



IDP State Convention FAQ

1. Who can participate in the Convention

Delegates who were elected at their County Conventions make up the State Convention. Alternates who were elected at their County Conventions can be seated in place of missing delegates, in accordance with the Rules of the Convention.

2. I'm an elected delegate, but I can't attend. What do I do?

If you know that you cannot attend the convention, you should assign your credentials over to an elected delegate using the Designated Alternate Form (this form will be mailed to you the week of June 4th).

3. Okay, so I want to assign my credential using the Designated Alternate Form...how do I find an alternate?

First, you can only sign your credential over to an alternate who was elected as an alternate at the County Convention. If you need help finding an alternate, contact your county chair or the IDP (515-244-7292).

4. I'm an elected alternate; do I need to show up?

Yes! Although we cannot guarantee you will be seated, it is important that you show up in the morning in case you are needed. The Credentials Committee will provide direction about getting seated that morning. If you end up not getting seated, you are still able to observe the entirety of the convention.

5. What do I need to do before Convention to be prepared?

First, make sure you have received your official Call to Convention. If you're a delegate, it will be mailed to you between June 2nd and 6th. If you're an alternate, your notification of convention will be emailed to you between June 4th and June 6th.

If you did NOT receive a call or notification, contact Credentials Chair Sandy D. (sandyd@danvilletelco.net) or Andrea P. (aphillips@iowademocrats.org).

Next, check out the State Convention website after June 6th to download and read the Call Booklet. This book will contain the rules for the convention, the Constitutional amendments up for discussion, and the proposed platform.



6. What happens at the convention?

You mean besides Iowa Democrats from across the state coming together to strengthen our party, celebrate our successes, and get energized for the 2018 elections!? There are a few key items of business:

- Discuss and vote on amendments to the IDP Constitution and Bylaws
- Discuss and adopt the 2018-2020 IDP Platform
- Elect the State Affirmative Action Chair
- Ratify the Governor's nominee for Lieutenant Governor

7. What ELSE happens at the convention?

I'm glad you asked! This year's convention will feature an exciting slate of Democratic candidates running to represent Iowa at the local, state, and federal level.

AND our featured speaker is Jason Kander!!

PLUS, you'll get to interact with dozens of partner organizations in our Exhibitor Row.

8. Yeesh. A delegate fee. Are you trying to make money off of me!?

No! 100% of delegate fees go toward hosting the convention. IDP Staff does everything they can to minimize costs, but the fact is, conventions cost money to host. We're proud about where that money goes though:

- Over 40% of our budget is for voting technology and various accessibility efforts that make the convention more efficient and accommodating for delegates
- Production costs are usually around 40% of a large event budget. Because of our partnership with the venue and some creative planning, ours is only 22%
- We have recycled materials from previous IDP events, putting our supply budget to just 3%

Venue	24%
Production	22%
Voting & Tech (includes Committee tech)	27%
Accessibility	17%
Printing & Mail	6%
Supplies	3%
Internet	1%

