Iowa Democratic Party
2018 State Convention Call Book

Saturday, June 16th, 2018
Hy-Vee Hall at Iowa Events Center
Des Moines, IA
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# 2016-2018 State Central Committee

**Chair:** Troy Price  
**1st Vice-Chair:** Andrea Phillips  
**2nd Vice-Chair:** Jordan Pope  
**3rd Vice-Chair:** June Owens  
**Platform Chair:** Mike Robinson  
**Rules Chair:** Sandy Dockendorff  
**DNC Members:** Jan Bauer, Scott Brennan, Sandy Opstvedt  
**Secretary:** Don Ruby  
**Treasurer:** Ken Sagar

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* indicates Congressional District Central Committee Chair

## State Caucuses and Action Groups

- **State Affirmative Action Chair:** Alex Anderson
- **Asian Pacific Islander Caucus:** Som Baccam, Phouty Keopraseuth
- **Black Caucus:** Jamie Woods, Bernard Clayton
- **Disability Caucus:** Catherine Crist, Ruth Thompson
- **Labor Caucus:** Tammy Wawro, Danny Homan
- **Latino Caucus:** Brenda Phongsavan, Paula Martinez
- **Native American Caucus:** Tisha Dukmrieger, Dian Curran
- **Progressive Caucus:** Jason Frerichs, Dylan Funk
- **Rural Caucus:** Colleen Caldwell, Chris Petersen
- **Stonewall Democrats:** Devin Kelly, Taylor Van de Krol
- **Senior/Retirees Caucus:** Jean Pardee, Sherry Toelle
- **Womens Caucus:** Melinda Jones, Melanie Carlson
- **Armed Forces Veterans:** Shelly Servadio, Mike Jesse
- **CYDI:** Olivia Habinck
Important Convention Information

Directions to the Convention Center

The Iowa Events Center is located at: 703 3rd St, Des Moines IA 50309.

I-35 from the North:
  Follow I-235 West into downtown Des Moines and take the 3rd St. exit to the Iowa Events Center.
I-35 from the South:
  Merge onto I-235 East exit and travel east towards downtown Des Moines. Take the Downtown Exit and proceed to the 3rd St. exit.
I-80 from the East:
  Headed west on I-80, take the I-235 West exit and continue towards downtown Des Moines. Take the 3rd St. exit (Downtown Des Moines) and go south to the Iowa Events Center complex.
I-80 from the West:
  Headed east on I-80, take the I-235 East exit and continue towards downtown Des Moines. Take the Iowa Events Center exit (3rd St) and turn right.

Parking at the Convention Center

Parking is available in the north lot of the Convention Center with entrances off 3rd, 5th, and Crocker streets. Parking is $8 per car. There are also numerous parking garages surrounding the convention center, as well as limited street parking.

ADA Accessible parking is available by entering the lot south of Crocker Street.

For a map of Des Moines parking garages and on-street parking, visit: https://www.catchdesmoines.com/visitor-info/transportation/parking/

Food at the Convention

Coffee, snacks, sodas and lunch items will be available for purchase within the Convention Hall. A number of restaurants are located on Court Ave or in the East Village, both about a 5-8 minute drive from the Events Center. Outside food and drinks are not allowed in the Convention Center, unless a Request for Accommodation has been granted.

Wireless Internet

Complimentary wireless internet will be provided at the Convention Center. Instructions on how to connect will be provided at registration.

Weapons-free Zone

The Iowa Events Center is a weapons-free zone. Weapons of any type are prohibited, including but not limited to: chains, knives, firearms (including permit to carry)

Non-Smoking facility

Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is not permitted in all public areas at the Iowa Events Center. A designated outdoor smoking area is on the north and south entrances of Wells Fargo Arena.
Requests for Accommodations
The Convention Center is fully accessible for persons of all abilities.

The State Convention Call Book is available in alternative forms upon request. Please contact the Iowa Democratic Party at 515-244-7292 if you need a booklet in Braille, audiotape, or large print.

If you would like more information or have needs not addressed here, contact Kevin immediately at 515-244-7292. We will make every attempt to comply with reasonable and timely requests.

The 2018 Iowa Democratic Party State Convention is proud to be the most accessible ever. This year’s convention will include:

**Designated Rooms:**
- Quiet Room
- Transition Room
- Lactation Room
- Private medical room (upon request)
- Female, Male, and Non-gender restroom facilities

**Convention Technology**
- CART - real-time transcription service
- Hearing Loops (upon request)
- Large screens

**Other Services**
- Preferred Seating (upon request)
- Wheelchair rental
- Accessibility Paddles

For any other accessibility needs, please contact Kevin at the Iowa Democratic Party at 515-244-7292.
Constituency Caucus Meetings

The Iowa Democratic Party is proud to celebrate the rich diversity of our membership. We also recognize the need to continue to reach out to all Iowans to grow our party and strengthen our organization. The Iowa Democratic Party Constituency Caucuses work to engage communities that are traditionally underrepresented in Iowa politics.

Join a Caucus meeting on Saturday morning at 8:30am.

Caucus meetings are open to all registered Democrats. An RSVP is not required but is encouraged. You may RSVP at:

Constituency Caucus RSVP

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Arrangements Committee
2018 State Convention

Co-Chair: Lee Thielmann
Co-Chair: June Owens
Secretary: Ben Breuer

Committee Members:

Madalyn Anderson
Thomas Avenarius
Farida Banu
Kerry Bowen
Benjamin Breuer
Ruth Brewer
Kelly Brown
Sara Carter
Robyn Clark-Bridges
Matthew Clay
Brett Copeland
Donald Davis
Dennis Dedecker
Susie Drish
George Ensley
Thomas Fuller
Julie Goepfert

Thaddeus Hawley
Kelsey Hollen
Susan Johanningmeier
John Kaiser
Elizabeth Karsten
Sherry Kiskunas
Cameron Krueger
Laura Larkin
Amanda Ludwigs
Hubert Lundberg
Jana Nelson
Peter Nielsen
Martin Olive
Kyla Paterson
Mary Peacock
Evangeline Ramsey
Tonya Ramsey

Landa Reece
Suzanne Renner
Matthew Ross
Melissa Speed
Lee Thielmann
Linda Vaudt
Carol Williams

Look for Arrangements Committee Members wearing Pink badges.
Report of the 2018 Arrangements Committee

The 2018 Iowa Democratic State Convention will be held on Saturday June 16 at the HyVee Hall Exhibit Hall C. Registration at the Convention Center is open to delegates and designated alternates from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday June 15 and 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM June 16.

THE SUGGESTED DELEGATE REGISTRATION CONTRIBUTION IS $40.00
Delegates or Alternate will not be turn away if you cannot afford to pay.
Delegates are requested to pay by credit card or check. You can also pay by cash.

Please Make Checks Payable To:
“iowa Democratic Party” and note “Delegate Fee” in the memo line

Identifying Convention Committee Members

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Tables are 8’ and include skirting. You will be allowed to decorate your table and behind the table as you wish.
To reserve table space please contact Lee Thielmann at 515-360-3022.
State Convention Ad Space

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*A full page ad is approximately 8 ½ ” x 11”. Full sponsorship includes frequent recognition on the screens.

**A half page ad is approximately 8 ½ “ x 5”. Half sponsorship includes periodic recognition on the screens.

***A quarter page ad is approximately 2 ¼” x 4 ½”. Quarter sponsorship includes intermittent recognition on the screens.

To reserve ad space please contact Lee Thielmann at 515-360-3022

Signage

Democratic Candidates are allowed to provide placards to attendees and/or one banner in the auditorium. Candidates wishing to provide more or other materials must receive approval by the IDP Executive Director and Convention Arrangements Chair prior to the Convention.

Signs, banners, and other items are not permitted to be hung or affixed to convention center walls in the convention hall, meeting rooms, hallways, bathrooms, or any other location within the Convention Center grounds, without prior approval from the IDP Executive Director and Convention Arrangements Chair.

Banners and signs may not be placed on the walls behind the stage or on stage without approval of the arrangements chair or co-chair.

All campaign materials MUST BE REMOVED by the candidate or group no later than 11:59pm on Saturday, June 16th. If not a FINE OF $100.00 will be assessed to that candidate or group.

Stickers are not allowed in the Convention Hall or in the Convention Lobby. Any stickers found will cause a fee to be assessed to the group to whom the sticker belongs; the fee is $50.00 for the first sticker found, and $5.00 for each sticker after that.

Signs and banners may be put up on Friday June 15, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. No signs or banners will be put up on Saturday, June 16th.
Credentials Committee
2018 State Convention

Co-Chairs: Andrea Phillips
Sandy Dockendorff

Committee Members:
Eric Donat; Mark Mortenson; Carol Power; Daniel Power; Jerald Keene; Steven Meier; Mary Ridgeway; Brian Schoenjahn; Roberta Rosheim; Janet Patterson; Jon Ryk; Sarah Stutler; Erin Doerscher; Kathy Gerling; Susan Bryant; Kiran Patel; Scott Smith; Edward St. John; Suzanne Card; Glenda Guster; Michael Guster; Karene Nagel; Nancy Nioland; Paul Munley; Brady Hackney; Joseph Fulford; Michael Worrell; Michelle Elliott; Julianne Frosolone; Vincent Geraci; Lara Henderson; Marilyn Josephsen; Sally Nelson; Luann Pedrick; MacKenzie Stilwell; Matthew Stilwell; Phyllis Womble; Carol Smith; Paula Martinez; Ruth Saulsbury; Kristine Urdahl; Benjamin Schauer; Evan Burger; Cassandra Kilby; Anne Kinzel; Jim Popken; Stephen Ringlee; Claudia Koch; Spencer Yockey

Alternate Committee Members:
Kay Herring; Sandra Dockendorff; Colleen Caldwell; Kyla Paterson; Kim Smith; Dennis Platt; Karen Fulford; Skylar Adamson; Zebulon Beilke-McCallum; Peter Crane; Christopher Draper; Ivan Martin; Tammy Martin; Jean McCrea; Joseph O’Hern; Lindsay Paulson; Kelly Sargent; Jayne Thompson; Betty Brummett; Lisa Jensen

Look for Credentials Committee Members wearing Yellow badges.
Report of the 2018 Credentials Committee

DELEGATE PRE-REGISTRATION PROCEDURE
1. Delegates may pre-register online prior to Saturday, June 16.
   a. Pre-registrations end at 8:00 PM, Friday, June 15.
2. Delegates will be able to pre-register in person at the convention site on Friday, June 15 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM
3. Pre-Registration includes confirming name and contact information, an opportunity to pay the delegate fee ($40) through Act Blue, and an opportunity to sign-up for the Constituency Caucus(es) of the Delegate’s choice.
4. Delegates who pre-register will bypass the registration tables at the convention site and proceed through the Express Doors to pick up their personalized credential packets.
5. Delegates will be asked to sign for the receipt of their credentials, confirming they are the named Delegate and signifying their agreement to turn in their credentials and voting materials to a member of the Credentials Committee when they leave the convention for the day.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE
1. Delegate registration will begin at 7:00 AM on Saturday, June 16 and continue until 9:00 AM
2. The Convention is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM
3. Per the Rules Report, Late-arriving Delegates will have one hour, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, to register.
4. Delegates registering on the day of the Convention must do so at any of the Registration Stations just outside the Convention Hall on the 2nd Floor of HyVee Hall.
5. Registration includes confirming name and contact information, an opportunity to pay the delegate fee ($40 by cash, check, or credit/debit card), and an opportunity to sign-up for the Constituency Caucus(es) of the Delegate’s choice.
6. Delegates registering on the day of the convention will receive their non-personalized credential packets upon registering.
7. Delegates will be asked to sign for the receipt of the credentials, confirming their agreement to only turn in their credentials and voting materials to a member of the Credentials Committee.
DESIGNATED ALTERNATES WITH A SIGNED ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENT FORM

1. Any Alternate with a signed Alternate Assignment Form from a duly elected and accredited Delegate shall proceed through registration at any Delegate Registration Station.

2. Upon receipt of the form, the Credentials Committee staff at any Delegate Registration Station will follow the same procedure to credential that alternate as if they were the delegate who signed the form.

ALTERNATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Check-in will begin at 7:00 AM and continue until 10:00 AM

2. Alternates may check-in at any of the Alternate Check-In Stations to the left of the doors into the Convention Hall on the 2nd Floor of HyVee Hall.

3. Alternates will be credentialed according to their applicable Category (see below) and issued a credential identifying their category. This step is to help reduce errors in seating Alternates and to allow for the Credentials Committee to seat multiple alternates at the same time.

4. Alternates will be asked to confirm their name and contact information and will be provided an opportunity to sign up with the Constituency Caucus(es) of the Alternate’s choice.

5. Once checked-in, Alternates will be directed to the Alternate seating area.

6. At 10:00 AM, the Credentials Committee will relocate to the Alternate seating area and begin seating Alternates to fill vacant Delegate seats.

7. The first seated Alternates will be earliest checked-in in each category for which there is a vacant delegate seat.

8. The $40 delegate fee applies to Alternates who are seated in place of missing Delegates. No Alternate will be denied seating based on their payment of the fee. Seated Alternates will be able to pay the fee by cash, check, or debit/credit card.

9. Seated Alternates will be asked to sign for the receipt of the delegate credentials, confirming their identity and their agreement to turn in their credentials and voting materials to a member of the Credentials Committee only.

10. Seated Alternates who have been issued a Delegate Credential will be directed to the Convention Floor to take their seat and participate with the same rights and privileges as any other Delegate.

11. Alternates must be present at 10:00 in the alternate seating area. As stated in the rules committee report, “If the Credentials Committee
cannot locate an alternate after a good faith effort (three (3) calls to the area designated for alternate seating) the Credentials Committee shall seat another alternate.”

CATEGORIES FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
For each congressional district, there are two categories: Rural and Urban creating eight Categories for seating Alternates. “Urban” counties are defined by having one or more cities with a population of 25,000 or more as of the latest decennial census.

Should the preference groups as defined at the county conventions remain in place for the State Convention, there will be an additional six categories for each of the eight: Boulton, Glasson, Hubbell, Norris, Uncommitted, and UnPreferenced.

The priorities for seating alternates, as defined by the Rules Committee report, are:

“…the credentials committee shall seat an alternate on a first-come, first-seated basis by preference group, if applicable, based on the following priority order:

1. Alternates from the same County as the delegate
2. Alternates from a similarly rural or urban County within the same Congressional District as the delegate
3. Alternates from any county within the same Congressional District.
4. Alternates from a similarly rural or urban County within any Congressional District
5. Alternates from any County

If there are no remaining alternates from a preference group, and there are vacant seats belonging to that preference group, the credentials committee may be instructed by the identified Preference Group Representative to seat an alternate from either the Uncommitted Alternates or alternates not belonging to a preference group.”
Rules & Nominations Committee  
2018 State Convention

Chair: Melissa Peterson  
Vice Chairs: Catherine Crist  
James Peterson  
Secretary: Tom Haugen

Committee Members:

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The State Convention shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2018.

Registration for the State Convention Delegates shall be from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15 and from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 16. Late-arriving Delegate registration shall be open from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Early registration for Delegates is encouraged to help ensure a prompt Convention start time.

Delegates arriving after 10:00 a.m. are not guaranteed a seat but must check in with the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee will review the situation and determine whether to seat the individual.

Registration for State Convention Alternates shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 16.

Alternates with a signed Alternate assignment form shall be seated along with Delegates.
Alternates without a signed form shall be seated beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND PLAN YOUR TRAVEL TO ARRIVE ON TIME**

No permanent votes will be taken until the approval of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee; however Temporary Officers shall be appointed and a motion to approve Temporary Rules will be placed before the Delegation as soon as a quorum of Delegates has been seated.
Order of Business

1. 7:00 AM: Registration opens.
2. Temporary Chair announces Constituency Caucus meetings and locations.
3. 8:30 AM: Constituency Caucus meetings shall convene.
4. 9:00 AM: The Temporary Chair will convene the Convention.
5. Opening Ceremony.
6. Temporary Chair calls for petitions for Platform Amendments to be turned in to the Convention Secretary by 10:30 a.m. or 30 minutes after the Final Report of the Credentials Committee is approved, whichever is later.
8. The Temporary Chairs shall appoint Temporary Officers.
9. Approval of the Temporary Delegates.
10. Approval of the Temporary Rules.
11. Announcements and Introductions.
12. Invited Speakers shall address the Convention (limited to 5 minutes).
13. Youth Delegates go to Caucus.
15. Vote to approve the Final Report of the Credentials Committee.
18. The Rules Committee Chair shall nominate the Convention Chair(s).
19. Election of Convention Chair(s).
20. Convention Chair shall appoint Convention Officers.
21. Convention Chair introduces the Chairs of all Committees.
22. Convention Chair, or their designee, reports the results of the Constituency Caucus elections.
23. Balloting explanation and practice.
24. Election of Gubernatorial Nominee (if necessary).
30. Ratification of the Democratic Nominee for Lieutenant Governor.
31. Ratification of all elections.
32. The Convention Chair shall inquire as to further business to come before the Convention.
33. Adjournment.

If you want to highlight a Platform Plank or Statement of Principles for debate, amendment, or deletion:

- Gather at least 50 signatures on a petition form
- Turn in the signed petition form to the Convention Secretary no later than 10:30 a.m. or 30 minutes after the approval of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee (whichever is later).

If you want to be nominated for the Affirmative Action Chair:

- It is suggested that you fill out the Affirmative Action Chair Nomination form and submit it to the Rules & Nominations Table prior to the election.
- Filling out this form will ensure that your name appears correctly on the Ballot for your election and will aid in preparation of the election.
- Nominations may still be taken from the floor for this election

Look for Rules Committee Members wearing Blue badges.
I. RULES GOVERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE OF THE STATE CONVENTION

A. Governing Documents

B. Call to Order
The Convention shall be called to order no later than 9:15 a.m. If the Temporary Chair does not call the Convention to order within this time limit, any Delegate may call the Convention to order and the business shall begin.

C. Convention Floor Access
Only Delegates, Credentialed Assistants, ADA Companions, Youth Delegates, Committee Members, Convention Officers, Credentialed Press, Iowa Democratic Party staff, pages and persons authorized by the Rules Committee, and Service Animals as defined by the ADA shall be allowed on the Convention Floor.

1. ADA Companion is a person who meets the definition of such under the Americans with Disabilities Act and is present to assist only the person they accompany.

2. A Credentialed Assistant is a person who is identified to assist only for the duration of the Convention and is available to assist any Delegate who requests such.

3. ADA Companions and Credentialed Assistants will be identified with a badge and are permitted to give assistance in all activities necessary for a Delegate to fully participate in Convention activities. Companions will be allowed a seat next to the Delegate they are accompanying.
D. Seating of Delegates and Alternates

1. Duly elected Delegates to the Convention shall have the first right to be seated at the beginning of the Convention.

2. When a Delegate does not attend:
   a) A Delegate who cannot attend the Convention may designate a duly elected Alternate in writing, using the Designated Alternate form provided. An Alternate so designated shall be seated by the Credentials Committee at the same time as Delegates are seated.

   b) In the event that a Delegate fails to name an Alternate in the manner prescribed in sub-section 2. a) of this section, the Credentials Committee shall seat an Alternate on a first-come, first-seated basis by preference group, if applicable, based on the following priority order:

      1) Alternates from the same County as the Delegate.
      2) Alternates from a similarly rural or urban County within the same Congressional District as the Delegate.
      3) Alternates from any county within the same Congressional District.
      4) Alternates from a similarly rural or urban County within any Congressional District.
      5) Alternates from any County.
      6) If there are no remaining Alternates from a preference group, and there are vacant seats belonging to that preference group, the Credentials Committee may be instructed by the identified Preference Group Representative to seat an Alternate from either the Uncommitted Alternates or Alternates not belonging to a preference group.

   c) If the Credentials Committee cannot locate an Alternate after a good faith effort (three [3] calls to the area designated for Alternate seating) the Credentials Committee shall seat another Alternate.

3. A Delegate who does not designate an Alternate in writing to be seated in their stead shall not have the right to unseat anyone seated by the Credentials Committee.

4. Seating of non-designated Alternate Delegates shall begin at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as all Delegates in line at 10:00 a.m. are registered.
5. If a Delegate requires a Companion, a Companion Badge shall be issued to the Companion at the same time the Delegate they are accompanying registers for the Convention. A Companion is permitted access to the Convention Floor at all times and shall be allowed to be seated next to the Delegate they are accompanying.

E. Limit on Speaking Time
With the exception of the invited Speaker(s), Convention Speakers recognized by the Convention Chair(s) shall be limited to one (1) minute speaking time unless specified elsewhere in these rules. The Convention Chair(s), or their designee, shall enforce this time limit. If the Convention Chair(s), or the person designated by the Convention Chair(s), fails to enforce this time limit, any Delegate may call on the Convention Chair(s) to do so.

F. Reports of the Credentials Committee

1. The Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee certifying a quorum shall be adopted before consideration of any official business.
   a) Forty percent (40%) of the accredited Delegates to the Convention shall constitute a quorum.

2. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the committee reports. The Chair of the committee, or their designee, may present committee amendments, may yield to others, and may yield to the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the floor.

3. In the event of a challenge, the Credentials Committee shall include in its report the name of the Delegate or Alternate whom it believes is entitled to participate in the Convention and the name of the person who wants to be seated instead. When a number of challenges are to be resolved by the Convention, the Credentials Committee shall report on each in alphabetic order by Congressional District and by the County in which the Delegate seat being challenged is located.

4. The Convention shall vote on each challenge of the Credentials Committee Report as a separate amendment.

5. Each amendment to the Report of the Credentials Committee must be approved by a majority vote of the Convention before either the challenged Delegate or someone else may be seated in that position, vote, or
participate in the Convention, but they will be allowed to defend their challenge.

6. After all challenges have been resolved, the Convention Chair shall ask for a vote on the adoption of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee with any amendments previously adopted.

7. In the event that the Final Report of the Credentials Committee shall fail to pass, the Credentials Committee shall reconvene immediately to reconsider its report. A revised report shall be presented to the Convention as soon thereafter as possible.

8. No motion questioning a quorum shall be in order after the Final Credentials Committee Report has been accepted.

G. Election of Permanent Convention Chairs

1. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall be recognized to place in nomination the name of the Permanent Convention Chair(s).

2. Additional nominations may be received from the Floor. Each nominee will be given an opportunity to decline.

3. When there are no further nominations, or upon adoption of a motion to close nominations, the Chair of the Rules Committee, or their designee, shall conduct the election.

4. The Permanent Convention Chair(s) shall then appoint officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention.

H. Reports of the Rules Committee
The Chair of the Rules Committee shall present the Committee’s Report on the Permanent Rules of the Convention. The Committee Chair may yield to others and yield to the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the Floor.
II. Special Rules

A. 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 a resolution, motion, committee report, minority report, amendment to a committee report, or the consideration of any matter for which provision is not made under these rules.

B. Powers and Duties of the Convention Chair(s)
   1. The Convention Chair(s) are authorized to:
      a) Appoint any Delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the Chair(s) during the absence of the Permanent Convention Chair(s).
      b) Take such lawful action as may be appropriate and necessary to preserve order throughout the Convention Hall.
   2. An appeal shall not be in order from decisions on recognition, on a question on which an appeal has been decided, or when, in the opinion of the Convention Chair(s), such an appeal is clearly intended to cause delay.
   3. Before the question is put to a vote on any appeal, the person making the appeal shall be entitled to two (2) minutes to express their reason(s) for appeal.
   4. The Presiding Convention Chair(s) shall be allowed two (2) minutes for an explanation of the ruling. Without further debate, the Presiding Convention Chair(s) shall then put the appeal to a vote. A majority of the Delegates present and voting is required to overrule the Presiding Convention Chair(s).

C. Voting
   Except as otherwise required, voting shall be by voice vote and, in case of doubt, a division of the house, or ballot vote. If there is doubt from a vote by division, it shall be resolved by a written or recorded electronic ballot. It shall be out of order to ask for a voting method in any other manner than prescribed by these rules.
- **Voice vote**: with the Convention Chair(s) ruling on which side prevails, or indicating doubt, as the case may be.

- **Division of the House**: without explicit count. The Convention Chair(s) and up to two Convention Chair-appointed Assistants shall independently indicate their estimates of which side prevails, or does not, as the case may be. The Convention Chair(s) shall rule that a given view of the vote prevails if two out of the three are agreed on that view.

- **Written or recorded electronic ballot with explicit count**: Delegates will cast a ballot as directed by the Rules Committee Chair or their designee. Each vote cast shall be counted, either by hand or electronically, by the Rules Committee. These individuals will be wearing distinctive badges.

1. When an Accessibility Paddle is raised during a Voice Vote or Division of the House, it shall be recognized in the same manner as the type of vote being conducted and shall be counted and recorded as any other vote.

2. It shall be in order at any point during the Convention for a Delegate who needs assistance to participate in a vote, to ask for such by raising their Accessibility Paddles, raising their hand, or requesting directly from a Credentialed Assistant.

3. An ADA Companion or a Credentialed Assistant will be permitted to assist any Delegate who so requests in all activities of voting including writing, raising a hand or Accessibility Paddle, standing for the Delegate and handling a ballot or using the assigned electronic voting device.

4. It shall be out of order to call for a written or recorded electronic ballot with explicit count until after the ruling of the Convention Chair(s) on a Division of the House vote.

5. No secret, proxy, or absentee voting is permitted. (IDP Constitution XII.2 and XII.3)

6. Those Delegates leaving the Convention either permanently or for a time specific greater than one hour and/or wishing an Alternate to be assigned in their place shall turn in all Credentials and balloting materials to the designated Credential and Ballot Return Area.
a) At least one (1) member of the Rules Committee and one (1) member of the Credentials Committee shall manage the Credential and Ballot Return Area.

b) Personnel managing the designated Credential and Ballot Return Area shall keep a record of the Credentials and balloting materials for any Delegate leaving the Convention including the Delegate number and name of the previously seated Delegate, the time of surrender, time of reissuance, and the name of the Alternate seated in place of that departed Delegate and shall include the Delegate number that the Alternate shall be voting under.

7. During the counting of the ballots on any issue, the Convention Chair(s) may place a new main motion on the Floor and return to the previous motion after the counting is completed.

D. MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

1. The Convention Chair(s) may entertain a motion to suspend the Rules only for a stated purpose and only for a stated section of the Rules. If seconded, the person making the motion to suspend the Rules shall be allowed two (2) minutes to explain the need to suspend.

2. The Convention Chair(s) shall immediately recognize the Chair of the Rules Committee, or their designee, whose remarks shall be limited to two (2) minutes. The motion shall then be decided without further debate. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present and voting is required to pass the motion to suspend.

3. Upon a successful motion to suspend the Rules, the Convention shall recess for a period of not more than fifteen (15) minutes to allow the Rules Committee to deliberate and present new Rules, which shall be presented to the Convention Delegation for a vote. A simple majority of the Delegation present and voting shall be required to implement the new Rules.

E. MINORITY REPORTS

1. Minority reports of committees shall not be considered by the Convention unless adopted by at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the full committee.
2. The minority shall provide the Convention Chair(s) with a legibly written copy of the minority report before it is introduced. Members of the minority shall sign the report.

3. A minority report must have been considered at a committee meeting.

F. Debate

1. Any Delegate, or their authorized Companion or Credentialed Assistant, wishing to speak during debate must use a microphone. Stationary microphones will be available in the aisles on the Convention Floor. A Delegate or Companion may request to use a portable microphone by raising their hand or Accessibility Paddle.

2. All Delegates, once recognized, shall state their name and County. ADA Companions/Credentialed Assistants once recognized, shall state their name and the name and County of the Delegate they are accompanying/assisting.

3. Initial debate on any question shall be limited to six minutes and shall be divided equally between alternating positions in speeches that do not exceed one (1) minute each.

4. No speaker may yield the Floor to another speaker, with the exception of a person with a disability who requires the assistance of another to be heard and/or understood. (Examples include an ADA Companion, an ASL Interpreter, or a Credentialed Assistant).

5. At the end of the initial debate time, the Convention, by a majority vote, may extend the debate for a specified period of time not to exceed six (6) minutes.

6. Debate may be extended beyond the initial extension only by a two-thirds (2/3) Division of the House Vote of the Convention in support of extension for a specified additional amount of time.

7. Debate so extended may be closed sooner by unanimous consent or by a two-thirds (2/3) Division of the House Vote in support of closing debate.
8. A motion for the previous question, or to call the question, or to otherwise end debate, shall not be in order from a speaker during the course of their debate.

G. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed.

III. Rules Governing Elections

A. All elections shall consider the Affirmative Action Guidelines set forth in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party, stated herein: All Caucuses, Conventions, committees, and Democratic Party Officials shall take such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to assure that all Caucuses, Conventions, 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 the proportions in which the 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. The Chair of the Rules Committee, or their designee, shall explain the method of voting prior to any Delegate casting a ballot. For each round of balloting, the ballot number to be used and the number of positions to be filled on that ballot shall be announced.

C. The Rules Committee shall cause the candidates to be listed in order as drawn by lottery by the Rules Committee and numbered. The list of candidates so ordered shall be displayed clearly for the entire voting Delegation to see. Once the candidates have been assigned numbers, each candidate’s number shall remain the same even as others are removed from the list.

1. The list of Candidates for Governor shall be those who were listed on the Primary Ballot on June 5, 2018, less any who have withdrawn.
2. Any Candidate for Governor may withdraw by submitting a written statement of withdrawal to the IDP Chair before the convening of the State Convention or to the Convention Chair during the State Convention.

D. Each nominee for Affirmative Action Chair and Convention Co-Chair will be allowed to decline from the floor.

E. Each seated Delegate shall receive, along with credentials, an official, uniquely numbered ballot set or electronic device.

F. The Rules Committee Chair or their designee shall collect and count all Ballots.

G. No proxy or absentee voting is allowed.

H. For each round of voting, each Delegate shall vote for one (1) candidate.

I. A ballot will be considered **spoiled and not counted** under the following conditions:

   1. The ballot contains either fewer votes (under voted) or more votes (over voted) than positions to be filled on that round of balloting.

   2. The wrong numbered ballot was used (e.g., a Delegate voted on Ballot #8 when that round of voting was instructed to use Ballot #7).

   3. No such candidate, number, or name exists for that election.

   4. The ballot is not legible.

J. In the event that no candidate is elected by a majority vote on a given ballot, candidates receiving fewer votes than other candidates shall be eliminated from further balloting under the following provisions:

   1. At least one candidate shall be eliminated, starting with the candidate receiving the fewest votes.

   2. Candidates receiving less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes cast shall be eliminated, unless doing so would eliminate fifty percent (50%) or more of the candidates, in which case just less than fifty percent (50%) shall be eliminated.
3. In the event of a boundary tie, those candidates at the boundary shall be retained in the next balloting round, unless doing so would result in no candidate being eliminated.

4. If two or more candidates are tied for the lowest total and no candidate has achieved a majority, all tied candidates are eliminated unless doing so would eliminate all but one candidate. In this case, a special round of voting will occur among the tied candidates. The lowest vote-getter will be eliminated. All remaining candidates shall stand again for successive rounds of voting.

K. While ballots are being counted, the Convention may proceed with other Convention business.

L. No Delegate may cast a vote by more than one method (electronic keypad or paper ballot) in the same election.

M. Paper ballots, if used, must be given in person to a Rules Committee member or their designee to allow them to check that the Delegate number on the ballot matches the Credential number of the Delegate. Do NOT pass your ballots to another Delegate.

IV. Rules Governing the Youth Caucus

A. Registration
   1. Youth Delegates must register at the same time as other Delegates.

   2. Any Youth who is at least 11 years of age and not yet 18 years of age on the day of the Convention may participate as a Youth Delegate so long as they are not a seated Delegate.

B. The Caucus
   1. For the empowerment and protection of the Youth Delegates, no person other than the Youth Delegates, the Youth Coordinator from the Arrangements Committee, the Youth Coordinator from the Rules
Committee, the designees of either Youth Coordinator, and invited speakers of the Convention Chair will be allowed in the Youth Delegate Caucus Room.

2. The Youth Caucus shall elect a Chair and Secretary and any other officers they deem necessary.

3. The Youth Caucus shall prepare a Youth Caucus Platform Report and a Report of Recommendations to the Iowa Democratic Party to increase Youth engagement.

4. The Youth Caucus shall conduct such other business it determines necessary and proper.

5. Upon completion of the Youth Caucus business, the Convention Chair will recognize the Youth Caucus Chair to present their reports to the Convention.

C. Voting and Election Procedure
   1. The Rules governing voting for the Convention will apply to the Youth Caucus.

   2. For all elections, nominations will be made from the floor. Nominating speeches shall be limited to two (2) minutes and no more than two (2) people will be allowed to speak for each person nominated.

   3. The Youth Coordinator from the Rules Committee shall monitor all elections of the Youth Caucus.

   4. Ballots shall be written and in the form provided by the Iowa Democratic Party. Ballots shall be retained for one (1) year in the same manner and same place as the Ballot Record from the Convention.
V. Rules Governing Debate of the Platform

A. The consideration of the Platform Committee’s report shall be taken up at the discretion of the Convention Chair. The Platform Committee Chairs shall restate Article 12, Section 6, Subsection A of the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution to remind delegates of its work.

B. The Platform must contain a “Statement of Principles” and a “Statement of Issues.” The Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party requires the Platform Committee to provide a Report representing the work of the Committee in the Call to Convention, which is made available to the Delegation prior to the convening of the Convention. The individual planks that comprise the Statement of Issues shall be consecutively numbered with the numbers NOT restarting with each Section.

C. Delegates to the Convention wishing to add a plank to the Platform must present the new plank, legibly written or typed, on the form provided in the Call to Convention, and with fifty (50) signatures of Delegates elected to the State Convention or Alternates seated in place of missing Delegates no later than 10:30 a.m., or thirty (30) minutes after the approval of the Final Report of the Credentials Committee the morning of the State Convention, whichever is later. This petition must be turned in to the Convention or Platform Committee Secretary.

D. A Delegate to the State Convention shall have the right to petition for a given plank in the Statement of Issues or language in the Statement of Principles to be debated or amended by providing to the Convention Secretary the signatures of fifty (50) Delegates elected to the State Convention or Alternates seated in place of missing Delegates no later than 10:30 a.m., or thirty (30) minutes after the adoption of the final Credentials Report on the morning of the State Convention, whichever is later. A petition seeking to amend the Statement of Principles or a plank in the Statement of Issues must present the amendment legibly written or typed on the form provided in the Call to Convention.

E. Appropriately submitted amendments will be displayed prior to their debate. Additional planks shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with the next number available following the last number of the planks published in the Platform Report published in the Call to Convention.
F. Seated Delegates to the State Convention shall determine which planks are included in the final Iowa Democratic Party Platform by voice vote in the following manner:

1. The Presiding officer of the Convention at the time the Platform is taken up at the Convention shall request that the Chair of the Platform Committee, or their designee, move the adoption of the Platform in Sections starting with the Statement of Principles, then each Section of the Statement of Issues.

2. Minority reports in the Statement of Principles and in each Section of the Statement of Issues shall be debated first. The first proponent in debate of a Minority Report shall be a member of the Minority. The first opposition speaker in debate of the Minority Report shall be the Chair of the Platform Committee or their designee. Minority Reports are automatically debatable but may not be amended by the floor or by petition. They shall be listed as a sub-lettered plank to the plank the majority of the Platform Committee voted for inclusion in the Platform Report. For example, if the Platform Committee has voted to include Plank 18, the minority report related to Plank 18 would be listed as 18a. Only one of those planks may be approved by the Convention; thus, a vote for plank 18 would be a vote against plank 18a.

3. Following completion of debate on all Minority Reports in the Statement of Principles or in a Section of the Statement of Issues, the Chair shall call up for debate any timely petitions received to debate, amend, or add a plank to that Section of the Statement of Issues. The first proponent in debate of a Petition to add, amend, or debate a plank shall be the delegate who submitted the petition.

4. Debate on petitions received to debate, amend, or add in a Section of the Statement of Principles or Statement of Issue will follow the rules outlined in Article II, Section H, with the exception that the Platform Committee Chair or designee will move adoption of the portion of the Platform Report in question and a second is not required.

5. Immediately upon completion of debate, the Presiding Officer shall call for a Voice Vote to determine whether the plank passes or fails. The debated plank must receive at least a majority of the votes cast to pass.

6. Following completion of debate of a Section, the Presiding Officer shall ask for those in favor to voice their approval and then for those not in favor to voice their disapproval of the inclusion of that Section in the Platform of the Iowa Democratic Party for the next two years. If, in the opinion of the
Presiding Officer, the number of Delegates voting in favor of including that Section in the Platform exceeds the number voting not to include that Section in the Platform, then that Section shall be included in the published Platform of the IDP.

G. After all sections of the Platform have been approved, there shall be one further vote to adopt the Platform as a whole. If this fails to pass, other amendments shall be in order.

H. After the Platform has been adopted, there shall be a vote on prioritizing the Platform. Delegates will complete the Platform Prioritization Ballot by writing or typing in the plank number of each of the three planks they believe to be the greatest priority for the Iowa Democratic Party. The planks will be ranked from top to bottom, which will allow for separation of adopted planks into categories of Priorities and Long Term Goals. Those planks so designated as Priorities will be announced to the Convention.

I. A final copy of the Platform, including the Statement of Principles and the Statement of Issues, will be available at the Iowa Democratic Party Website, www.iowademocrats.org within one week of the adjournment of the State Convention. Those Delegates who do not have access to the website may request a written copy from the Offices of the Iowa Democratic Party.

VI. Election of State Affirmative Action Chair

A. Nominations, but not nominating speeches, may be made from the Floor.

B. Each candidate and/or their designee(s) will be allowed up to a total of three (3) minutes to speak to the Convention.

C. The Delegates will vote as directed in Section III of these Rules.

D. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive votes from at least a majority of the Delegates present and voting for that position.
VII. Election of the Constituency Caucus Chairs and Vice-Chairs

A. Constituency Caucuses shall convene at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the State Convention.

B. At such time, the first order of business shall be to elect a Caucus Chair and Vice-Chair. The Rules Committee Chair shall assign representatives to attend each Caucus meeting. The current Chair of the Caucus shall call the Caucus to order and immediately defer to the Rules Committee representative(s) for the purpose of conducting elections. In the absence of the current Caucus Chair and Vice-Chair, the Rules Committee representative shall call the meeting to order and immediately proceed to conduct the elections.

C. Nominations, but not nominating speeches, will be made from the Floor.

D. Each nominee shall be given an opportunity to decline.

E. Each candidate and/or their designee(s) will be allowed two (2) minutes to speak to the Caucus. No more than two (2) speakers per nominee will be allowed to speak during this time.

F. Using the ballot designated by the Rules Committee representatives, each Caucus member shall cast a vote for one (1) candidate on each ballot.

G. A majority of the votes cast is necessary to be elected.

H. In the event that no candidate is elected by at least a majority of votes on a given ballot, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes shall run again.

I. When the election for Chair is completed, the election for Vice-Chair will take place following the same rules.

J. When the elections for Chair and Vice-Chair are completed, the Rules Committee representative(s) shall immediately report the results to the Chair of the Rules Committee, or their designee.
VIII. Ratification of the Nomination of the Democratic Candidate for Lieutenant Governor

A. The Democratic nominee for Governor or their designee shall nominate the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor.

B. A second is required.

C. The Chair(s) of the Convention will ask for a Voice Vote of the Convention to ratify the selection of the committee.

D. Should ratification fail, the Gubernatorial nominee shall nominate another candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Nominations shall continue until a candidate is ratified.
Platform Committee
2018 State Convention

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Mark Olberding

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Parliamentarian: David McFarland

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Lauren Castaner
Brian McLain
Anthony Rhoa
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 Iowa, affirm the following:

[We affirm the Democratic Party’s contributions to our nation’s heritage, accomplishments, and diversity. We recognize and advocate for the rights and worth of every human being. We strive to secure, defend, and preserve basic constitutional and civil rights.]

We support a strong separation of church and state as envisioned by our founding fathers and incorporated in the constitution of the United States.

We supported our military and veterans in war and peace.

We support them now and honor their service.

We supported the right of all human beings to be treated fairly and equally under the laws of this nation. We stand as the party for all human beings.

We condemn all forms of discrimination. Whenever the rights of any citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional and civil rights.

We supported the working people of this country when they were exploited. We support them now for their right to organize, to achieve decent wages with health and retirement benefits and a safe workplace.

We supported families in their pursuit of well-being.

We support them now in their desire to become healthy, educated, and contributing citizens.

We support the freedom to plan their family.

We supported the elderly when they were forgotten.

We support them now in their need for dignity, income and healthcare security.
We supported independent farmers and small businesses when they faced hard times.

We support them now in their pursuit of prosperity and economic security.

We supported parents, students, and educators to make education a top priority.

We support them now in their quest to achieve high standards. We support free and open access to knowledge and information. We oppose attempts to distort science or health education.

We supported the people of the earth in working for a clean environment.

We support them now to achieve a responsible, prosperous and sustainable existence with nature.

We supported people all over the world demanding freedom, justice, and opportunity.

We support them now, applauding their peaceful progress.

We believe that our foreign policy should be one of genuine cooperation in global solutions for international problems. We endorse efforts to defend the equality of rights for all human beings.

We support an individual's right to privacy and adequate legal representation. We look forward to the day when all borders are open to the free exchange of ideas, people, and goods.

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. But we will not be bullied into caving on vital issues.

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 a national outlook of confidence and hope.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply

We support:

1. clean/safe drinking/bathing/recreational waters
2. local/independent ownership of farms
3. environmentally responsible/regenerative farming
4. crop/livestock diversification
5. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “, including algae/aquaponics/companion and rotation”]
6. expanding farm markets including local sustainable/organic
7. protection/conservation of healthy soil

**Sustainable Agriculture Policy**

We support:
8. increasing SNAP funding/benefits
9. funding Leopold Center
10. increasing CRP/CSP funding
11. industrial hemp/cannabis
12. capping crop insurance premium subsidies
13. market-indexing USDA loan rates
14. conservation compliance for federal subsidies
15. anti-trust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
16. right-to-save seeds for personal use
17. mandating cover crops/buffer strips on HEL
18. repealing “Ag-Gag” bill
19. defining CAFOs as commercial/industrial
20. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion until < 100 of Iowa's waterways are impaired
21. no tillage/fertilizer application on soybean fields after harvest, unless seeded as cover-crops and buffer-strips by waterways
22. farmer-owned grain reserves
23. GMO seed-labeling
24. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
25. public’s right-to-know permit compliance/TRI/chemical use
26. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessments improving soil/air/water quality
27. odor-nuisance regulation/enforcement
28. mandatory/monitored/enforced nitrogen/phosphorus reduction strategies
29. reinstate FFPR

We oppose:
30. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture

**Livestock Management**

We support:
31. local control of CAFO permitting/siting
32. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “taxing CAFOs at commercial rates”]
33. responsible antibiotic use
34. humane animal treatment

We oppose:
35. unregulated/excessive hormone use

**Food Supply and Safety**

We support:

36. strong safety/labeling requirements ensuring food safety, content/origin/processing location
37. community/urban gardens, direct-to-consumer producers

**Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production**

We support:

38. Paris Climate Accords
39. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy
40. electric-vehicle infrastructure
41. higher CAFE standards
42. “50-by-30” initiative
43. energy conservation
44. smart-grid improvement
45. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes
46. CPP
47. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste
48. regulating energy commodity speculation
49. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies
50. carbon fees/consumer dividends
51. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa
52. Clean Line
53. IRPS/FIT

We oppose:

54. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies
55. tar-sands/pet coke
56. new coal power plants
57. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “nuclear power plants re-licensing/construction”]
58. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
59. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
60. reclassifying national monuments as private property

**Environment, Stewardship and Livability**

We support:

61. amending Iowa’s Constitution to provide environmental protections
62. environmental protection/public-health over corporate profits
63. reinstating Iowa’s Volunteer Water Testing Program
64. reduction/reuse/universal curbside recycling
65. municipal composting/recycling
66. enforcing ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
67. funding REAP/NRORTF
68. funding IDNR above 2009 levels
69. enacting IEQA
70. banning neonicotinoids, restoring habitat to protect pollinator/bees
71. bottle-bill expansion
72. sequestering carbon
73. reclaiming mercury/lead
74. local control of sand-mining permitting/siting
75. permanently protecting ANWR
76. mending roads with recycled plastic
77. innovative/inexpensive energy solutions
78. non-toxic shot

We oppose:
79. lead wheel-weights
80. corporate polluters’ “grandfather” clauses
81. environmental protection rollbacks

Restorative Wetland and Watershed Management

We support:
82. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
83. publicly owned/affordable clean water
84. accessible IDNR well data/testing
85. incentivizing sustainable technologies/integrated watershed management
86. fully protecting/enforcing CWA including intermittent streams/wetlands
87. reinstating President Obama’s enacted USDA-NRCS RUSLE3

Planning and Zoning for Environmentally Friendly Communities

We support:
88. “Smart Growth”
89. sustainable development
90. livable/walkable neighborhoods
91. preserving farmland/sensitive and unique natural areas
92. LEED requirements for public buildings
93. notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within one mile before permitting CAFO construction/expansion
94. local approval for fossil fuel pipelines
95. community gardens

We oppose:
96. subsidizing urban growth on farm and park lands
97. eminent domain abuse
98. annexation without binding votes of the targeted residents/property owners
ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

"50 by 30" – 50% clean energy by 2030
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
AFO – Animal Feed Operations
ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
CAA – Clean Air Act
CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy
CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated energy from NW Iowa to Illinois
CPP – Clean Power Plan
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
CSP – Conservation Services Program
CWA – Clean Water Act
EPA – Environmental Protection Act
ESA – Endangered Species Act
FFPR - Farmers Fair Practices Rules
FIT – Feed-In Tariffs
GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
HEL – Highly Erodible Land/Soils
IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards
IWILL – Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (subsumed under NRORTF)
LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
NRORTF - Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
RUSLE3 — Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version Three
SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

ECONOMY, COMMERCE, AND LABOR

Collective Bargaining/Unions/Labor

We support:

  99. Fair-Share
  100. prosecuting unfair labor practices
  101. strengthening child labor laws
  102. restoring/strengthening Chapter 20 protections
  103. workers right to organize/join unions/strike
  104. PLAs/LPAs
  105. union apprenticeships and memberships
  106. use of unions for infrastructure jobs/WPAs
  107. EFCA
We oppose:

- 112. recertification election requirements for public unions
- 113. privatizing public-sector jobs
- 114. right-to-work
- 115. union-busting
- 116. replacing laid-off/striking union workers

**Unemployment/Benefits**

We support:

- 117. unemployment benefits for all employees
- 118. reauthorizing long-term unemployment benefits

We oppose:

- 119. waiting for WC/UE benefits

**Workers’ Compensation/Safety**

We support:

- 120. considering bidders’ safety records for government contracts
- 121. increased staffing and funding OSHA/MSHA/NIOSH
- 122. right to refuse unsafe work without retaliation
- 123. greater employee/union participation in OSHA inspections
- 124. workers’ rights to select their medical providers for workplace injuries
- 125. restoring protections under Iowa Worker’s Compensation Law

**Employment Practices**

We support:

- 126. whistleblower protections for employees
- 127. equal pay for equal work
- 128. FMLA
- 129. FLSA
- 130. removing barriers to proving employment discrimination
- 131. responsible, integrated strategies for AI-related job loss to protect/retrain workers
- 132. community-college based job training programs for displaced workers
- 133. “living wage” replacing minimum wage
- 134. "raising minimum wage to $15 per hour regularly indexed to COLA"
- 135. reducing executive and employee compensation inequity
- 136. proportionate wages/benefits for part-time workers
137. tipped workers receiving full minimum wage
138. nonpunitive paid family/medical/parental leave
139. paid vacation
140. [MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 138 AND 139 WITH: “minimum three weeks paid vacation, nine month paid parental leave, sick leave, and health insurance”]
141. local control of minimum wage raises

We oppose:
142. employment-at-will doctrine
143. unfair overtime practices
144. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
145. use of credit scores for employment decisions

Retirement

We support:
146. fully honored, secure, portable retirement
147. fully funding/protecting IPERS/FED/MFPRSI/RRB/FELA
148. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan
149. COLA for publicly funded retirement programs

Government Policy

We support:
150. expanding Davis-Bacon Act to include publicly-funded projects
151. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level
152. “Deal for All”
153. net neutrality
154. statewide broadband access
155. Dodd-Frank
156. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
157. national universal basic income
158. expansion of public mass-transit
159. equitable/transparent trade agreements
160. transparency/accountability of public funds granted to corporations

We oppose:
161. renaming SS earned benefits as federal benefits
162. deregulating industry
163. fast-tracking trade agreements
164. TPP

Taxes

We support:
165. eliminating SS wage cap
166. taxing high-frequency trading
167. more progressive tax structure
168. estate tax beginning with $2.5 million estates
169. increasing EITC/dependent exemptions
170. property tax credits that benefit low-income/veterans/elderly/disabled people
171. annual evaluation of tax credits

We oppose:
172. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
173. increasing taxes on credit unions
174. off-shore tax shelters
175. corporate tax evasion

Bankruptcy

We support:
176. honoring full-pension benefits in the case of bankruptcy
177. listing employees as first-in-line creditors

Business Practices

We support:
178. expanding antitrust analysis to consider market structure, concentration, economic/political impact
179. incentives creating/retaining US jobs
180. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans
181. regulating financial speculation
182. full disclosure of competing/conflicting interests in financial transactions
183. breaking up “too-big-to-fail” banks
184. regulatory capture
185. protection against predatory lending
186. minimum 90% US-manufactured content required for “Made in USA” products
187. importer-financed quality inspections of all imports

We oppose:
188. corporate welfare
189. insurance credit scoring

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION
AI – Artificial Intelligence
COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act
EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit
FED – Favorable Experience Dividend
FELA – Federal Employers Liability Act
FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
We support:

190. involving community/parents/educators/students in educational problem solving/decision-making

191. minimum 6% SSA for PreK-12 education

192. restoring independent allowable growth formula to determine public school funding

193. providing educational tools/resources for students needing additional assistance, including online classes and other technology

194. PreK-12 public education for students until age 21

195. post-secondary programs tuition-/debt-free for at least 4 years, including:
   a. vocational programs
   b. regent state universities
   c. community colleges

196. dyslexia screening for children in PreK-12 schools/IJJS

197. state mandates requiring all public schools include instruction in physical/mental health and sex positive/comprehensive/research-based sexual/health programs (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)

198. training for all literacy skills

199. expansion of full-day kindergarten and universal preschool

200. full funding for:
   a. fine/applied arts
   b. ELL/ESL programs
   c. career/vocational education
   d. literacy education
   e. STEM
   f. civic education
   g. personal financial literacy

201. all public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative, salaries/benefits/pensions above national average
202. funding IDEA at 40% level
203. ADA compliance of all school facilities
204. restoring funds to AEAs
205. TLC program
206. driver’s education and foreign language programs provided by local public school districts
207. maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
208. ECE (public preschool/Head Start services)
209. meeting Head Start or NAEYC performance standards
210. placement of special education student to be directly tied to determining class size and staffing need
211. restoring, increasing funding to regent universities and community colleges
212. living wages, benefit parity, unemployment benefit eligibility, and ongoing training for ESPs
213. increasing statewide minimum dropout age to 18
214. student-loan forgiveness
215. bankruptcy protections for borrowers
216. 100% tax-deductible interest on post-secondary loans
217. mental health professionals in all schools
218. reduction of class size
219. requiring credentialed supervision for home-schooled students
220. expanding access to public school alternative programs
221. radon testing for school buildings
222. modernizing the Fair Funding Formulas for rural schools
223. an option for a guaranteed rate of return for funds in 529 savings plans
224. District Voluntary Diversity Plans
225. eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
226. increased tax credits for teaching materials educators purchase
227. strongly regulating accreditation, credit transferability and disclosure of costs for all for-profit schools
228. funding all TRIO programs
229. party balance of the Iowa Board of Regents
230. NEA, NEH, NSF, CPB

We oppose:
231. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
   a. vouchers
   b. Education Savings Accounts
   c. charter school pre-tax plans
232. merit pay
233. religious bias in publicly-funded education
234. arming school employees

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION
We support:

- 235. Automatic/Same-Day Voter Registration
- 236. OCE/RVRA/IRV/RCV
- 237. Iowa’s redistricting system used nationwide
- 238. absentee/early-voting
- 239. mandatory election audits
- 240. truth in political advertising
- 241. 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials leaving government
- 242. paid federal/state election holidays
- 243. vote-by-mail
- 244. comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform
- 245. mandatory release of state/national candidates tax-returns
- 246. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 245]
- 247. [MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 245 WITH: “mandatory release of state/national candidates' tax-returns as condition of ballot inclusion”]
- 248. Johnson Amendment
- 249. Iowa’s judicial merit-selection-system
- 250. Iowa constitutional amendment requiring full funding for co-equal judicial-branch
- 251. government transparency
- 252. publicly funded campaigns/elections
253. standardizing election poll-supervision, ballot type/tabulation
254. re-examining [501(c)(4)] political-activity
255. requiring political activity transparency—including funding
256. caucus system improvements
257. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 256]
258. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
259. VOICE/Fair-Elections-Now-Act
260. limiting campaigning-time
261. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “campaign/debate processes including third-party candidates”]

We oppose:
262. Citizens United
263. superdelegates
264. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 263]
265. corporate personhood
266. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “Electoral College”]
267. Super-PACs
268. official languages
269. gerrymandering
270. national constitutional convention

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

We support:
271. community right to enact laws protecting health/safety of natural persons/environment
272. repealing 2001 USAPA and 2008 FISAAA
273. providing tax-credits/employment bonding programs
274. barring law enforcement officials from sexual activities with suspects/detainees
275. limiting “cavity searches”
276. Miranda Rights
277. separating church and state and returning to pre-1954 pledge of allegiance
278. fully-funding Iowa Legal Aid
279. individual/legal entity right to BDS any country/corporation
280. freedom of speech and press
281. restoring VRA(1965) entirely
282. renaming Columbus Day
283. DC/PR/Guam/Territory right to statehood

We oppose:
284. RFRA
285. national ID
286. warrantless-searches/electronic–drone surveillance
287. non-church religious-exemptions from anti-discrimination laws
288. presidential self-pardons
289. subverting civil-rights

**Consumer Protection**

We support:
- 290. strengthening/expanding/vigorously enforcing anti-trust laws
- 291. penalties that deter corporate malfeasance
- 292. personal financial responsibility for law-breaking elected officials
- 293. government official insider-trading laws
- 294. foreclosure safety-net
- 295. CFPB: fully-funded independent agency
- 296. GDPR-level PII data protection

We oppose:
- 297. robocalls
- 298. utility deregulation/privatization
- 299. limiting court access
- 300. “Pork-Barrel” amendments

**Criminal Justice**

We support:
- 301. legalizing cannabis
- 302. vacating non-violent drug-offense past sentences
- 303. ending war-on-drugs/treating drug-addiction as public health issues
- 304. mentally-ill/addicted offender treatment programs
- 305. specialty-courts
- 306. de-escalation/bias programs/training/improving police-community relations
- 307. independent investigations of deaths involving police/corrections
- 308. fully-funding/timely rape-kit processing
- 309. equitable funding for public defense/prosecution
- 310. juvenile sentencing/incarceration reform
- 311. citizens’ review boards
- 312. HCPA
- 313. contemporary Nordic inmate-rehabilitation-model:
  - a. rehabilitation not punishment
  - b. increasing rehabilitation programs for recently released individuals
  - c. inmate minimum wage
  - d. restorative justice
  - e. incarceration alternatives
- 314. EJI
- 315. community policing
- 316. reforming civil/criminal forfeiture laws
- 317. victims’ services
- 318. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “legalizing/taxing/regulating all recreational-drugs”]
- 319. preventing/identifying/treating human trafficking victims
320. prosecuting "white-collar" crime
321. classifying abortion clinics/provider attacks as domestic-terrorism

We oppose:

322. requiring supreme court super-majorities on constitutional questions
323. charging defendants for: court-appointed-attorneys/probation/community service/jail-rent
324. shackles/restraints during childbirth
325. for-profit jails/prisons
326. capital punishment
327. mandatory-minimum sentencing
328. bail-system abuse
329. law-enforcement militarization
330. “Stop-and-Frisk” policies
331. NDAA indefinite-detention provisions
332. civil/criminal statutes of limitations on child-abuse/sexual-abuse cases
333. ex-offender housing-discrimination

**Government Services**

We support:

334. prosecuting government officials charged with quid-pro-quo bribery offenses
335. full-access to ALL public records excepting PII
336. substantive funding for:
   a. safe/reliable/well-maintained bridges/roadways
   b. secure ports/water supplies/infrastructure
   c. rural county/city (emergency) services
   d. FVPSA/VAWA
   e. Division of Tobacco Use and Control
   f. Public Broadcasting
   g. Art in State Buildings
   h. SHS projects/goals
   i. prisons
337. USPS Banking
338. VOCA compensation going to victims
339. fully-funding/enforcing federal/state mandates
340. COLAs including medical costs/food/energy
341. local/international food-aid programs
342. State Bank of Iowa

We oppose:

343. eminent-domain for private-profit
344. nepotism
345. fast-track congressional voting without public debate
346. tax-cuts defunding public programs
347. privatizing/outsourcing government services/assets
Gun Safety

We support:

348. guardian accountability for minor negligent-gun-access
349. public/private property gun-free zones
350. updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, restricting:
   a. silencers/suppressors
   b. bump-stocks
   c. high-capacity-magazines
   d. fragmentary-rounds
351. [MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “updating/amending the 2nd-Amendment”]
352. mandatory safety/proficiency training
353. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 352]
354. expanding NICS
355. firearm transfer universal background checks
356. registration
357. waiting periods
358. just-cause Sheriff discretion issuing Concealed-Carry
359. mandatory liability insurance for gun/ammunition owners/sellers/manufacturers
360. GVROA(2017)
361. mandatory reporting lost/stolen firearms
362. reasonable gun-regulation/responsible gun-ownership
363. gun buybacks

We oppose:

364. open-carry
365. Dickey Amendment
366. NCCR
367. private post-1968 firearms transfers without serial numbers

Immigration

We support:

368. state/federal DREAM/DAPA/DACA/TVDL/UAFA
369. resolving visas/permanent-residency backlogs/prioritizing family unity
370. Visa denial/removal judicial review
371. refugee classifying unaccompanied minors
372. adult/minor-refugee/asylum-seeker resettlement programs
373. immigration reform eliminating biases/reflecting skills needs/respecting national security needs/providing quicker-clearly-defined citizenship pathways
374. undocumented immigrant DL/vehicle registration
375. expedited vetting Syrian/Yemeni refugees
376. reinstating Governor Robert D. Ray’s refugee-programs
377. requiring/funding immigrant/minors/guest workers legal representation
378. applying fair-labor laws/due-process to all
We oppose:

379. detaining undocumented minors
380. immigrant detention/deportation quotas
381. locally enforcing federal immigration laws
382. mass raids/related enforcement practices
383. religious exclusion
384. “papers please”
385. unnecessary travel-bans
386. abrogating birthright-citizenship

Internet and Telecommunications

We support:

387. publicly-owned/universal HSIA
388. modernized “Fairness Doctrine”/equal-time rule

We oppose:

389. internet censorship
390. warrantless bulk-data collection
391. cyberbullying
392. FCC’s “UHF Discount” allowing media monoliths

Taxes and Social Security

We support:

393. charitable-giving tax-deductions
394. Veterans Exemption
395. restoring TIF’s original purpose
396. “public-assistance” penalties for large employers
397. fair/just tax-code including progressive-taxation of capital/increasing top-marginal tax-rate

We oppose:

398. chained CPI
399. raising retirement age/cutting SS-benefits
400. taxing: unemployment/workers’-compensation/disability/SS-benefits
401. refundable corporate tax-credits
402. corporate tax-loopholes
403. SS-fund diversion
404. corporate-welfare

Transportation

We support:

405. Complete-Streets
506. crash-prevention engineering  
507. Main Street Iowa  
508. helmet laws  
509. ET3/Hyperloop/High-speed Rail/light-rail feeder-systems  
510. backseat passenger seat-belt law  
511. transportation alternative-energies  
512. rural-transportation expansion  

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION  
501(c)(3) – a tax-exempt organization  
501(c)(4) – a tax-exempt and non-profit social welfare organization  
BDS – Boycott, Divest, Sanction  
CEC - Citizens Election Council  
CFPB - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment  
CPI – Consumer Price Index  
DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals  
DAPA – Deferred Action for Parents of Americans  
DC – District of Columbia  
DL – Drivers License  
DREAM – Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors  
EJI – Equal Justice Initiative  
ET3 - Evacuated Tube-Transport-Technologies  
FCC - Federal Communications Commission  
FISAAA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (of 1978) Amendments Act (of 2008)  
FVPSA – Family Violence Prevention and Services Act  
GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation  
GIVFAP - Grow Iowa Values Financial Assistance Program  
GVROA - Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017  
HCPA - Hate Crimes Prevention Act  
HSIA - High-Speed Internet Access  
ID - Identification  
IOWA - Best State in the United States of America  
Johnson Amendment – a provision in the U.S. tax code, since 1954, that prohibits all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates  
IRV – Instant Runoff Voting  
NCCR - National Concealed Carry Reciprocity  
NDAA - National Defense Authorization Act  
NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System  
OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics  
PAC - Political Action Committee  
PII – Personally Identifiable Information  
PR – Puerto Rico  
RCV - Ranked Choice Voting  
RFRA - Religious Freedom Restoration Act  
Robert D Ray - Mythical creature, a Republican that embraced immigration  
RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act  
SHS – State Historical Society
General Health

We support:

413. comprehensive, universal, single-payer healthcare for all, including but not limited
      to:
      a. reproductive health
      b. acute/LTC/ALF, community-based services
      c. wellness/prevention programs
      d. addiction services
      e. evidenced-based holistic/functional medicine/services
      f. reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers equal to UCR
      g. all brain disorders/injuries
      h. affordable/no copay medications
      i. evidence-based Compound/Natural medications
      j. telemedicine
      k. training/supplying first responders using Narcan/Naloxone
      l. statewide EMS
      m. transgender healthcare
      n. medical/assistive-devices/vision/hearing/mental/dental

414. medical end-of-life options
415. rescheduling, expanding access to, medical cannabis
416. state EHR exchanges
417. healthcare staffing based on acuity/care-levels
418. increased funding NIH/NSF

We oppose:

419. privatizing Medicaid
420. providing substandard/denying medical services due to religious/personal bias
421. exemptions to ISAA
422. Medicaid block grants
423. restricting research on
      a. stem-cells
Adult, Aged, Abused People, and People with Disabilities

We support:

427. accessibility/accommodations for all
428. increasing inspections of troubled SNF/ALF/MIMR
429. fully funding:
   a. OAA/LTCOP
   b. dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care
   c. elder-abuse prevention
   d. AAA
   e. full-spectrum continuing care, financial aid/legal assistance for abused persons
   f. VAWA
430. national database for convicted abusers
431. consumer representation on HHS review boards
432. training/support/tax credits for at-home caregivers
433. LTC coverage prior to hospitalization
434. 911/EMS responder abuse-recognition education/training

Children and Families

We support:

435. increasing inspections of childcare centers
436. fully funding:
   a. child welfare systems
   b. child/maternal/prenatal health programs
   c. preventing child abuse/neglect/obesity
   d. BASP
   e. CSRA/DPPA
   f. high-quality, subsidized childcare
   g. FSP
   h. youth/homeless shelters
   i. children’s mental health system
   j. CHIP/HAWK-I
437. mandatory NCARs
438. SNAP/WIC expansion
439. background checks for childcare workers
440. gender-neutral parenting/custody/guardianship
441. kinship-care/foster-care parity
442. funding foster children through age 26
443. strengthening/expanding ASFA, DHS/Ombudsman in foster care
We oppose:

- 444. non-medical exemptions to immunizations
- 445. sex-assignment surgeries at birth

**Human Services**

We support:

- 446. transitional programs from shelters/prisons-into-care, treatment, permanent housing
- 447. Medicaid for all autistic individuals
- 448. contraceptives-abortion coverage
- 449. maintaining/strengthening HUD, SS, Medicare/Medicaid, Public Transportation, disaster relief, safety-net programs
- 450. child/dependent-adult protective services meeting all standards/minimal overtime
- 451. funding/organizing IEMS for standardized statewide coverage
- 452. GHS activities overseen by CDC
- 453. research/prevention/treatment addressing opioid epidemic including Naloxone funding
- 454. equitable health insurance premiums
- 455. evidence-based medical cannabis education for medical providers
- 456. effective FDA drug-approval
- 457. vitamins-supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions

We oppose:

- 458. limiting medical malpractice/negligence claims

**Mental Health**

We support:

- 459. mental health parity/availability/affordability
- 460. restoring/expanding MHIs
- 461. funding:
  - a. tobacco/substance-abuse treatment
  - b. suicide awareness/prevention programs
- 462. jail diversion programs/courts
- 463. effective treatment length
- 464. mental health training/awareness for 911/first responders
- 465. sufficient funding for CMHCs
- 466. funding for emergency committal beds/transportation

**Reproductive Rights and Family Planning**

We support:

- 467. rights/choice of women/individuals to comprehensive reproductive healthcare
- 468. Roe vs. Wade
469. fully funding:
   a. comprehensive family planning programs/providers
   b. PP
   c. HIV/STD/STI/cancer testing/screening

470. free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools
471. regulating CPC
472. breastfeeding/lactation accommodations (not restrooms)
473. certified nurse midwives

We oppose:
474. restricting access to medically necessary abortions
475. zygotic/embryonic/fetal personhood
476. restricting accessing abortions using TRAP laws/harassment
477. forced sterilization, castration, genital mutilation including default circumcision
478. [MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE 477 WITH: “forced sterilization, castration, genital mutilation including infant circumcision”]
479. Fetal Heartbeat bill
480. conversion therapy
481. parental consent/notification for contraceptives/abortion for minors

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION
AAA - Area Agency on Aging
ALF – Assisted-Living Facilities
ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act
BASP - Before and After School Programs
CDC - Centers for Disease Control
CHIP - Children’s Health Insurance Program
CMHCs – Community Mental Health Centers
CPC - Crisis Pregnancy Centers
CSRA - Child Support Recovery Act
DHS - Department of Human Services
DPPA - Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act
EHR – Electronic Health Record
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
FSP - Family Support Programs
GHS – Global Health Services
HAWK-I - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa
HCBS - Home and Community Based Services
HHS – Health and Human Services
HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HUD – Housing and Urban Development
IEMS - Iowa Emergency Medical Services
INCSL - Iowa Non-Covered Services Law
ISAA - Iowa Smoke-Free Air Act
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
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**HUMAN RIGHTS**

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525. peaceful conflict resolution, normalized US diplomatic relations with all countries/multilateral solutions to international problems

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

SESTA/FOSTA - Stop Enabling Sex Trafficking Act/ Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act
ERA - Equal Rights Act
UDHR - Universal Declaration of Human Rights
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
SYGL - Stand-Your-Ground-Laws
SSRA - System Safety Risk Assessment
ICE - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross
POC - People of Color

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Peace and Security

We support:

525. peaceful conflict resolution, normalized US diplomatic relations with all countries/multilateral solutions to international problems
526. closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities
527. federal court access for non-US detainees
528. promoting human dignity, resolving global poverty, protecting clean air/water, improving education, and reducing hunger/disease
529. eliminating WMDs
530. territorial integrity of all nations including native American nations
531. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 530]
532. cultural/educational exchange programs
533. maintaining present NATO security alliances
534. gender equality/empowerment of women/gender minorities
535. taking military action only with clear national defense goals/ informed Congressional consent/ international cooperation
536. ending violence against women and sexual/gender minorities, including genital mutilation/honor killings/forced marriage/rape/property confiscation
537. prosecuting human traffickers via ICC, protecting victims
538. free/fair/open elections
539. stricter enforcement of FARA
540. repealing 2001, 2002 US AUMF
541. treating POWs/enemy combatants humanely
542. assisting refugees
543. reducing the military budget by 25% and discontinuing its use as an offensive force.
544. [MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE 543]

We oppose:
545. economic exploitation
546. racial/religious/sexual orientation/gender-identity persecution
547. US-sponsored regime changes/ coups/juntas/unelected governments
548. genocide
549. ethnic cleansing
550. terrorism
551. imperialism
552. preemptive military action
553. military/financial support for oppressive regimes
554. extra-legal/renditions/torture
555. hybrid warfare
556. election meddling

Indiana

We support:
557. diplomatic engagement
558. a nuclear agreement

We oppose:
559. offensive military action against Iran
Israel/Palestine

We support:

560. equal human rights/health/welfare for Palestinians and Israelis
561. right of return/just compensation for displaced Palestinians
562. rights of BDS
563. escrowing aid to Israel until Israel recognizes Palestine at 1966 borders
564. Palestinian statehood/UN membership
565. peaceful efforts to achieve separate secure Israeli and Palestinian states

respecting the rights of all persons

We oppose:

566. Israel Separation Barrier/settlement activities/moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem prior to final resolution and blockade of Gaza Strip
567. Anti-Semitism/Islamophobia

Afghanistan/Iraq/Syria

We support:

568. reconstruction and refugee resettlement
569. resolving the Syrian conflict and providing humanitarian assistance
570. US acceptance of 100,000 Syrian refugees annually

Yemen

We oppose:

571. Saudi involvement in Yemen

Ukraine

We support:

572. peaceful conflict resolution

We oppose:

573. Russian territorial annexation

Central and South America and the Caribbean

We support:

574. normalized relations with Cuba
575. immediately closing WHINSEC
576. investigating US government involvement in 2009 Honduras coup/subsequent activists’ killings

We oppose:

577. US border wall
Rainforests

We oppose:

578. clear-cutting

Africa

We support:

579. famine relief
580. funding economic/agricultural development

Asia

We support:

581. containing North Korea’s nuclear weapons diplomatically
582. peacefully resolving disputed Pacific islands

China

We oppose:

583. artificial islands in South China Sea
584. Chinese occupation of Tibet

Development Assistance

We support:

585. culturally sensitive/non-exploitative foreign aid and fair trade agreements protecting human rights, public health, workers' rights, the environment

United Nations

We support:

586. US participation in the UN and its agencies, full dues payment
587. ATTCC ATT
588. meeting SDG

Treaties and Conventions

We support:

589. ratification and/or full participation in:
   a. UDHR
   b. ICESCR
   c. CEDAW
   d. CRC
   e. CTBT
   f. BWC
g. Paris Climate Agreement Under the (UNFCCC)

h. CWC

i. UNCRPD

j. UNCLOS

k. GFATM

l. START

m. RSICC

n. NPT

o. APMBC

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t. CCM

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<td>ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</td>
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<td>ICJ – International Court of Justice</td>
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<td>ISIL – The Islamic State of Syria and the Levant</td>
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<td>FARA – Foreign Agents Registration Act</td>
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<td>MENA – Middle East and North Africa</td>
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<td>RSICC – Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court</td>
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We support:

590. investigation/prosecution of sexual assault/harassment in civilian courts
591. full-service VA healthcare for LGBTQIA+
592. rigorous oversight of VA hospitals
593. increased funding/access to mental health services
594. requiring VA payment for veterans’ medical care when VA providers are > 30 driving miles or the wait for services is > 30 days
595. requiring VA physicians to inform/offer patients all potential treatments including cannabis
596. 24-hour holds for suicidal veterans at VA facilities
597. removing time limits for accessing GI-Bill/educational benefits
598. increasing Veteran housing
599. policies/funding, VA/VHA for rural/urban Iowa, employment assistance
600. National Guard Education Assistance Benefits for Summer School
601. citizenship for honorable service/discharges including deportees
602. adequate funding for troop training/logistics/support

We oppose:

603. privatization of VA hospitals/medical services
604. using mercenaries/private military companies
605. denying VA benefits for THC use
606. stopping VA disability benefits if receiving SS

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

LEO - Law Enforcement Officer
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
SS - Social Security
Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the
Iowa Democratic Party

Amendment 1. To: Article II, Section 3, Subsection d
Submitted by: Catherine Crist

Amend language as follows:
Discuss and may indicate priorities regarding such issues of national, state, and local importance or interest as those in attendance may determine. Platform Resolutions or issue statements adopted by a precinct caucus shall be forwarded to the County Platform Committee in the manner and as directed in the packet of information provided by the Party.

Rationale: The current language unnecessarily binds the Party to sending out a packet. As new methods of communication are perfected and as more accessible methods become available, we should be utilizing them.

Amendment 2. To: Article III, Section 1
Submitted by: Alex Stroda

Amend the second paragraph to include the underlined sentence:

The biennial organizational County Central Committee meeting shall take place in the odd numbered years at a time set by the County Central Committee between March 1 and April 1. Members of the County Central Committee assembled shall forthwith elect a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary. Such officers need not be selected from the County Central Committee membership; however, they shall be qualified voting members of the Iowa Democratic Party. The term of office for each officer shall begin immediately upon election by the County Central Committee, and shall continue for two years, and until the successor is elected and qualified; unless he or she is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for non-residency, inattention to duty, incompetence, or support of a candidate for public office who is running against a candidate nominated by the Iowa Democratic Party. Should an officer of the County Central Committee be elected to the State Central Committee, they will, upon taking a seat on the State Central Committee, relinquish their roles as officer of the County Central Committee of their respective county. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled as soon as possible from alternate precinct committeepersons as per Article II, Section 3, Subsection b following majority vote of the County Central Committee attending any official committee meeting.
provided that due notice of such election was previously given.

**Rationale:** The purpose of this change is to eliminate dual office holding in the Iowa Democratic Party State Central Committee and the various County Central Committees in the State of Iowa. The primary purpose of this is to motivate the IDP and the various County Parties to actively participate in party building, a necessary aspect of maintaining a viable Iowa Democrat Party. A secondary benefit is to acknowledge the amount of effort and time required to maintain a viable Iowa Democratic Party by Democrats that volunteer to fill various roles in the party. For too long, too few people have shouldered the burden of maintaining the party. This Amendment would motivate the people that have held multiple offices at one time to educate and train others to fill their roles.

**Amendment 3. To: Article III, Section 1**
Submitted by: Alex Stroda

Amend the second paragraph to read as follows:

An alternate precinct committee person may also serve as a substitute at a regular meeting or portion of a central committee meeting if the elected committee member is unable to attend. If the maximum number of alternate precinct committee persons are not elected at the precinct caucuses, the vacancy shall be filled, as soon as possible by any Democrat, as defined by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party, residing in the precinct that is not currently represented by a County Central Committee member or does not currently have the maximum number of alternates allowed. The number of alternates should not exceed twice the number of precinct committee persons. The term of office of alternate County Central Committee members elected to fill a vacancy pursuant to either of the two preceding paragraphs, shall begin immediately following their election and shall continue until the following precinct caucus successor is elected and qualified; unless he or she is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for nonresidency, inattention to duty, incompetence, or support of a candidate for public office who is running against a candidate nominated by the Iowa Democratic Party.

**Rationale:** to clarify for the IDP how alternate precinct committee persons are selected at the county level. The language brings this process in line with language used in Article V, Section 1, Subsection d. It additionally serves to remove the control from currently seated County Central Committee members to disallow participation in the County Central Committee, should a Democrat in good standing volunteer to serve as alternate County Central Committee person.
Amendment 4. To: Article III, Section 1
Submitted by: Alex Stroda

Amend the second paragraph to include the underlined sentences:
If no alternate precinct committeepersons are elected at the precinct caucuses, the vacancy shall be filled, as soon as possible from a pool of Democrats residing in the precinct that is not currently represented by a County Central Committee member nominated by one or more members of the central committee, by majority vote of County Central Committee attending any official committee meeting provided that due notice of such election was previously given. The term of office of alternate County Central Committee members elected to fill a vacancy pursuant to either of the two preceding paragraphs, shall begin immediately following their election and shall continue until the successor is elected and qualified; unless he or she is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for non-residency, inattention to duty, incompetence, or support of a candidate for public office who is running against a candidate nominated by the Iowa Democratic Party.

Rationale: This is to clarify that alternates must reside in the precinct they represent.

Amendment 5. To: Article V, Section 1, Subsection c
Submitted by: Catherine Crist

Amend the subsection to read as follows:
The Chair of the District Central Committee shall be elected by the District Central Committee Members and reside in the District, from among the District Committeepersons on the State Central Committee. The primary purpose of the District Central Committee shall be the election of a Democratic member of Congress. The District Central Committee shall also be responsible for assisting the election of legislators from districts that cross county lines.

Amendment 6. To: Article V, Section 3, Subsection a
Submitted by: multiple delegates on behalf of the Affirmative Action and Community Outreach subcommittee

Amend the subsection as follows:
Elect eight district committeepersons, by majority vote, four of whom shall be men and four of whom shall be women, no more than half of whom may be from one gender identity, who shall represent such district on the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Iowa, and whose terms of office shall
commence immediately following the next State Convention, and shall continue for two years, and until his or her the committeeperson’s successor is elected and qualified.

**Rationale:** Creates a way for non-binary individuals to be elected as a District State Central Committeeperson.

**Amendment 7. To: Article V, Section 3, Subsection b & Article VIII, Section 6**

Submitted by: Carl Olsen

*Add language to the end of Article V, Section 3, Subsection b:*

The number of members, the number of alternates, and the formula used to calculate them, shall be provided to the District Central Committees and District Convention Committees at least 21 days prior to the District Conventions. The dates and the locations of the first State Convention Committee meetings, and the temporary chair contact information shall also be given to the District Central Committees and District Convention Committees at least 21 days prior to the District Conventions.

*Amend the current language of Article VIII, Section 6 to read:*

The state chair shall designate the temporary chairs of the state convention committees at least 21 days before the scheduled date for the congressional district conventions.

**Rationale:** Article V, Section 3, Subsection b (Page 7); At least fifteen (15) days prior to the District Convention each of the Convention Committees shall nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding committees of the State Convention. These nominations are given to the District Convention Secretary before the District Convention starts, and the elections are usually affirmed by unanimous consent of the District Convention Delegates (to avoid having to elect dozens of people individually). People volunteering to serve on these committees should know when and where the first meeting will be and have contact information for the temporary chair before they volunteer to serve as members on the committee.
Amendment 8. To: Article V, Section 4, Subsections c & d; Article VIII, Section 2, Subsection f

Submitted by: Carl Olsen

Amend the Article V, Section 4, subsection c:
Members of the above District Convention Committees shall be elected by county conventions; the right to elect District Convention Committee members being apportioned to preference groups within county conventions that divide into preference groups, else election shall be by the convention as a whole.

Amend the Article V, Section 4, Subsection d:
Each District Convention Committee shall nominate to the District Convention those members of the committee which it recommends be elected to serve on the corresponding permanent Committee of the State Convention; election being apportioned to preference groups within District Conventions which divide into preference groups, else election shall be by the convention as a whole.

Strike Article VIII, Section 2, Subsection f:
“When convention delegates and alternates are elected by preference group, and more than six (6) representatives of the convention's committees are to be elected, those committee members and alternate members shall be apportioned to the preference groups in the same manner as the delegates."

Rationale: Preference groups are created at county and district conventions for selecting delegates. There are several reasons for this, including, but not limited to: (1) electing national delegates in a presidential election year where more than one Democrat is running; (2) a general showing of strength; and (3) if no candidate obtains thirty-five percent in a primary election, convention delegates may be reconvened for purposes of a nominating convention. See Iowa Code § 43.65 (2018) and Iowa Code § 43.78 (2018).

Any Democrat can serve on a convention committee without being a delegate or an alternate to a convention, so there is no real reason to elect them by preference group. It also defeats the purpose of two provisions in the IDP Constitution intended to make the convention process more efficient: Article III, Section 3, Subsection c and Article V, Section 3, Subsection b

Convention committees are essential to the success of our conventions at every level. Convention committee members are often folks with great skill and experience such as long-time platform and rules committee members. In addition, committees often work as teams. Electing convention committees by preference groups makes it much more difficult to elect the best, most
experienced convention committee members, making it more difficult and
time-consuming for the committees to perform their tasks. We should lock in
the process of electing them by the convention as a whole at every level.
Doing so will make it much more likely that the individuals our convention
committee members nominate to serve at the next level will be elected to do
so, leading to more effective and efficient work by our convention committees,
regardless who they may or may not support for a given office.

Amendment 9. To: Article XII, Section 6
Submitted by: Sandy Dockendorff
Replace Article XII, Section 6 with:

Section 6 – Convention Committees

There shall be established the following standing committees for each County,
District, and State Convention:
A. Arrangements Committee: This committee shall be responsible for all physical
arrangements for the convention including the facility, equipment, parking, and
arranging for the preparation of a Convention Call Booklet as outlined in Section
9 of this Article.
B. Credentials Committee: Consistent with other requirements of this Constitution
and in accordance with a Delegate Selection Plan, as applicable, this committee
shall be responsible for the accreditation and certification of delegates and
alternates to the appropriate level Convention The Credentials Committee shall
be responsible for ensuring that the duly elected Delegates are seated and
provided appropriate materials to allow them to participate in convention
activities, including an identifying nametag (credential) and matching ballots (in
cooperation with the Rules Committee). The Credentials Committee is also
charged with seating appropriate alternates in place of delegates who are unable
to attend the convention, staffing the registration tables, and may assist in
collecting delegate fees. The method of collecting the names and contact
information for each duly elected delegate and alternate shall be detailed in the
information provided by the staff of the Iowa Democratic Party.
1. Registration of Delegates shall be open for at least one hour.
2. The seating of Alternates shall not begin until the end of the Delegate
   Registration period.
3. For County Conventions: In the absence of an applicable Delegate Selection
   Plan, the seating of alternates shall follow these guidelines:
i. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from the same precinct.
ii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from a similar precinct (urban/rural).
iii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from any precinct.
4. For District and State Conventions: In the absence of an applicable Delegate Selection Plan, the seating of alternates shall follow these guidelines:
   i. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from the same county
   ii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from a similar county (urban/rural).
   iii. The earliest arriving duly accredited alternate from any county
5. No alternate may be seated in place of a duly accredited delegate elected by a preference group that is of a different preference without the express written approval of a previously identified Preference Group Contact.
C. Platform Committee: The Platform Committees of the County, District, and State Convention may be continuing bodies that may act as organizing committees to advocate the enactment of their platforms. The State Central Committee shall be responsible for enactment of the provisions of the State Party Platform by:
1. Researching public statements, voting records, and performance of official duties of elected officials within their constituencies;
2. Developing proposals for legislative action in keeping with the Iowa Democratic Party Platform;
3. Giving guidance to the Democratic Party Leaders and to the Democratic Elected Officials regarding the Iowa Democratic Party’s position on matters of legislative priority or public policy as set forth in the State Party Platform;
4. Making preliminary preparations for the next caucus/convention process of platform development. In these efforts, the State Central Committee shall work in close cooperation with Democratic elected officials. For purposes of Platform Committee reports, word limits shall not be changed between January 1 and June 30 in an election year (during the caucus to convention cycle). Any public hearing on the platform shall not be held on the same day as the convention.
5. Each convention shall adopt a platform consisting of a Statement of Issues. The Platform Committee may set its own rules for development of its report, including but not limited to rules governing debate during their committee meetings, the amendment, and adoption of platform planks to be included in their report to the Convention delegation. That Statement of Issues in the Platform Committee report shall consist of no more than 3000 words.
6. The Platform Committee of the State Convention shall, prior to the convening of the State Convention, hold a public hearing to allow Democrats the opportunity to comment on the platform report.

7. The State Convention shall adopt a Statement of Principles. The Statement of Principles shall be a statement of abiding Democratic values and principles. The State Central Committee shall approve and forward a proposed Statement of Principles to the Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party no later than 21 days prior to the State Convention. The draft Statement of Principles shall be considered for debate, amendment, and adoption at the State Convention. The Statement of Principles adopted by the State Convention shall be the Statement of Principles for the Iowa Democratic Party.

D. Rules and Nominations Committee: Consistent with other provisions in this Constitution, an applicable Delegate Selection Plan, and the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, this committee shall be responsible for drafting such rules and regulations as are necessary to conduct the business of the convention, including but not limited to:

1. the debate, amendment, and adoption of the platform,
2. the adoption or ratification of such resolutions as the convention may wish to consider,
3. the election of delegates to district, state, and national conventions and meetings,
4. the election of Party office holders and such other business as the convention in question may wish to consider.

The Rules Committees of the County, District and State Conventions shall work in consultation with the other convention committees to produce fair and efficient rules for their convention. In addition, said committee shall have the responsibility for the counting of all ballots taken during the convention process.

Amendment 10. To: Article XII, Section 6, Subsections A & B

Submitted by: Catherine Crist

Add under Subsection A, a new point e to read as follows:

Additionally, the Committee will provide education on Platform resolution development and submission for the Caucus to Convention Cycle, engage proactively in outreach activities to ensure interested Democrats throughout the State are informed, and provide the SCC with needed updates as to the issues most concerning to constituents.
Amend Subsection B to read as follows:

Subsection B - Rules Committees: The Rules Committees of the County, District, and State Conventions shall work in consultation with the other Convention Committees to produce fair and efficient rules for their convention. Additionally, the Committees may be continuing bodies that:

1. Will provide education and consultation on rule making for the Caucus to Convention Cycle;
2. May provide recommendations and resources to County Parties and District Committees to assist with their rules drafting;
3. Will engage proactively in outreach activities to ensure interested Democrats throughout the State are informed of their rights and responsibilities to participate in the Iowa Democratic Party; and,
4. Will provide the SCC with necessary updates as to the issues most concerning to constituents.

Amendment 11. To: Article VI, Section 2

Submitted by: Carl Olsen

Amend the current language in the first paragraph:

The State Central Committee shall be composed as follows: The District Committeepersons from each Congressional District, the National Committeepersons, the Chair of the State Affirmative Action Committee, the President of the Iowa Young Democrats, State Rules Chair, State Platform Chair, a person elected by the State Platform Committee to represent that committee on the State Central Committee, and the elected chairs of the twelve Constituency Caucuses. These Committee members shall be entitled to vote on all policy matters not in conflict with the Code of the State of Iowa.

Rationale: People should not run for chair of the State Platform Committee just to get a seat on the State Central Committee. This amendment would prevent that from happening.

Amendment 12. To: Article VI, Section 2

Submitted by: Alex Stroda

Strike “State Rules Chair, State Platform Chair”

Rationale: There is no provision in the Constitution for how and when these positions are elected. Currently they are elected by their respective committees, though this is
not specified anywhere in the Constitution or IDP Bylaws. It is not appropriate that voting members of the State Central Committee are elected by such a small limited body by an unspecified process. Additionally they are Convention Committees, not standing committees. Article I Section 2 of the IDP Bylaws, designated them as standing committees, references a non-existent article (XV) of the IDP Constitution. Furthermore it also designates Arrangements and Credentials as standing committees and they do not have a seat on the SCC.

**Amendment 13. To: Article VI, Section 2**

Submitted by: Holly Herbert

*Strike “State Rules Chair”*

**Rationale:** Rules is not treated as a standing committee and therefore the chair of said committee should not be a member of the SCC. We have a Policies and Programs subcommittee on the SCC that looks at and proposed suggested amendments to party documents such as the SCC Bylaws and convention guides, and the SCC would benefit from the hiring of a certified Parliamentarian to assist with quarterly meetings in place of a Rules Chair.

[Editor’s Note: The Policy & Programs subcommittee is not a codified committee of the SCC.]

**Amendment 14. To: Article VI, Section 2**

Submitted by: RRS Stewart on behalf of the Affirmative Action and Community Outreach Committee

*Add a sentence to the end of paragraph 1:*

If the State Rules and Platform Committees elect Vice-Chairs, they may vote at SCC meetings in the absence of the State Rules or Platform Chair, or if the State Rules or Platform Chair is already voting in another capacity.

**Amendment 15. To: Article VI, Section 2, paragraphs 1 and 2**

Submitted by: Holly Herbert

*In paragraph one, replace “twelve” with “thirteen”*

*In paragraph two, add “Jewish” to the list of Constituency Caucuses*

**Rationale:** To establish a Jewish cultural identity caucus.
Amendment 16. To: Article VI, Section 2
Submitted by: Holly Herbert

*Alphabetize the Constituency Caucuses, to read:*

The Constituency Caucuses include the Armed Forces Veterans, Asian & Pacific Islander, Black, Disability, Labor, Latino, Native American, Progressive, Rural, Senior/Retirees, Stonewall, Women’s caucuses.

Amendment 17. To: Article VI, Section 2
Submitted by: RRS Stewart

*Alphabetize the Constituency Caucuses, to read:*

The Constituency Caucuses include the Asian & Pacific Islander, Black, Disability, Labor, Latino, Native American, Progressive, Rural, Senior/Retirees, Stonewall, Women and Armed Forces Veterans caucuses.

Amendment 18. To: Article VI, Section 2
Submitted by: Catherine Crist

*Amend Article VI, Section 2, second unnumbered paragraph, to read as follows:*

If any person holding one of the positions listed above (in Article VI, Section 2 Paragraph 1) is subsequently elected to any of the caucus or committee leadership positions listed there, the body electing him/her to that additional position shall also elect a second person to represent that body on the State Central Committee and cast its vote there until such time as the leader in question resigns, or no longer holds any other position listed in Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 1. Notwithstanding any other provision in this constitution, a person shall not hold more than one seat on the State Central Committee. If a person has been elected to the State Central Committee at the most recent district convention and is elected before the next district convention to a position that would give the person another seat on the State Central Committee, the body electing the person to that additional seat shall elect another person to represent that body on the State Central Committee. All Constituency Caucuses shall elect a Chair, a Vice Chair and a provisional SCC Member should the Chair or the Vice Chair also hold another position on the SCC, now or in the ensuing two years. If the person is elected to the SCC after the State Convention and holds another voting position on a Caucus or Committee then the Caucus or Committee will immediately elect another person to fill that position. In the case of the constituency caucuses, the voting role would automatically be filled by the Caucus Vice-Chair, unless s/he they also already holds a seat on the State Central Committee in which case the
Provisional SCC Representative of that Caucus or Committee will be the voting member.
The Rules and Nominations, Platform and Affirmative Action Committees shall elect a Chair, a Vice Chair and a provisional SCC Member should the Chair or the Vice Chair also hold another position on the SCC, now or in the ensuing two years. If the person is elected to the SCC after the State Convention and holds another voting position on a Caucus or Committee then the Caucus or Committee will immediately elect another person to fill that voting position.

Add “and Vice Chair” to paragraph one, to read:

Section 2 - State Central Committee Structure: The State Central Committee shall be composed as follows: The District Committee persons from each Congressional District, the National Committee persons, the Chair and Vice Chair of the State Affirmative Action Committee…

Amendment 19. To: Article IX, Section 1
Submitted by: Catherine Crist
Add to the end of Section 1:

The Affirmative Action Committee shall elect a Vice Chair, who shall also be a member of the State Central Committee, within 90 days of adjourning the last State Convention or their next meeting whichever is earlier.

Amendment 20. To: Article IX, Section 3
Submitted by: Catherine Crist
Strike Section 3
Rationale: There is no need to have an additional Convention for the Caucuses to meet. It creates a “separate” but not equal problem and separates rather than unifies us a party. Furthermore, a person has to identify as being a member of only one of these Caucuses to fully participate in the activities. This is an unnecessary cost and the money would be better spent on true outreach activities of each of the Caucuses. And, finally, the Constituency Caucuses do not fall under or report up through the Affirmative action Committee.
Amendment 21. To: Article VI, Section 2, Section 3

Submitted by: Catherine Crist

Amend Article VI, Section 2 as follows:

Each Caucus shall meet one half hour after the start of the seating of delegates on the day of each State Democratic Convention and shall then elect a Caucus Chair by a majority vote and a Caucus Vice-Chair, also by a majority vote, to be their representatives on the State Central Committee. The results of the said elections shall be reported to and ratified by the entire Convention. An alternative method of electing and/or filling a Chair or Vice-Chair vacancy for the Constituency Caucus groups shall be during a meeting of the Constituency Caucus scheduled with adequate notice to its members that filling the vacancy will be included in the meeting agenda. The results of the said elections shall be reported to and ratified by the entire Convention. (no other changes to this section)

Amend Article VI, Section 3, first paragraph, as follows:

The term of office of a member of the State Central Committee shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the State Convention and shall continue for two years and until him or her successor is elected and qualified, with the exception of the election to fill a vacancy of a Constituency Caucus Chair or Chairs and Vice-Chairs held between state conventions pursuant to Section 2 elected during the Constituency Caucus Convention whose term of office shall begin upon their election and continue until their successor is elected. When there is a vacancy of a district committeeperson on the State Central Committee which has occurred other than at the expiration of a regular term, a new member shall be elected by a majority of votes case by the County Chairs and County Vice-chairs of the Congressional District in which the vacancy occurs. (no other changes to this section)

Rationale: This amendment will allow for the Constituency Caucuses to fill vacancies which may occur after the officer elections at the State Convention at a regularly and properly noticed meeting of the Caucus. This will allow the Caucuses to have needed leadership vacancies filled much like similar leadership vacancies are filled for other committees and ensure continued representation on the SCC. And, ensure that those which occur during the State Convention ratified by the entire Convention as are other elections which occur during the Convention.
Amendment 22. To: Article VI, Section 2 and Article IX, Section 3

Submitted by: RRS Stewart on behalf of the Affirmative Action and Community Outreach Committee

Amend Article VI, Section 2, paragraph 2 to read:

Membership of these constituency caucuses shall consist of all of each groups’ registered Democratic representation at their respective biennial reorganization organization meeting. Each caucus shall meet one half hour after the start of the seating of delegates on the day of each State Convention and shall then elect a Caucus Chair by a majority vote and a Caucus Vice-Chair, also by a majority vote, to be their representatives on the State Central Committee. An alternative method of electing and/or filling a vacancy for the Constituency Caucus groups shall be during the Constituency Caucus Convention to be held each odd-numbered year. The results of the said elections shall be reported to and ratified by the entire Convention. Both the Caucus Chair and Vice-Chair shall be members of the State Central Committee. The Caucus Vice-Chair shall vote only in the absence of the Caucus Chair, or if the Caucus Chair is already voting in another capacity.

If a Vacancy occurs in the position of Caucus Chair before the Caucus’s biennial organization meeting at the state convention, the Caucus Vice-Chair shall automatically become the Caucus chair. If the Caucus Vice-Chair resigns before the Caucus’s biennial organization meeting at the state convention, or the Caucus Chair or Vice-Chair positions are not filled at the Caucus’s biennial organization meeting at the state convention or are otherwise vacant, an election to fill the vacant Caucus Chair or Vice-Chair positions may be held at either the annual Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Workshop in even numbered years or the Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Convention held in odd-numbered years. Such an election must be included in the public notice of the Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Workshop or the call for the Constituency Caucus & Affirmative Action Convention.

If any person holding one of the positions listed above (in Article VI, Section 2 Paragraph 1) is subsequently elected to any of the caucus or committee leadership positions listed there, the body electing him/her to that additional position shall also elect a second person to represent that body on the State Central Committee and cast its vote there until such time as the leader in question resigns, or no longer holds any other position listed in Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 1. In the case of the constituency caucuses, the voting role would automatically be filled by the Caucus Vice-Chair, unless s/he also already holds a seat on the State Central Committee.

Amend Article IX, Section 3 to read:
An Affirmative Action & Constituency Caucus Convention shall take place each odd-numbered year to afford the Constituency Caucus groups an opportunity for networking with the State, District & County Affirmative Action Committees and amongst the groups Constituency Caucuses. The election of the Chairs and Vice Chairs biennial organizational meeting of the Constituency Caucuses MAY take place during this convention rather than the state convention in the even-numbered years.

Rationale: clarifies the ways a vacancy can be filled and makes language consistent within the document

Amendment 23. To: Article VI, S. 3, paragraph 3 “National Committeepersons”
Submitted by: Catherine Crist
Amend language of the second sentence as follows:
The allotted number of National Committeepersons shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates to the State Convention held during presidential years. The term of office shall be for a period of four years and until their successors are elected at the next State Convention held during a presidential election year.

Amend the language of the final sentence as follows:
Then the term so filled shall expire at the close of the State Statutory Convention next State Convention following such vacancy and the delegates at the Convention shall elect the National Committeeperson to fill out the remaining term of vacancy.

Rationale: No other documentation in the IDP has ever referred to “Presidential Convention” or “State Statutory Convention.” This language offers more clarity.

Amendment 24. To: Article VI, S. 3, paragraph 3 “National Committeepersons”
Submitted by: Kate Revaux
Amend language as follows:
The allotted number of National Committee persons shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates to the State Convention held during presidential years. The term of office shall be for a period of four years and until their successors are elected at the next Presidential Convention. Until such time as the National Democratic Party recognizes nonbinary, agender and genderqueer persons in the gender balance requirement, nonbinary, agender and genderqueer National Committee persons will be considered male for purposes of gender balance. Vacancies in the office shall be filled by the State Central Committee upon a majority vote of the members present and voting at an official meeting for which prior notice of the election was properly made in the call for the meeting. The National Committee person so elected by the State Central Committee shall serve out the term of the vacancy except in the event the vacancy occurs prior to the State Convention in a non-presidential year. Then the term so filled shall expire at the close of the State Statutory Convention next following such vacancy and the delegates at that Convention shall elect the National Committee person to fill out the remaining term of vacancy.

Amendment 25. To: Article VI, Section 4

Submitted by: Kate Revaux

Amend language as follows:

The State Chair's duties shall be those of a chief executive officer. The Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party may be paid a salary or serve in a voluntary capacity. Candidates for the Office of Chair must report prior to the election, to the central committee-State Central Committee, whether they intend their service to be paid or to be voluntary. He or she They may provide for the employment of any office personnel necessary. Employment of personnel by the State Chair shall be subject to the approval of the State Central Committee. The State Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the State Chair during that officer's absence.

Amendment 26. To: Article VI, Section 8, Subsection c

Submitted by: Catherine Crist

Amend the second sentence of subsection c to read:
The State Chair shall cause such call to be mailed to all members of the State Central Committee, and to the Chair and Vice-Chair of each County Central Committee.

**Rationale:** Most SCC members and County leadership prefer electronic communication as it is more efficient, cheaper, and a more desired method of communication.

**Amendment 27. To: Article VI, Section 10**

Submitted by: Carl Olsen

*Strike the language:*

The Committees shall initially meet at a time and place selected by the State Chair, which shall be at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the date designated for the convening of the State Convention.”

**Rationale:** Article VI, Section 10 requires a copy of the platform report be distributed to the delegates at least 7 days in advance of the convention. It takes the platform committee at least three meetings to prepare a 3,000-word platform. IDP staff prepares the convention call booklet for printing several weeks before the State Convention. The platform report must be completed, not started, at least twenty-five days prior to the State Convention.

**Amendment 28. To: Article VI, Section 11**

Submitted by: Carl Olsen

*Amend the Current Language:*

The State Chair shall, in concert with and subject to the approval of the State Central Committee of the Iowa Democratic Party appoint such special convention committee members that have not been elected by the District Conventions at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the day designated for the convening of the State Convention prior to the first meeting of each convention committee.

**Rationale:** The convention committees need to know who their members are so they can communicate with their members.
Amendment 29. To: Article VI, Sections 2, 3, and 6

Submitted by: Catherine Crist

Insert letters to better define sections and be consistent with the rest of the Article VI. The updated Sections would look as follows (ellipses added in place of full sections to save space):

Section 2 - State Central Committee Structure:
   a. The State Central Committee shall be composed as follows: The District Committeepersons…
   b. The Constituency Caucuses…
   c. Membership of these constituency caucuses…
   d. Election of officers: …
   e. Meetings of Committee: …
   f. Quorum: …
   g. Elected and Party Leaders: ….

Section 3 - Members' Terms and Vacancies:
   a. The term of office of a member…
   b. Officer Vacancies: …
   c. National Committeepersons: …

Section 6 - Treasurer:
   a. The Treasurer, …
   b. Bonds and Audit: …

Amendment 30. To: Article VIII, Section 2, Subsection g

Submitted by: Kate Revaux

Amend language as follows:

Convention rules shall contain clear provisions for achieving gender balance within preference groups in keeping with the National Democratic Party requiring that the Iowa Delegation to the National Convention be gender balanced as a whole, and within each presidential preference group. The chair of the Committee on Rules and Nominations shall explain the provisions for achieving gender balance to the convention. Until such time as the National Democratic Party recognizes nonbinary, agender and genderqueer persons in the gender balance requirement, nonbinary, agender and genderqueer delegates will be from the male allotment.
Amendment 31. To: Article XII, Section 8
Submitted by: Catherine Crist

Amend paragraph 1 as follows:

In accordance with the guiding principles of the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution, at no time shall it be acceptable to prevent the participation or abridge the rights of an otherwise qualified participant in all Democratic Party activities. All Democratic polling places, Precinct Caucus locations, County, District, and State Conventions sites (including Convention Committee and Constituency Caucus sites and meetings) and all Central Committee and their Constituency Caucus Meetings (including subcommittee and Constituency Caucuses) at all levels are to be totally accessible to People with Disabilities for the purposes of the type of activity to be conducted at each site. All activities of the Democratic Party in the State of Iowa are to be fully accessible, including but not limited to: Galas, Fundraisers, Hall of Fame Dinners and events at all levels of the Party and any activity related to election of Democratic Candidates who campaign in Iowa.

Rationale: The Iowa Democratic Party does not control polling locations. Additional language and edits are to clarify so that it is understood that all activities at all levels of the Democratic Party which occur here in Iowa as a part of the Iowa Democratic Party or as a result of campaigning for any level office needs to be accessbile and inclusive.

Amendment 32. To: Article XII
Submitted by: Sandy Dockendorff

Add as Section 1, and renumber all other Sections accordingly:

Section 1: Standing Rules
The State Central Committee shall cause to be created and maintained a set of procedures and knowledge that:

a. Shall be readily available from the IDP website
b. May be requested in print at no cost to any Iowa Democrat
c. Shall be a source of knowledge for effective participation in and management of our Party at every level
d. Shall provide information specific to each type of election cycle (presidential selection, presidential 2nd term, gubernatorial with preference groups, gubernatorial without preference groups).
e. Shall be in accordance with Iowa State Law, as applicable, the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic National Committee, the Delegate Selection Plan of a specific election cycle, and this Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party.

f. Shall include definitions of terms used in the day-to-day operations of the Party

g. Shall clearly define best practices for the completion of Party Business and serve as a reservoir of knowledge from one State Party Administration to another

h. Shall include an Appendix of Major Motions of the State Central Committee which shall be an informational section for the archival of major motions passed by the State Central Committee that may have an impact on the manner that the tasks of the Party are carried out,

i. And that, except for the Appendix of Motions of the State Central Committee, may be initially adopted and thereafter amended with a majority vote of the State Central Committee following three weeks’ notice to all members of the State Central Committee and the chairs and vice chairs of each County Democratic Central Committee.

Amendment 33.

Submitted by: multiple delegates

Amend the Constitution as follows:

1. Strike Article II, Section 2, paragraph b
2. Strike the following in Article II, Section 3, paragraph c: “outlined in the Iowa Democratic Party Standing Rules.”
3. In Article XII, Section 9, strike “Standing Rules” and insert “Iowa Democratic Party Laws” in lieu thereof

Amendment 34. Create new Article (to appear before current article XIV)

Submitted by: Alex Stroda

Create a new Article titled “Definitions” to read:

The Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party shall use the following definitions for terminology contained within this document:
a. Inattention to duty shall be defined as unnotified absence from three consecutive or six non-consecutive official County Central Committee meetings in a calendar year.

Rationale: to create limited accountability for Democrats that volunteer to serve on their respective County Central Committees. This is the standard many County Central Committees currently use. This also relieves some of the social pressure of removing County Central Committeepersons by setting a clear, statewide standard. It demonstrates the expectation that the party places upon those Democrats that volunteer and are elected to serve as County Central Committeepersons.

Amendment 35. To: entire document
Submitted by: Kate Revaux

Amend the Constitution to replace every instance of “he, she, his, hers” or other gender-specific language with “they” and to replace “is” with “are” as necessary to achieve subject verb agreement with the above change.

Rationale: This is needed to achieve gender neutrality in the IDP Constitution

Bylaw Amendment A. To: Article I, Section 1
Submitted by: Carl Olsen

Amend the Bylaws of the Iowa Democratic Party by striking Article I, Section 1, and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

Section 1. The Platform and the Statement of Principles

A. Each convention shall adopt a platform consisting of a Statement of Issues. The Platform Committee may set its own rules for development of its report, including but not limited to rules governing debate, amendment, and adoption of platform planks. The Statement of Issues in the Platform Committee report shall consist of no more than 3000 words.
B. The Rules Committee shall set time deadlines and make rules governing convention debate, amendment, and adoption of platform planks as necessary for the efficient and fair consideration of the platform.

C. The Platform Committee of the State Convention shall, prior to the convening of the State Convention, hold a public hearing to allow Democrats the opportunity to comment on the draft platform.

D. The State Convention shall adopt a Statement of Principles. The Statement of Principles shall be a statement of abiding Democratic values and principles. The State Central Committee shall approve and forward a proposed Statement of Principles to the Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party no later than 21 days prior to the State Convention. The draft Statement of Principles shall be considered for debate, amendment, and adoption at the State Convention. The Statement of Principles adopted by the State Convention shall be the Statement of Principles for the Iowa Democratic Party.

Rationale: This Bylaw amendment was recommended by both the Polk County Convention and the Third District Convention in Resolutions passed at each earlier this year. The amendment relieves platform committees of the duty of drafting a Statement of Principles at all levels of the Iowa Democratic Party. Platform Committees are exceedingly busy. Drafting the Statement of Issues portion of the Platform in some county, all district, and the State platform committees takes many hours. Platform Committees have struggled to find time to complete work on a Statement of Principles. In addition, Platform Committees are constrained by current language to begin their drafts with immediate past Statement of Principles and to make few changes. This limitation on creativity has disappointed many platform committee member at all levels.

This amendment maintains a process for creating a single, state-wide Statement of Principles for the Iowa Democratic Party. It will be drafted by the State Central Committee and submitted to the State Convention for debate, amendment, and adoption. We currently have the capacity for adopting 104 different Statements of Principles (99 counties, 4 districts, and the state). Adopting this amendment will result in a single Statement of Principles for the Iowa Democratic Party and will give our platform committees more time to focus on the Statement of Issues.
Resolution on gender identity and gender expression non-discrimination

WHEREAS the Iowa Democratic Party opposes prejudice and discrimination based on demographic characteristics including gender identity and expression as reflected in the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States;
WHEREAS discrimination and prejudice against people based on their actual or perceived gender identity or expression adversely affect psychological, physical, social, and economic well-being;
WHEREAS transgender and gender non-binary people may be denied appropriate gender transition-related medical and mental health care despite evidence that appropriately evaluated individuals benefit from gender transition treatments;
WHEREAS gender non-binary and transgender people may be denied basic human and civil rights and protections including but not limited to:
- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free workplaces,
- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free restroom access,
- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free medical and mental health care,
- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free institutional environments such as care facilities, treatment centers, shelters, housing, schools/colleges/universities, prisons and juvenile justice programs, and
- the right to obtain at low-cost appropriate identity documents that are consistent with their gender;
WHEREAS transgender and gender non-binary people experience a disproportionate rate of homelessness, unemployment and job discrimination, disproportionately report incomes below the poverty line and experience other financial disadvantages;
WHEREAS many gender non-binary and transgender children and youth face harassment and violence in school environments, foster care, residential treatment centers, homeless centers and juvenile justice programs;
WHEREAS Iowa Democrats are in a position to lead the nation in the pursuit of fairness, equality, and justice; to affect change on the local, state, and federal level; and to influence public policy and the enactment of human and civil rights;
AND WHEREAS Iowa Democrats have a history of leading the nation on social issues including interracial marriage, admitting both men and women equally to the University of Iowa, the right to free speech (e.g. John and Mary Beth Tinker in their protest against the Vietnam War resulting in Tinker v. Des Moines), Senator Tom Harkin fighting for the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Democratic Majority General Assembly amending the Iowa Civil Rights code to ban discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation, the Iowa
Supreme Court unanimously ruling that civil marriage is a right regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation, and holding the first in the nation presidential caucuses;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports the passage of laws and policies protecting the rights, legal benefits, and privileges of people of all gender identities and expressions;
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports full access to employment, medical and mental health care, housing, education, and restrooms regardless of gender identity and expression;
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party encourages legal and social recognition of transgender and gender non-binary individuals consistent with their gender identity and expression, including access to identity documents consistent with their gender identity and expression which do not involuntarily disclose their status as gender non-binary or transgender;
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party calls upon public and private insurers to cover gender transition treatments for appropriately evaluated individuals;
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports amending the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States to ensure the full inclusion and non-discrimination of gender non-binary and transgender people so that they are not forced to choose between a binary gender of man or woman to run for Party offices such as State Central Committee or Democratic National Committee person; and
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports cooperation with other organizations and political parties in an effort to accomplish these ends.

*Inspired by and based on the Resolution adopted by the American Psychological Association (APA) Council of Representatives in August 2008 (http://www.apa.org/about/policy/chapter-12b.aspx#transgender)*
2018 Iowa Democratic Party State Convention
Request to Amend, Add, Substitute, Delete, or Debate the Statement of Principles or a Plank of the Platform

As noted in Section V of the Rules Report, Amendments to either the Statement of Principles or Statement of Issues must be in writing, legible and accompanied by a petition in support thereof, signed by fifty (50) of the seated delegates to the convention, and submitted to the Secretary of the Convention by 10:30 a.m. the day of the convention, or 30 minutes after approval of the final Credentials Report.

PLEASE PRINT

I wish to:
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I wish to
  Reserve for debate (which could result in deletion of the plank)
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  Statement of Principles
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