



## **IDP State Convention FAQ**

### **1. Who can participate in the Convention**

Delegates who were elected at their County Conventions make up the State Convention. Alternates who were elected at their County Conventions can be seated in place of missing delegates, in accordance with the Rules of the Convention.

### **2. I'm an elected delegate, but I can't attend. What do I do?**

If you know that you cannot attend the convention, you may assign your credentials over to an elected delegate using the Designated Alternate Form (this form will be mailed to you the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>).

### **3. Okay, so I want to assign my credential using the Designated Alternate Form...how do I find an alternate?**

First, you can only sign your credential over to an alternate who was elected as an alternate at the County Convention. If you need help finding an alternate, contact your county chair.

### **4. I'm an elected alternate; do I need to show up?**

Yes! Although we cannot guarantee you will be seated, it is important that you show up in the morning in case you are needed. The Credentials Committee will provide direction about getting seated that morning. If you end up not getting seated, you are still able to observe the entirety of the convention.

### **5. What do I need to do before Convention to be prepared?**

First, make sure you have received your official Call to Convention. If you're a delegate, it will be mailed to you the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>. If you're an alternate, your notification of convention will be emailed to you on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you did NOT receive a call or notification, contact State Convention Help at [stateconvention@iowademocrats.org](mailto:stateconvention@iowademocrats.org)



Next, check out the State Convention website – [theconventions.org](https://theconventions.org). This website will be updated regularly. On June 11<sup>th</sup> you will be able to download and read the Call Booklet. This book will contain the rules for the convention, the Constitutional amendments up for discussion, and the proposed platform.

## **6. What happens at the convention?**

You mean besides Iowa Democrats from across the state coming together to strengthen our party, share best practices, and get energized for the 2022 elections!? There are a few key items of business:

- Discuss and vote on amendments to the IDP Constitution
- Discuss and adopt the 2022-2024 IDP Platform
- Elect the State Affirmative Action Chair
- Ratify the Governor's nominee for Lieutenant Governor

## **7. What ELSE happens at the convention?**

I'm glad you asked! This year's convention will feature an exciting slate of Democratic candidates running to represent Iowa at the local, state, and federal level.

It will also feature a Youth Convention for young Democrats aged 13-18. And there will be opportunities to meet with the State Central Committee, learn about the IDP's Strategic Plan, and hear from some of the IDP's amazing partners in progress.

## **8. Tell me more about this Youth Convention.**

Young Democrats who are at least 13 years old and won't yet be 18 by November 8, 2022, can participate in the Youth Convention. At this Convention, the Youth Delegates will develop a platform, create recommendations for the Party for engaging youth, and will conduct other business that they deem necessary.

Any young people who wish to attend should register at this link:

<https://bit.ly/2022YouthConvention>