

THE IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2004 SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION

April 24, 2004



DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
419 South Main Street
Danville, Iowa

OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

Pursuant to the provisions and in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Iowa Democratic Party, the undersigned, as Chair of the Second District Central Committee, hereby issues the Official Call for the Second District Convention as follows:

The 2004 Second District Convention shall be held at Danville Community School, 419 South Main Street, Danville, Iowa, commencing at 9:00 A.M., on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Official Registration will begin at 8:00 A.M., and will continue until the Credentials Committee retires to prepare its report to the Convention. The Convention will be held for the purposes of:

1. Electing Second District Members to State Convention Committees.
2. Adopting a District Platform.
3. Electing Second District Members to the State Central Committee.
4. Electing a Second District Affirmative Action Chair.
5. Electing Second District Delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

The master list of delegates and alternates to the 2004 Second District Convention is now posted on www.linndems.org. Please click on ENTER AS A GUEST and look for the lists under WHAT'S NEW and/or DOCUMENTS. Thanks to DJ Arnold, Harvey Ross and Joel Miller for getting this information compiled and posted on the Linn County Democrats' web site.

Several documents have been used to prepare this booklet. You may find copies of the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution, By-Laws and Delegate Selection Plan at www.iowademocrats.org.

Alan R. Bohanan, Chair
Second District of Iowa Democrats

There will also be a **County Elected Officials Training Session** to be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on the day of the District Convention. All elected county officials are invited and urged to attend to obtain County Manuals.

A Delegate Fee of \$15.00 will be assessed in order to cover the cost of the convention. In accordance with Article VII, Section 4, of the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution, no delegate's right to vote in any convention shall be denied or abridged by the Iowa Democratic Party or the Democratic State Central Committee by reason of failure to pay any delegate fee or assessment. This means that those unable to pay may still be seated and fully participate as an elected delegate to the Second District Convention.

The Franker for Congress campaign is hosting a fundraising event on Friday evening.

Time: 4/23/04 Evening Place: Time Out Sports Bar, Mt Pleasant (Right off old Hwy 218)

Good Will donations accepted!

A Pancake Breakfast will be served at 7:00 AM by the local Lions Club at the Danville Community Building (on your right as you turn onto Main Street from Highway 34) prior to the District Convention. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will benefit a local family in distress.

Lunch will be available in the multi-purpose room (same place as registration). Lunch tickets may be purchased in the same room as registration. The Franker for Congress campaign is doing lunch as a fundraiser for the campaign.

**ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE
2004 IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE: John Dockendorff and Rose Kelsey, Co-Chairs.

Committee members who participated in the preparation of the committee report:
Lisa Schreihart, Rainey Miller, Peggy Swick, Lynn Powell, Kim Barney, Veronica Butler (Secretary), Mary Dias, Allen Wagner, Michaela Ross, Bernice Kohl, Patricia Cady, Bruce Whitaker, Libby Ahmad, Annie Tye, Kendra Wyse, Mary Beth Young, Sandra Chapman, George Rickey, Neil Daniels, Jeff Heland.

Welcome to Danville Community Schools. The Arrangements Committee wishes to thank all those who helped make the convention possible.

Hotels/Motels: In Mount Pleasant:

Amerihost Inns and Suites
1100 North Grand Avenue
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641
319-385-2004
800-434-5800
172@arlingtonhospitality.com

Heartland Inn
810 N. Grand Avenue
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641
319-385-2102
800-334-3277

Ramada Limited
1200 E Baker Street
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641
319-385-0571
800-2-RAMADA
www.ramada.com

Super 8 Motel
Hwy 218 N.
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641
319-385-8888

In Burlington:

Americinn Motel & Suites
628 S. Gear Avenue
West Burlington, IA 52655
319-758-9000

Holiday Inn Express
Roosevelt & Mt. Pleasant
Burlington, IA 52601
319-752-0000

Comfort Inn
3051 Kirkwood
Burlington, IA 52601
319-753-0000

Pzazz (Best Western)
3001 Winegard Drive
Burlington, IA 52601
319-753-2223

Fairfield Inn Marriott
1213 N. Roosevelt Avenue
Burlington, IA 52601
319-754-0000

Food and Refreshments: Refreshments will be available throughout the day at concession stands located around the convention site. You may purchase lunch tickets at the same location as Registration. If you have special dietary needs it may be in your best interest to bring meals that meet your needs. We can not guarantee that the lunch provided will satisfy all medical and/or religious restrictions. If you have questions, please call John Dockendorff at 319-392-8388.

Please Note:

There is absolutely no smoking in the building. The Danville Community School District is a smoke free environment.

No food or beverages may be carried into carpeted areas.

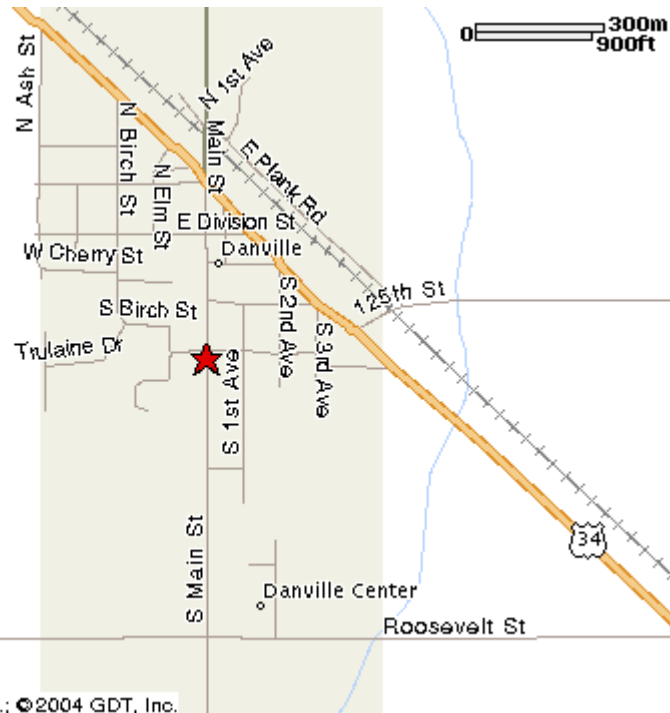
Signs may only be posted on the stone/brick areas. Absolutely no signs are to be taped to any drywall surfaces within the building.

Park only in designated parking places. All fire lanes must be kept open and only handicap parking is allowed on the circle drive. Additional handicap and elderly parking is available on the south side of the building next to the registration site. Parking is available in the north parking lot; local law enforcement will be assisting with parking here. **Parking is limited and there will be a lot of traffic on Main Street, you may want to arrange for car pools or larger delegations may wish to come by bus.**

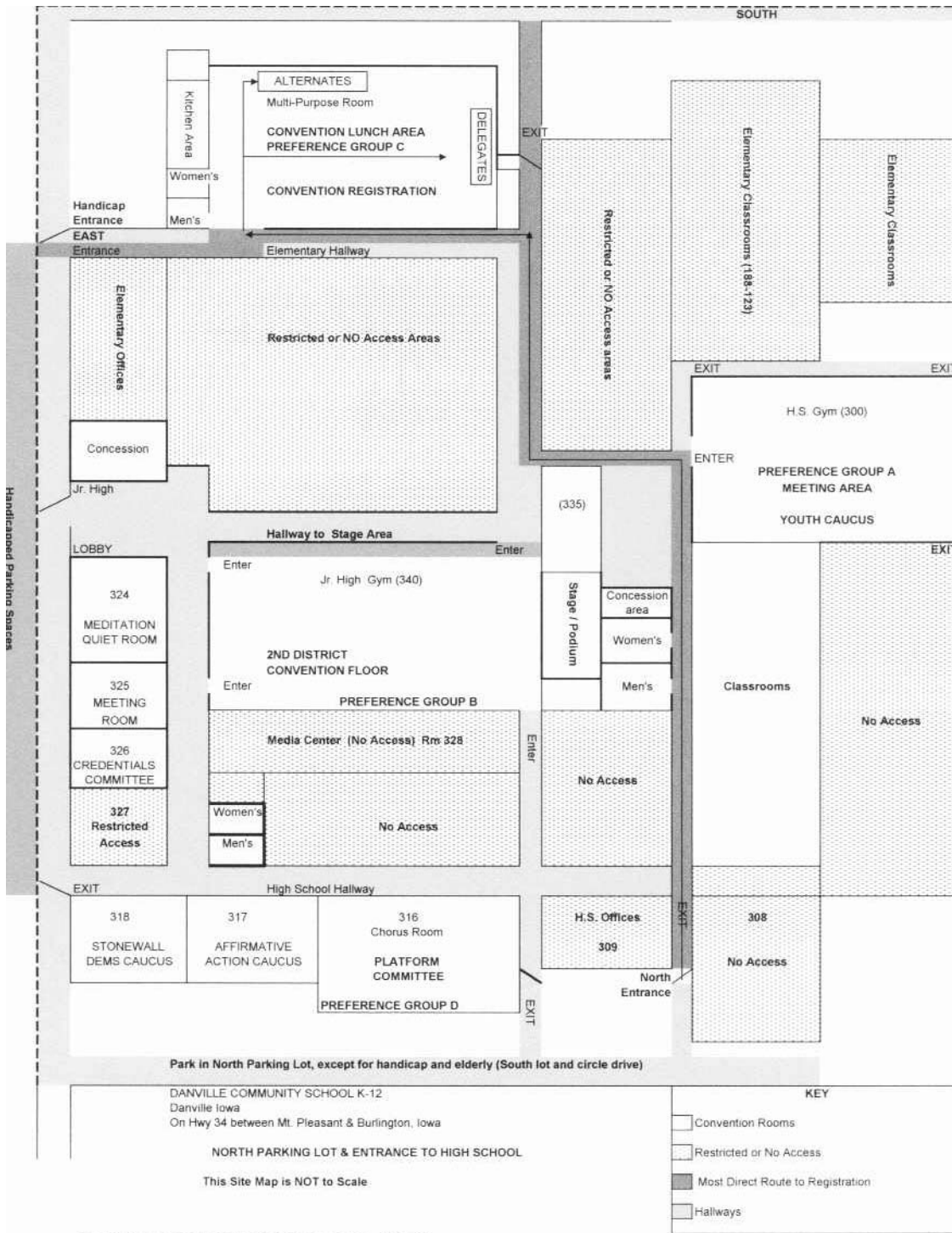
Special disabled accommodations are available. Contact Sandy Dockendorff (319-457-1918) for sign language translators or Braille copies. All rooms, including bathrooms are handicap accessible.

Quiet Room. A carpeted Quiet Room is available for the use of delegates to the convention. The location of this space is noted on the map of the school.

Please do not sit on closed bleachers as this destroys the mechanism that operates them.



Above is a map of the area around Danville. The Convention Site is located on the right side of Main Street if you are coming from Highway 34. Please park in the North parking lot which is accessed by turning right onto Seymour Street and then immediately left into the parking lot. Local law enforcement officers will be assisting with parking.



**RULES & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE
2004 IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Rules & Nominations Committee: Sandy Dockendorff and Harvey Ross, Co-Chairs.

Committee members who met and prepared this report: Hunter Hayes, Jim Beres, Chris McCarthy, Jordan Trcka, Shari Martinez, Kenneth Buick, Kiran Patel, Jennifer Patel, Rebecca Palmer, Jennifer Buck, Jebediah Novak, Renee Schneitzer, Andrew Raver, Steven Newell, Maureen Donnelly, James Bladel, Lucas Forte, John Bridges II, Mike Eivins, Ted Koerner, Irv Pfab, Don Paulson, Steve Holland, Dave Helman, Lorene Smith (Secretary), Bill Young, Gary Bergman

(Registration will open at 8:00 A.M. with the Convention convening at 9:00 A.M. At 9:00 A.M., the Credentials Committee will begin seating alternates in place of delegates who have not registered. Registration of alternates and late-arriving delegates will continue until 10:00 A.M.)

NOMINATIONS

The following individuals are nominated as temporary officers of the convention:

Chair: Alan Bohanan, Cedar	Secretary: Jeannette Kline, Des Moines
Vice-Chair: Sandy Dockendorff, Des Moines	Secretary: Carol Porch, Johnson
Vice-Chair: Daryn Hamilton, Jefferson	Parliamentarian: John Bridges, Appanoose
Vice-Chair: Teresa Hood, Lee	Parliamentarian: Bill Thele, Des Moines
Vice-Chair: Norm Sterzenbach, Linn	Sergeant-at-Arms: Brian Flaherty, Johnson
Secretary: Linda Boston, Washington	Sergeant-at-Arms: Floyd Hindried, Wapello
Secretary: Rose Kelsey, Linn	Sergeant-at-Arms: Chris McCarthy, Cedar

PREAMBLE

The Purpose of the Rules

1. Provide a way of making sure that only legitimately elected delegates participate.
2. Provide for fair and able leadership.
3. Define the items of business to be conducted, and the best order to be followed in action upon them.
4. Provide practical procedures, by which many citizens can have input into making of necessary decisions.
5. Protect minorities from the insensitivity/indifference of the majority.
6. Protect the majority from the zeal and excesses of the minorities.
7. Facilitate election by proportional representation to higher levels of the convention process.
8. Provide ways to deal with unusual and/or unanticipated situations.

Affirmative Action Guidelines for all elections at the District Convention

1. Article VIII, Section 1 of the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution reads: "Proportional Representation: 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."
2. In the spirit of the above, this District Convention will also endeavor to include citizens of all national origins, ethnic identities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and disabilities.
3. Majority and Minority Viewpoints: Delegates to all conventions shall reflect, as accurately as possible, the varying majority and minority viewpoints of those engaged in the election process.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Please see the Rules for additional information)

1. The Temporary Chair will convene the Convention within fifteen minutes of the scheduled time.
2. Presentation of the National and State Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem.
3. The Temporary Chair shall appoint Temporary Secretaries, Temporary Sergeants-at-arms, Temporary Timekeepers, and Temporary Parliamentarians.
4. The Temporary Chair shall ask for a motion on the temporary rules.
5. The Temporary Chair shall ask for a motion making delegates, as reported by the Credentials Committee, the temporary delegates to the Convention.
6. The Temporary Chair shall introduce the chairs of all committees.
7. Announcements, Introductions, and Designated Speakers.
8. First Report of the Credentials Committee (quorum).
9. Report of the Rules and Nominations Committee.
10. Nomination and Election of the Permanent Co-Chairs of the Convention.
11. The Chair will appoint the permanent officers of the Convention.
12. Nomination of District representatives to the State Central Committee.
13. Nomination and election of Second District Affirmative Action Committee Chair (Article V).
14. Second Report of the Credentials Committee (First Realignment period – One hour).
15. Report of the Platform Committee (Ballot to determine debate) (Article III).
16. Election of representatives to the State Central Committee (Article IV).
17. Final Report of the Credentials Committee (Second realignment period – One half hour).
18. Report of the Youth Delegates.
19. Report of the Rules and Nominations Committee (Viability and number of National Delegates/Alternates apportioned to each Preference Group).
20. Elections by Presidential Preference Groups.
 - a. National Delegate(s)/Alternate
 - b. State Convention Committee members
21. Consideration of debatable platform planks; completion of platform process (Article III).
22. Nomination and Election of Presidential Elector (Article VI).
23. Ratification of all elections.
24. The Chair will inquire as to further business to come before the Convention.

25. Adjournment.

26. The District Affirmative Action Committee will meet after the Convention at the discretion of the newly elected District Affirmative Action Chair.

I. RULES GOVERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE OF THE CONVENTION

A. The Convention shall be called to order no later than fifteen minutes after the time announced in the official call. 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 with the Presentation of the National and State flags.

B. The rules of this Convention shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as modified by the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States; the Constitution, By-laws, and Delegate Selection Plan of the Iowa Democratic Party; the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Iowa; and the rules adopted by this Convention.

C. Only delegates, youth delegates, convention officers, credentialed press, and other persons authorized by the Rules and Nominations Committee shall be allowed on the convention floor.

D. Seating of Delegates

1. Registration shall be open for one hour and late arriving delegate registration shall be open for one additional hour immediately following.

2. Duly elected delegates to the Convention shall have the first right to be seated at the beginning of the Convention. Alternates designated by a delegate may be seated before 9:00AM.

3. If a delegate is unable to attend all or part of the convention, the delegate may select an alternate by designating the name of the alternate in writing to the credentials committee. If the delegate fails to name an alternate, the appropriate preference group, acting through its designated representative, shall designate the name of the alternate in writing to the credentials committee. The appropriate designated representative shall be the county preference group chair. In all cases, the alternate shall be of the same preference group and county as the delegate he or she is to replace

4. If the Credentials Committee cannot locate a designated alternate after a good faith effort (three calls to the alternate pool), the Credentials Committee shall select another alternate.

5. A late-arriving delegate who has designated an alternate in writing may unseat only his/her designated alternate. However, that delegate, or the resulting unseated alternate, may fill an open delegate position.

6. A late-arriving delegate, who does not designate an alternate in writing to be seated in his/her stead, shall not have the right to unseat anyone seated by the Credentials Committee.

7. Seating of alternates as delegates may commence at 9:00 A.M. and end at 10:00 A.M.

E. Designated convention speakers shall be limited to five minutes speaking time. This rule does not apply to the Governor, U.S. Senators, or Congressional or statewide candidates

(or designees). The Chair shall enforce time limits. If the chair fails to enforce this time limit, any delegate may call on the chair to do so.

F. Report of the Credentials Committee

1. The temporary report of the Credentials Committee certifying a quorum shall be adopted before consideration of other official business.
2. The chair shall recognize the Chair of the Credentials Committee to present the committee report. The Chair of the committee may present committee amendments, may yield the floor 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. When a number of challenges are to be resolved by the Convention, the Credentials Committee shall report on each in alphabetical order by county in which the delegate seat being challenged is located. Only a minority of at least 10% of the committee may present to the Convention a minority report of a challenge.
4. The Convention shall vote on each challenge of the Credentials Committee report. The report of the Credentials Committee must be approved by a majority vote of the Convention before a delegate or alternate being challenged may vote or participate in the Convention.
5. After all challenges have been resolved, the Convention Chair shall ask for a vote on the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee report with any amendments previously adopted.
6. In the event that the 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.
7. The report of the Credentials Committee certifying a quorum shall be adopted before any elections take place.

G. Election of the Permanent Convention Chair

1. The Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall be recognized to place in nomination candidates for permanent convention chairs.
2. The Temporary Chair shall receive nominations from the floor.
3. When there are no further nominations, or upon adoption of a motion to close nominations, the Temporary Chair, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline nomination, shall conduct the election of the permanent convention chair.
4. The Permanent Chair shall then appoint such supportive officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention, e. g., a Vice-Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, Sergeant-at-arms (multiples as needed); giving due consideration to qualifications, affirmative action and minority and geographical representation.

H. Report of the Rules and Nominations Committee

The Convention Chair shall recognize the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee to present the committee's report for the rules of the Convention. Only a minority of at least 10% of the committee may present to the Convention a minority report on any rule.

II. SPECIAL RULES

A. Special Order of Business

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

B. Powers and Duties of the Chair

The chair is authorized to:

1. Appoint any delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the chair during the absence of the Permanent Chair or Vice-Chair.
2. Take such lawful action as may be appropriate and necessary to preserve order throughout the convention hall.

C. The consideration of the Platform Committee's report shall be taken up at the discretion of the Chair at the appropriate times. Rules found herein on debate and voting shall apply to consideration of the Platform Committee's report.

D. Voting

1. Except as otherwise required, voting shall be by voice vote and, in case of doubt, by division. A non-secret ballot may be ordered only after a division, upon a motion which is seconded and supported in standing vote by one-third of the authorized delegates present. **It is the responsibility of each county chair or designee to assist any delegate who cannot comply with the physical requirements of this rule. A delegate who cannot comply should notify their county chair or designee who will obtain assistance from a member of the Rules and Nominations Committee. Special "assistant" credentials will be provided to allow a helper to stand in the delegates place as requested by the delegate.**
2. All questions, except as otherwise specified in these rules, shall be determined by a majority vote of the authorized delegates present and voting. (A majority is defined as 50% plus one of the delegates present and voting.)
3. When a question has been put to the vote, the vote thereon may not be interrupted for any purpose other than to move for a ballot vote, or to direct a point of order to the conduct of the vote. The Chair shall interpret a motion for a roll call vote as a motion for a ballot vote.
4. During the counting of the votes on any issue, the Chair may place a new main motion on the floor and return to the previous motion after the counting is completed.
5. **No proxy or absentee voting is permitted.**
6. **Those people leaving the Convention permanently, and not designating an alternate, must turn all credentials and ballots in to a member of the Rules and Nominations Committee.**
7. The ballots shall be collected and counted under the authority of the Rules and Nominations Committee. When those elected have been determined, their names shall be read. Balloting shall continue until all positions have been filled. The Rules and

Nominations Committee chair shall take possession of all ballots. Ballots shall be preserved for one year.

E. Appeals

1. An appeal shall not be in order from decisions on recognition, or from decisions on dilatoriness of motions, or during a ballot vote, or on a question on which an appeal has just been decided, or when, in the opinion of the chair, such an appeal is clearly dilatory.
2. Before the question is put on any appeal, the person making the appeal shall be entitled to two minutes to express his/her reasons for the appeal.
3. The Chair shall be allowed two minutes for an explanation of the ruling. Without further debate, the chair shall then put the appeal to a vote. A simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting is required to overrule the chair.

F. Motion to Suspend the Rules

1. The Chair may entertain a motion to suspend the Rules only for a stated purpose. If seconded, the person making the motion to suspend the Rules shall be allowed two minutes to explain the need to suspend.
2. The Chair shall immediately recognize the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee or his/her designee whose remarks shall be limited to two minutes. The motion shall then be decided without debate. A vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting is required to pass the motion to suspend.
3. No motion to suspend the Rules shall be in order if the effect of the motion is to deny a minority rights to which they are entitled under the rules of the Convention.
4. A motion to suspend the Rules shall be out of order after the selection of the State Convention Committee members and the selection of the District Representatives to the State Central Committee have been completed.

G. Amendments

1. No amendments to resolutions before the Convention shall be permitted except written amendments to a committee report signed by fifty (50) convention delegates or when properly submitted as a minority report of the same committee, provided that no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under the color of amendment. The maker of the amendment shall provide the chair with a legibly written copy of the amendment with signatures before it is introduced.
2. This section does not apply to platform amendments. (See Section III)

H. Minority Reports

1. Minority reports of committees shall not be considered by the Convention unless adopted by at least **10%** of the members of a committee.
2. The minority shall provide the Chair with a legibly written copy of the minority report before it is introduced. Members of the minority shall sign the minority report.
3. A minority report must have been considered at a committee meeting.

I. Debate. Except as elsewhere provided, debate shall be governed by:

1. All delegates, once recognized, shall state their name and county. Delegates must use the microphones provided. Paddles will be available on a table near the microphones. Delegates who wish to speak for a motion or resolution must hold a green paddle.

Delegates who wish to speak against a motion or resolution must hold a red paddle. Delegates who wish to state a point of privilege must hold a yellow paddle. (A point of privilege would include the inability to hear the debate or a question about procedure.)

2. Initial debate on any question shall be limited to six minutes and shall be divided equally between alternating proponents and opponents in speeches which do not exceed one minute each.
3. No speaker may yield the floor to another speaker, and no delegate shall be allowed to speak a second time until all delegates who wish to speak have done so.
4. At the end of the initial debate time, the Convention, by a simple majority vote, may extend the debate for a specified period of time not to exceed six minutes.
5. Debate may be closed sooner by unanimous consent or by two-thirds vote in support of closing debate. A motion for the previous question shall not be in order from a speaker during the course of his/her debate.
6. A motion to move the previous question shall be made from a microphone.
7. Debate may be extended beyond the initial extension only by a two-thirds vote in support of extension for a specified additional amount of time.

J. Quorum

1. Forty percent of the accredited delegates shall constitute a quorum.
2. No motion questioning a quorum shall be in order after the Credentials Committee report has been accepted.

K. Youth Delegates

1. Beginning with the 1988 precinct caucuses, the Iowa Democratic Party implemented a youth delegate program. This program permits young people to observe the Iowa Democratic Party caucus/convention process.
2. At the Second District Convention, youth delegates will be permitted to caucus separately and encouraged to participate in many of the organizational aspects of the District Convention. Youth delegates may not vote on regular convention matters and are not to be assessed delegate fees at any level.

L. Other Motions (not including amendments to the Platform)

1. A motion to recess shall be in order at any time except when the question has been put, or a vote is in progress; the motion shall be decided without debate. The chair shall not entertain a motion to recess when such motion closely follows another such motion, if in the opinion of the chair, such motion is dilatory.
2. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed.

III. RULES GOVERNING ADOPTION OF THE PLATFORM

A. The adoption of the platform shall proceed in three (3) steps:

1. A determination by written ballot of controversial and non-debatable issues in the issues section of the platform

- a. Non-controversial issues are passed or defeated without debate by the written ballot. Issues having more than 66% no vote will be defeated; more that 66% yes vote will be passed. However, these issues shall still be considered along with Controversial/Debatable if there are 50 or more wishing to Debate these issues as indicated on the written ballot.
- 2. Consideration of the statement of principles
- 3. Consideration of the Debatable/Controversial issues.
- B. A written ballot shall be used to determine which planks are debatable. Each seated delegate shall vote yes or no for each plank, AND yes or no as to whether it should be debated. The Rules and Nominations Committee will oversee the counting of votes. All planks which receive more than 33%, but less than 66%, yes votes shall be considered controversial and debatable.
- C. Controversial issues: All debatable / controversial platform questions shall be decided by simple majority voice votes.
- D. The chair of the Platform Committee shall present minority reports within the section or sub-section in which they occur. Minority reports are automatically debatable items. The first proponent in debate on a minority report shall be a member of the minority. The first opponent in this debate shall be the chair of the Platform Committee, or the chair's designee.
- E. The chair of the Platform Committee shall introduce the statement of principles and move for adoption.
- F. Following the disposition of any minority reports to the **statement of principles**, any delegate may offer a motion from the floor to debate or amend any part of the statement of principles as it then stands. Any motion to debate or amend shall be in order only if seconded and supported by at least **fifty (50)** of the seated delegates. Any delegate may offer an amendment to any part removed for debate. Any amendment to the statement of principles must be in writing, legible, signed by **fifty (50)** seated delegates, and submitted to the Platform Committee Chair or designee.
- G. The Platform Committee Chair shall then present for debate minority reports and controversial/debatable planks as determined by the paper ballot. Amendments to the controversial planks of the **issue section** of the platform shall be considered by the Convention when such amendment is submitted in writing to the Platform Committee chair or designee. Each amendment must be in writing, legible, and accompanied by a petition in support thereof signed by **fifty (50)** seated delegates. Amendments to the platform are timely only if presented before the Platform Committee Chair opens debate on the controversial planks.
- H. The first proponent on the debate of each platform plank shall be the Platform Committee chair or the chair's designee. The first proponent on debate of a minority report or written amendment to the platform or a motion to strike shall be a member of the minority or an author of the amendment or maker of the motion. The first opponent on debate of a minority report or written amendment or a motion to strike shall be a designee of the chair of the Platform Committee.

IV. ELECTION OF DISTRICT STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. Nominations but not nominating speeches will be from the floor.
- B. Each nominee will be allowed to decline.
- C. Each candidate or his/her designee will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak to the Convention.
- D. Each delegate shall cast votes for three female candidates and three male candidates, voting no more than once for any candidate. No more than a simple majority of the positions to be filled may be elected on the first round of balloting, unless the number of persons nominated equals the number of positions to be filled.
- E. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast by the delegates for that position. If more people receive a majority than there are positions to be filled, the person(s) receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared elected.
- F. A candidate shall be eliminated from further consideration in the event that the candidate fails on any ballot to obtain 15% of the votes cast by the total number of delegates voting on a given round of balloting.
- G. Candidates receiving tied votes on a ballot shall either be elected or defeated as a group.
- H. Balloting will continue until all positions are filled.

V. ELECTION OF DISTRICT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR

- A. Nominations but not nominating speeches will be made from the floor.
- B. Each nominee will be given an opportunity to decline.
- C. Each candidate or his/her designee will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak to the Convention.
- D. Delegates will vote for one candidate.
- E. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast by the delegates voting for that position.
- F. In the event that no one receives a majority vote, there will be a run-off election between the top two vote-getters.

VI. ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

- A. Nominations but not nominating speeches will be made from the floor.
- B. Each nominee will be given an opportunity to decline.
- C. Each candidate and/or her/his designee will be allowed two minutes to speak to the convention. No more than two speakers will be allowed to speak in this time frame.
- D. If there are more than six (6) candidates, there will initially be no nomination or candidate speeches. An election shall be held with each delegate voting for one candidate. If no candidate is elected by a majority (50% + 1) vote, the top four (4) vote-getters will proceed to a second balloting round for which rule C will apply.
- E. Delegates will vote for one candidate.
- F. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority (50% + 1) of the delegates present and voting for that position..

- G. In the even that no candidate is elected by a majority on a given ballot, then candidates receiving fewer votes than other candidates will be eliminated from further balloting under the following provisions:
1. At least one (1) candidate shall be eliminated.
 2. Candidates receiving votes from fewer than fifteen percent (15%) of the delegates present and voting shall be eliminated.
 3. In event of a boundary tie, those candidates tied at the boundary shall be retained in the next round of balloting.

VII. GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE GROUPS

- A. For the purpose of determining the relative strength of preference groups within the convention, delegates to the district conventions shall align with a presidential preference or uncommitted group when they are registered for the convention. **A delegate shall be required to designate his/her preference group at the time of his/her registration, and a delegate who refuses to designate a presidential preference group shall be registered by the credentials committee as uncommitted. Delegates are not required to align with the same preference group that selected them at the county convention.**
- B. A determination of preference groups and the strength of preference groups shall not be made until all delegates have been received and approved by the convention.
- C. Following the report of the Credentials Committee or their designee, all delegates will be afforded a **one hour** period to realign with other groups if they so desire. The Arrangements Committee shall provide delegates the proper facilities to complete this realignment process. **During this period, the convention may proceed with other business.**
- D. Delegates at the district convention who realign with a different presidential preference group shall sign a statement that states: **“I now support _____ for the Democratic nomination for President.”** The statement of support shall be signed within 15 minutes after the end of the first realignment period. Delegates must use the cards that are provided for this purpose.
- E. Upon completion of the one (1) hour period for realignment of delegates, the credentials committee or their designee shall report to the convention the viable and nonviable groups' status within the convention. The members of **nonviable** groups shall have one half hour to realign.
- F. Members of **nonviable** groups who realign with viable preference groups shall then sign a statement that states: **“I now support _____ for the Democratic nomination for President.”** The statement of support shall be signed within 15 minutes after the end of the second realignment period. Delegates must use the cards that are provided for this purpose.
- G. The number of national delegates or alternates to which each presidential preference or uncommitted group is entitled to elect shall be determined by multiplying the percentage size for each preference group at the convention by the number of delegates to be allocated, with remaining delegates awarded in order of the highest fractional remainders.

The Second District has been allotted three (3) male national delegates, three (3) female national delegates, and one (1) male national alternate.

- H. The Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall announce the number of delegates each preference group is entitled to elect to the national convention. The convention will then divide into its respective preference groups with each seated delegate going to the preference group with which he or she is aligned.
- I. To ensure that national delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each preference group will be designated by the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee. The presidential preference group achieving the highest percentage of delegates will first be assigned a male. This assignment of delegate positions will continue, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, through the next largest preference groups in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned.
- J. Each preference group shall elect a chair. All elections relating to the selection of National Delegates will be supervised and monitored by the appropriate Rules Committee Chair or designee.
- K. The first formal action of the preference group chair shall be to read the following statement: **“All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Iowa shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, philosophical persuasion, or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action has been adopted by the Iowa Democratic Party. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Iowa Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.”**

VIII. THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NATIONAL DELEGATES

- A. The procedures to be used **within the presidential preference or uncommitted groups** to elect national delegates and alternates shall be as follows:
 - 1. A petition for the national delegate position shall be considered a valid petition for the national alternate position.
 - 2. All valid and official candidates for national delegate positions shall be listed in alphabetical order and numbered.
 - 3. All candidates shall be allowed two (2) minutes to speak to the preference group or someone may speak on their behalf. The time may be divided into no more than two (2) speakers.
 - 4. Each delegate who is an authorized member of a preference group, empowered to vote on the election of the candidate(s) shall do so by casting a vote or votes equal to the number of positions to be filled. No more than a simple majority shall be elected on the first round of balloting.
 - 5. **Candidates for the position of delegate or alternate to the Democratic National Convention shall be required to submit a petition which is to be filed with the**

State Chair twelve (12) days before the district convention or to the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee on the day of the convention.

6. The petition shall be signed by one percent (1%) of the delegates to the district convention. (Seven signatures are required to comply with this rule.)
7. **Candidates filing on the day of the convention must have their petitions to the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Credentials Committee report is adopted.** No national delegate or alternate candidate may be nominated from the floor.
8. Candidates must include, in addition to filing a petition: a statement of candidacy designating the presidential preference or uncommitted group to which he or she purports to belong, and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate the person favors, if any.
9. A national delegate candidate pledged to a nonviable presidential preference group may run in another group with the agreement of the proper presidential candidate representative.
10. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status).
11. A candidate for national delegate shall be deemed elected when the candidate shall gather or obtain fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the delegates present and voting in the preference group. All tied votes shall either be elected or defeated as a group. A candidate shall be eliminated from further consideration as a delegate in the event that individual fails on any ballot to obtain fifteen percent (15%) of the votes cast by the total number of delegates voting on a given round of balloting. However, on any given ballot, if there remain delegates to be elected and no candidate receives more than fifteen percent (15%) of the vote, all candidates shall stand again. A candidate who has been eliminated may be reconsidered and stand again for the position sought if all of the members of that candidate's gender, racial, or ethnic minority have been eliminated and it is necessary to obtain a balance from the group to which the candidate belongs.
12. Each preference group delegation shall make an effort to fairly reflect ethnic/racial minority representation. To the extent that the delegation in its entirety fails to fairly reflect ethnic/racial minority representation, the Rules and Nominations Committee of the State Convention, and the State Convention as a whole, shall take steps to correct any deficiency at the State Convention.
13. **The ballots shall be collected and counted under the authority of the Rules and Nominations Committee.** When those elected have been tabulated, their names shall be read. Balloting shall continue until all delegate positions have been filled. The Rules and Nominations Committee chair shall take possession of all the ballots. The ballots shall be preserved for one year.
14. The designated preference group shall then proceed to elect its national alternate. All unsuccessful candidates for delegate positions in that preference group shall be considered candidates for alternate, unless the candidate declines. The National convention alternate shall be elected separately, but according to the same procedure as the national convention delegates.

15. **The entire convention shall ratify the election of the entire slate of national delegates and alternate.**

IX. SELECTION OF STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. The number of members on the state convention committees has been determined by the State Central Committee. The number to be elected at each district convention is according to a system of proportional representation based on the results of the two most recent general elections.
- B. The number of state convention committee members to be elected shall be announced. (11 for each committee)
- C. The committee members shall be elected by the presidential preference or uncommitted groups.**
- D. The number of committee members to be elected by each presidential preference or uncommitted group shall be determined in the same manner that delegates are allocated to each group – proportional to their percentage of the convention as a whole.
- E. At least ten (10) days prior to the District Convention, each of the convention committees shall nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding committee at the State Convention. The Chair of the Rules and Nominations committee will announce these nominations to the District Convention.
- F. Additional nominations may be taken from the floor.
- G. When there are no further nominations or upon a successful motion to cease nominations, the chair shall, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline nomination, conduct a vote for each position to be filled.
- H. Any delegate may move to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated by the respective committees.
- I. A simple majority of the delegates present and voting shall be required to elect state convention committee members.

GLOSSARY

authorized delegate body - the group of participants at the Convention who have been elected at their respective county conventions according to state Democratic party guidelines, whose credentials have been approved by the convention credentials committee, and who have been accepted by a vote of the Convention as a whole.

credentials - the identifying information and documents that confirm a particular person as an official and duly elected delegate to the Convention.

district affirmative action committee - this committee is charged with overseeing all Democratic Party processes in the 2nd Congressional District so that all groups are appropriately and fairly represented. Each county elects a representative to the district committee. At the District Convention a district affirmative action committee chair is elected that then serves on the State affirmative action committee.

minority - used here to reference any group of any committee of the Convention who does not hold the position of the majority of that committee or convention.

minority report - a document that a minority of any convention committee may prepare to present for consideration to the Convention.

plunking - voting for less than the total number of positions available-, for example, voting for only one person when five positions are to be filled. Plunking is forbidden under party rules. Ballots cast for less than the total number of positions to be filled will be void.

Preference group - all those certified delegates at the Convention that supports the same presidential candidate. "Uncommitted" and "Others" is also a legitimate preference group.

Presidential elector - the person who casts the ballot in the Electoral College in December for the Democratic Presidential Nominee who wins the State of Iowa. All the Electoral College meets at each of their state capitols to cast their votes.

Railroad ballot - sequentially numbered individual ballots in a continuous perforated strip. They are used to prevent plunking. In balloting where more than one position is to be filled, delegates will be asked to detach the correct number of the ballots kept together in a strip and cast all the ballots in the strip at once.

ratification - a vote by the entire voting body that approves some previous action by a portion of the body such as a committee, or that approves a previous executive decision made by a chairman, executive committee, etc.

tellers - those people responsible for counting the written ballots on any issue at the Convention.

Viable preference group - a preference made up of at least fifteen (15) percent of the entire number of the certified delegates to the Convention. A viable preference group elects delegates to the National Democratic Party Convention and elects people to serve on the state convention committees.

Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart Based on <i>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)</i>							
Part 1, Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside	I move to lay	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

	temporarily	the question on the table					
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Part 2, Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

**PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE
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SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

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An appendix with explanations of abbreviations and acronyms is provided at the end of the platform.

Statement of Principles

We believe none are truly free unless all are free; that justice is the right of all, not just those who have the means and power to seize it. We support our men and women in uniform, in their effort to achieve world peace and domestic security.

We believe in the accountability of government. We seek leaders who best aspire to our ideals, to serve in the government. We seek individuals who will warn working families of political activities that are not in their best interest. We will assist and promote those individuals who will support working families, universal healthcare, work for a truly representative government, work for the good of the people, be compassionate, progressive, responsible and fair.

The commerce of this great nation is a tangible expression of hard work, fair play and advancement of the human condition. The government is a compilation of the people providing the rules and guidance for economic development. Advancing education, scientific research, and strengthened infrastructure will provide a sound foundation for America's future.

America relies upon Iowa for food and foliage. Our children's future depends upon sustainable agriculture and environmental protection. We champion soil conservation, clean air & water and wildlife habitat. We cherish the family farm as stewards of Iowa heritage. Sound energy policy promotes sustainable practices and peaceful international relationship. Iowa must immediately and aggressively develop its abundant renewable energy resources. The U.S. must become energy independent.

We understand the need to be pro-active in our children's future. We recognize the diverse peoples in our country and embrace the equality for all in our educational system. All children deserve quality education, by excellent teachers with updated classrooms, materials, technology, and schools.

We support America's historic role as a leader in the search for a just peace in the world. All Americans have a stake in local, national, and global economic systems that provide first and foremost for the basic human needs: nourishment, shelter, healthcare, employment and education. We continue to stand with people everywhere who demand freedom, justice, and opportunity; and applaud their peaceful progress while extending a helping hand to support new fragile democracies. We look forward to the day when the borders of all countries are open to the free exchange of ideas, people and goods. We strive to achieve peace and prosperity with an outlook of confidence and hope.

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."—President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

2nd District Congressional Democratic Platform
"To me, party platforms are contracts with the people."
— President Harry S. Truman 1955

I. AGRICULTURE

A. WE SUPPORT:

1. Sustainable agriculture.
2. Family farms over corporate agribusiness.
3. Farmer-approved market/pricing structures.
4. Needs-based-only government financial assistance to farms.
5. Lowering limits on annual government farm payments.
6. Tighter EQIP caps. (Proposed: \$150,000 per farm; for units under 1000 animals).
7. Banning packer ownership/control of livestock.
8. Ending meat packing captive production contracts.

9. Strict state/local regulation of factory farms & CAFOs.
10. Humane treatment of all animals.
11. Enforcing on-site livestock waste treatment runoff control.
12. Holding agribusiness accountable for environmental damage.
13. Adequately funding USDA inspection/enforcement to ensure safe food supply.
14. Banning animal by-products in feed for animals used for human consumption.
15. Independent food testing.
16. Food product labels indicating country-of-origin, genetic engineering, hormones & irradiation.
17. Preventing unwanted crop genetic drift.

II. ENVIRONMENT

A. WE SUPPORT:

1. Sustainable land use.
2. Conservation of natural resources.
3. Protecting endangered species & ecosystems, wildlife refuges and national parks.
4. Preserving unique lowan ecosystems & genotype, including native prairie, forests, wetlands & Loess Hills.
5. Preserving Iowa farmland.
6. The Conservation Reserve Program.
7. Environmentally-friendly agricultural chemicals.
8. Eliminating harmful or non-biodegradable agriculture chemicals & runoff.
9. Assessing health / environmental impact of agriculture chemicals / antibiotics / hormones.
10. Restoring / strengthening Clean Air & Water Acts.
11. Curtailing global warming.
12. U.S. ratification of the Kyoto Treaty.
13. EPA and IDNR inspection / enforcement.

14. REAP.
15. Expanding the beverage container deposit to all bottled / canned beverages, except dairy.
16. Requiring recyclable product packaging.
17. Expanding recycling programs.
18. Expanding sustainable energy & environmental education in primary & secondary schools.

III. ENERGY

A. WE SUPPORT:

1. Energy conservation & efficiency.
2. Clean, sustainable & renewable energy: wind / solar / geothermal / hydropower / bioenergy.
3. Distributed generation.
4. Transmission, distribution & storage infrastructure improvements which prioritize renewable energy.
5. Developing alternative energy storage & recovery systems.
6. State & Federal Renewable Portfolio Standards of 10% by 2010 and 20% by 2020.
7. Long-term extension of the Production Tax Credit.
8. Generous Federal & State incentives (tax credits, rebates, zero/no-interest loans) for installation of renewable energy & efficiency systems.
9. Establishing a Small Wind Turbine Tax Credit.
10. Developing an Iowa-based International Renewable Hydrogen Transmission Demonstration Facility.
11. Expanding the Iowa Energy Center.
12. Farmer-owned biodiesel & ethanol cooperatives.
13. Increasing vehicle fuel efficiency.
14. Expanding CAFÉ standards to all vehicles.

15. Electric vehicle development.
16. Requiring government buildings & vehicles to operate on renewable energy.
17. The People's right to generate & sell power and own/operate public utilities.
18. Net-metering & net-billing.
19. Utility municipalization supporting equitable transition of utility workers, including negotiation of comparable or greater pay & benefits.
20. Preventing energy utility monopolies.
21. Phasing out imports of foreign oil & LNG.
22. Phasing out fossil & nuclear generation to reduce greenhouse/toxic emissions & radioactive waste.
23. Installing pollution-control devices on existing generation.
24. Retraining petroleum, coal and nuclear workers for renewable energy jobs.

B. *WE OPPOSE:*

1. U.S. engagement in international conflicts to protect or procure foreign oil & natural gas for domestic purposes.

IV. Government & Civil Affairs

A. *WE SUPPORT:*

1. **Civil Rights**

- i. Repealing the Patriot Act.
- ii. Affirmative action & enforcement of Title IX.
- iii. State and Federal equal rights amendments.
- iv. Passing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
- v. Enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- vi. Iowa adoption of ADA language.
- vii. Adding sexual orientation, gender identity & national origin as protected classes and extending those rights to military service.
- viii. Recruitment and support of members of protected classes to serve in government.

- ix. Passing the Hate Crime Prevention Act.

2.Choice

- i. The right of a woman to obtain a medically safe and legal abortion.

3.Marriage

- i. Repealing the Defense of Marriage Act.
- ii. Legal recognition of same-sex marriage and domestic partnerships.

4.AIDS

- i. Affordable, anonymous testing for HIV/AIDS and STDs.

5.Contraception

- i. Prescription insurance coverage for FDA approved contraceptives.

6.Elections

- i. Using only paper ballots tallied by electronic scan machines.
- ii. National Election Day as a holiday.
- iii. Same day Voter Registration.
- iv. No reporting of election results before polls close.
- v. Campaign finance reform.
- vi. Public disclosure regulations for lobbyists.
- vii. Eliminating revolving door lobbyist employment.

7.Immigration

- i. Improving access to legal immigration.
- ii. Protecting immigrant families' civil rights.
- iii. Equal consideration by INS for all people seeking political asylum.

8.Taxation

- i. An equitable, progressive tax system that ensures Big Business and the wealthy pay their fair share.
- ii. Closing tax loopholes, including off-shore havens and the small business SUV loophole.

- iii. Increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- iv. Increasing the Personal Exemption to \$10,000 per dependent.
- v. Rescinding the Bush tax cuts for the top two Federal Income tax brackets.
- vi. Reestablishing the Estate Tax.
- vii. All health insurance premiums paid from pre-taxed earnings.

9. *Property Taxes*

- i. Reestablishing 100% of the property tax credits to qualified seniors and the disabled.

10. *Funding*

- i. Providing adequate State and Federal funding for education, public safety, human services, and basic county and city services.

11. *Social Security*

- i. Eliminating the cap on personal contributions to SS and lowering the contribution percentage.
- ii. Legislation to repeal the GPOWEP.
- iii. Fully funding SS and public accounting of collection and distribution.

12. *IPERS*

- i. Incorporating cost of living benefits to IPERS, and leaving the IPERS fund for retirement only.
- ii. Increasing the contribution rate by 1% per year for four years and maintaining the current ratio.

13. *Courts*

- i. Full funding of the Legal Services Corporation & full access of the poor to the justice system.
- ii. Abolition of capital punishment and mandatory minimum sentencing laws in the US.

14. *Law*

- i. Enforcement of gun laws and reasonable / responsible gun ownership legislation.
- ii. Fully funding the Violence Against Women Act and services to crime victims.

- iii. Rights of all victims of abuse and harassment to obtain no-contact orders.
- iv. Ending the "War on Drugs."
- v. Handling substance abuse as a health issue.
- vi. Decriminalizing marijuana.

15. ***Prisoners***

- i. Using alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders.
- ii. Substance abuse assessment and treatment for inmates.
- iii. Restoring voting rights to felons upon completion of their sentence.

16. ***Child Custody***

- i. Thorough monitoring of child custody and visitation rights.
- ii. Permanent establishment of the CSRATP at the State and Federal level, including the armed forces.

17. ***Legislation***

- i. Requiring all Congressional mandates be fully funded or become void.
- ii. Congressional bills limited to one issue and prohibiting unrelated riders.

18. ***Veterans***

- i. Military service pay adequate to support service members' families, including regular cost of living increases.
- ii. Restoring full combat pay on a retroactive basis to all American soldiers in Iraq and other war zones.
- iii. Veterans receiving promised benefits, retirement, and severance pay without a tax on disability compensation.
- iv. Increased support to homeless veterans.
- v. Veterans' preference in government employment and training and first consideration for FHA operating and farm ownership loans.
- vi. Full staffing and funding of VA Hospitals.
- vii. Funding of veterans care external to VA hospitals.
- viii. Provision for family health benefits for all soldiers called to active duty.
- ix. Enhanced specialized treatment for service-related illnesses, such as mental

illness, spinal cord injuries, Agent Orange, and Gulf War Syndrome.

- x. Declaration of a POW/MIA Day.
- xi. The release and declassification of documents related to the names and numbers of POWs and wounded military personnel.
- xii. Investigating the 1967 attack on the USS Liberty.

B. *WE OPPOSE:*

- 1. Any constitutional amendment limiting civil rights.
- 2. Denial of civil rights protection in housing, employment, insurance, credit, education or public accommodations.
- 3. The erosion of Miranda rights.
- 4. Search-and-seizures without benefit of warrant, or which can be selectively enforced to harass individuals or groups.
- 5. Efforts to ban any type of abortions.

V. WORKERS RIGHTS, ECONOMY & COMMERCE

A. *WE SUPPORT:*

1. ***Business & Commerce***

- i. Public transportation including long distance passenger and freight rail and barge service.
- ii. Imported products meeting the same standards as U.S. products for materials, lack of contaminants, and labor protections.
- iii. Country-of-origin labeling.
- iv. Stringent enforcement of anti-trust legislation, opposition to vertical integration, and ending corporate welfare.
- v. Assistance for businesses owned by persons with disabilities.
- vi. Economic incentives to preserve and protect healthy urban cores.
- vii. Economic aid to lesser populated areas.
- viii. Stricter regulations and enforcement to stop corporate greed, fraud, price gouging, customer abuses and Enron type disasters.

ix. Strong penalties for businesses that knowingly hire illegal aliens.

2. ***Wages, Pensions & Benefits***

i. A living wage, secure and portable pension and healthcare benefits for all workers.

ii. Employers honoring promised or negotiated retirement benefits.

iii. Extended unemployment compensation, healthcare coverage and while retraining.

iv. Paid family and medical leave.

v. Temporary and part-time workers being paid prevailing wages and benefits of the area in which they work.

vi. Raising the minimum wage above the Federal poverty level and indexed for inflation.

vii. A public accounting of collection and distribution of Social Security.

viii. The Fair Labor Standards Act with vigorous enforcement.

ix. Reforming workers' compensation to encourage resolution of cases in a timelier manner and impose penalties for delay.

3. ***Jobs, Safety & Labor Law***

i. Union certification based on a majority signing union authorization cards.

ii. Project labor agreements.

iii. Full funding of OSHA inspections.

iv. Bilateral agreements that protect jobs, workers rights, human rights and the environment.

v. Rebuilding of infrastructure with WPA type programs.

vi. Legislation to guarantee all workers the right to organize and join labor unions as a Civil Right, including airline screeners.

vii. Enforcing limits of working visas based on regional unemployment.

viii. Changing bankruptcy and plant closing laws to protect employees against loss of income without warning.

ix. Coverage of agricultural workers by health and safety statutes.

x. Expanding the scope of bargaining for Public Employees.

B. WE OPPOSE:

1. Privatizing public works or Social Security.
2. Use of credit ratings as a means of screening insurance applicants.
3. Electric utility de-regulation.
4. Efforts to reject or restrict injured workers' rights.
5. Employment-related polygraph tests.
6. The exclusion of those involved in labor disputes from employment compensation, worker's compensation, food stamps, etc.
7. Incentives for outsourcing jobs or services to other countries.
8. Subsidies for mining, timber and petroleum extracting activities.
9. Assistance to companies with labor violations, not paying living wages or not providing health insurance.
10. Replacement workers for those laid off, on strike or locked out.
11. NAFTA, WTO, FTAA and Fast Track Trade Authority
12. "Freeloader Legislation".
13. Any effort to end or limit overtime wages.

VI. Education

A. WE SUPPORT:

1. Repeal of the NCLB Act; replacing it with a fully-funded act with input from educators.
2. Increased Federal funding of Student Financial Aid for Post-Secondary education.
3. Income-contingent Student Loan repayments.
4. Fully funding the first two years public Post-Secondary education.
5. Public Pre-school and Head Start programs for ages 3-5; minimum curriculum standards, established by DE.
6. Mandatory Kindergarten.

7. A well-rounded curriculum; multi-cultural education; multiple-language literacy in schools; while meeting standards and benchmarks.
8. Targeted programs for students struggling with reading and math.
9. Reduced class sizes.
10. Increased funding for repair, maintenance, and handicap accessibility of school buildings and infrastructure.
11. Competitive salaries for teachers, substitutes, and para-educators; funds for professional development and mentoring.
12. Increased funding for special needs students (at-risk, talented & gifted, ESL, and disabled).
13. Stable funding for Public Schools, through an allowable growth formula, e.g. 6%; local level decisions on reorganizing, consolidating and sharing services.
14. Funding for Before & After and Summer School programs.
15. Library, Art, and Media
 - i. Increased funding for The State Library of Iowa; Iowa Library Service Areas; Enrich Iowa, Open Access and Access Plus.
 - ii. Free and open access to knowledge and information.
 - iii. Patron privacy.
 - iv. Funding for NEA, NEH, and CPB.

B. *WE OPPOSE:*

1. Diverting public monies away from public schools to fund voucher systems, tuition, tax credits, private / for-profit businesses; State-funded K-12 Charter Schools.
2. Using public funds for religious activities in schools.
3. Linking Federal funds to Internet access at public libraries.

VII. Healthcare

A. *WE SUPPORT:*

1. Medicaid Benefits Cost of Living Adjustments.
2. Each individual with disabilities have access to both Medicare and Medicaid when

they receive SSDI, regardless of the recipient's Social Security earnings history.

3. Expanding and improving the traditional Medicare and Medicaid benefits without reduction to or privatization.
4. Reducing prescription drug costs.
5. The State of Iowa, and not the victim, shall be the complainant in all domestic abuse cases.
6. Hospitals being required to offer emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault.
7. Implementation and full funding of programs to combat physical, psychological and sexual abuse of any person' and stricter enforcement of restraining orders to protect victims of domestic abuse
8. Medicaid funding of prescription drugs for mentally ill patients as indicated in psychiatric guidelines.
9. Allowing all 55-65 years of age to purchase health insurance through Medicare at prevailing Medicare rates.
10. Health care coverage providing durable medical equipment.
11. Limiting patent extensions by pharmaceutical manufacturers' equipment.
12. Right of seniors and people with disabilities to choose their own home and community based services and be given the highest budget priority from the Senior Living Trust.
13. A national program for universal, single payer, comprehensive, accessible, lifelong, affordable and efficient healthcare coverage for all, with full parity and built-in accountability to agreed upon standards of quality – and, in the absence of a universal coverage plan, support legislation, programs and funding to meet the health care and long term needs of frequently under-represented groups such as the autistic, minorities, the unemployed, homeless, impoverished, inmates and newly released inmates.
14. Adequate funding for
 - i. child development and protection service, for example: WIC, CHIP, EAP, HAWK-I, school lunch, pre-school, Head Start, daycare,
 - ii. review of the impact of welfare reform to insure that children are not harmed and families are not living in poverty, funding of accessible and affordable high quality child care
 - iii. providing a living wage for child care providers.
15. stricter enforcement of court ordered fair and reasonable child support and medical

support payments and interstate reciprocity for child support, visitation and custody rights, provided that the best interest of the child are served and neither parent or child are subjected to abuse.

16. Limitation of the number of hours that doctors and health care workers may be required to work in a given period so as not to compromise patient care, the elimination of mandatory overtime for health care workers, and the establishment of minimum safe staffing standards for health care facilities, except in the event of declared public emergencies; and the improved benefits and additional assistance for persons considering a health care career.
17. Encouraging the impoverished to earn independence from the welfare system without threat of penalty, such as allowing welfare and SSI recipients to work while receiving benefits.
18. Giving preference for Housing Choice Program vouchers to in-state residences ahead of the out-of-state residences. Residency means 6-month minimum.
19. Providing food, shelter, financial intervention, educational and job training opportunities to the homeless and newly released inmates.
20. Stem cell research including cloning of stem cells.
21. Maintaining and funding programs in Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Senior Living Trust, etc; and;
 - i. equitable distribution of Medicare payments to reflect the true relative cost of living in each area, discontinuing reimbursement based on historical norm;
 - ii. providing quality health care that is equitable;
 - iii. no gaps in prescription drug coverage;
 - iv. continuing to administer their programs and services.
22. Courts considering custodial matters to presume Joint Physical Care in the same manner that Joint Legal Custody are currently decided. Equal parenting, wherever practical, must be established.
23. Fully funded enforcement of standards of quality for nursing homes and institutional alternatives, including unannounced inspections, with the results made immediately accessible to the public; and upholding of enforceable standards to govern alternative services to institutional health including adult day care and in-home services.
24. Alternative treatment and therapy options and home/family based health care initiatives.
25. Increased investment by federal, state, local and private sectors in construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of affordable housing targeting inner city neighborhoods and rural communities; creative programs encouraging home

ownership by low and middle income people; broader dissemination of information concerning housing programs; and instituting tenant-based management of HUD programs.

26. Legislation for education, awareness, outreach, and unbiased research; therapy, treatment, and alternative options for autism.
27. Protecting employer sponsored health insurance prescription benefits of Medicare enrollees as Medicare prescription benefits are phased in.
28. Preventing introduction of HSA as an option to be offered in employer sponsored health insurance plans.
29. Complementary and alternative medicines including but not limited to herbal therapies, movement therapies, and dietary therapies be covered under Medicaid, Medicare, other government funded programs and insurance providers when stated as medically necessary or beneficial.
30. Medicare regulations that shall fairly reimburse the qualified healthcare professionals and medical facilities in Iowa.
31. The State of Iowa to ban all advertising of prescription drugs through the media.
32. Emergency contraception as an over the counter medication
33. Achieving cost containment in the insurance industry and governmental healthcare programs.
34. Veterans right to:
 - i. receive the VA benefits as promised and deserved
 - ii. the Federal Government fully funding VA hospitals
 - iii. the ability to seek medical treatment at any hospital and the Federal Government be billed the cost
35. A national organ and tissue donation program with a centralized administration, equitable sharing arrangements and an aggressive awareness program
36. State and federal funding for reproductive health services and for age appropriate medically accurate sex education to ensure that individuals have access to voluntary family planning, objective counseling and medically accurate information.
37. Health freedom legislation in Iowa which would allow the practice of safe natural and holistic healthcare modalities

B. WE OPPOSE:

1. A reduction to or the privatizing of Medicare.

2. Budget cuts to programs serving persons with mental and physical disabilities
3. Covering environmental illnesses under SSA disabilities, SSI disabilities, and all government funded medical and rehabilitation programs.

VIII. International Affairs

A. WE SUPPORT:

1. *The Rule of Law*

- i. Our nation's cooperation with the UN to help reconcile International issues and resolve global concerns.
- ii. An enforceable body of International Law.
- iii. The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- iv. Increased commitment to eliminating chemical, biological, nuclear weapons and land mines.
- v. Rejection of weapons into outer space and abandonment of missile shield development plans.
- vi. International fair trade initiatives that require safeguards of human rights, workers' rights, and public health / environmental needs.
- vii. Humane treatment and equal legal protections of habeas corpus for all people.

2. *Treaty Negotiations*

- i. US ratification and full participation in the following UN treaties and conventions:
 - a. CEDAW,
 - b. Convention on the Rights of the Child,
 - c. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty,
 - d. Biological Weapons Convention Protocol,
 - e. Ottawa Landmines Treaty,
 - f. Kyoto Treaty on Global Warming,
 - g. International Court of Criminal Justice,
 - h. Convention on The Destruction of Chemical Weapons, and The Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and

- i. Doha Declaration of 2001.

3. **Response to Terrorism**

- i. SMART that would have the U.S. take leadership to strengthen International institutions, including cooperative diplomacy, to prevent acts of terrorism.
- ii. A redefinition of the circumstances calling for military forces.
- iii. An operational definition of terrorism linked to focused and proportional responses.
- iv. A Cabinet-level Department of Peace to promote non-violence internally and globally.
- v. Removing all trade, financial and travel restrictions relating to Cuba.
- vi. Supporting all peace efforts, including the Northern Ireland 'Good Friday' agreement.

4. **Developmental Assistance**

- i. UN Millennium Development Goals.
- ii. That any entity receiving US aid demonstrate compliance with the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights; with an entities' health needs taking priority over military needs.
- iii. International development assistance for comprehensive reproductive healthcare and family planning.
- iv. Funding our share of the GFATM.

5. **The Middle East**

- i. In the Middle East - UN Resolution 242.
- ii. Iraq and Afghanistan infrastructure including the UN administering reconstruction contracts under a transparent bid process.
- iii. Establishing specific timetables, with UN assistance, to transfer authority to Afghanistan and Iraq giving them more control of their economy, both civilian and security; scheduling draw down of US troops so as to maximize defense and stability in those areas.

B. **WE OPPOSE:**

- 1. The concept of pre-emptive war.
- 2. Tying international aid to abstinence-only programs.

Abbreviations	Acronyms
ADA	American Disabilities Act
CAFÉ	Corporate Average Fleet Efficiency
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CPB	Corporation for Public Broadcasting
CSRATP	Child Support Recovery Amnesty Trial Program
DE	Department of Education
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Payments
ESL	English as a Second Language
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FHA	Federal Home Administration
FTAA	Free Trade Agreement of the Americas
GFATM	Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GPOWEP	Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision
HAS	health savings accounts
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
Housing Choice Program	Formally known as Section 8
IDNR	Iowa Department of Natural Resources
INS	Immigration & Naturalization Services
IPERS	Iowa Public Employees Retirement System
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
NEA	National Endowment for the Arts
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
POW/MIA	Prisoner of War / Missing in Action
REAP	Resource Enhancement and Protection program
SMART	Sensible Multilateral American Response to Terrorism
SS	Social Security
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
Title IX	Federal Law that provides gender equity
UN	United Nations
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VA	Veterans Administration
WPA	Work Projects Administration
WTO	World Trade Organization
Freeloader Legislation	legislation allowing nonunion members to reap union benefits without paying union dues
UN Resolution 242	1967 resolution and UN solution to Israel & Palestine boarder conflict
ADA	American Disabilities Act

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

**FOR THE
2004 IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

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DELEGATE ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATE:

Delegates unable to attend the 2004 Second District Convention on Saturday, April 24, 2004, may assign their seat to a duly elected and certified alternate from their own county, or to a duly elected and certified alternate from another county within the district. Delegates may assign their seat only to alternates elected at a county convention within the district.

Delegates unable to attend the District Convention and unable to find a certified alternate should notify their County Chair or their anticipated absence.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GUIDELINES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN ASSIGNING AN ALTERNATE TO YOUR DELEGATE POSITION.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

I, _____, of _____, and being a
(Delegate's name) (City/Township)

delegate elected from _____ County, DO HEREBY DESIGNATE
(County)

_____, of _____,
(Alternate's Name) (City/Township)

_____, TO BE SEATED AT THE SECOND DISTRICT
(County)

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, APRIL 24, 2004, IN MY PLACE.

() THIS DESIGNATION IS FOR THE ENTIRE CONVENTION.

() THIS DESIGNATION IS FOR THE PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____.
(Indicate Times)

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____, 2004.

ADDRESS: _____.

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