

**Iowa Third Congressional District
Democratic Party “Virtual” Convention 2020
Delegate “Call Packet Information”
May 18, 2020**

The purpose of this document is to assist delegates (and alternates) to navigate steps in the virtual CD3 district convention process. The document is a modified CD3 District Convention “Call Packet”. It contains Key Points for delegates and is intended to assist the delegate on such things as what to expect during a virtual convention. In addition it guides individuals running for national convention, SCC positions, and other position how to connect with the voting delegates

Key Convention Information

1. You should have received a **Registration** Email that included a link. Registration is open May 15-22, 2020 (if you are a delegate or alternate and do not receive an email invite please contact IDP at conventions@iowademocrats.org)

2. If you plan to **run for any position during the virtual district convention**, and would like assistance to connect with voting delegates, convention IDP will post/share your campaign statement document and/or YouTube video link with delegates. The deadline to receive information to be posted from a **candidate will be Friday, May 22, 2020 @ 4pm.**

- To submit a bio: create your bio in .doc, .pdf, or Google Doc and email it to conventions@iowademocrats.org in the body of your email, include your name, Congressional District, and County.
- To submit a video: email a YouTube link that contains your video to conventions@iowademocrats.org. In the body of your email, include your name, Congressional District, and County.
- For more information about the convention process, visit: www.theconventions.org.

3. As a **delegate, you will be receiving an email on or about May 25** that will link you to your convention ballot. Please watch for this. Then as a reminder you will only have 5 DAYS to vote

4. The State Central Committee adopted a resolution to **postpone the development of the district platform process** due to COVID 19; and plans to conduct the district and state platform process post-convention. For additional question contact Carl Olsen carl.olsen@idp3.org

5. The “Virtual” District **Convention Rules** are not included in this communication but will be posted online at <http://www.theconventions.org> for all delegates and alternates to review on or about May 25. Please review and if you have any questions contact James Peterson jim-lola@msn.org

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Message for the Chair...

Welcome to the first Virtual District Convention of the 3rd Congressional District Democratic Party! Thank you all for your participation and for your dedication to the district. Special recognition must go to our committee chairs Pam Deichmann, Lu Ann Pedrick, James Petersen and Carl Olsen. They have done tremendous work to bring together their committees and make this a successful event. Special thanks also to Bill Brauch for his assistance in developing this process and to Kevin Geiken and Amanda Erickson from the Iowa Democratic Party for sharing their resources and experience. Together, you and our committees have demonstrated the best of the Democratic Party.

Please review the content of this virtual callbook. You will find answers to many of your questions and guidance on how to participate fully. Our convention serves an important function within the Democratic Party. It is here that we elect from our membership the people who will carry the voice of our district to the State Central Committee and the Democratic National Convention and Party. We all take that responsibility seriously. As part of our duty, we must be an educated electorate. You will find in this call book, links to the bios and qualifications of those candidates nominated for those positions. They will likely reach out to you directly and I encourage you to take time to thoroughly review their candidacies prior to casting your votes.

The Third District Convention also serves as one of the primary fundraisers for our district. Through this effort, we provide the support necessary to keep a Democrat representing our district in the US Congress. Rep. Cindy Axne has filled that roll for our district and served honorably over the last two years. In her first re-election bid, she faces a tough challenge in a district where Republican voters often outnumber Democrats at the ballot box. Now, more than ever, our support is necessary for her continued success. Recognized as the most accessible freshman representative in Congress, Rep. Axne has been on our side and accountable to every member of the district. She carries a message that comes directly from her constituents all the way to the US House of Representatives. I encourage you to support her work on our behalf by making a voluntary delegate donation via our Actblue account.

Together, we will be the example of Democratic principles of service, equality, and inclusion. Look for opportunities to demonstrate those principles in your local party, and your daily life.

In Solidarity,
Glenn Hurst, MD
3rd District Chairperson

Registration

District Convention Registration for delegate and alternates began via email May 15 and closes May 22. The Credentials Committee will seat alternates in place of delegates who have not registered. The registration fee suggested for any seated delegate or seated alternate is \$30.00 and can be paid by cash, check, credit, or debit card. A link has been added to the registration process. Debit and credit cards may be used to prepay the fee at ActBlue. **Inability to pay this fee will not disqualify you from serving as a delegate.**

Special Services

A Request for Accommodation form will be included in the registration link. If you have any need for accommodations please contact the Arrangements Committee Chair, Pam Deichmann, pam.deichmann@gmail.com or call 515-462-3277.

Platform Information

This Call packet of information will not contain a proposed Platform for the district convention 2020 due to the COVID 19 outbreak and social distancing rules. The State Central Committee has moved the Platform Adoption process post-convention. The Platform Committee will be notified at a later date. Please contact Carl Olsen if you have any further questions at carl.olsen@idp3.org.

Rules Committee Report

The Rules Committee will be finalizing and posting rules for the virtual district convention on or about May 25, 2020 prior to voting. The rules will include governing the organizational phase of the CD3 "Virtual" District Convention. The Chair will be accepting the governing rules and rules committee report by acclamation upon posting the information. If you have any question contact James Peterson at jim-lola@msn.com . You will find the rules posted on the IDP website at www.theconventions.org

Election of State Convention Committee members

There will be no election of State Convention Committee Members this year. Rather the district committee will submit names to IDP of any members wishing to serve on the corresponding state committee.

Report of the Youth Delegates

A Report of the Youth Delegates will be submitted via an email to the convention chair and posted/ placed on the 3rd IDP website for all delegates and alternates to review.

Candidate Information

If you plan to run for any position YOU will need to electronically fill out an IDP nomination form. You may do so by filling out this form: <https://bit.ly/IDPNominations> by May 22. Anyone is welcome to run for any position; you do not have to be a delegate or alternate to convention. Self-nomination is encouraged in this virtual convention environment.

If you would like assistance to connect with voting delegates, IDP will post/share your campaign statement document and/or YouTube video link with delegates. The deadline to receive information to be posted for a candidate will be Friday, May 22, 2020 @ 4pm.

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Voting

Election of District Representatives to the State Central Committee Delegates will elect four (4) women and four (4) men to represent the Third Congressional District on the State Central Committee. (These elections are not conducted within preference groups). The convention chair shall accept email candidate nominations asking to be placed on electronic ballot on or before May 22 @ 4pm at conventions@iowademocrats.org .

Election of one (1) District Affirmative Action Chair The Convention Chair shall accept email candidate nominations asking to be placed on electronic ballot on or before May 22 at 4pm at conventions@iowademocrats.org .

Election of National Delegates to the National Democratic Convention The Convention Chair shall accept email candidate nominations asking to be placed on electronic ballot on or before May 22 at 4pm conventions@iowademocrats.org.

Election of one (1) Presidential Elector The Convention Chair shall accept email candidate nominations asking to be placed on the electronic ballot on or before May 22 at 4pm conventions@iowademocrats.org

Glossary

Affirmative Action Chair In addition to attending the District Central Committee meetings, the District Affirmative Action Chair advises all County Affirmative Action Chairs in the District. The Chair promotes greater involvement of minorities in the Iowa Democratic Party, not just for elections, but also for the more practical and inclusive goal of minority membership. Typical actions could include visiting groups with traditionally large minority participation, seeking input about issues and concerns, encouraging minorities to become active in the Party, helping to improve diversity in city, county, and state government, and providing the District with an annual list of diversity goals and accomplishments.

Presidential Elector Iowa has six votes in the Electoral College, the Constitutional process for actually electing our president. Each District Convention will elect one of the 6 electors for the Democratic Party. The State Convention will elect the other 2 electors. The Iowa Democrats elected will cast their Electoral College votes if the Democratic Party nominee wins the most votes in Iowa.

State Central Committee Member Attend meetings of State Central Committee (In Des Moines most often); Elect the leadership of the Iowa Democratic Party; attend meetings of the District Central Committee; represent the Democratic Party at state-wide events (Liberty and Justice Celebration, Hall of Fame Awards, Debates for Statewide Candidates); Assist in the promotion and financial operation of the Party; Serve on one subcommittee of the State Central Committee providing input and advice to IDP staff and elected officers; Assist the Affirmative Action Chair to reach out to under-represented members of the Party.

2020 District Convention Platform Committee

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