



Delaware County Democratic Party News

Message from the Chair

No matter when the primary is or what districts we end up with, there **will** be elections this year, and we do have candidates to support. This is the time to make plans for the primary, whether it happens all at once on May 3, at a later date, or in stages.

Join College Democrats!

Call to action from Sophia Gibson:

Looking for any and all OWU students interested to join OWU's College Democrats! OWU College Dems are starting up again this semester and we're looking for new members to join. Fill out the [interest form](#) to become engaged!



Focus on supporting candidates

Thank you to our candidates for county and state legislative offices, and to all who turned in petitions for Central Committee positions. The Candidate Support Committee will be interviewing our County Candidates this month, and they are providing lots of support to these brave new people.

The Ohio Democratic Party's free training program, Main Street Initiative 2022, is launching the 2022 program in collaboration with LEAD Ohio. This is for current AND FUTURE Democratic candidates, as well as those running for re/election in 2022 or 2023. You can learn more about the program and register at this [link](#)

Training will take place over Zoom on weeknights and on weekends. Topics covered include fundraising, media, digital, voter engagement, messaging, ODP resources, and more. The first half day trainings are scheduled for April 2 and April 9, and the deadline to apply is March 18. We are working to support our candidates not just in this current cycle, but into the future!

Regional Groups

Regional meetings in March give an opportunity to meet our new candidates, prepare and plan to mobilize our voters and support them. Voter registration for the Primary ends on April 4, and Early Voting starts April 5. Encourage your neighbors to request Absentee Ballots NOW! The next Regional Meeting is March 22, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, at the Delaware Township Hall, 2590 Liberty Road, Delaware. Come join us for pizza and socializing!

Anti-Racism Committee

Update from Jenny Yoder & Sarah Narayana:

The 21 day *Stand Against Racism* Challenge begins April 4th! Complete a 5-15 minute activity daily and join us for 2 learning circle discussions. Sign up [here](#) to receive more information.

Questions or want to join our committee? Email antiracism@ohiodeladems.org

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Update from John Schmarr:

The committee has continued its work and expects to have a final version ready for the Executive Committee to vote on at the April 21 meeting. Each Executive Committee member will receive a copy to review via email on or about April 11. You also will receive a hard copy in the U.S. mail unless the emailed version (a .pdf file) is sufficient for you and you "opt out" of getting a mailed version (which will save money for the Party). The link to opt out will be in the email. Anyone who wants to see a copy sooner than April 11 should contact me (schmajo@aol.com) and I will email you a copy, with the understanding that it might change before April.

Events Committee

Update from Holly Hanson, 2nd Vice Chair:

As the weather warms up and Covid case numbers go down, we will be able to get out into the community to show our support for candidates.

Join us on April 30th: Meet and Greet and GOTV for the Primary! We need volunteers and attendees! Little Bear Golf Club, Lewis Center. 10am - 1 pm.

We are also gearing up for our Delaware First Fridays. Sign up to help at our events [here!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

We're looking for a Party Secretary. One of five Party Officers, the Secretary plays an important role in addition to recording minutes of our meetings and writing them up. We are required to provide certain official notices to the public and report to the Secretary of State who our Officers are, including all those on our Executive Committee. If you would like to have a test run, volunteer to take minutes and write them up for our April meeting. This officer position will be voted on during our reorganization meeting that happens shortly after the Primary. If two people would like to share this responsibility, that is also an option.

Next, our communications coordinates and manages what goes out to our members and friends, as well as messages that come in from members, friends, the press, and the general public. Our communication channels include our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#), this newsletter, and email. We promote DCDP and progressive values, pass along news items, and always try to maintain a positive presence on social media. Right now, we need a volunteer to handle our Instagram account. If you're interested, contact us at communications@ohiodeladems.org.

Lastly, is our Data position. This is a never-ending job that includes accounting for who is a supporting member, who is a member of the Executive Committee, who is a precinct rep, and

who subscribes to party emails. We also keep track of the street addresses of our email subscribers, so that we can target emails geographically when we need to.

Paid Staff

Many 2022 candidates are hiring paid staff, and you can contact them using information on our [party website](#). The Ohio Democratic Party is also still hiring additional staff to work throughout the state, jobs are on [their website](#). Locally, the Delaware County [Board of Elections](#) is hiring poll workers and seasonal office staff, and has special opportunities for attorneys and social workers as well.

Our Goals



Energize Local Democrats

Just knowing you are not the only Democrat in your city, township, or neighborhood makes a difference. As we bring local Democrats together in Delaware County, we find new energy for all of us.



Get Democrats Elected

We need candidates and many volunteers to support our candidates. Explore what role you can play to help get more Democrats elected in Delaware County.



Challenge Single Party Rule

Republican candidates often run without opposition in our county, but this is changing. Every candidate who runs helps to build our party's strength and influence in county government.



Join us!

Membership to our county party is more than just a word. We are a community of like-minded Democrats passionate about bringing change to our community. [Read more here](#) about how to become a member if you aren't one yet. We'd love to have you!



Get Involved

There are many opportunities to get involved! Our party meets once a month to discuss our priorities and organize to meet our goals. There are also candidate events, precinct and regional organizing and community events. Sign up to get connected [here](#) and be sure to keep reading this newsletter for updates.



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