National Convention and Delegate Information

Nevada Democrats will send 44 Delegates and 3 Alternates to the Democratic National Convention, for a total delegation size of 47.

Of these Delegates and Alternates:
□ 23 will be District Level Delegates (2 Alternates)
□ 8 will be At-Large Delegates (1 Alternate)
□ 5 will be Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEO’s)
□ 8 are automatic Delegates (State Chair, Vice Chair, etc...)

The majority of people running to be a National Delegate will run for the District Level or At-large positions. District Level Delegates are elected by State Convention Delegates from each congressional district. At-large Delegates are elected by the State Convention as a whole.

In order to be eligible to run as a National Delegate, you must participate in each step of the delegate selection process, i.e. Precinct Caucuses, County Convention and the State Convention. If you intend to run for National Delegate, you needed to have submitted a “Preliminary Delegate Intent Form” by 10:00 a.m. to your County Chair at your County Convention held April 14th.

The State Convention will be held June 9th and 10th in Las Vegas at Bally’s Hotel & Casino. You must be a delegate to the State Convention to be eligible to run for National Delegate. Your “Delegate Intent Form” must be filed with the Nevada State Democratic Party by 10:00 AM on June 9th. The forms will be available online at www.nvdems.com in advance of the State Convention and onsite during the State Convention.

District-level Delegates will be the first category of delegates elected, which will be conducted in a breakout meeting of each congressional district. Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (party office-holders, big-city mayors, legislators, statewide office-holders) and At-large Delegates will be elected by the state convention as a whole. At-large Delegate positions are the last positions elected, and help ensure the delegation meets its diversity goals. Elected Delegates are required to attend a Delegation Meeting on June 10th in conjunction with the State Convention.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Democratic National Convention?
- The Democratic National Convention is where delegates from across the country will officially nominate President Barack Obama to be our Democratic Nominee for President. We will also craft our Party’s national platform and conduct other party business.

Where will the Democratic National Convention be held?
- The Democratic National Convention will be held in Charlotte, NC Monday, September 3rd through Thursday, September 6th -- although delegates will be expected to arrive on Sunday, September 2nd.
- Monday, September 3rd will open the convention week with a Labor Day event held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.
- Tuesday, September 4th and Wednesday, September 5th will be two days of official convention business held at the Time Warner Arena.
- Thursday, September 6th President Obama will accept our nomination at the Bank of America Stadium.
Where will the Nevada delegation be staying?
- The Nevada delegation will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte Uptown, just blocks away from the Charlotte Convention Center, Time Warner Cable Arena and Bank of America Stadium where official convention activities will take place.

Does the Nevada State Democratic Party assist delegates financially to attend the convention?
- No, delegates are responsible for the entire cost of their travel and accommodations related to the National Convention. The room rate for the Hilton Garden Inn Charlotte Uptown is $198 a night. Flights from Las Vegas to Charlotte average between $400 to $600 roundtrip.

How many District Level Delegates will be elected in my congressional district?
- CD 1 – 6 total delegates (3 male and 3 female) and 1 alternate (female)
- CD 2 – 5 total delegates (2 male and 3 female) and 1 alternate (male)
- CD 3 – 6 total delegates (3 male and 3 female)
- CD 4 – 6 total delegates (3 male and 3 female)

Do I need to indicate on my Delegate Intent Form which category of delegates I am running for?
- Yes, you must indicate your intention to run as a District Level, PLEO, and/or At-large delegate/alternate.

Can I run for a delegate/alternate in multiple categories?
- Yes, you may run for delegate/alternate in as many categories as you qualify.

Where can I find more information on the diversity goals?
- You can find more information about the diversity goals on page 37 of the Delegate Selection Plan, which is located on the NSDP website in the “About us” section.

What is Presidential Candidate Right of Review?
- Presidential Candidate Right of Review is the ability of each Presidential Candidate or that candidate’s authorized representative(s) to review the list of persons who have filed for delegate positions. The Presidential Candidate or that candidate’s authorized representative(s) must approve a minimum of 3 names for every district level delegate/alternate, a minimum of 1 name for every at-large delegate/alternate and a minimum of 1 name for every PLEO delegate to which the presidential candidate is entitled. Presidential Candidate Right of Review is most often used to ensure the delegation meets the diversity goals set forth in the Delegate Selection Plan.

Do you have any tips for running as a national delegate?
- You should treat this as an actual election and prepare to campaign for the position among your fellow delegates. Guidelines for campaigning can be found on the NSDP website in the “About Us” section. Campaign flyers, buttons, and ads in the State Convention Program book are all common ways to campaign. For information on purchasing an ad in the State Convention program book contact: stateconvention@nvdems.com.
- You should be visible within the party: volunteer for the Presidential campaign and the NSDP; attend county club and caucus meetings.

Are there other ways I can participate in the National Convention?
- Yes, the Democratic National Convention and Charlotte Host Committee are looking for hundreds of volunteers for the week of the convention.
- Transportation and housing are typically not provided, but you are able to be a part of the convention’s success and part of the convention festivities in Charlotte.
- You can find more information at http://charlottein2012.com/involved/volunteer/

Where can I find more information about the National Convention and Charlotte?
- Host Committee Website
- Democratic National Convention
  - http://www.demconvention.com/
  - Twitter - @DemConvention
- Nevada State Democratic Party
  - Twitter - @nvdez