



**ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2020
IUOE Local 965, 3520 E Cook St, Springfield**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Guest Speakers
 - a. *Betsy Dirksen Londrigan, IDCCA endorsed candidate for IL 13th*
 - b. *Caroline Jane Pokrzywinski, Act Blue, State Outreach Associate – online fundraising training*
 - c. *Paul Kendrick, Rust Belt Rising – messaging training*
4. President's Report
5. Secretary's Report
 - a. *Approval of minutes from November 9, 2019 General Membership Meeting*
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. *Approval of Treasurer's Report from December 2019 & January 2020*
7. Executive Director's Report
8. Consideration of endorsements
9. Chicago Reception & Party Builder Awards
10. Open Discussion
11. Adjourn



Code of Conduct

The Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination and harassment. We ask all meeting participants to embrace our values of equity and equality and conduct themselves in this meeting consistent with those values. President House has assigned two designees as the first point of contact for anyone who thinks they have experienced discriminatory, harassing or otherwise unacceptable behavior. We urge you to contact a designee if you have any concerns.

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**ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2019
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, 522 S. 5TH ST., SPRINGFIELD**

MINUTES

Attendance – Executive Board

President Kristina Zahorik, McHenry	Vice President Billy Halstead, Peoria	Vice President Jack Mazzotti, Christian
Vice President Terry Redman, DeWitt	Vice President Jay Briney, Mason	Vice President Charlie Laskonis, Winnebago
Vice President John Willard, Kankakee	Vice President Doris Turner, Sangamon (via proxy)	Vice President Pam Davidson, Knox (via proxy)
Secretary Mark Von Nida, Madison	At Large Member Paul (Snow) Herkert, Calhoun	At Large Member Toni Preckwinkle, Cook (via proxy)
At Large Member Teresa Vincent, Union	At Large Member Erik Rankin, McLean (via proxy)	

Attendance – General Membership

Keith Niewohner, Adams (via proxy)	Dan Sidwell, Bond	John Gedney, Boone
Rick Wilkin, Bureau	Joyce Brannan, Cass	Maryam Ar-Raheem, Champaign (via proxy)
John Spencer, Clay	Paul Wieck, Coles	Jim Luebke, DeKalb (via proxy)
Cynthia Borbas, DuPage	Jackie Knackmus, Edwards	Dan Niebrugge, Effingham

Al McDowell, Fayette	Daryle Coleman, Fulton	Kory Chapman, Greene
Richard Joyce, Grundy (via proxy)	Kim Weaver, Hancock (via proxy)	Dennis Austin, Hardin
Richard Bigger Jr, Henderson	Mark Pohlman, Jersey	Julie Gondar, Kendall (via proxy)
John Reis Jr, Livingston	Laura Zimmerman, Macon	Lee Trotter, McDonough
Brian Short, Menard	Jan Occhi, Mercer	Scot Luchtefeld, Monroe
Dana Ryan, Morgan (via proxy)	Sheila Maloney, Piatt	Roger Kerley, Pulaski
Bob Oglesby, Saline	John Warner, Shelby	Brittany Miller, Tazewell
Germaine Light, Vermilion	Steve Buban, Warren (via proxy)	Fidencio Hooper-Campos, Whiteside
Bill Thoman, Will	Junius Rodriguez, Woodford (via proxy)	

Attendance – General Membership – Alternate

James Riley, Grundy	Matt Watchinski, McLean	JJ Wett, DeKalb
Wayne Williams, Champaign		

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 12:07pm by President Kristina Zahorik.
- 2) President Zahorik asked At Large Member & Veteran Snow Herkert to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Zahorik thanked all veterans for their service.
- 3) Guest Speakers
 - a. Sylvia Allen – Hoover, United States Postal Service
 - i. Mrs. Allen – Hoover presented on the benefits of mail and using the United States Postal Service for political mailings. A copy of her presentation was provided to the Chairs.
 - b. Sean Denney, Illinois Education Association
 - i. Mr. Denney presented on the Fair Tax Amendment and support for the Amendment. A copy of his presentation was provided to the Chairs.

4) Roll Call

- a. President Zahorik asked for a roll call to establish quorum of the Chairs present and the Chairs that have submitted proxy votes.
- b. Executive Director Dan Kovats conducted the roll call (names above). The following individuals submitted proxy votes for the meeting.
 - i. Keith Niewohner, Adams – Kristina Zahorik is proxy
 - ii. Maryam Ar-Raheem, Champaign – Wayne Williams is proxy
 - iii. Toni Preckwinkle, Cook – Kristina Zahorik is proxy
 - iv. Jim Luebke, DeKalb – JJ Wett is proxy
 - v. Richard Joyce, Grundy – James Riley is proxy
 - vi. Kim Weaver, Hancock – Lee Trotter is proxy
 - vii. Julie Gondar, Kendall – Kristina Zahorik is proxy
 - viii. Pam Davidson, Knox – Jan Occhi is proxy
 - ix. Erik Rankin, McLean – Matt Watchinski is proxy
 - x. Dana Ryan, Morgan – Kristina Zahorik is proxy
 - xi. Doris Turner, Sangamon – Kory Chapman is proxy
 - xii. Steve Buban, Warren – Kristina Zahorik is proxy
 - xiii. Junius Rodriguez, Woodford – Kristina Zahorik is proxy
- c. With 52 Chairs either in attendance or voting via proxy, quorum has been established.

5) President's Report

- a. President Zahorik reported that she is feeling optimistic after the recent electoral victories in Kentucky & Virginia.
- b. Reminded our Chairs of the challenges that lie ahead including passing the Fair Tax Amendment, re-electing US Senator Dick Durbin, re-electing our Democratic Congressional delegation including Sean Casten & Lauren Underwood, and increasing our Democratic House Majority by elected Betsy Dirksen Londrigan.
- c. Spoke about the challenges with County Parties filling ballot spots. Even if it is a heavily Republican area, a Democratic candidate can help with keeping Republicans from interfering in other races.
- d. Spoke about the expansion of our Leadership Circle. New members will be a "brain trust" for various issues who will be a resource for our Chairs.
- e. Spoke about the updates to our website to provide different resources including a speaker's list, training videos, and forms.
- f. Spoke about the concerns being raised about employment with the State of Illinois. President Zahorik reported that she is continuing to carry those concerns to members of the Administration.

6) Executive Session

- a. Vice President Billy Halstead made a motion to move into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by McDonough County Chair Lee Trotter. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Executive Session was called to order at 12:58pm.
- c. The following individual were permitted to participate in Executive Session but do not have voting privileges:
 - i. Executive Director Dan Kovats
 - ii. Assistant Executive Director Jillian Hawkins
 - iii. Legal Counsel Lauren Myerscough – Mueller
- d. President Zahorik thanked outgoing Treasurer Dennis Fisher for his service to the IDCCA, the Shelby County Democratic Party, & the Democratic Party. Treasurer Fisher has submitted his resignation effective Saturday November 9, 2019.
- e. President Zahorik asked for nominations to fill the vacant position of Treasurer.
 - i. Vice President Halstead nominated Tazewell County Chair Brittany Miller for Treasurer. Vice President Jay Briney seconded the nomination.
 - ii. Vice President Halstead spoke on behalf of Tazewell County Chair Miller.
- f. Vice President Jack Mazzotti made a motion to close nominations for Treasurer. Vice President Terry Redman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. President Zahorik asked Tazewell County Chair Miller to come up to introduce herself and answer any questions.
- h. Tazewell County Chair Miller thanked everyone for this opportunity. She explained a little bit about her background and why she feels confident taking on this responsibility.
- i. Vice President Jack Mazzotti made a motion to vote for Tazewell County Chair Miller for Treasurer by acclamation. Vice President Terry Redman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Brittany Miller is elected Treasurer of the IDCCA.
- j. Vice President Halstead made a motion to remove Dennis Fisher from all IDCCA bank accounts and filings (Board of Elections & Federal Elections Commission). Vice President Mazzotti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- k. Vice President Halstead made a motion to add Brittany Miller to all IDCCA bank accounts and filings (Board of Elections & Federal Elections Commission). Vice President Mazzotti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- l. President Zahorik instructed staff to work with Treasurer Miller to update all bank accounts and filings.
- m. Vice President Halstead made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and move back to Regular Business. Vice President Mazzotti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- n. Executive Session adjourned at 1:07pm.

- 7) Financial Report (in lieu of Treasurer's Report)
 - a. State PAC – \$264,016.06
 - b. Federal PAC – \$19,423.73
 - c. Cash on Hand – \$283,439.79
- 8) Secretary's Report
 - a. Secretary Mark Von Nida submitted the minutes for the August 3, 2019 General Membership Meeting. Minutes were distributed to the Chairs prior to the meeting and were available for review during the meeting.
 - b. Secretary Von Nida made a motion to accept the minutes for the August 3, 2019 General Membership Meeting. Vice President Halstead seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Executive Director's Report
 - a. Executive Director Kovats thanked everyone for their support after the birth of his daughter.
 - b. Submitted for review a County Chairs' Brunch report that breakdowns the contributions, disbursements, and net money raised. Gave a report on some of the highlights from the Brunch, some areas that need improvement, and the overall direction for the event.
 - i. Reported that we are attempting to scaling back our expenses but that expenses continue to go up depending on the number of attendees to the event.
 - ii. Asked for feedback from the Chairs regarding any complaints or issues from the Brunch.
 - c. Thanked all the members of the IDCCA staff for their work on the Brunch.
 - d. Reported that over 2,200 people attended this year's Brunch.
 - e. In a continuing effort to improve the Brunch, Executive Director Kovats reported the following changes are being considered:
 - i. Ticket pick up – extending ticket pick up the night before the Brunch.
 - ii. Bulk reserved seating (i.e. reserving 10 seats at a time the morning of the Brunch) will not be allowed moving forward.
 - iii. Changing the location of the VIP Reception & Photo Line to limit the individuals who have access to one room but not both rooms.
 - f. Reported that the amount raised from the Ad Book went up and the amount paid went down. This is because of an increase in ads and a decrease in the number of Ad Books printed.
 - g. Reported the merchandise donations went well. The total amount donated was down for this fundraiser, compared to last year, but the total money disbursed for this fundraiser was down.
 - h. Reported that the Text to Donate program did not go as well as was planned. Reported that 300 individuals signed up to receive text message updates from the

IDCCA but only 2 individuals donated. Reported that a texting program could be a long-term strategy for the Association but won't be used for the Brunch.

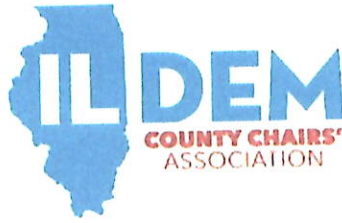
- i. Reported that fine from the Board of Elections has been lifted after our office appealed their initial decision. Unfortunately, the fine was lifted a week after the Brunch and because of that, we were not able to conduct a raffle for this year's event. Reported that we are planning on conducting the raffle next year.
 - j. Reported that the Political Staff contact list has been updated. An updated list has been provided to the Chairs in their packets.
 - k. Reported that the IDCCA Web Store is live as of this past September. Encouraged the Chairs to go online to view the different pieces of merchandise. Reported that the Web Store is based on the designs we come up with and the traffic we push to the store. Asked for any design ideas from the Chairs to be incorporated into the Web Store.
 - l. Reported our last fundraising event this year will be our Springfield Young Professionals Reception on Monday November 11, 2019. Reported that Dan Lewis and Craig Colbrook approached the IDCCA to host this event. Reported that the event is on track to raise over \$14,000. Thanked Assistant Executive Director Jillian Hawkins for leading the planning and execution of this event.
 - m. Reported that the Chairs are invited to our first ever Holiday Party on December 3rd in Chicago. Chairs (plus one) are invited.
 - n. Reported that staff has started the budget process for 2020 in line with the priorities of the organization.
 - o. Reported the following dates for General Membership Meetings for 2020:
 - i. Saturday February 15, 2020
 - ii. Saturday May 16, 2020
 - iii. Saturday August 1, 2020
 - p. Reported the following dates for IDCCA events for 2020:
 - i. Candidate Boot Camp – Saturday May 16, 2020
 - ii. County Chairs' Brunch – Wednesday August 19, 2020
 - q. Reported that Precinct Committeeperson & Votebuilder training will start after the 2020 County Conventions. Asked for input from Chairs as to where they would like training.
 - r. Reported that staff is working on putting a County Chairs Tool Kit as a resource. The Tool Kit will be a month by month breakdown on duties starting from the day after the County Convention.
- 10) Resolution for consideration
- a. President Zahorik presented Resolution 2019 – 002 (posted to IDCCA website) which endorses the passage of the Fair Tax Amendment.
 - b. Vice President John Willard made a motion to pass Resolution 2019 – 002. Treasurer Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

11) Open Discussion

- a. Vice President Halstead introduced Mark Haasis who is running for Congress in the 18th Congressional District.
- b. Vice President Halstead asked all the County Chairs in the 3rd Supreme Court District to stay after the meeting to briefly discuss the 2020 Election.
- c. President Zahorik asked all the County Chairs in the 16th Congressional District to stay after the meeting to briefly discuss the endorsement process.
- d. Vermilion County Chair Germaine Light asked if any Chairs in the 15th Congressional District would be willing to sign some petitions for candidates.
- e. Edwards County Chair Jackie Knackmus raised an issue that he has attempted to contact numerous individuals in the Governor's Office regarding having the Governor make a stop in Edwards County. Would like to know who he needs to contact to make an ask of the Governor to visit an employer within his county.
- f. Hardin County Chair Dennis Austin raised a concern that his County Clerk might be disenfranchising voters who have recently had their addresses changed to a 9-1-1 address. His County Clerk is not automatically reregistering these individuals. President Zahorik recommended that Legal Counsel assist with this effort.
- g. Monroe County Chair Scot Luchtefled announced that Judy Cates will be running for the Supreme Court in the 5th Judicial District. Her petitions would be available for any Chair that would like one.
- h. Will County Chair Bill Thoman raised a concern about the Illinois Department of Transportation hosting an informational meeting at a Do Not Patronize location. Asked who we could contact to discuss not hosting these meetings at locations that are on the Do Not Patronize list.
- i. Vermilion County Chair Light asked if the County Party should sponsor an Impeachment Rally at the County Courthouse.
- j. Shelby County Chair John Warner provided a brief update on former Treasurer Dennis Fisher.
- k. Assistant Executive Director Hawkins announced that signed Nancy Pelosi Brunch posters are available for purchase.

12) Adjourn

- a. Vice President Halstead made a motion to adjourn. Vice President Mazzotti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm.



January Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: January 1, 2020 Balance: \$231,656.39

2. Indicate money received (amounts over \$200):

Amount: \$256.72 from Ameren Illinois (refund)

Amount: \$211.38 from Peggy Nasti (Web Store)

Total Contributions: \$1,272.55

3. State the main expenses (line items with expenses over \$100):

Amount: \$11,095.89 to Payroll
Amount: \$5,000.00 to Software (recruitment)
Amount: \$4,556.00 to Director & Officer Insurance
Amount: \$4,000.00 to Fundraising Consulting
Amount: \$1,194.38 to Facility Rental (Chicago Reception)

Total Disbursements: \$31,029.80

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: January 31, 2020 Balance: \$208,365.97

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 2/4/2020

Date: 2/4/2020

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 02/05/20



January Treasurer's Report – Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: January 1, 2020 Balance: \$13,790.35

2. Indicate money received (amounts over \$100):

Amount: \$215.20 from digital fundraising emails
Amount: \$1,000.00 from Schneider for Congress (Chicago Reception)

Total Contributions: \$1,215.20

3. State the main expenses (line items with expenses over \$100):

Amount: \$1,000.00 to Nancy Kohn Consulting (fundraising consulting)
Amount: \$500.00 to Nelson Wurth Consulting (Compliance)
Amount: \$300.00 to Every Action, Inc. (NGP Van Software)

Total Disbursements: \$1,817.62

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: January 31, 2020 Balance: \$13,408.33

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 2/4/2020

Date: 2/4/2020

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 02/05/20



December Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: December 1, 2019

Balance: \$247,984.07

2. Indicate money received (amounts over \$100):

Amount: \$1,000 from MWRD Commissioner Debra Shore (Leadership Circle)
Amount: \$214.15 from President Kristina Zahorik (web store)
Amount: 119.90 from Ellen Schanzle-Haskins (web store)

Total Contributions: \$1,724.79

3. State the main expenses (line items with expenses over \$100):

Amount: \$10,845.52 to Payroll
Amount: \$4,000.00 to Fundraising Consulting
Amount: \$1,069.20 to Software (project management)
Amount: \$468.56 to Utilities (water, lights, internet)
Amount: \$380.79 to Travel Expenses
Amount: \$149.98 to Online Donation Processing

Total Disbursements: \$18,182.88

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: December 31, 2019

Balance: \$231,525.98

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 1/3/2020

Date: 1/3/2020

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 01/03/20



December Treasurer's Report – Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: December 1, 2019

Balance: \$20,107.91

2. Indicate money received (amounts over \$100):

Amount: \$550.00 from digital fundraising emails

Total Contributions: \$550.00

3. State the main expenses (line items with expenses over \$100):

Amount: \$4,000.00 to Friends of Dick Durbin (contribution)

Amount: \$1,000.00 to Fundraising Consulting

Amount: \$1,000.00 to Compliance

Total Disbursements: \$5,507.16

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: December 31, 2019

Balance: \$14,657.91

Prepared by: _____

Date: 1/3/2020

Reviewed by: _____

Date: 1/3/2020

Accepted by: _____

Date: 01/03/20



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Congresswoman Cheri Bustos		dave@cheribustos.com



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Pete Buttigieg	Kyrstin Schuette	KSchuette@peteforamerica.com
Tulsi Gabbard		
Amy Klobuchar	Christie Hefner	christie@christieh.com
Deval Patrick		
Bernie Sanders	Pete D'Alessandro	pete@berniesanders.com
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Andrew Yang	Ruth Bringinger	h_ruth@hotmail.com



DATE: February 15, 2020
TO: County Chairs'
FROM: Executive Director Dan Kovats
SUBJECT: County Chairs' Log In to IDCCA Website

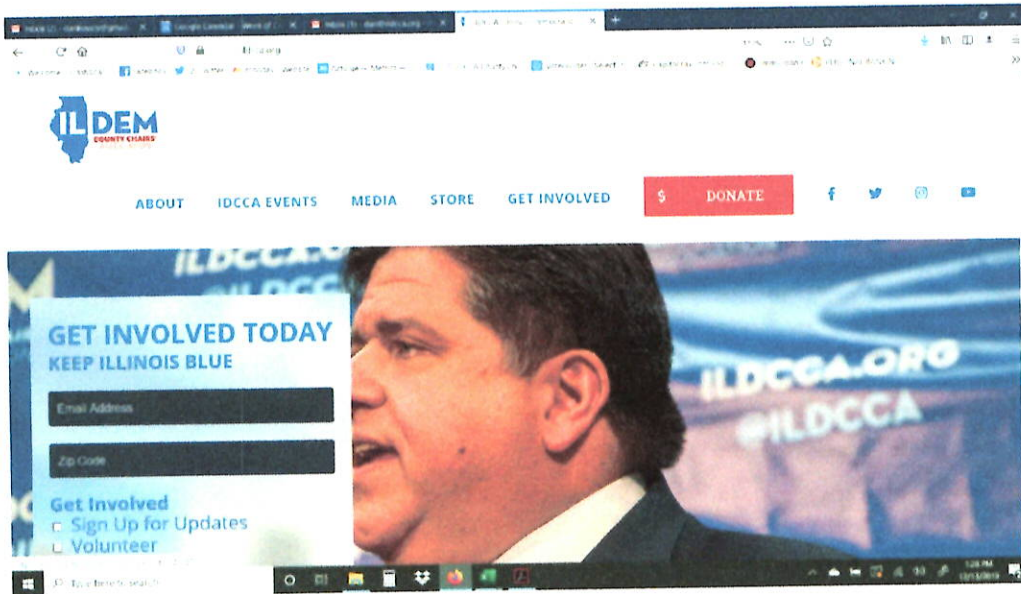
County Chairs',

We are constant looking for new ways to help provide each of you with resources to build strong County Democratic Parties. One of the best resources that we have available to you is the IDCCA website (www.ildcca.org). Our website is packed full of useful information including every newsletter article that we've published, links to our partner organizations, and information regarding our various events.

I am excited to share that we've created a new section of the website that is aimed to provide each of you with tangible resources to use. These include training videos, IDCCA approved union print shops, sample bylaws, and candidate training resources. I am also excited to announce that we have posted the videos, Chairs' packets, and any relevant information from our General Membership Meetings this year.

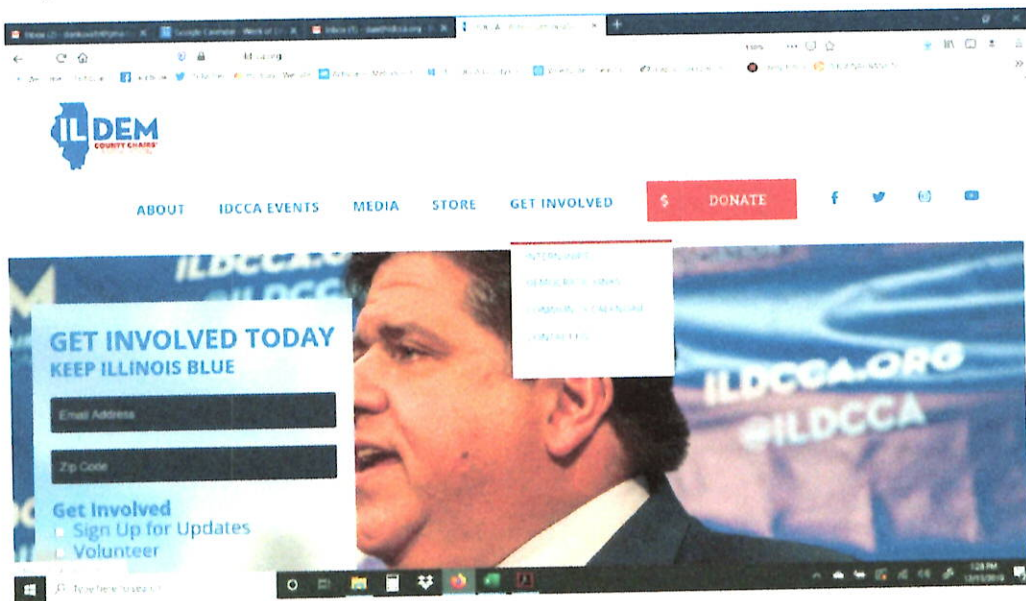
This memo is to outline how you will log into the website and how you will access the new resources. If you have any questions regarding logging into the website or anything else, please let me know.

Step 1. Go to www.ildcca.org



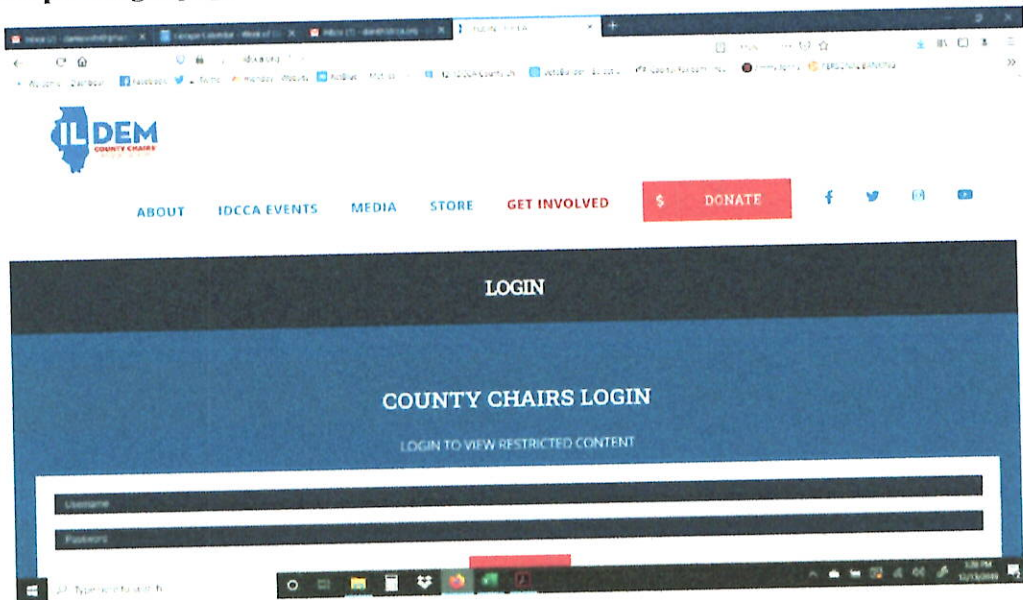
If you are not familiar with the IDCCA, please take a couple of minutes to look around. There is a lot of useful information that we have been providing to Democrats throughout Illinois. Feel free to share any of this information.

Step 2. Find Login link



Using your computer mouse, hover over the "Get Involved" tab on the website. A drop-down box will appear. Click on "Login".

Step 3. Login page



When you click on the “Login” link, you’ll be taken to this screen to enter your login and password. Every County Chair has a login and password. It is unique to each of you and should be kept private.

Step 4. Log into the website

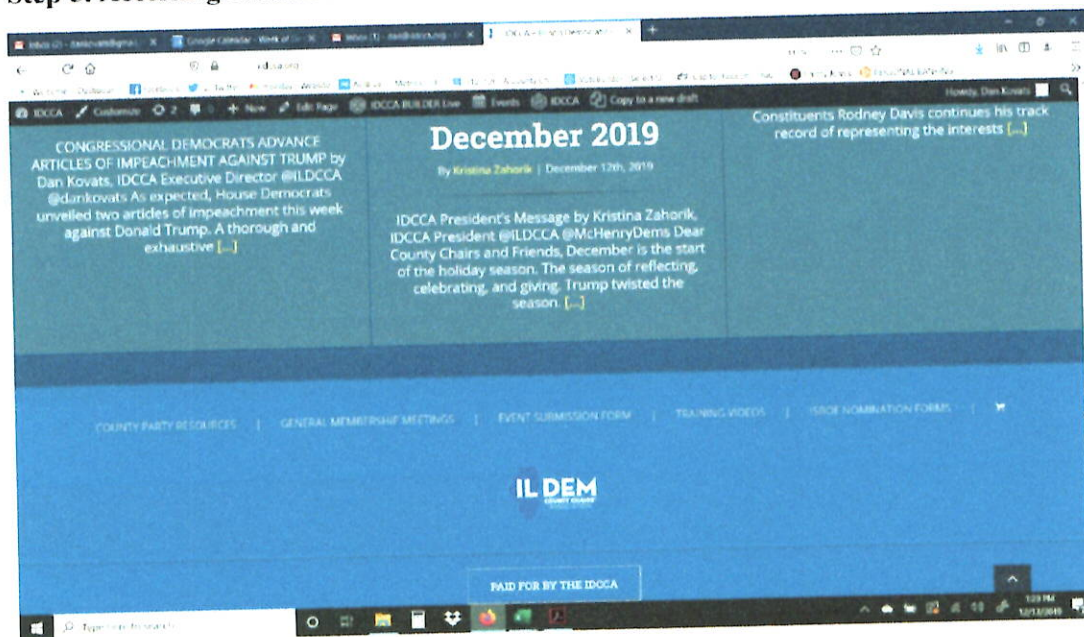
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Password: XXXXXX

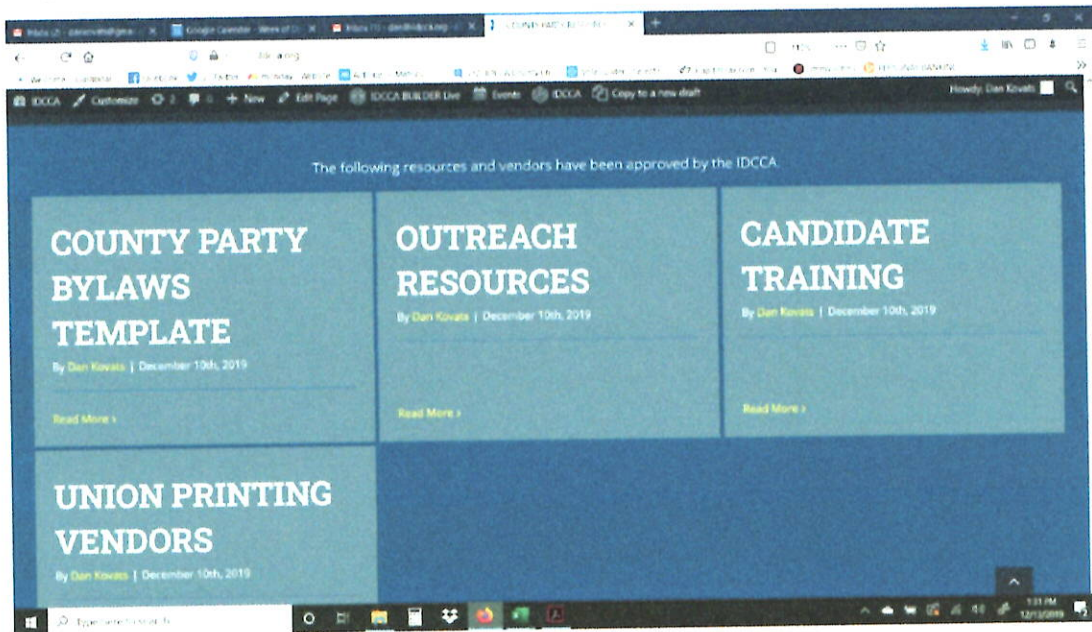
Your login and password are unique. Please do not share this information.

Step 5. Accessing resources

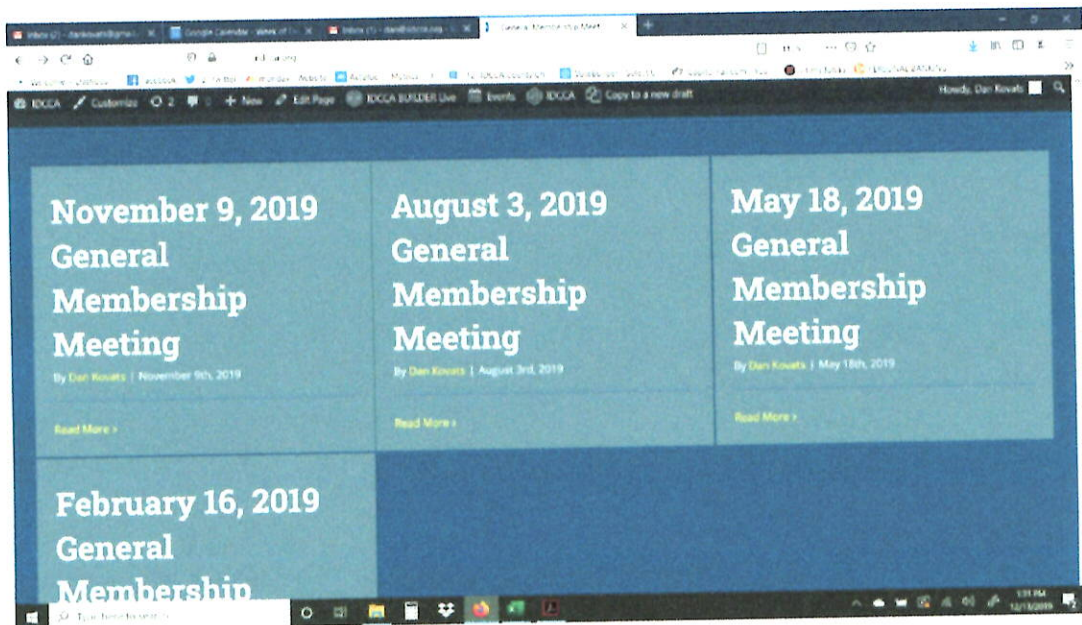


Once you have logged in, you will be taken back to the front page of the IDCCA website. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find links to the additional resources.

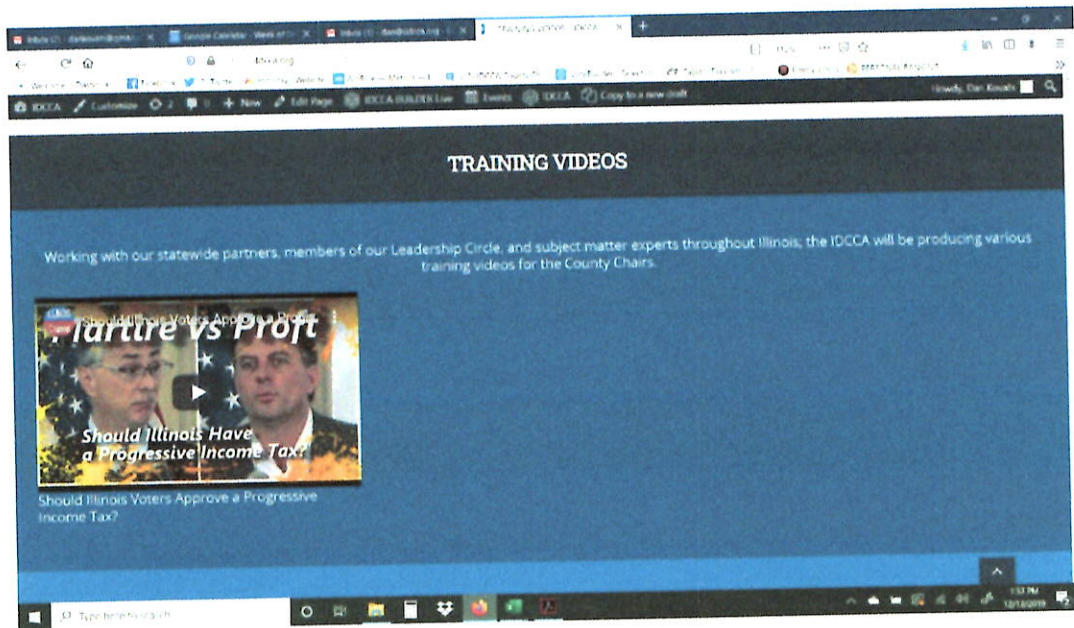
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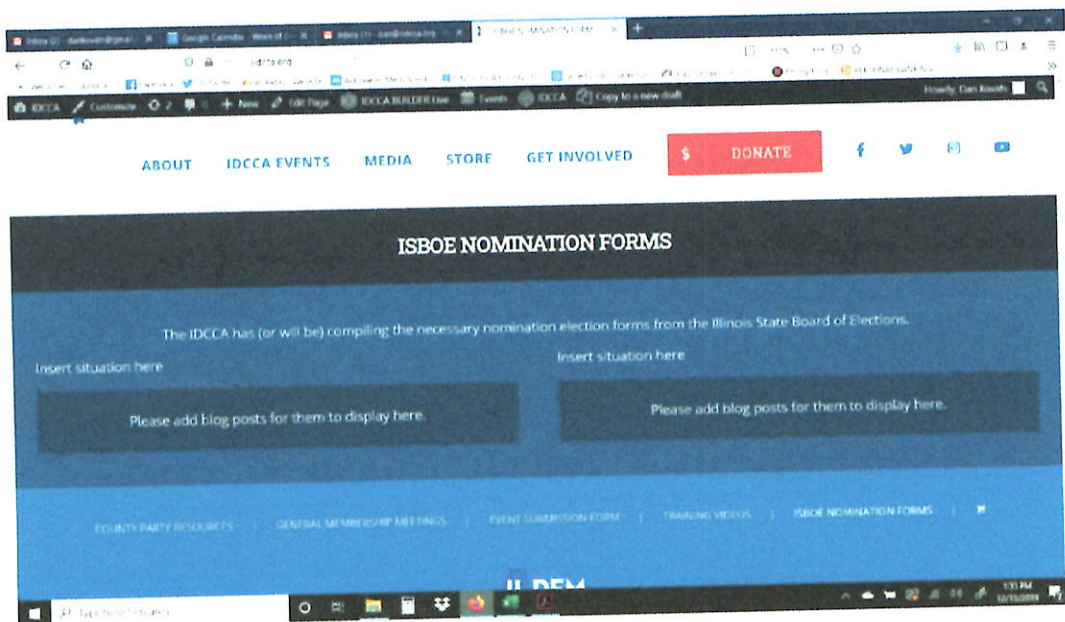
County
Party
Resources



General
Membership
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Information



Training Videos



Board of Elections Nomination forms (still being uploaded with explanations and examples)



STATEMENT

For Immediate Release:
Sunday January 19, 2020

Contact: Dan Kovats, Executive Director
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LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEMBER, SENATOR DON HARMON ELECTED SENATE PRESIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois – Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association **President Kristina Zahorik** today issued the following statement the election of IDCCA Leadership Circle Member & State Senator Don Harmon to Illinois Senate President.

"I am very proud and excited for our friend Don Harmon. He has done an amazing job representing the 39th District and Chairing the Democratic Party of Oak Park. His support for Democratic values has extended well beyond the confines of western suburbs and he will do a fantastic job of not only holding our supermajority in the State Senate but expanding on it."

"When the IDCCA formed our advisory Leadership Circle two years ago, we knew that we needed Senator Harmon as part of our organization. We were honored with his support then and his continued support now. Senate President Harmon has shown us that he is committed to building the Democratic Party. We are looking forward to continuing to partner with him as we build our Party throughout Illinois."

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About the IDCCA...

The Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) is a statewide, grassroots Democratic Party organization comprised of the elected Democratic County Chairs in all 102 counties in Illinois. The mission of the IDCCA is to help elect Democrats in every county and region of Illinois while continuing to grow the Democratic Party throughout the state. McHenry County Democratic Chair Kristina Zahorik is the President of the IDCCA.

The IDCCA Leadership Circle is an advisory board made up of elected officials, members of Organized Labor, political activists, and supporters who are not County Chairs. The role of the IDCCA Leadership Circle is to act as Ambassadors for the IDCCA and help expand the resources that we provide to our County Chairs. Kevin Conlon of Conlon & Dunn Public Strategies serves as the Chair of the IDCCA Leadership Circle.

Learn more at www.ildcca.org, www.facebook.com/ILDCCA and www.twitter.com/ILDCCA



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DEM PARTY CHAIRS' MOURN THE PASSING OF FRIEND RANDY GORI

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois – Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association **President Kristina Zahorik** today issued the following statement after the tragic passing of Leadership Circle Member and Edwardsville attorney, Randy Gori.

"Everyone at the IDCCA is devastated and shocked at the loss of long-time friend, Randy Gori. His compassion for helping his community extended well beyond the Democratic Party. He was very active donating his time and energy to improve the lives of his community. Randy was much more than a lawyer. His generosity and compassion were endless.

Randy supported countless Democratic candidates and causes throughout Illinois. He was a true believer in Democratic values. He served as a Precinct Committeeperson in Edwardsville and as a member of the IDCCA Leadership Circle. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Randy's family, friends, and the Madison County Democratic Party."

Authorities are continuing to investigate and anyone with information is encouraged to contact 618-296-5544.

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Rodney Davis: Representing Big Drug Companies, Not His Constituents

Rodney Davis continues his track record of representing the interests of big drug companies instead of his constituents while taking in tens of thousands of dollars in donations from those same companies

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Through his actions and words, Republican Rodney Davis repeatedly makes it clear he has chosen to represent big drug companies instead of his constituents.

Davis kicked off the current House session by [voting against the Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act](#), which passed with bipartisan support and, among other things, bans “pay-for-delay” deals in which big drug companies pay the makers of generic medicines to delay going to market keeping prescription drug prices high.

Further proof of his choice to support big drug companies, Davis is pushing for the immediate passage of NAFTA 2.0 even though it includes specific carve-outs for big drug companies which [would slow down the ability of generic drug producers to produce lower-cost alternatives](#). These big drug companies fought hard to get this special treatment into the bill. When confronted with this information directly, Davis confirmed he supported the bill without any changes to this carve-out.

Rewarding him for his representation, big drug company PACs have donated tens of thousands of dollars to Davis, [including over \\$15,000 in 2019 alone](#). A Davis’ spokesperson said Rodney was “proud” of the support he received from a major pharmaceutical company. Additionally, a dark money group which [receives large amounts of its funding from the pharmaceutical industry](#) is currently running ads in support of Davis’ reelection.

“When Rodney Davis votes against bills that would lower prescription drug prices while supporting carve outs for big drug companies, he makes his priorities clear” said IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik. **“Working families in Illinois’ 13th District need a member of Congress who isn’t bought and paid for and will fight for them instead of the big drug companies.”**

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