

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

General Meeting 3/29/2026

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

ATTENDEES

APDC members

AGENDA

- Updates from No Kings - quotes and sign ups etc
- Meeting with YDSA about long term goals
- How to get involved in Dignified Living Campaign from YDSA - do post on this asking for signatures
- Banking update and any donations
- Topics for social media posts for the week - sign-up genius to visit reps; website updates for the week
- Newsletter: sign-up genius to visit reps; follow up from No Kings; ways to get involved that don't cost anything
- Website banner - election on March 31
- Ideas for helping candidates get elected this year - check candidates for support before each meeting - share volunteer and canvassing opportunities on Discord / website / newsletter
- Karaoke for Democracy in April to support YoungDems - would we be a partner for this event; who could be a keynote speaker
- Bill tracker prep for 2027 legislative session
- **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:

- **Saturday, March 28:** [No Kings March in Little Rock](#); [No Kings March in Fayetteville](#); see a full list of [No Kings Marches](#) in Arkansas
- **Sunday, March 29:** Arkansas Progressive Democrats weekly meeting [on Zoom](#) at 4 p.m.

- **Monday, March 30:** Pulaski County Democrats monthly meeting at GiGi's Lounge with guest Hallie Shoffner. Doors open at 5:15; mtg begins at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 31:** Saline County Convention at 6 p.m. at the Center at Bishop Park
- **Wednesday, April 1:** Join the Arkansas Coalition for Education and Arkansas Civic Action Network for a virtual training at 6 p.m. with Dr. Gail Choate on how to testify effectively in public committee hearings. [Registration required on Zoom.](#)
- **Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19:** Young Democrats Spring Convention at the State Capitol in Little Rock
- **Saturday, April 25:** Pulaski County Democrats County Convention
- **Ongoing:** [Stand with Minnesota support.](#) Rent relief for March is a desperate need for the community. Donate to mutual aid networks supporting people in Minnesota.
- **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. Update banner for website to March 31 election
2. Follow up newsletter for canvassing campaigning – sign-up genius – block captain program – talk to 50 people and get them to promise to register to vote and have a plan to vote
3. Check responsive website in desktop – add Discord link to footer
4. Connect with Arkansas Civic Action Network
5. Central Arkansas Pride business card – LR Pride is Oct. 17 – we could have a table
6. Asking about auxiliaries meeting in April mentioned at DPA meeting in Springdale
7. Social Media post on YDSA Dignified Living campaign – asking City of LR to declare a housing crisis to advocate for more funding and a council of renters and people who are stakeholders to council the mayor for

legislation to help with the rental crisis - 4K evictions in the past year, mayor has agreed to do this and meet with mayor every month; members go and meet with the staff - need signatures to take to the mayor as a public pressure campaign - if you live in LR get papers from YDSA and get from offices at ACO. People can stop in and sign? May need office schedule, reach out to Roan and ask for a schedule.

8. Ask candidates for endorsement?
9. Ask about postcard opportunities and other candidate stuff; ask Grant Tennille about Hallie opportunities statewide

NOTES:

- **Banking update:** waiting on the card to get to the Secretary of State so that we can be in good standing with them so that we can open the bank account;
- **Social media:** Candidate spotlight: we've got our candidate spotlight already for Tuesday and we need more candidates to fill that out so if anybody can reach out to candidates like Tara Shepard and those kinds of people
- Asking about keynote speaker for Karaoke for Democracy in WWT
- **Social media:** No Kings follow up post
- Would like to do more with Disability Justice Arkansas group -
- **Tiered entry ways to work within the caucus** - thank you for coming! easy ask email; list of things to do; send out post cards and ask them to send those out etc.
- **County convention dates** - Saline County convention is 3/31; Pulaski County Dems is 4/25

- **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

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