



NDCC General Meeting Minutes
7 March 2019

I. Call to Order

A. Chair Shawn Fitzgibbons called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Women's Workshop.
Attendance: **74.**

B. Executive Committee Attendance: **29.** Shawn Fitzgibbons, Sharon Stout, Amy Sangiolo, David Albright, Rep. Ruth Balsler, Bryan Barash, Claudia Bowman, Dan Clifford, Allan Cole, Audrey Cooper, Sen. Cindy Creem, Ruth Dain, Susan Davidoff, Robert Fitzpatrick, Sue Fliegel, Carol Fulton, Ted Gross, Bill Humphrey, Martina Jackson, Rep. Kay Khan, Ken Krems, Joan McGrath, Emily Norton, Jason Paul, Emily Prenner, Holly Ryan, Caroline Schwarzwaldner, Amy Xiao (H.S. Democrats, Newton South).

Member Attendance: **42.** Mark Alpert (Ward 2), Terry Altherr (Ward 4), Renee Blumsack (Ward 3), Alicia Bowman (Ward 6), Larry Bressler (Ward 3), Myrna Cohen (Ward 8), Marcia Cooper (Ward 5), Vicki Danberg (Ward 6), Sandra Davidow (Ward 6), Eric Delgizzo (Ward 1), Sally Fleschner (Ward 2), Daniel Fogarty (Ward 1), Jane Frantz (Ward 5), Rena Getz (Ward 5), James Hadley (Ward 7), Betsy Hewitt (Ward 5), Martin Heymann (Ward 6), Mark Hooker (Ward 6), Sachiko Isihara (Ward 3), Alice Jacobs (Ward 6), Bob Jampol (Ward 8), Kevin Johnson (Ward 6), Rebecca Kanter (Ward 6), Stephanie Karger (Ward 2), Andrea Kelley (Ward 3), Alison Leary (Ward 1), Brooke Lipsitt (Ward 2), Susan Mirsky (Ward 6), Rosemarie Mullin (Ward 8), Judith Myerson (Ward 8), Peter Myerson (Ward 8), Tamika Olszewski (Ward 4), Bridget Ray-Canada (Ward 1), Greg Schwartz (Ward 6), Donna Sirutis (Ward 3), Elizabeth Stolar (Ward 5), Carolyn Stone (Ward 8), Maureen Sweeney (Ward 7), Eric Turner (Ward 1), Mike Victor (Ward 6), Serene Victor (Ward 6), Catherine Willinger (Ward 2).

Guests: **3.** Gov. Councilor Marilyn Petitto Devaney, Jamie Rinaldi (NTA), Liz Simpson (NTA).

II. Minutes of the December 6, 2018 General Meeting

Motion: Sue Fliegel moved, Allan Cole seconded the motion, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018, general meeting as distributed. Motion passed, no votes against, no abstentions.

III. Reports of Officers and Ward and Standing Committees

A. Finance Committee (Sue Fliegel)

1. Wards 1, 3, and 4 still have not paid their annual dues to the NDCC.
2. There has been very little activity so far in 2019.

B. State Committee Update (Sharon Stout)

1. The state committee will meet the next week.
2. The Newton caucus will be Sunday, May 19, at Newton South. This year's convention will be an issues convention, on Saturday, September 14, in Springfield.

C. High School Democrats Update (Amy Xiao)

1. The Newton HSD are sponsoring a civics education program, with three speakers lined up so far: Rep. Joe Kennedy, Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, and Cheryl Crawford of MassVote.

D. Tent Committee Update (Claudia Bowman)

1. The committee is working to make our tent look better at city fairs. We will have a new banner and put candidates' literature out on the table. A budget proposal is being worked out.

IV. Announcements

- Ward 3 and the Waltham Dems are holding an event on the immigration experience on Sunday, March 24, at the Senior Center in Newtonville.
- Ruth Dain is signing up volunteers to march with Rep. Kennedy at Boston Pride, Saturday, June 8.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Allan Cole moved to adjourn, Martina Jackson seconded the motion. Adjourned: 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert K. Fitzpatrick
Secretary, NDCC

The business meeting was followed by a legislative forum featuring Sen. Cindy Creem and Reps. Kay Khan and Ruth Balse.