

THE **D**EMOCRATIC VOICE

May 2020 Newsletter

Tier 2 3rd Congressional District Level Caucus and Attendees

Less people registered for the Tier 1 La Crosse County Caucus than the total number of delegates allotted to La Crosse County to advance to the second-tier congressional district level caucuses. This means that all individuals have automatically been elected to move on to the Tier 2 3rd Congressional District (CD) Level Caucus.

The Congressional District Caucus will take place virtually on **May 17th**. Registration opens at 1:30 p.m. and the caucus begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. Individuals will receive an email from DPW Party Affairs no later than May 13th with instructions for participating in the CD caucus.

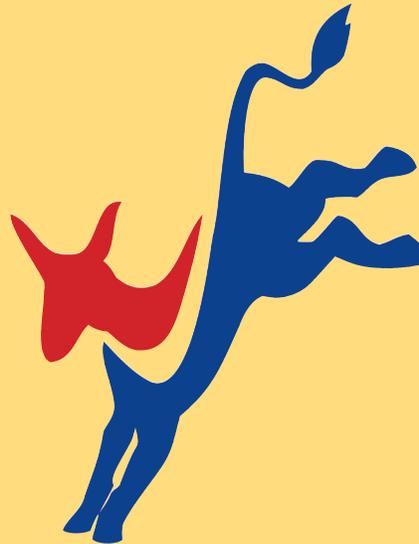
As a reminder, only those who also filed a statement of intent form by 5:00 p.m. April 17 are eligible to be elected at the CD caucus - these individuals are listed below with an asterisk next to their name. The 3rd CD Caucus will select two males and two females as delegates for Biden, with one male alternate for Biden, and one male and one female delegate for Sanders.

La Crosse - Biden

Veronica Burke, Onalaska*
Barbara Fischer, La Crosse*
Sally King, La Crosse
Paul Kruse, Onalaska*
John Medinger, La Crosse
Michael Smuksta, La Crosse
Kristine Troyanek, La Crosse
Lance Tryggstad, La Crosse*
Jeff Wildt, Onalaska
Margaret Wood, La Crosse*
David Wulf, Onalaska*
Diane Wulf, Onalaska

La Crosse – Sanders

Sara Bentley, Bangor
Rozie Brooks, La Crosse
William Garcia, La Crosse*
Fred Giese, La Crosse
Obbie King, La Crosse
Cathy Van Maren, La Crosse



Upcoming Events

May 17, Virtual 2nd Tier Congressional District Caucuses for National Convention

May 18, LCDP Virtual Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

May 29, Statement of Intent forms are due to the State Party Headquarters by 5:00 pm for anyone wishing to run as a PLEO or an At Large Delegate

June 1, LCDP Virtual Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

June 12, Virtual Evening DPW State Convention

Delegates to the Virtual DPW State Convention

A virtual Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW) State Convention will be held on the evening of Friday, June 12, 2020. Convention business will include limited speeches and reports, as well as the election of Wisconsin's four DNC members for a four-year term.

Other Party business traditionally held at the State Convention, including caucus meetings, platform and resolutions debate, consideration of constitutional changes, and an extensive speaking program, are all postponed until the 2021 State Convention.

DPW will be posting a **2020 Delegate Request Form** on the DPW website at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSey69a4fUHmBuQOgh5VGsdMEZJU3Le1vml9uJ6D1wkjmmnwUg/viewform> to collect the names of interested delegate candidates, but County Parties have the final say in determining State Convention delegates. All requests submitted through the online form will be regularly shared with County Party leaders for ultimate deliberation, and the form's description expressly states that its submission **only indicates interest and does not imply delegate status**. The form will close a week before delegate lists are due, to allow county parties a week to make final decisions.

La Crosse County is allotted 57 delegates for the DPW State Convention. If you are interested in becoming a delegate to the DPW 2020 State Convention, please notify Michael Smuksta, Chair-LCDP, at chair@laxdems.com or call 608-769-5286. Delegates will be approved at the May 18 LCDP Virtual Regular Meeting.

Please take note of important deadlines, included below:

- **Friday May 15, 2020 (5:00PM): DPW to close the 2020 Delegate Request Form on the website.**
- **Friday, May 22, 2020 (5:00PM): Deadline for County Parties to submit new delegates or make changes to their delegate lists.**
- **Friday, May 29, 2020 (5:00PM): Deadline for delegates to become DPW Members.**

If individuals who have been selected as delegates by their County Parties do not become members by 5/29, they will be bumped down from "delegate" to "guest" status and will not be able to vote in the DNC election.

Nomination Forms for Candidates

As you are well aware, the Covid-19 pandemic and Gov. Evers's "Safer at Home" order has made it impossible for candidates to gather signatures in person for nomination forms. The LCDP Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/lacrossedems> - has posted the nomination forms for Assembly Rep. Steve Doyle (94th district), Assembly Rep. Jill Billings (95th district), Brad Pfaff (32nd Senate District), Ginny Dankmeyer (La Crosse County Clerk), Amy Twitchell (La Crosse County Treasurer) and Tim Gruenke (La Crosse County District Attorney). If you are interested in supporting these candidates, you must print out the nomination papers, sign the hard-copy, and mail them to the candidate. Nomination papers are due by the filing deadline, which is June 1st.

General instructions for nomination forms:

- Sign on the numbered line under "Signature of Electors" and complete the required information.
- Collect any additional signatures and information from voters in your household.
- On the bottom of the page also print name, address, date, and sign as the "Circulator," certifying that you obtained the signatures above and that you know the people who signed the forms you are submitting. Individuals can be both a signee on a numbered line and also a Circulator.
- Please ensure entries are legible and the date is correct in the right-hand box.
- Return the form to the candidate's mailing address

In the 3rd Congressional District, there are currently two candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives running as Democrats: Rep. Ron Kind and Dr. Mark Neumann. Both candidates or their representative have contacted the LCDP with information regarding nomination signature forms. The LCDP is neutral regarding the 3rd CD candidates and posting this information is not an endorsement of either candidate.

Note: A voter can sign the form for either Rep. Kind or Dr. Neumann, but not both.

To request nomination papers for Rep. Ron Kind, go to <https://secure.ngpvan.com/28gpO5sLg0iDiUihnpMQjw2> and follow the instructions.

Questions: Email info@ronkind.org or call 608-782-3444.

To request nomination papers for Dr. Mark Neumann, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y8k2mqvg> Complete the survey to receive the form along with a stamped and addressed envelope to return the completed form.

Questions? Email mark.neumann22@gmail.com or call 608-345-7572.

Thank You, Senator Shilling

On behalf of the LCDP members, the LCDP Executive Board expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Senator Jennifer Shilling for her twenty years of public service in the Wisconsin Assembly and the Wisconsin Senate. Senator Shilling fought hard to advance Democratic Party values and programs. As a representative and senator, she served her constituents well and contributed greatly to improving the lives of Coulee region residents. We wish her well in the next phase of her life.

Brad Pfaff for State Senate District 32

Brad Pfaff (<https://www.bradpfaff.com/>) announced on Monday, April 27, 2020 that he is a Democratic Party candidate who will run to replace Sen. Jennifer Shilling in Wisconsin Senate District 32. Brad Pfaff has a deep background on agricultural issues important to rural residents. The LCDP will work hard keep this crucial seat in Democratic hands and prevent a Republican veto-proof supermajority. His nomination signature form was sent to members and is also available on the LCDP Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/lacrossedems>

Rural Locations Needed for Yard and Barn Signs

Nate Timm, Chair of the DPW Rural Caucus, is interested in finding rural locations with good visibility to begin posting large barn signs for Democratic candidates. If you are willing to post a sign, or know someone who might be willing, contact Nate Timm at 608-220-0139 or nptimm571@gmail.com He has instructions on how to create these signs. If you would like to become part of a sign creation team, contact Nate as well.

LCDP Office – Safer at Home Order

Given the fluid conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic and Governor Evers' "Badger Bounce Back" plan to reopen the Wisconsin economy in phases when it is determined safe to do so, the LCDP office remains closed.

Our Elected Officials

Governor Tony Evers

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115 East State Capital
Madison, WI 53702
Ph: 608-266-1212

Senator Tammy Baldwin

717 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
Ph: 202-224-5653, Fax: 202-224-9787

Senator Ron Johnson (R)

328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. Office Building
Ph: 202-224-5323

Congressman Ron Kind

1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Ph: 202-225-5506, Fax: 202-225-5739

State Senator Jennifer Shilling

State Capitol 106 South
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53703-7882
Ph: 608-266-5490, Local: 608-782-2785

94th Assembly District Representative Steve Doyle

Room 124 North, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708
Ph: 608-266-0631 or 888-534-0094
Fax: 608-282-3694

95th Assembly District Representative Jill Billings

Room 4 West, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708
Ph: 608-266-5780

LCDP Executive Board Officers

Chair: Michael Smuksta

608-769-5286

Vice Chair: Ed Burgess

608-799-1944

Treasurer: Cathy Van Maren

608-315-2693

Secretary: David Wulf

608-799-8977

At-Large Board Members:

William Garcia

Obbie King

Peter Klitzke

Avery Van Gaard

College Representative: Savannah Zuzick (UW-L)

Posting of Unapproved Minutes

A couple of LCDP members have expressed an interest in receiving regular minutes prior to the next regular LCP meeting. If you want to receive the minutes early, please contact the LCDP secretary, David Wulf, at davidpwulf@aol.com or 608-799-8977. He will mail them as a PDF with an UNAPPROVED watermark. No hard copies will be sent.

Some Facts On Your LCDP Membership

The best and easiest way to renew your La Crosse County Democratic Party membership is through your local county treasurer. Once you are a member of the county, you are automatically a member of the 3rd Congressional District (3rd CD) and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW). You need to submit membership dues only once a year to be a member of all three. It is unnecessary to submit duplicate memberships through the county and also through the state. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Cathy Van Maren, your current LCDP treasurer, at 608-315-2693, or at treasurer@laxdems.com

We Welcome Your Input

Any thoughts or suggestions you may have for your Executive Board are greatly appreciated. You can express them by contacting any board member, either by phone or email.

Renewing Your Membership!

You can renew your membership using the membership form found at the end of this newsletter. If you are receiving this newsletter via mail, please look at your mailing label to see when your membership expires. Thank you for your continued support!

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and would prefer to receive it via email instead, please contact David Wulf at 608-799-8977 or davidpwulf@aol.com.



La Crosse County Democratic Party
 P. O. Box 1861
 La Crosse, WI 54602 -1861

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For the LCDP to build upon its success in 2019 and continue activities into 2020, we are going to need volunteers and funding. The party is only as strong as the engagement of its members and friends. And that is where you come in. We have many opportunities for you to volunteer your skills. Also, please consider a contribution of any amount to help support activities and events to broaden our base.

You may send a contribution to:
 LCDP, P. O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI, 54602-1861.
 For online contributions go to our website www.laxdems.com.

Thank you.

There are three ways to join through the LCDP:

1. Print and mail your check and the form (available also at tinyurl.com/lcdpmbform)
2. Visit laxdems.com/join-the-party and complete your application and payment online.
3. Come to a LCDP event and complete the process and payment in person.

Please check the dues structure that applies:

- \$10 Senior, Student, Limited Income
- \$25 General Membership (1 member)
- \$35 Pairs (up to two members)
- \$45 yearly Activist (up to 3 members)
- \$75 yearly (family)
- \$120 Supporting Membership
- \$240 Friend
- \$600 Patron

I would like to support the LCDP with a donation of \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
 La Crosse County Democratic Party
 P. O. Box 1861
 La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

You may also donate online: www.laxdems.com.

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*Contributions are not tax deductible for federal tax purposes. State law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, and occupation of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.

I'm interested in learning more about DPW caucuses:

- American Indian Caucus
- Black Caucus
- Environmental Caucus
- Labor Caucus
- Latinx Caucus
- LGBT Caucus
- Progressive Caucus
- Rural Caucus
- Veterans' Caucus
- Women's Caucus