

Arkansas Progressive Democrats

General Meeting 4/5/2026

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

ATTENDEES

APDC members

AGENDA

- Updates from meeting with YDSA about long term goals - sent graphics for organizing fair; How to get involved in Dignified Living Campaign from Arkansas Community Organizers
- Banking update and any donations
- Topics for social media posts for the week; question of the week; candidate spotlights; website banner; feedback on newsletter
- Ideas for helping candidates get elected this year - check candidates for support before each meeting - share volunteer and canvassing opportunities on Discord / website / newsletter
- Ideas for low-stakes political engagement - calls to action for these
- Karaoke for Democracy on April 28 to support YoungDems - would we be a partner for this event; who could be a keynote speaker
- Bill tracker prep for 2027 legislative session
- DPA meeting in April for stakeholders including auxiliaries - asking Dustin
- **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:

- **Friday, April 3:** Free Black Mamas General Information meeting to free mothers and caregivers who cannot afford bond from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Creative Muse, 5211 W. 65th St., Little Rock
- **Saturday, April 4:** Pop-up Healthcare Clinic by Arkansas Community Advocates from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 408 W. 24th St., North Little Rock

- **Saturday, April 4:** Candidate Meet and Greet from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Stone County Fairgrounds in Mountain View. Meet Fred Love, Dr. Terri Yarborough and Kelli Grappe
- **Saturday, April 4:** League of Women Voters of Arkansas is launching a Garland County Chapter with a social event at 3p.m. in the Transportation Depot. [RSVP here.](#)
- **Tuesday, April 7:** Fundraiser for District 67 State House candidate Andrew Cabe Eberly. [More details here](#)
- **Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19:** Young Democrats Spring Convention at the State Capitol in Little Rock
- **Saturday, April 25:** Pulaski County Democrats Convention from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 417 S. Victory St., Little Rock
- **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. Newsletter: Send out an ask for \$2 to \$5 – at the bottom send it out – supporting our membership and aiding progressive candidates – re-imbursing people who need to travel to door knock etc.
2. Newsletter: Recruiting to fill Ryan’s seat – send out nomination form in newsletter then post in Discord:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCFkCPoUFf31fp2MWOC0jcpYgLRAhf0vq6c80oHLA5gxoDKg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>
3. Think about a spot for quarterly in-person caucus meet-ups
4. Social media post for YDSA event on April 18 – could post on the blog about the effort and say we will be there
5. Website banner – organizing fair until April 18 and then donations after that
6. Low-stakes political engagement on the blog

7. Put April 26 event in the newsletter - Neighbors for a Better Arkansas Meet and Greet

NOTES:

- Treasurer's update: In March - spent \$12 on email; took in \$110 - ending balance for the quarter is \$1,050.60.
- Banking update - signature card will be sent in this week; must be notarized
- Can re-send sticker designs to print more if needed
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- **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