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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, November 11, 2023, at the Republican Party of Iowa HQ in Des Moines.

Check your DR1 form with the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board. When there is a change in your treasurer or chairman, a county must file a new DR1. This link <https://webapp.iecdb.iowa.gov/publicReports/statement-of-organization-and-dissolution-reports> will take you to a list of statements of organization. In the upper right, type in "county Republican Central" and click the magnifying glass. That will filter to a list of 97 counties current DR1 forms (Pottawattamie is not included because they abbreviated "County" to "cnty."). Find your county in the list and click "View" on the right. Verify the treasurer and chairman are up to date. If your data is incorrect, call Jason Hacker at IECDDB 515-281-4411 and ask for assistance in filing an updated DR1. Jason and the team there are friendly and helpful.

Important dates:

1/15/2024 – Caucus

2/10/2024 – State Central Committee meeting at RPI HQ in Des Moines

2/17/2024 – County Conventions

4/6/2024 – District Convention – Location TBD

5/4/2024 – State Convention – Horizons Event Center

6/4/2024 – Primary Voting

7/15-7/18/2024 – Republican National Convention – Milwaukee, WI

11/5/2024 – General Election

For the most up to date calendar of GOP events click: [Iowa GOP Events \(google.com\)](#)
(To make corrections, contact kush@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: First Vice-President Michelle Crawford shared that 13 delegates journeyed to the Oklahoma City Convention. A slate of new officials had been put forth who wanted to add men who were transitioning to women to the organization. That slate was defeated and replaced with members from the floor. 600 members attended the Des Moines Biennial Conference in October.

Iowa Federation of College Republicans: President Dylan Engelbrecht outlined activities and internships several members have taken on with Presidential campaigns. The fear of reprisal from professors is real. Work is under way to recruit at community colleges. Fund raising will become a priority after Caucus. During Homecoming at the University of Iowa, the College Republicans float was mysteriously absent from the lineup requiring intervention from state officials to get them back in the parade. If you know students at any college campus, encourage them to stand up for what they believe in and join the College Republicans.

Iowa Federation of Young Republicans: President Mary Weston shared that their membership has doubled in size. The SCC voted to donate \$2,500 towards the Young Republicans for National Convention. Pedro Calderon is Secretary pedro@iowagop.org.

Caucus Update: State Political Director, Zach Hoffman noted 65 days to Caucus (as of November 11). 96 of 99 counties had all of their caucus locations established. Winnishiek, Blackhawk and Linn Counties are still in process. Linn has only 1 location remaining. There are 1,659 precincts. 1,651 are set. In 2016, the “Super site” location in Linn County was pretty much a disaster. We do not want that to recur in 2024. Five staff members are assigned to geographical locations to assist counties in training.

Iowa Caucuses are the most transparent voting mechanism anywhere. Counting ballots in front of voters with witnesses and announcing the results at the caucus is very important. Some have suggested counting off site. Do not do this.

Same day registration at the caucus site is in the RPI Constitution and cannot be easily changed. The Secretary of State and county auditors have been cleaning off the voter files of deceased and persons who have moved among other reasons. Since the beginning of 2023, some 420,000 voters have been removed bringing the tally of active voters down from 1,908,969 to 1,490,461 (as of November 1). While this is a good thing, you can expect numerous voters at caucus who believe they are registered to vote. Have a good supply of voter registration forms on hand for them to fill out.

District locations must be determined by the County Convention date 2/17/24. Horizons Event Center has been selected to host the state convention.

Resolution supporting Israel: The State Central Committee adopted a resolution confirming our support for Israel and their right to defend themselves.

District Executive Committees: Pete Rogers from the 3rd DEC was on hand and inquired about reports from the DECs at SCC meetings. At typical SCC meetings, an SCC member from each district provides a 3-minute report on what is happening across the district. The body voted to have those reports replaced with reports from the DEC chair or designate. In the event a DEC representative is not available, an SCC representative will provide that update.

Campaign Committee: Voter registration clean up was discussed (see more under Caucus Update above). The committee is requesting the House Majority Fund and Senate Majority Fund personnel present to our committee at the next meeting in February.

The idea of “Rank Choice voting” is being heard. States like Alaska where it is in practice it has not gone well.

New Hampshire’s Presidential Primary ballot will include 24 Republicans and 21 Democrats (but no Joe Biden). If you can sign your name and pay \$1,000, you can be on the New Hampshire ballot. That’s what “Paperboy Love Prince,” and “Vermin Supreme,” both Democrats, did. The Secretary of State has still not established a primary date in New Hampshire.

Organization Committee: The caucus is 1/15/2024, 7:00 P.M. Pamphlets have been printed for a County Chair’s Guide to Organizing the Iowa Caucuses and the Precinct Chair’s Guide to Organizing the Iowa Caucuses. The Chair’s Guide details, by county, the number of delegates to the District and State Conventions. The number of delegates is based on the number of votes for Governor Reynolds in 2022. No fewer than 4 delegates from each county.

A minor change was made to the bylaws to clarify that SCC members who are precluded from endorsing a particular candidate in the run up to the Caucuses, may support a candidate after the Caucuses.

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