

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

General Meeting 5/17/2026

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

ATTENDEES

APDC members

AGENDA

- Dignified Living Campaign - when is stakeholders meeting; was a Signal chat
- Preparing for state convention meeting - DPA platform Zoom updates
- Data center updates in Conway and LR from recent public meetings; [Arkansas Grassroots United](#) against Data Centers update from event on May 9
- Banking update and any donations / Treasurer's Update
- Topics for social media posts for the week; question of the week; candidate spotlights; website banner; newsletter topics
- New section for candidate volunteering efforts
- Bill tracker prep for 2027 legislative session
- DPA meeting for stakeholders including auxiliaries - asking Dustin for the meeting date
- Bring progressive candidates to the South - AOC and Bernie
- **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:

- **Thursday, May 14:** Arkansas Civic Action Network presents a [FUNRaiser Dance Party](#) at New Deal Dance Studios. Starting at 7 p.m. at 2003 S. Louisiana St. in Little Rock.
- **Saturday, May 16:** [Lola's Playhouse Presents: Blood Lust](#) - a benefit show in collaboration with Arkansas Period Poverty Project to highlight Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Month and menstrual equity in Arkansas. At

Ole 1 Events in Little Rock. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20.

- **Saturday, May 16:** [Passing The Van Keys](#), a benefit for The Van from Aaron Reddin to Parker Reid and to welcome Parker as the new executive director. Starts at 6 p.m. at Stickyz.
- **Saturday, May 16:** [Fireside Forum for HD24 and HD25](#) from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Rudy, AR.
- **Monday, May 18:** Pulaski County Democrats meeting starting at 6 p.m. at 1304 S. Main St., Little Rock. With guest speaker Secretary of State candidate Kelly Grappe
- **Monday, May 18:** Washington County Democrats meeting starting at 6 p.m. at 348 Van Asche Dr, Fayetteville
- **Wednesday, June 3:** Re-elect Rep. Ashley Hudson campaign meet and greet for volunteers. Drop in any time from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pizza Cafe West in Little Rock.
- **Saturday, June 13:** Democratic Party of Arkansas State Convention meeting starting at 9 a.m.

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. Treasurer calling S.O.S. this week to make sure we are in good standing; need to know the website the bank is checking
2. Asking CLAW about data centers in Conway; next Thursday (5/28?) is AGU monthly meeting.
3. Adding to newsletter to email their JPs - Wendell pushing resolution - committee meeting is public
4. Find meeting time for Swarm Aero meeting in NWA - 5/19 at 5:30 p.m.
5. Question of the week: Do you have any faith left in the Supreme Court? Next week's question: How do you think we should reform the Supreme Court?
6. Social media: Share where to sign up for petitions - only 8 weeks left
7. Bill tracker for 2027 legislative session - need to pay someone to do it
8. Email DPA consultant about template's impact on platform

9. Follow up with candidates about candidate spotlight - list is in drive

NOTES:

- Financial disclosures filed; waiting for dashboard. Calling secretary of state; trying to open a new bank account, in good standing link they check and we don't show up on it.

- **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