

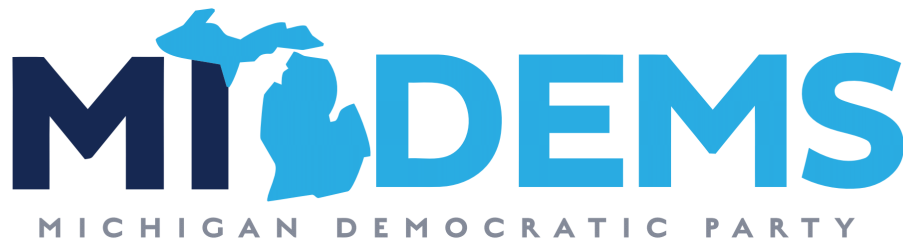


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CALL TO CONVENTION



2023 SPRING STATE CONVENTION



**Official Call to Convention
for the
Michigan Democratic Party's
2023 Spring State Convention**

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Huntington Place in Detroit, Michigan.

The Democratic Electors of the State of Michigan are hereby notified that by the direction of the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee, the 2023 Spring State Convention of the Michigan Democratic Party will be held at Huntington Place in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

At the 2023 Spring State Convention, Michigan Democrats will gather by congressional district to elect district officers and members to the State Central Committee. Members of MDP constituency group caucuses will meet and elect their leadership. On the Convention floor, Democrats will vote by congressional district to elect a Chair and two (2) Vice-Chairs of the State Central Committee.

All members of the Michigan Democratic Party are encouraged to attend the 2023 Spring State Convention. For those unable to travel, an online stream of the proceedings of the convention floor will be available at michigandems.com.

Dear Michigan Democrats,

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your hard work this election cycle. As we reflect on 2022, it's clear that every dollar donated and door knocked made an impact across the state. While Republicans worked to sow hate, Michigan Democrats came together and rejected their extremism.

We showed up in all 83 counties and together, we were able to re-elect Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, and Attorney General Dana Nessel to office. Our efforts made it possible for Democrats to flip BOTH chambers of the legislature with the House and Senate now under Democratic control for the first time in nearly four decades.

Our historic victories didn't happen overnight. These wins are the product of years of work and thousands of hours invested by Democrats across the state of Michigan. *Now is not the time to rest.* The power of a Democratic trifecta in Michigan is going to be unstoppable. We must work together to put our great state on a path to an even better and brighter future.

As we come together in Detroit for the MDP Convention, there will be plenty to celebrate. But, we will also be turning our attention to the next cycle. We must begin setting the groundwork for 2024. Michigan will be a battleground state during the next presidential election.

Our February Convention is a time to come together under new congressional district lines. This fall, we elected seven Democrats to Congress. They'll need our support over the next two years. At the Convention we'll be electing new district committees and congressional district leadership. We'll also be electing party leadership and members to serve on the Democratic State Central Committee.

I'm asking you to keep working and stay involved. If you haven't held a party office before, now is a great time to step in. Michigan has a new landscape and I want you to find your place under this big blue tent.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lavora Barnes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lavora" being more prominent than the last name "Barnes".

Lavora Barnes
Chair, Michigan Democratic Party

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An Overview of the 2023 Spring State Convention Timeline

Saturday, December 3

The Michigan Democratic State Central Committee approves the Call to Convention.

Tuesday, December 13

The Michigan Democratic Party emails the Call to Convention to all members. This Call will also be available online at michigandems.com.

Thursday, January 12

Membership Deadline to be eligible to vote at the 2023 Spring State Convention.

**Does not apply to Precinct Delegates, Democratic Nominees, or Democratic Elected Officials.*

Thursday, January 12

Deadline for candidates seeking high level office at the MDP to file their candidacy.

High level office includes Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Democratic State Central Committee as well as Chair and Vice-Chair of a Congressional District.

Sunday, January 15

Deadline for MDP chartered constituency caucuses to request a meeting room and time at the Convention.

Saturday, January 28

Deadline to hold County and District Conventions.

Sunday, January 29 by 7 PM

Deadline for County and District Convention Chairs to submit resolutions and committee members to the MDP.

Tuesday, January 31 at 6 PM

Convention Rules Committee meets virtually to consider rules for the Convention.

Wednesday, February 1 at 6 PM

Convention Resolution Committee meets virtually.

Friday, February 3 at 9 AM

Credentialing Window Opens for the 2023 State Convention.

Saturday, February 4 at 1:00 PM

Convention Credentials Committee meets virtually.

Sunday, February 5; Wednesday, February 8

MDP offers virtual trainings on credentialing process.

Monday, February 6 - Thursday, February 9

Candidate signature petition window.

Saturday, February 11 at 2 PM

Credentialing window closes.

Saturday, February 11

Spring State Convention held in Detroit, Michigan.

I. 2023 Spring State Convention

The Michigan Democratic Party will hold its Spring 2023 Convention at Huntington Place in Detroit on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The Convention will be live-streamed at michigandems.com.

A. Schedule for Saturday, February 11, 2023

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Constituency Caucus Meetings
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Constituency Caucus Meetings
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Afternoon Congressional District Caucus Meetings
3:00 PM - Adjournment	Convention Business

Beginning at 3:00 PM, the Convention shall convene for the purposes of:

1. Hearing a report on the number of Delegates
2. Hearing and voting on the report of the Rules Committee
3. Electing a Convention Chair
4. Selecting Convention Officers
5. Adopting Resolutions
6. Electing the Chair of the State Central Committee
7. Electing two (2) Vice-Chairs of the State Central Committee each of a different gender and race
8. Conducting any other business which is proper and necessary.

The Convention is scheduled to adjourn on Saturday by 5:00 PM.

The time of adjournment is tentative and subject to change.

C. Constituency Caucus Meetings

Chartered constituency group caucuses may meet on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Huntington Place at either 9 AM or 10:30 AM. These groups shall meet for such purposes as shall be proper and necessary. Many Constituency Caucuses plan to hold leadership elections in accordance with their bylaws. In order to obtain a room and meeting time, groups must contact Director of Party Affairs, Emily Boyer at eboyer@michigandems.com **no later than Sunday, January 15, 2023**. *Caucuses who fail to meet these requirements may be denied a room or time slot at Convention.*

D. Congressional District Caucus Meetings

The delegates from each Congressional District will meet in caucus under the new 13 congressional district map on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Huntington Place for such purposes as shall be proper and necessary. The Caucuses shall adjourn by 2:30 PM.

The 2022 Democratic nominee for Congress (or their designee) shall serve as the temporary chair and shall convene and preside over the District Caucus at the State convention until a permanent caucus chair is elected.

In the event that the Democratic nominee or their designee is not present at the caucus at the hour for which it is called, their place as

District	Meeting Room
1st	142 A
2nd	142 B
3rd	142 C
4th	140 A
5th	140 B
6th	140 C
7th	140 D
8th	140 E
9th	140 F
10th	141
11th	250 A
12th	251 A
13th	252 A

temporary chairperson shall be filled by the county chair from the county in the district having the largest number of votes in the 2022 general election for Secretary of State.

The District Caucus shall elect as required under rule 5.1.1 of the MDP bylaws, a District Chair, Vice-Chair (of another gender from the Chair), Secretary, Treasurer and at least fifteen (15) members of the District Committee, all who serve for two (2) year terms or until their successors are duly elected using a voting method as outlined in the Rules for Voting and Elections in the Michigan Democratic Party.

The District Caucus shall elect its allocated number of members and alternates to the State Central Committee for two (2) year terms using a voting method as outlined in the Rules for Voting and Election in the Michigan Democratic Party and according to the following allocation which is based on the November 8, 2022 vote count for Secretary of State in accordance with rule 6.1 of the MDP bylaws.

2023-2024 Democratic State Central Committee Allocation

District	Members	Male/Female	Alternates	Male/Female
1st	12	6/6	12	6/6
2nd	10	5/5	10	5/5
3rd	14	7/7	14	7/7
4th	12	6/6	12	6/6
5th	10	5/5	10	5/5
6th	18	9/9	18	9/9
7th	14	7/7	14	7/7
8th	13	7/6	13	6/7
9th	11	5/6	11	6/5
10th	13	7/6	13	6/7
11th	17	8/9	17	9/8
12th	15	8/7	15	7/8
13th	13	6/7	13	7/6
Total	172	86/86	172	86/86

II. Voting Privileges at the State Convention

All delegates to the Spring State Convention must be registered and qualified electors of the State of Michigan. To be eligible to become credentialed and vote at the State Convention, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to February 11, 2023, which is January 12, 2023.

To be eligible to vote during a Constituency Caucus meeting or Congressional District Caucus, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to February 11, 2023, which is January 12, 2023.

**According to rule 3.2.2 of the MDP bylaws, the thirty (30) day rule does not apply to Precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials, or Democratic nominees to partisan office. Instead, precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials and Democratic nominees to partisan office may become members of the Michigan Democratic Party at any point prior and until February 11, 2023 when they register at the State Convention.*

A. Membership Deadline

1. Online membership applications are available [here](#). To meet the deadline to be eligible to vote, an online contribution toward a membership or a free membership application must be submitted by 11:59 PM on January 12, 2023.
2. Printable membership applications are available [here](#). To meet the deadline to be eligible to vote, a hard copy of a membership application must be either: hand-delivered to Hart-Kennedy House by 5 PM on January 12, 2023 or mailed to Hart-Kennedy House, and postmarked no later than January 12, 2023.

Michigan Democratic Party
Hart-Kennedy House
606 Townsend
Lansing, MI. 48933

3. Persons whose memberships are current as of January 12, 2023 but expire before February 11, 2023 are eligible to become credentialed and vote if they renew on or before February 11, 2023.

B. Credentials for the Spring State Convention

To be eligible to vote at the State Convention, a person must satisfy the membership requirements listed above. That member must also become successfully credentialed through the VOATZ electronic voting system in order to sign candidate petitions and vote at the State Convention.

The credentialing window opens for the Spring State Convention at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 3, 2023. All eligible members will receive instructions from VOATZ via their email on file with the Michigan Democratic Party about how to download the VOATZ app for phone or tablet and become credentialed. VOATZ will email follow up reminders in the week leading up to the State Convention. The credentialing window will close at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

MDP Staff will offer virtual training via zoom [\[sign up\]](#) on how to become credentialed on the evenings of Sunday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

III. County and District Conventions prior to the Spring State Convention

County Conventions shall be held in all counties within the 1st through 5th and 7th through 11th Districts under Michigan's 13 Congressional District map. In those counties comprising more than one Congressional District, each portion of the county within one Congressional District shall be considered a "county" and shall hold a convention.

District Conventions shall be held in the 6th, 12th, and 13th Districts under Michigan's 13 Congressional District map.

A. Date, Time, and Place

All County and District Conventions across Michigan shall be held on or before Saturday, January 28, 2023. Each convention shall convene at the time and hour designated in the local Call issued by each County or District Committee.

The calls to County and District Conventions shall be issued to the delegates not less than fifteen (15) days before the Convention is held. If a County or District Convention is held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, then a call to convention must be issued by Friday, January 13, 2023.

B. Purpose

The purpose of the County and District Conventions shall be to elect members and alternates to the State Convention Committees and to consider resolutions to be forwarded to the State Party.

Each Congressional District shall be entitled to two delegates (one male and one female or not of the same gender identity) and two alternates (one male and one female or not of the same gender identity) on each of the following convention committees: Rules, Resolutions, and Credentials.

In order to be elected to a Convention Committee, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to February 11, 2023, which is January 12, 2023.

Committee members shall be apportioned among the various Counties of each District. Care should be taken to ensure that the delegates and alternates in each district are balanced by gender.

The Chair of the County Conventions in the 1st through 5th and 7th through 11th Districts and the Chair of the District Conventions in the 6th, 12th, and 13th Districts are responsible for approving appointments to Convention Committees and forwarding such appointments' names, emails and other contact information to the Michigan Democratic Party no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

C. County and District Convention Delegates

Delegates to County and District Conventions shall be the Precinct Delegates who were duly elected at the Primary Election held August 2, 2022, the Democratic nominees for County and Legislative office as set forth in section 3.2.2 of the MDP bylaws, and members of the Michigan Democratic Party whose membership was renewed at least thirty (30) days prior to the County or District Convention which if held on January 28, 2023, would be December 29, 2022.

** Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials and Democratic nominees to partisan offices residing in the corresponding County or District may become members that day when they register at the County and District Conventions.*

IV. State Convention Committees

A. Rules

Members of the Convention's Rules Committee shall meet virtually to consider rules for the State Convention and to receive training in those rules and on proportional voting. The Committee will approve the final version of the rules that will oversee all business at the State Convention. Members of the Rules Committee are not required to attend the State Convention.

Rules Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Virtual, via Zoom.

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Rules Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email address submitted by their Convention Chair to the MDP.

B. Resolutions

Members of the Convention's Resolutions Committee shall meet to consider resolutions approved at County and District Conventions and submitted for statewide consideration.

The Resolutions Committee will discuss, edit, and vote on a number of resolutions with the ultimate goal of creating a packet of resolutions that will go before the entire membership at the Convention for a vote. Members of the Resolutions Committee are not required to attend the State Convention.

Resolutions Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Virtual, via Zoom.

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Resolutions Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email address provided by their Convention Chair to the MDP.

*If work is not completed by the scheduled time of adjournment,
the Resolutions Committee shall reconvene on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM.*

C. Credentials

Members of the Convention's Credentials Committee shall meet to discuss and receive training on the credentialing process for the State Convention. Members of the Credentials Committee are encouraged to help Democrats in their County and Congressional District become credentialed.

Additionally, members are invited to provide credentialing support at the State Convention on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Members of the Credentials Committee are asked to attend the Convention and assist with the credentialing process, which requires a comfortability with technology.

Credentials Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2023

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Virtual, via Zoom

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Credentials Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email contact provided by their Convention Chair to the MDP.

D. Voting Privileges

In order to vote at these committee meetings, delegates and alternates of these committees must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days before the convention committee meeting.

V. Notice of State Convention

This Call shall be emailed to all Democrats who are Federal and State Elected Officials as well as the District, County, Club, and Caucus Chairs on or before December 13, 2022.

Notice of the State Convention shall also be given to Michigan Democratic Party members via email, and the Call will be posted online at michigandems.com.

VI. Candidates Seeking Election

Candidates seeking a high level office at the State Convention which includes Chair (1 position) and Vice-Chair (2 positions) of the Democratic State Central Committee as well as Chair and Vice-Chair of a Congressional District shall be required to complete [this form](#) in order to file their candidacy with the Michigan Democratic Party. Candidates must complete the form **no later than January 12, 2023**, which is thirty (30) days prior to the February 11, 2023 State Convention. The form will also be provided on the party's website at michigandems.com. Failure to file timely will result in a candidate's disqualification.

Declared candidates seeking election for Chair (1 position available) or Vice-Chair (2 positions available) of the Democratic State Central Committee shall be eligible for consideration at the State Convention if they gather a number of signatures equal to ten percent (10%) of the statewide delegate vote or 493 signatures.

All nominating signatures will be gathered electronically from credentialed delegates through the VOATZ electronic voting system between Monday, February 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM and Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 11:59 PM. Candidates for Chair or Vice-Chair of a Congressional District are not required to gather signatures.

VII. Voting

All eligible members of the Michigan Democratic Party who become successfully credentialed through the VOATZ electronic voting system are eligible to vote at the State Convention.

Voting on the Convention floor shall be by voice vote or unanimous consent or, when prescribed in the Convention Rules, by an electronic ballot using the VOATZ electronic voting system. If only one person is nominated for a position, the candidate may be elected by unanimous consent.

In the event of a contested election, electronic ballots shall be available through the VOATZ electronic voting system to all credentialed delegates as outlined in the Convention Rules. Credentialed delegates in attendance may cast a ballot through personal device (smartphone or tablet) or with tablets provided in the Convention Hall. Credentialed delegates not in attendance may cast a ballot in a contested election through VOATZ using their personal device (smartphone or tablet).

VIII. Proportional Voting System

A proportional voting system (by County or by fraction of County in multi-county Districts) shall be used in County and District Conventions and Caucuses and on the floor of the State Convention. The system used shall be in accordance with the State Party Directive on Proportional Voting.

IX. Eligibility and Allocation of State Convention Delegates and Alternates

In order to vote at the State Convention, a person must satisfy the membership requirements and become properly credentialed as outlined in this Call.

A. Allocation

There shall be one State Convention vote for each 500 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State in 2022 provided that no fraction of a County within a Congressional District shall be without a minimum of one vote.

District Delegates:

1	Alcona	4
	Alger	4
	Alpena	11
	Antrim	12
	Arenac	6
	Baraga	3
	Benzie	11
	Charlevoix	13
	Cheboygan	10
	Chippewa	13
	Crawford	5
	Delta	14
	Dickinson	9
	Emmet	18
	Gogebic	6
	Grand Traverse	54
	Houghton	14
	Iosco	11
	Iron	5
	Kalkaska	6
	Keweenaw	2
	Leelanau	17
	Luce	2
	Mackinac	5
	Marquette	37
	Menominee	7
	Missaukee	4
	Montmorency	3
	Ogemaw	7
	Ontonagon	2
	Oscoda	3
	Ostego	9
	Presque Isle	6
	Roscommon	10
	Schoolcraft	3
	Wexford (part)	1

District Delegates:

2	Barry	24
	Clare	10
	Eaton (part)	1
	Gladwin	9
	Gratiot	13
	Ionia	23
	Isabella	25
	Kent (part)	42
	Lake	4
	Manistee	12
	Mason	13
	Mecosta	14
	Midland (part)	3
	Montcalm	20
	Muskegon (part)	31
	Newaygo	16
	Oceana	10
	Osceola	6
	Ottawa (part)	1
	Wexford (part)	10

District Delegates:

3	Kent (part)	291
	Muskegon (part)	51
	Ottawa (part)	48

District Delegates:

4	Allegan	48
	Berrien (part)	23
	Calhoun (part)	32
	Kalamazoo (part)	138
	Ottawa (part)	74
	Van Buren	31

District Delegates:

5	Berrien (part)	35
	Branch	12
	Calhoun (part)	18
	Cass	14
	Hillsdale	11
	Jackson	58
	Kalamazoo (part)	8
	Lenawee	36
	Monroe	61
	St. Joseph	17

District Delegates:

6	Monroe (part)	1
	Oakland (part)	34
	Washtenaw	273
	Wayne (part)	197

District Delegates:

7	Clinton	41
	Eaton (part)	56
	Genesee (part)	1
	Ingham	163
	Livingston	98
	Oakland (part)	23
	Shiawassee	30

District Delegates:

8	Bay	51
	Genesee (part)	203
	Midland (part)	36
	Saginaw	89
	Tuscola (part)	1

District Delegates:

9	Huron	11
	Lapeer	33
	Macomb (part)	87
	Oakland (part)	103
	Sanilac	13
	St. Clair	64
	Tuscola (part)	17

District Delegates:

10	Macomb (part)	327
	Oakland (part)	51

District Delegates:

11	Oakland (part)	488
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District Delegates:

12	Oakland (part)	81
	Wayne (part)	351

District Delegates:

13	Wayne (part)	372
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Total Delegates **4,935**
Statewide: