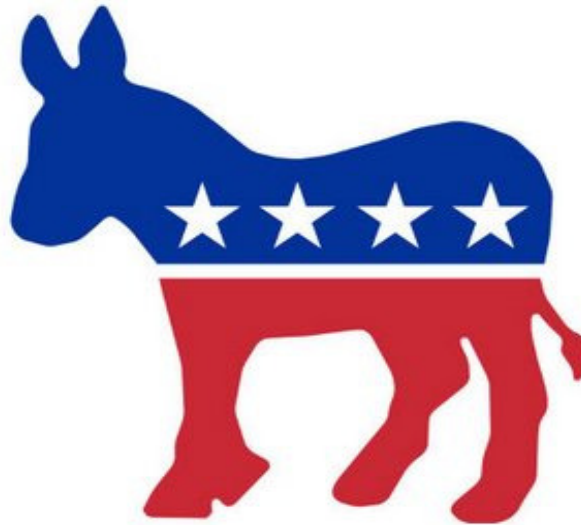


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**Upcoming Events**

**General Meeting:** 7:00pm, January 14th  
Indigo Inn, 12 S Division Ave, Fremont

**County Convention:** 3:00pm, February 7th  
Indigo Inn, 12 S Division Ave, Fremont

**State Convention:** February 21st  
Cobo Hall, Detroit

## New Executive Board Members

New Executive Board Members were elected at the Democratic County Convention on November 12th, 2008.

Jason Felton was elected Chair. He will lead the Newaygo County Democratic Party in the direction of change charged to us by our President Elect.

The new Vice-Chair is Barb Geno. She is also our recently elected County Commissioner.

Charles Benham

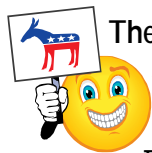
is returning as Treasurer. His many years of service to our Party will be a great asset to our county and to our Executive Board.

Sarah Miller has been chosen as the new Secretary.

Constance Dukes, of course, retains her position of Trustee.

John Traxler was elected to the second Trustee position.

Congratulations, all, and enjoy bringing change to our community.



There is still room for new people on a few of our standing committees. Additional members could be used for By-Laws & Rules; Membership; Public Relations, Parades & Festivals; and Candidate Recruitment. Committee members are appointed by the Chair and then must be approved by the Executive Board. If you're interested in serving on a committee or would like more information about them, contact us at [newaygodems@gmail.com](mailto:newaygodems@gmail.com) or leave a message at 652-5970 with your name, contact information and any special qualifications that you feel may be relevant.

## Call for County Convention

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*Hear ye! Hear ye!* The County Convention of the Newaygo County Democratic Party will take place at 3:00pm, Saturday, February 7th, 2009, at the Indigo Inn on 12 S Division in Fremont. The purpose of the Convention will be to elect Members and Alternates of State Convention Committees and consider resolutions for forwarding to the State Convention Resolutions Committee. There are three State Convention Committees: Resolutions, Credentials and Rules. Anyone wishing to be a member of a State Convention Committee must become a member of the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) by January 9th.

Precinct Delegates have the automatic right to vote at County Conventions but unfilled Precinct Delegate positions may be temporarily appointed at the Convention, therefore all party members are encouraged to attend. In order to vote at the Convention, Delegates must become members of the MDP before or at the Convention itself.

The State Convention will take place on February 21st at Cobo Hall in Detroit. Any person who has become a member of the MDP by January 23rd may attend and vote on the issues before the Convention. Important votes to take place there include the election of State Party leadership and the election of Congressional District leadership (we're in the 2nd District).

All the different membership deadlines can be a little confusing so here's the bottom-line: If you want to be on a State Convention Committee, you must become a member of the MDP by January 9th. If you plan on attending and voting at the State Convention and you're not a precinct delegate, you must become a member of the MDP by January 23rd. If you plan on attending our County Convention and wish to vote, you must become a member of the MDP at or before the Convention. Membership applications can be found at:

[michigandems.com](http://michigandems.com).

**THANK YOU TO THE VOTERS OF  
DISTRICT #1**

for electing me to serve you as your  
**Newaygo County Commissioner!**



I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all of the individuals who supported me during my campaign. I believe the success of my election was through your hard work. It was you who so diligently reached out to the voters, encouraging them to set aside political partisanship when casting their vote, and, instead asking them to consider my experience and demonstrated commitment to our community.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you!



The U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section I states "Each State shall appoint in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or a person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector."

Thus Michigan is entitled to 17 Electors. Under Michigan law at the State Convention held in August each Congressional District will elect one Elector and the party shall elect two statewide Electors who must "consent to serve and to cast his vote for the candidates for president and vice-president appearing on the Michigan ballot of the political party which nominated him".

It was my great honor to be the nominee of the Second Congressional District for 2008.

The Electoral College was called to order by Lt. Governor John Cherry in the State Senate Chambers at 2:00 P.M. on December 15, 2008.

With due pomp and ceremony the colors were presented and the Pledge of Allegiance was given followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Invocations were given by Rabbi Marla Hornsten and Father Russell Kohler.

Governor Granholm, who was seated at my immediate right, was the asked to address the Electors. She spoke of the past when the Democratic votes were too few to elect a president and how much she looked forward to the next two years with a partner in the White House. At the conclusion of her remarks the Governor called for the election of a chairman of the 2008 Electoral College.

Lt. Governor John Cherry was elected Chairperson of the 2008 Electoral College.

The role of the Electors was then called and it was a great honor to respond "HERE" when my name was called.

Nominations for the Office of President were then in order. James Hoffa, Elector at Large, nominated Barack

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Obama, Griffin Rivers of the Eighth Congressional District then seconded the nomination. No other nominations were offered. We then voted by paper ballot and signed our name on the space provided.

The tally showed Barack Obama received 17 Electoral Votes for President. A standing and lengthy ovation was given by all.

Nominations for the office of Vice President were then opened. Brenda Abbey of the Seventh Congressional District nominated Joe Biden. Kenneth Jenkins of the Tenth Congressional District seconded the nomination. No other nominations being received we once again voted by signing our paper ballots.

The tally showed Joe Biden received 17 votes for Vice President. Again a standing ovation was given.

Certificates of the Vote for President and Vice President were the presented. Each Elector then rose when called and sign each of the six certificates.

One certificate will be sent by registered mail to the president of the United States Senate to be opened in January when the votes of the states are counted.

One certificate will be sent to Chief Judge Paul L. Maloney of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Two will be delivered to our Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and stored with official state records.

Two will be delivered to the Archivist of the United States to be stored for as long as our nation stands with the other records of our great nation.

The certificates were then placed in envelopes and we were again called one at a time to sign the envelopes.

The first Benediction was given by Iman Dawud (da-oud) Walid (wa-lid).

The second Benediction was given by Bishop William Murphy.

We then voted to adjourn the 2008 Electoral College.

## Hot off the Presses!

The Newaygo County Board of Commissioners held their Organizational Meeting on January 2nd. At the meeting Adam Wright and Stanley Nieboer were elected Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, for the 2009 - 2010 term. Committee assignments are as follows:

Finance: Pat Gardner (Chair), Barb Geno (Vice-Chair), Adam Wright, Stanley Nieboer and Chuck Trapp

Public Safety/Judicial: Stanley Nieboer (Chair),

Chuck Trapp (Vice-Chair) and Simon Scholtens

Physical & Economic Development: Chuck Trapp (Chair), Jim Maike (Vice-Chair) and Pat Gardner

Health, Education & Human Services: Simon Scholtens (Chair), Barb Geno (Vice-Chair) and Jim Maike

Among the Miscellaneous Committees, our own Barb Geno will be on Area Agency on Aging, Audit and the Commission on Aging.

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We like to thank Linda Dean, Garnet Abbott and Gladys Baker for their years of commitment to

our Party. They have been steadfastly at the ready for all of our meetings. Linda led us as Chair during the nation's most important campaign in recent years. Serving as Secretary, Garnet has unfailingly created and distributed our newsletter. Gladys Baker is passing on her responsibilities as Trustee after 6 years. Her input to this Party has been priceless. These women have been, and continue to be, an incredible asset to us. Thank you, Linda, Garnet, and Gladys!

*YOU SO MUCH!*

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