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Nevada State Democratic Party State Convention

The 2020 Nevada State Democratic Party State Convention will take place from June 11 through June 14. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the NV Dems State Convention will now take place remotely through a process that prioritizes the completion of essential party business and the election of National Delegates in the final step of the caucus to convention process.

Revised State Convention Dates:

- Friday, May 15 - Thursday, May 21: State Convention Registration period
- Friday, May 22 - Thursday, May 30: State Convention Credentialing period
- Thursday, June 11 - Saturday, June 13: State Convention Voting period
- Sunday, June 14: National Delegate Meeting

Remote Process:

NV Dems is working to streamline the State Convention process by conducting only essential business remotely. The below process will allow:

- State Delegates to elect National Delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention
- State Delegates to adopt the 2020 NV Dems platform
- State Delegates to elect the 2020-2022 State Central Committee Members, Nevada's Presidential Electors and At Large Members to the Executive Board
- 2018-2020 State Central Committee members to elect National Committeeman and Committeewoman
- National Convention Delegation to elect a Delegation Chair and Standing Committee Members
- Delegation Chair to appoint National Convention pages

In order to accomplish this, NV Dems created a remote process for registration, credentialing, and voting.

Registration Period: May 15 - May 21

During this period, all delegates and alternates elected from the County Convention will be able to register for the State Convention. Delegates and alternates can register by completing an online registration form.

- Registration will open on **May 15 at 9:00 a.m.** and closes on **May 21 at 11:59 p.m.**
- A phone option for registration will be provided to any delegate that requested it during the County Convention process.
- Registrants will reconfirm the following information in order to successfully register:
 - First name, last name, date of birth, home address, email address, phone number, email, candidate preference and county of residence.
 - If the registrant early voted or participated on Caucus Day and at which location
 - How they want to vote during the State Convention: Online or By Phone

- That they are a registered Democrat and were elected a delegate or alternate at their County Convention
- Candidates for National Delegate must declare their intent to run by filling out the online form available on the NV Dems website by **May 29 at 10:00 a.m.** Declarations will not be accepted after that date and time.
 - All National Delegate candidates may submit a statement of why they are running with a maximum of 250 words and/or a video statement of 2 minutes or less. These will be posted on the NV Dems website by **June 1**. Captioned videos are requested for accessibility.
 - Any candidate that is eligible to run in multiple categories, must declare their intent in all categories by **May 29 at 10:00 a.m.**
 - Candidates are responsible for all travel and expenses to the Democratic National Convention. The Democratic National Convention is currently scheduled for the week of August 17th.
- All delegates and alternates will also be offered the opportunity to nominate themselves as a member of the State Central Committee during the registration process.

Confirmation/Credentialing Period: May 22 - 30

- The Credentials Committee appointed by the State Party Chair will confirm that all registered attendees are eligible for the State Convention. Eligible delegates and alternates will need to meet the following criteria:
 - Participated in the caucus either during early vote or on Caucus Day
 - Registered Democrat
 - Elected as a delegate or alternate from the County Convention
- NV Dems will notify all eligible participants of their delegate status by **June 3** by email.
- Each credentialed participant will be provided with a unique passphrase by email at the start of the voting process that will verify their identity during the online voting process.
- At the end of the credentialing period, alternates who register will be seated into available delegate spots in order of registration.

Voting Period: June 11 - June 13

- In order to accommodate an online election process, all voting will happen on google forms that are specific to each delegate. Forms will be emailed to all delegates.
- In order to ensure secure participation, the results of the voting process will be verified on a delegate level based on the matching of each unique passphrase.
 - Each credentialed participant will be provided with a unique passphrase at the start of the voting process that will verify their identity during the online voting process.
 - If an individual votes more than twice, their final vote will be recognized as their official vote and the previous votes will be removed from the final tally.
- The voting period for District Level delegates will occur starting **June 11 at 12:00 a.m.** and conclude on **June 12 at 5:00 p.m.**

- Voting for PLEO and At-large delegates and alternates will occur between **6:00 a.m** and **6:00 p.m.** on **June 13.**

Delegates will be able to find all information and resources pertaining to the convention process on the NV Dems website. This will include the delegate statements for individuals who are running for National Delegate. As part of the convention process, NV Dems is exploring a speaking program, including a keynote speaker, that would be livestreamed.

Additionally, all State Convention delegates will vote on the following items:

- Nevada’s Presidential Electors
 - These Electors will be voted on both at a Congressional District and statewide level.
- The State Party platform will be voted on as a yes or no vote at a statewide level. See below for more information regarding this process
- The election of State Central Committee members will take place at a county level.
 - This vote will happen by acclamation where possible. See below for more information regarding this process
- Delegates will vote for At-Large Members to the Executive Board based on their county with eight spots from Clark County, four from Washoe County and two that must be from the remaining rural counties.
 - All candidates must have filed their intent to run as an at-large member of the Executive Board by **May 29 at 10:00 a.m.**
 - Candidates for At-Large membership to the Executive Board will also have the ability to submit a written statement or video for consideration by delegates.

NV Dems will announce the election results and the delegates elected to the National Convention by **June 13 at 8:00 pm.** These results will be posted on NVDems.com.

- All delegates who have been elected to the National Convention will be expected to attend the National Convention Delegation proceedings the following day, **June 14 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Election results may be reviewed upon request by a candidate or their authorized representative for seven days after the conclusion of the voting process. Challenges to elections of Delegates to the National Convention shall be settled pursuant to the Nevada Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Challenges to all other elections shall be decided by the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Nevada State Democratic Party.

National Convention Delegate Proceedings: June 14

On **June 14 at 5:00 p.m.**, the elected National Convention Delegation will convene via video conference to conduct the election of the Delegation Chair and Standing Committee Members and the appointment of the Delegation Pages. All elected National Delegates will be expected to attend this meeting.

Revised rules and deadlines to note:

Quorum:

Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. This percentage shall be determined by the registrants to the State Convention.

Rules:

The Nevada State Democratic Party's Rules and By-laws Committee shall produce a draft of the rules that govern the State Convention, including the process for Executive Board elections and DNC National Committee member elections, to be voted on by the Executive Board no later than **May 11**.

Right of Review:

NV Dems will send presidential campaigns a list of all of their eligible delegates, by delegate type, who have declared their candidacy for the national convention for review. NV Dems shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 12:00 p.m., May 29, 2020, a list of all persons who have filed for district level delegate positions pledged to that presidential candidate. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by 12:00 p.m., May 30, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have been approved, provided that approval is given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for district level delegate. Upon the conclusion of the election of District Level Delegates, NV Dems will send presidential campaigns a list of all persons who have filed for PLEO and At-large delegate and alternate positions pledged to that presidential candidate by 7:00 p.m. on April 12, 2020. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by 9:00 p.m. on April 12, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have been approved, provided that approval is given to at least one (1) individual for each PLEO delegate and alternate and At-large delegate and alternate position to be selected.

Election of National Delegates and Alternates:

The election of delegates and alternates to the national convention will occur through a remote voting process using secure Google Forms. Delegate Intent Forms for National Delegate positions have been made available on the Nevada State Democratic Party website at <https://nvdems.com/2020-delegate-intent-form/>. Interested and eligible candidates must submit their Delegate Intent Form to the Nevada State Democratic Party by **May 29 at 10:00 a.m.**

Candidates who are eligible and would like to be considered in multiple delegate categories must indicate their intent for all categories by **May 29 at 10:00 a.m.**

Platform:

The Platform Committee, led by the Platform Committee Chair will write a draft platform to be made available on the NV Dems website by **May 11.**

- After the draft has been posted, the Platform Committee will begin accepting planks through an online submission form on **May 11.**
- The Platform Committee will advise and hold a series of platform hearings to discuss platform planks the week of **May 18.**
- Every plank will be reviewed by the Platform Committee. Committee members may endorse planks following their hearings. Each endorsed plank is then added to the platform based on majority vote of the committee members.
- A final draft of the platform will be submitted to the Chair of the Nevada State Democratic Party by the Platform Committee by **May 30.**
- To accommodate an online election, there will be no amendment process after the final draft has been submitted by the Platform Committee on **May 30th.**
- The platform will be voted on by all credentialed delegates during the State Convention using a secure remote voting form.
- The platform will be voted on as a yes or no vote at a statewide level by a simple majority vote.
- The platform will be hosted at nvdems.com.

State Central Committee & DNC Committee Members

The State Central Committee meeting that normally takes place during the State Convention will be held at a later date in-person, once it becomes possible to do so safely. Any meeting of the Executive Board that would normally take place in person will take place remotely or in person when it is safe to do so.

The Election for National Committeewoman and Committeeman will be held on **June 13.** Current State Central Committee members (2018-2020 term) will be sent a separate voting form to participate in this election. Candidates will be given the opportunity to post a 2 minute video and/or 250 word statement on the NV Dems website. All members of the State Central Committee will be sent a secure Google form along with an identifying passphrase that will be required to cast their vote. Phone voting will be an option for members who are unable to vote via Google form. All ballots will be sent on **June 13 at 6:00 am.** with the election process running until **June 13 at 6 p.m.** Election results will be posted on the NV Dems website by **June 13 at 8 p.m..**

The new State Central Committee will be elected on **June 13.** Any delegate or alternate registering to participate in the State Convention may nominate themselves to the State Central Committee during the registration process. Current members of the State Central Committee

who are not delegates or alternates to the State Convention will be afforded the opportunity to nominate themselves to a new, two year term. Current State Central Committee members will receive a form that allows them to submit their information for nomination from **May 15 - May 21**.

Each county's State Central Committee members will be elected by acclamation if the total number of nominations is less than or equal to the total number of spots allocated to the committee in that county.

- If a county's number of nominations exceeds the total number of members allocated to that county, an election by ballot shall be conducted.