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Dear 4th District Republican Central Committees,

This is the quarterly update from your State Central Committee (SCC) Members for the 4th Congressional District. The Republican Party of Iowa SCC met on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Republican Party of Iowa HQ in Des Moines.

Kevin Brown - 4th District SCC member, Kevin Brown, stepping down from the SCC. Kevin and his family are moving to Tanzania, Africa to further their ministry work. We are thankful for the time Kevin has been with us and wish him and his family well in this new venture in service to God. An article can be found here: [Siouxland couple relocates to Tanzania to further their ministry work \(siouxlandproud.com\)](https://siouxlandproud.com)

Watch for a letter soon from Chair Kaufmann and DEC Chair, Larry Sailer, regarding the need to find someone in the 4th district to take the newly vacated seat.

Important dates:

7/8/2023 – Next SCC meeting in Des Moines

9/9/2023 – 4th District Tailgate at Story County Fairgrounds

For the most up to date calendar of GOP events click: [Iowa GOP Events \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

(To make corrections, contact Pedro@iowagop.org)

Got a question for RPI? Your 4th District State Central Committee members are happy to assist. Pedro Calderon is handling the 4th district on a daily basis for the time being. He can be reached at pedro@iowagop.org.

Chair – Jeff Kaufmann,

Co-Chair – Linda Upmeyer,

Treasurer – David Barker,

Secretary – Michelle Crawford.

Meeting notes:

Iowa Federation of Republican Women: is as active as ever but were not able to send a representative or prepare an official report because they were actually having their spring conference today with guest speaker Mike Pence and Vivek Ramaswamy.

College Republicans: Chapters now at UNI, Iowa, Drake, Dordt, Loras, Iowa State, Saint Ambrose, Wartburg and Morningside colleges.

1000+ conservatives were on the U of I campus this past week for Matt Walsh for a great event, but of course there were a large amount of protesters there as well – along with several groups that had counter-events to draw people away and they all cooperated to try deterring attendees from getting to the event. The IFCR worked with the U of I chapter to ensure a successful evening, despite the protesters.

The IFCR is closing out their year with great updates – like going from 3 chapters to 10 chapters, recurring attendance at SCC meetings, cleaning up messes from the past with new bank accounts,

registration with the State of Iowa, and numerous events hosted throughout the year. Their entire new leadership team was in attendance for our meeting to introduce themselves and get us familiar with how to connect with them.

Young Republicans: Hosted this year's legislative reception, held various training opportunities, and plan on attending the national YR convention. They intend to submit a bid that will bring the next convention to Iowa this fall. Pedro Calderon is Secretary pedro@iowagop.org.

Organization Committee: Has been fully engaged with planning for the caucus-to-convention process. They presented 3 changes to the by-laws mostly in regard to how we nominate National Delegates and elect members to the State Central Committee – more specifically the declaration of candidacy forms for each one. There will be additional updates to our governing documents as time goes on. Some convention dates have been selected to be voted on at the next meeting along with how meals/refreshments will be handled at convention and how the standing committee meetings will be held ahead of time. They're also working alongside the Communications Committee on how to best disseminate contact information of our county leadership.

Communications Committee: shared the continued concern that our contact lists are not shared amongst county party chairs due to privacy issues. The SCC voted a couple of years ago to not publish county contact information.

The current thought is to use a confidentiality/non-disclosure agreement that the chairs will sign as part of the onboarding process upon their election when they submit info from the county elections to RPI staff that will bind them to not sharing the contact information they receive of each county's contact person. We would just need to decide how to put teeth into the agreement process so that people can be reprimanded if they are in breach of such an agreement. More work will be done between this committee and the Org committee before the next SCC meeting in hopes of presenting something to formally vote on.

Campaign Committee: There was an extensive evaluation on the judicial branch done by a sub-committee of the Campaign Committee that deals with legislative work and that report was shared with the full State Central Committee as it relates to how we campaign for candidates that can affect this process. They also updated on Build the Bench and that they are trying to schedule the next one – as well as a seminar to the legislators on some of the down-ballot research that has been done by this committee.

NationBuilder: (You should have received an email from Zach Hoffman on May 17th explaining how you can go forward with use of Nation Builder). This has been a tremendous investment by the state party, on behalf of all 99 counties, but most are not actively using it. This investment is not limited to the money spent out front each month to provide the service to each county – it also includes tons of staff time spent with onboarding, training, etc. (1 FT person doing 2 workshops per week for a year) and we have reached the point where we are overspending annually and as we approach our contract renewal date there was an option put forth to scale it back to bring RPI under their own contract and work with each "sub-nation" to transition out or stay with NationBuilder and accept the costs of doing so. More information on this topic and process is available by contacting RPI staff.

District reports:

District 1 – hosted a DEC meeting with new officers elected

District 2 – will host their DEC elections in the coming month. Their main concern was regarding how to garner support from RPI (or others) on how to get national speakers to attend events throughout the district. There appears to be a massive surge in attendance at county party meetings as well as district meetings and they'd like to couple this with the work that the State Party does in relation to hosting events.

District 3 – has been completely rejuvenated and there has been tons of energy going into the 3rd through Nunn's campaign and victory. Much of their work has been in uniting the larger counties with the smaller counties in terms of communications.

District 4 – held DEC elections. One county's lapse in reporting to the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board has been cleared up through a joint effort of SCC, RPI and DEC members. New officers have been elected and once they establish the organization with the Secretary of State and set up bank accounts, they should be back in business. The effort to correct the issue was not insignificant. Ensuring the Treasurer stays up to date with reporting is the best path forward for all.

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