowa. We support common sense reforms of gun regulations that balance public safety with those traditions.
- We recognize that we will not get everything we want. Compromise is necessary when important values conflict and priorities of different people are not the same. We believe that civil, transparent debate is the pathway to a civil society.
- We believe in and will continue to work for a truly representative government that works for the good of ALL human beings in a compassionate, responsible, and progressive way that works to achieve peace, prosperity, and an outlook of confidence and hope.