

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

# Monthly Meeting 4/26/2026

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26 April 2026/ 4:00 PM / ZOOM - Link to join: <https://bit.ly/APDCMM26>

## ATTENDEES

APDC members

## AGENDA

- Updates from meeting with YDSA about Dignified Living Campaign and Organizing Fair - when is stakeholders meeting-
- All auxiliary meeting updates from 4/23
- [Arkansas Grassroots United](#) against Data Centers - join meetings at ACO offices in downtown LR on 4/30 at 6 p.m. - will be on Zoom
- Protecting SNAP in Arkansas Zoom followup - [County Maps](#) impacted by cuts
- Banking update and any donations
- Topics for social media posts for the week; question of the week; candidate spotlights; website banner; newsletter topics
- Ideas for helping candidates get elected this year for support before each meeting - share volunteer and canvassing opportunities on Discord / website / newsletter
- Karaoke for Democracy on April 28 to support YoungDems - prepare for event with caucus literature and stickers - share on social media
- Bill tracker prep for 2027 legislative session
- DPA meeting in April for stakeholders including auxiliaries - asking Dustin for the meeting date - prob going to be May now
- **Ongoing:** Request members to send FOIAs for Flock cameras in their counties. Reach out to arprogdems via email or discord for sample text and assistance on submissions.

## UPCOMING ACTIONS:

- **Wednesday, April 22:** No Data Centers in Little Rock protest hosted by the People's Protest and Marches at 4 p.m. in front of the Army Corps of Engineers Federal Building at 700 W. Capitol, Little Rock

- **Saturday, April 25:** Pulaski County Democrats Convention from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 417 S. Victory St., Little Rock
- **Saturday, April 25:** [Citizens First Congress Spring Quarterly Meeting](#) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton in Little Rock. Register for the meeting [here](#).
- **Sunday, April 26:** [Neighbors for a Better Arkansas Meet and Greet](#) with candidates Hallie Shoffner, Robb Ryerse, and Kelly Grappe from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at GOAT LAB Brewery in Lowell
- **Tuesday, April 28:** [Karaoke for Democracy](#) to benefit the Young Democrats at White Water Tavern from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Ongoing:** Check our [events calendar](#) for more upcoming actions

#### **Future monthly meetings topics:**

- Suggestions for 2026 Roadmap items and suggestions for DPA rules changes
- 2026 Roadmap item: Legislative item for Citizens United - see: Montana constitutional initiative called [Transparent Election Initiative](#)

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Special session graphic and promotion of AACF budget cuts for information.
2. Karaoke for Democracy - volunteering at 5 p.m. - share on social media; tri-folds and stickers
3. Post about calendar of events. Ask people to tag us or email us.
4. Question of the week: How do you plan to participate in the May Day celebration. Post other ways to participate. Look for list.
5. Add to calendar: Ashley Hudson campaign - pizza volunteer campaign kickoff
6. Candidate spotlight - Lake for Ward 3
7. Newsletter - neighbors event in NWA, campaign kickoff for Ashley, fisher-shakleford dinner with pics,

#### **NOTES:**

- Impactive for texting 1.5 cents per SMS, and 5 centers per multi-media message; 4 cents per phone bank. No upper limit on the number of people

you can reach. No contracts or minimums required. Wash Co Dems were using it. Biden-Harris campaign used it. It's a vetted site.

- Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families - encouraging people to attend and sharing talking points - May 4th - scanning sheet and talking points etc. Budget meetings - pack the room and have people testifying and contacting. Want to see legislation that's defensive rather than offensive. We can't take any more tax cuts.
- Signature card turned in for banking setup; waiting on response
- Treasurer's report - took in \$140 and spent \$520.76; started balance with \$1405 ended with \$1050. Just spent \$12 on email stuff - total \$1038.60 for this month

- **Local and state elections to support**

NWA - HD19 - Jamie Atkinson - HD19

Pulaski County - HD67 - Andrew Cabe Eberly

Maumelle - HD71 Cassandra Green

Pulaski County - HD70 - Alex Holladay

Pulaski County - SD13 - Alison Sweatman

East of Pine Bluff - HD62 - Dexter Miller

Faulkner County - HD55 - Cynthia Nations

Faulkner County north of Conway - HD56 - Steve Magie, Dem incumbent

Lake for Ward 3

West Memphis / Marion - HD13 - Open seat; runoff ongoing

LR city positions: Collab with DSA

NWA - HD10 - Jacob Allen

NWA - HD15 - Daniel Holtmeyer

NWA - HD13 - Mitchell Smith

Pulaski County Judge - Wendell Griffin

Saline - SD 16 - Joshua Irby

- **State and federal candidates to support**

Kelly Grappe (s.o.s)

Hallie Shoffner for Senate

Robb Ryerse District 3,

Chris Jones for District 2

James Russell for District 4

Terri Yabrough Green for District 1