

3rd Quarter 2025 Newsletter

State Central Committee Meeting & 2nd District Updates

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Republican Party of Iowa Headquarters

621 E 9th St, Des Moines, Iowa

Chair and Co-Chair Report:

-Chairman Kaufmann spoke with President Trump. He is in good spirits about things going on in Iowa. He still has a love for Iowa. They are planning a call every other month. There is a possibility of getting some resources from Trump for our congressional races.

-Co-chair Upmeyer says she's excited about all the events going on around the states. She says that Cerro Gordo had a wonderful Lincoln Dinner. The Poli-palooza went great and she's pleased to see it growing. We were excited to see the regional event that took place in Mason City was sold out.

Auxiliary Reports

Iowa Federation of Young Republicans

- The Young Republicans membership is at 260 members
- They reminded us about their Hoover Dinner set for 10/4 in Coralville.
- They're planning their Christmas Party which will be held on 12/18. More information will be coming out on that soon.

Iowa Federation of Republican Women

- IFRW Fall Conference is set for October 16th and 17th.
- Their total membership is now 562.

Committees:

The chairman has made some changes to the committees and has added some new committees. Below are the committees the 2nd District SCC members serve:

Chelle Adkins: Budget, Communications (chair), Strategic Outreach & Initiatives

Ben Ellison: Appeals, Faith Outreach, First in the Nation (co-chair)

Charley Thomson: Audit, Organization, First in the Nation, Strategic Outreach & Initiatives

Justin Wasson: Communications, Campaign

Organization Committee

The handling of the Elephants has now been shifted to the Organization committee. They are working on insurance and strategic placement of the elephants. Some pressure is being applied on the manufacturer to get all 16 done. They are working on getting the 4th one done so the process is taking a painfully long time.

The committee is still reviewing options to address concerns in regard to platform. Their intent is not to eliminate anyone or cut debate but to make the process smoother and less frustrating. We must be open to discussion even if we don't always agree with each other.

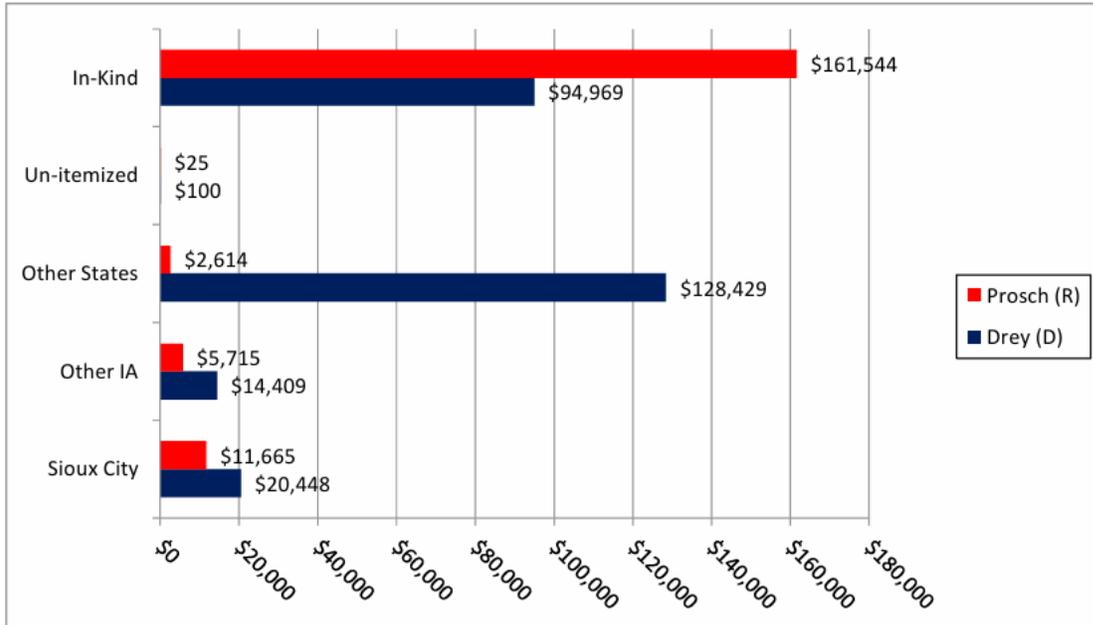
Caucus to Convention Dates Reminder

Republican Party of Iowa - 2026	
	CAUCUS to CONVENTION DATES
Caucus Locations Reserved	Saturday, November 1, 2025
Caucus Volunteers Assigned	Monday, December 15, 2025
Caucus	Monday, February 2, 2026
County Convention	Saturday, March 7, 2026
District Standing Committee	Saturday, March 28, 2026
District Convention	Saturday, April 25, 2026
State Standing Committee	Saturday, May 9, 2026
Primary Voting	Tuesday, June 2, 2026
State Convention	Saturday, June 13, 2026

Campaign Committee:

Former SCC member John Strathman does analysis to help the current SCC look forward so that we can better plan our strategy. How did we lose the Special election in District 1? Our voters did not turn out. We had \$161,544 in in-kind donations from the Republican party as opposed to their \$94,969. Most of their money came from out of state with \$128,429 vs our \$2,614. See the graph below:

Special Election, 08/26/2025
State Senate District 1 (N. Sioux City, Woodbury County)
Catelin Drey (D) v. Christopher Prosch (R)
Contributions



**To see the entire report, reach out to your SCC member and they will be happy to share it with you.

RPI did 6 rounds of mail to all Republican households plus targeted households, absentee requests, followed up with calls, social media hits and absentee ballots were chased daily. A paid staffer coordinated door knockers, and each door was knocked twice. Targeted households were knocked 3 times. Flooded TVs with ads. Getting Trump voters to the polls is the challenge. We need to work on these voters and motivating them to get to the polls and we need candidates to make personal connections with these particular voters.

Communications Committee:

-The Committee discussed testing out which way might be best for sending out the newsletter, RPI? DEC? Both? Newsletters are getting caught in spam filters depending on who's sending them.

-Discussed placing Caucus to Convention Dates cutouts and Caucus Training Dates cutouts in the newsletter so that people can cut them out and place them on their fridge as reminders

-Also discussing other ways that we might better communicate with our counties.

-The Committee is asking the Republican Women and the Young Republicans if they would provide their membership numbers each quarter so that we can publish them. We hope that we can show everyone how much the auxiliaries are growing and to also instill a little bit of FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) in hopes to raise some of their membership numbers.

National Committeeman Report:

-NA – Steve Scheffler was out setting up for the Faith and Freedom Coalition Dinner

National Committeewoman Report:

-Tamara shared that VP Vance spoke at their Georgia meeting. She thought it was so nice to have former members come in and pray over the current RNC members and the President. They did not pass any resolutions at this meeting at the request of the president. She also shared that there was a well-attended prayer call after Charlie Kirk’s assassination.

Caucus Training Schedule

Please note that there will not be a training in every county. Please plan to go to the nearest location to attend a training there or plan to attend one of the 3 zoom trainings (time to be announced).

Monday October 13: Dubuque

Tuesday October 28: Fayette

Monday November 3: Hardin

Thursday November 20: Black Hawk

Monday December 8: Poweshiek

Monday January 12: Zoom

Monday January 19: Zoom

Monday January 26: Zoom

EVENTS:

1. Benton County Dinner & Fundraiser – October 14, 5:30pm, Van Horne Community Center, 508 1st Ave, Van Horne. RSVP at bentoncountyrepublicans@yahoo.com. \$25/person

2. Chickasaw County showing of "Reagan" – Sunday November 2, 2pm. New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium, 206 W. Main, New Hampton. Freewill Donation.
3. Poweshiek County showing of "Reagan" – November 22, doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7. Brooklyn Opera House, 105 Jackson St, Brooklyn, IA. Admission \$10.

To keep up with the latest events in our area please join the Iowa 2nd District Republican Facebook page and join the RPI Weekly Rundown by emailing Jade Cichy at Jade@iowagop.org

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