

## Timeline

### 2015

Sept. - Dec. RI Democratic Party hosts workshops on the process, conducts outreach, implements Affirmative Action Plan, and connects with the media

October Delegate & Alternate Declaration of Candidacy & pledge of support forms available

### 2016

Feb. 24 -25 *District-level delegate filing Declaration of Candidacy*

March 1 Deadline for delegates to return nomination papers to local boards

March 8 Deadline for delegate candidates to withdraw

April 26 *Election Day for the Presidential Preference Primary*

May 11 Deadline for Pledged PLEO to file statement and pledge of support

May 25 Pledged PLEO delegates selected at State Convention

May 27 Deadline for at-large and alternate position seekers to file a statement of candidacy

June 13 State Committee selects at-large delegates and alternates

July 25-28 *Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, PA*

## Make History and Make a Difference

For more information about the *Delegate Selection Process* visit [www.RIDemocrats.org/abouttheparty/Convention](http://www.RIDemocrats.org/abouttheparty/Convention) or call us at 401.272.3367.

And for information on the 2016 Democratic National Convention visit <http://www.phldnc.com/>

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# Help Shape History

Become a Delegate  
to the  
2016 Democratic National Convention

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## MAKE HISTORY: Become a Delegate

From the 1<sup>st</sup> Democratic Convention in 1832, it has been clear – delegates make history. They decide who represents us in the highest seats in the most important elections in this land.

At the 2016 Democratic National Convention, 31 delegates and 2 alternates will represent Rhode Island to lend their voices to who will become the Party's next nominees for President and Vice President: your voice could be among them.

But first, you must be a registered R.I. voter, and either registered as a Democrat or as Unaffiliated who intends to vote in the Democratic Primary on April 26.

### How do I register to vote?

Visit your local board of canvassers' office or download the form here <http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/voters/register>, then print and mail to your board of Canvassers. (Addresses are on form.) You *must* be a citizen of the United States; a resident of the R.I. city or town you intend to vote in; and at least 18-years old to vote.

### How many delegates are there?

There are 31 delegates and 2 alternates. Twenty-two (22) are 'pledged' and (9) are 'unpledged'. Of the 22 pledged delegates, 14 are district-level, 5 At-large, and 3 PLEO's. The 14 district level will be elected in the April 26 Presidential Preference Primary; the at-large and PLEO delegates will be selected by the State Committee. The 9 *unpledged* delegates are comprised of our Democratic National Committee members, our Democratic members of Congress, and our Democratic Governor.

Two (2) alternates will be chosen by the State Committee, and will attend the Convention in case a Delegate cannot or does not attend.

### What's a Pledged or Unpledged Delegate?

A 'pledged' delegate is someone who wants to represent a certain Presidential candidate at the convention. They declare their support for a specific candidate and are subject to a *Presidential Candidate Right of Review* before either making it onto the ballot for the April 26<sup>th</sup> election (if they are running as a District-level delegate) or to be considered by the State Committee to serve as an At-large or PLEO delegate.

District-level delegate candidates may *only* run in the district in which s/he is registered to vote. S/he must file a declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State **and** file a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party. Once received by the Secretary of State, s/he will receive nomination papers if qualified, and must submit at least 150 signatures of qualified registered voters in their district.

An '**unpledged**' delegate is someone who makes their choice for nominees at the Convention. For Rhode Island, these delegates are our 4 National DNC members, our 4 Democratic members of Congress, and our Democratic Governor.

### The process begins now!

We posted our state's 2016 Delegate Selection Plan online at <http://www.ridemocrats.org/abouttheparty/convention>. It outlines the timeline and steps within this process to become a delegate and to get involved.

We have also begun building our statewide caucuses – to be sure *all* voices are heard at our Democratic National Convention, and to continue to build the Democratic Party. If you are a woman, minority, Asian American or Pacific Islander, Hispanic, youth, LGBTQ, person with a disability, Native American or in a typically under-represented group, we need your input. Call us and we'll tell you how.

**Starting in September**, the R.I. Democratic Party will host five regional public meetings explaining the Delegate Selection process. They will be posted online and in the media.

### Dates, times and locations are as follows:

- September 9 at 6 p.m. – Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope St., Bristol
- September 10 at 6 p.m. – Peace Dale Library Meeting Room, 1057 Kingstown Rd., Wakefield
- September 16 at 6:30 p.m. – Warwick Democratic City Committee meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, Sandy Lane, Warwick
- September 17 at 6 p.m. – Woonsocket Public Library, 303 Clinton Street, Woonsocket
- October 7 at 6 p.m. – Meeting Street School, 1000 Eddy Street, Providence