

2nd Quarter 2026 Newsletter

State Central Committee Meeting & 2nd District Update

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Election of new Secretary – the prior term’s secretary did not run for re-election creating an opening for secretary. Jayne Uelner from the 2nd District was nominated and elected.

Chair & Co-chair report

Chairman Jeff Kaufmann went over committee assignments and discussed the responsibilities of each.

Co-Chair Linda Upmeyer said the turnout at the Governor’s Legacy Tour in Clear Lake was fantastic. Legislative leaders were there to talk about working with the Governor. Upmeyer says the event was a great financial success.

Auxiliary Reports:

Iowa Federation of Young Republicans

Jacob Heithusen reported that June 27th is the IFYR State Convention. The Hoover Dinner will be held August 1st. They are also planning a national deployment for the weekend of September 26th in support of Hinson, Lahn, and Miller Meeks.

Iowa Federation of Republican Women

Denise Bubeck said there are two new clubs that have been chartered this year and one of them is a virtual one. On June 19th, members gathered on the lawn of six county courthouses and read the Declaration of Independence.

Committees:

Organization Committee:

The committee is proposing to create job descriptions for committee chairs to clarify responsibilities/expectations for State Convention. A team will also be formed to review the tabloid for errors prior to publication. The rule violation regarding same day Platform planks will be addressed.

The Constitutional amendment that passed at the State Convention that reads:

Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa is hereby amended as follows: “The District Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair and one co-chair of each county in the Congressional District elected by the County Central Committee.”

Because this change affects all the DEC Executive Committees (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary) some DEC’s asked for guidance on how they can make a seamless transition. After some

discussion, the SCC unanimously voted to appoint a subcommittee of 3 to 5 members of the SCC to provide VOLUNTARY guidance for implementation.

Campaign Committee

Reviewed which seats were at risk this election and which ones we might be able to flip red.

Strategic Outreach Committee

An event for Young Republicans in conjunction with TP and TPUSA was proposed for the fall. It's an opportunity to network and help strong foundations that will help keep our younger groups resilient as the party faces the future. More to come on this.

Faith Outreach Committee

The inaugural event in March featuring Charly Kirk's pastor was a huge success. The state party helped with the expense of the event, but future events will likely charge to cover expenses. Just as a reminder, the RNC continues to host their National Faith Engagement Prayer call on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm CST. There is a different special guest on each call. If you'd like to join, the phone number is 866-253-8518, passcode: 90241762.

RNC Reports:

National Committeeman

Steve Scheffler welcomed the new SCC members (about half the committee is new). He said it's time to unite behind the candidates that won their primaries. The candidates are traveling around the state and there is much enthusiasm.

National Committeewoman

Tamara Scott offered to host a training seminar on Rank Choice Voting. She calls it dangerous. Call her if you're interested in having her come speak at your central committee meeting. She also noted there is a grassroots movement around data centers and their impacts on our resources and health. This is something that's starting to show up in a lot of communities.

EVENTS:

July 26th

**BRING A DISH
TO PASS**
Meat, Buns,
Paperware
& Beverages
Provided

**SPEAKERS
BEGINNING
AT 5:30 PM**

A portrait of Senator Ted Cruz, smiling, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. An American flag is visible in the background.

Dr. David A. Clark

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LINCOLN DINNER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH 2026

USHERS FERRY | 5925 SEMINOLE VALLEY TRAIL NE, CEDAR RAPIDS

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM • 6:00 PM – DINNER

\$100 PER TICKET — RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

INVITE A NEW FRIEND, BUY 2 TICKETS, AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A THIRD TICKET FREE.

2026 REPUBLICAN MID-TERM ELECTION CANDIDATE SPEAKERS

Invited Speakers

ASHLEY HINSON	DEREK WULF	REX MEYER
BARCLAY WOERNER	JEFF KAUFMANN	ROBY SMITH
BRENNIA BIRD	JOE MITCHELL	TOM GERHOLD
BRANDY ZUMBACH MEISHID	MIKE NAIG	ZACH LAHN
CHARLIE MCCLINTOCK	PAUL PATE	
CHRIS COURNOYER	PAUL TALLEY	
CINDY GOLDING	RANDY MARZEN	

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August 7th



August 29th



EVENTS NEARBY:



*If you have any events you would like to share please send them to Jade Cichy at jade@iowagop.org, post them to the Iowa 2nd District Republicans page or share them with your State Central Committee members.

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