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If you want to be a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention . . .

If you want to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on July 25-28, 2016, you must follow certain procedures, which are described in detail in the South Carolina Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan. Here is a summary of the steps you need to take:



1. **Vote in the February 27, 2016 South Carolina Democratic Presidential Primary.**
2. **Attend your Greenville County precinct reorganization meeting at 10:00am on Saturday, March 12, 2016** (the time and date were set by the State Party) and get elected as a delegate from your precinct to the Greenville County Democratic Party Convention. Each precinct gets one county convention delegate for every 25 people who voted in the last general election primary or the last presidential election. The number can be doubled or tripled by the County Executive Committee, so there should be plenty of spots available for people who want to serve as delegates to the County Convention.
3. **Attend the Greenville County Democratic Party Convention which will be held in late March** (we have not yet set the precise date, but the State Party

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Why I am a Democrat by Jeanne Brooks

I'm a Democrat because Democrats believe in the things we Americans say we are as a nation. Democrats believe that all citizens, rich or poor, should be equal under the law. They understand that the right of every citizen to vote is a profound part of what this country is about, and nobody should tamper with that or make it difficult. They understand the lasting value of good public education, that it is a gift to the future - and not just for economic reasons, though that too -

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requires that it be between March 19 and March 28) as a delegate from your precinct and get elected as a delegate to the State Convention. Greenville County has been allotted 154 delegates to the 2016 State Convention. (We got 162 slots in 2014 and filled them all.)

4. Complete the 2016 National Delegate Filing Form and submit it to the State Party so that it is received by 5:00pm on Monday, April 4, 2016.

- a. You can obtain a copy of the form at www.scdp.org
 - Click on “Resources” on the menu bar at the top of the SCDP home page
 - Then click on “2016 Delegate Selection Plan”
 - Then click on “Delegate Candidate Form”
- b. Send the Form:
 - By Courier Service to: 915 Lady Street, Suite 111, Columbia, SC 29250
 - By mail: Attn: Convention Delegate, PO Box 5965, Columbia, SC 29250
 - By e-mail: delegate16@scdp.org
 - By fax: 803-765-1692

5. Attend the South Carolina Democratic Party State Convention as a delegate from Greenville County and get elected as a delegate to the National Convention. The state convention will be held on April 30, 2016 in Columbia at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center (the usual place).

South Carolina is allotted a total of 59 delegates and 4 alternates to the National Convention. Six delegates are “pre-determined” by virtue of the positions they hold (current DNC members and our Democratic Congressman), so that leaves 53 delegate and 4 alternate positions. You can be elected as a delegate in any one of these three categories and you may apply for election in all categories:

1. **4th Congressional District Delegate.** South Carolina gets 35 delegates allocated among the seven US Congressional districts based on prior voter turnout. Our district, the 4th Congressional District, gets four – two men and two women. No more than half can come from any one county in the district, so no more than two delegates can be from Greenville County. Congressional District delegates must identify the presidential candidate they will vote for, and delegates are allocated first according to the number of votes the candidates received in the February 27 primary. Congressional District Delegates are elected by the State Convention.
2. **Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials.** South Carolina is allowed seven delegates in this category. These delegates must be current elected officials or party officers at the county or state level, and they must identify the presidential candidate they support. These Delegates will be elected by the State Convention after the Congressional District Delegates are elected, subject to the following order of preference:
 1. Democratic mayors of big cities
 2. State legislative leaders
 3. State legislators
 4. Other state, county and local elected officials and party officers including presidents of county and state Democratic Women’s organizations.

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and they invest in it. Democrats believe in science and in the concept of common good and human dignity and in fairness. They believe in national forests and parks and clean air and clean water, and in doing our level best to hand these things on to our children and grandchildren to enrich their lives and keep them healthy. Democrats believe in the human spirit, and that good and better are possible, and it’s worth trying very hard to make them happen. These are a few of the reasons I’m a Democrat.

3. **At-Large Delegates.** South Carolina will have 11 At-Large Delegates and four At-Large Alternate Delegates who will be elected by the State Convention after Congressional District Delegates and Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Official Delegates are elected. If you are interested in applying for an At-Large Delegate or Alternate position, in addition to the National Delegate Filing Form, you must submit one of the following by the April 4 deadline: (1) signatures of ten State Convention Delegates; or (2) a \$50.00 check (nonrefundable) to the South Carolina Democratic Party. Selection of these delegates may be adjusted to achieve affirmative action goals for the inclusion of African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, LGBT and female delegates.

Please remember that this is just a summary of all the rules you must follow to become a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the National Convention. You can get a copy of the complete Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan at the State Party's web site at www.scdp.org by clicking on "Resources" on the menu bar at the top of the SCDP home page and then clicking on "2016 Delegate Selection Plan."

Voter Registration, the life blood of politics _____ Roxanne Cordonier



Kaye Martell and Susan Cyr handle voter registration

The Greenville County Democratic Party recently organized a voter registration event at The Battle of the Bands held Saturday, August 29th at Sirrine Stadium in Greenville. The annual event was hosted by WJMZ Radio and the nationally syndicated host of their morning

show Tom Joyner was the celebrity host. The event attracted thousands of music lovers from across North and South Carolina. Volunteers at the event included Jonathon Sweeney, Susan Cyr (who organized and set up), Vijay Srathy, Kaye Martell, Megan Piatt, Tamara Bryson, Linda Hardman, Kate Franch and Jessica Sharp.

At nearly every voter registration event that I've been part of we encounter convicted felons who are under the impression that their voting rights have been permanently terminated. This isn't true. Ten states prohibit former felons

from voting but South Carolina isn't one of them. The Department of Probation, Pardons and Parole Services estimates that up to 250,000 ex-offenders who have completed their sentences and their probation could be eligible to vote again in South Carolina. So...spread the word and sign em up.



Roxanne Cordonier with Tom Joyner

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Floyd McGurk
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 26, 2015 (Saturday) 8:30am

GCDP Monthly Meeting
Long Branch Baptist Church
28 Bolt Street, Greenville, 29605

September 26, 2015 (Saturday) 11:00am -2:00pm

McCormick Democratic Party Annual Fish Fry
Spirit of Life Community Church
118 W. Gold Street
McCormick, SC

October 12, 2015 5:30pm

Democratic Women Monthly Meeting
Runway Cafe (inside)
21 Airport Road
Greenville, SC

October 14, 2015 (Wednesday) 1:00pm

League of Women Voters Meeting
University Center (McAlister Square)

Note: The “La Gonzadera del Poder Latino”
Festival hosted by the Hispanic Caucus has
been cancelled.

“Selling the Democratic Brand” is topic of October Democratic Women meeting

Democratic Women of Greenville County will meet Monday October 12 at 5:30pm at the Runway Cafe at 21 Airport Road. The speaker will be Karl W. Smith whose topic will be “Selling the Democratic Brand”. For more information and to RSVP, contact Democratic Headquarters at 232-5531 or headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com

League of Women Voters October Meeting

Sue Berkowitz, Director for the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center will be speaking to the Greenville League of Women Voters on Wednesday October 14th at 1:00 pm at the University Center (old McAlister mall). She will be discussing the Medicaid gap in SC. We will have an informative discussion on what it is, who it impacts, how much it costs and the interesting politics that continues to surround this issue.

Greenville County Young Democrats Elects New Leadership

Jonathan Sweeney has succeeded Ben Saul as the president of Greenville County Young Democrats. Tamara Bryson is the Appalachian Region Chair (covering Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Pickens, Oconee and Laurens Counties.)

New officers for this calendar year are as follows:

President; Jonathon Sweeney, Secretary; Tamara Bryson, Outreach Coordinator; Michael McGee.

Vacant positions (that need to be filled ASAP) are as follows: Vice President, Finance Director, Communications Director.

Please submit
letters of interest to
AppYoungDems@gmail.com.



2015 SEIRN Conference - “Seeds of Struggle, Roots of Resistance”

Laura Cahue

Members of Immigrant groups in South Carolina traveled to Hampton, Georgia to participate in the 2015 Conference of the Southeast Immigrant Rights Network (SEIRN) the weekend of August 28th through the 30th.

The groups, Young Immigrants in Action (YIA) and Somos SC are working on addressing racial profiling in their communities and improving relations with Law Enforcement. June Arellano, Luis Santiago, Raul Medina and Maria Morales of YIA and Kimberly Medina and Pericles Gonzalez of Somos SC worked with participants from as far away as Arkansas and as close as Georgia and North Carolina.

Understanding the roots of racism and oppression, institutional and individual racism and the nature of conscious and unconscious racist attitudes were the focus of the workshops. The conference focused on understanding the Black Lives Matter movement and building solidarity with it around the Southeast. Awareness of the BLM movement began with a "Say Their Name" ceremony in which murder victims of police brutality from around the World were named followed by the call of "Presente."

Among those who were named were the members of the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC murdered earlier this year and the 43 Ayotzinapa students disappeared and presumed dead.



Kimberly Medina and Pericles Gonzalez of Somos SC working on legislative strategy plan for South Carolina



Raul Medina, Maria Morales, June Arellano, Laura Cahue, Pericles Gonzalez, Luis Santiago and Kimberly Medina



SEIRN's new logo



Identifying expressions of White Supremacy and Anti-Blackness in the Southeast

Congratulations Jasmine



Jasmine Twitty

Twenty five year old Jasmine Twitty was recently sworn in as an associate Judge in the South Carolina Municipal Court for the city of Easley. Twitty, a graduate of the College of Charleston is the youngest judge ever appointed in the city of Easley. Twitty is a member of the Upstate Network of Young Professionals and serves as Treasurer of

the Urban League of the Upstate.

Twitty was recently Vice President of the Appalachian Young Democrats.

Stay Connected

Stay informed with the party by visiting our website at greenvilledemocrats.com and Greenville County Democrats Facebook page. If you would like to receive party emails, please call Headquarters, 864.232.5531.

Join Us!

The Greenville County Democratic Management Team meets on the third Thursday each month at 5:30pm at the headquarters building at 1300-J E. Washington Street. We welcome all interested parties to attend the meetings as your schedule permits.

State News & Events

SC Democratic Party's Executive Director takes leave to work on Sanders Presidential campaign

Jason Perkey, the Executive Director of the South Carolina Democratic Party has announced that SCDP's Deputy Executive Director Christale Spain will be taking a professional leave of absence from the State Party for the next six months to serve as the State Political Outreach Director for Senator Bernie Sanders' Presidential Campaign.

The state party provides their staff the opportunity to take up to six months of professional leave of absence for the purpose of working on a Democratic campaign in South Carolina. Upon her return, Christale will be reinstated as the Deputy Executive Director with the same salary level and benefits that she has

today.

Perkey said, "We are so proud that a marquee Democratic Presidential candidate such as Senator Sanders' has chosen one of our very own to serve in a senior staff position. But we are sad to see Christale go, if even for a short period of time."

Christale had this to say, "I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the unwavering support you have given me in the 3 years I've been with the State Party. I would also like to thank Jaime and Jason for supporting my decision to work for Senator Sanders and for allowing me to take a professional leave of absence. This has truly been a difficult decision for me to make,



Christale Spain

but I believe it is the best one. Again, thank you all for your continued support and your hard work, believe me it has not gone unnoticed. I look forward to seeing you all on the campaign trail. You can bet you will be hearing from me soon!

McCormick County Democratic Party Annual Fish Fry

Food, Fun & Fellowship

The McCormick County Democratic Party will hold their Annual Fish Fry on September 26, 2015

Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Spirit of Life Community Church (across Street from The Mack Park)

118 W. Gold Street

McCormick, SC

Guest Speakers:

12:00 Noon Representative Ann Parks

12:15pm Senator Floyd Nicholson

12:30pm Jamie Harrison, SCDP Chairperson

1:00pm Mrs. Barbara Jo Mullis

For tickets, see:

Charles Wiggleton
Arthur Banks

Jerry & Paula Goldman
Joan & Bob Stockton
Rev. Lee & Sister Christine Lee

Gwen or Ricky Chiles
Polly Waters



For more information contact: Jerold Goldman, jgold123@aol.com

The donation to attend the event is \$10.00. (McCormick is in the 3rd Congressional District as is the southern portion of Greenville County.)

James E. Clyburn Fellowship Applicants Needed

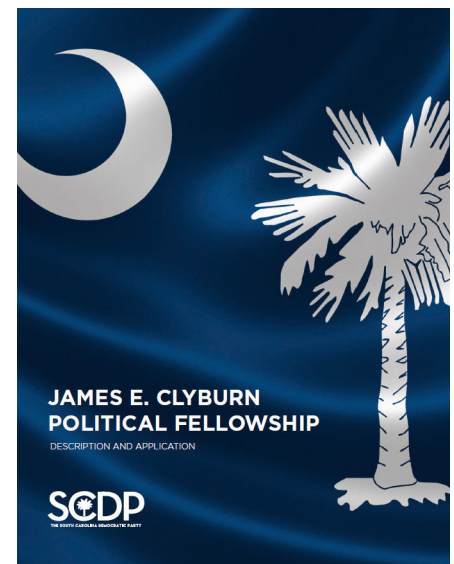
Applications for the initial class of James E. Clyburn Fellows sponsored by the South Carolina Democratic Party are now available. One person aged 22-45 from each county will be selected to participate in the year-long program.

The goal of the Fellowship is to develop the next generation of leadership and talent in the South Carolina Democratic Party. At the conclusion of the experience, each Fellow will be equipped to run for elected office, manage issue-based or political campaigns, and participate in the leadership/management of local and county party operations.

Over the course of a year, 50

Fellows (at least one from each county (46) and four at-large) will meet during five three-day intensive seminars/training sessions over a twelve-month program. Each session will be led by experienced and accomplished national and state facilitators who will help the participants explore the concepts and challenges of party leadership, learn proven campaign strategies and best practices, and develop skills critical to winning elections and ultimately governing.

The applications will be due on September 18th and fellows will be selected by October 9th. The first session will be scheduled for November 6th - 8th.



Applications are available at www.scdp.org http://scdp.org/wp-files/SCDP_clyburnfellowship//4.pdf

Report from South Carolina Democratic Party Emergency Executive Committee

Ingrid Erwin

August 27, 2015

The Executive Committee met by an Emergency Conference Call on August 27, 2015. Party Chair Jaime Harrison led the call, the purpose of which was to approve the revised South Carolina Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan.

South Carolina Election Commission officials met with representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties to discuss procedures for next year's election. Based on those discussions, several deadlines in the previously approved Delegate Selection Plan were moved up a few weeks.

Presidential Candidate filing forms will be available on November 1, 2015, and beginning on November 16, candidates may file with the Democratic Party to qualify for the primary. The filing period for presidential candidates closes on December 4, and the Party's Executive Committee will review and certify the candidates on December 7. The revised Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan

was approved. (It is available on the state party website.)

South Carolina requires presidential candidates to pay a \$20,000 filing fee. The national Democratic Party, however, has a rule that candidates cannot be charged more than \$2,500 as a filing fee. As a result, the South Carolina Democratic Party must pay \$17,500 of each presidential candidate's fee to the state. Jaime noted that there are presently five candidates - if the number grows (as it could) to seven, the party would have an expense of \$122,500.

Jaime noted the potential financial hardship to the party, and asked the national party for a waiver of the \$2,500 limitation (a limitation that was designed to remove financial restrictions on potential candidates). That request was denied. The national party representatives did indicate that they would provide help with fundraising to secure the funds. Jaime is concerned that this fundraising might be limited to people who are already contributing to the party; seeking donations for this purpose could affect the funds



Ingrid Erwin
State Executive Committee Delegate

generated to pay the party's normal operating expenses.

One option is to ask each prospective candidate to make a donation in the amount of \$17,500 to the state party to cover the cost for the party. Applications for the initial class of Fellows (a program modeled after a program sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation) will be sent out in the next few days. One person aged 22-45 from each county will be selected to participate in a year-long program designed to prepare the participants to (1) run for office; (2) work as a campaign operative; or (3) run a county party. Jaime believes that it is imperative to begin developing young people and getting them interested in the party.

2016 Primary Schedule

Monday, February 1: Iowa Caucus

Tuesday, February 9: New Hampshire Primary

Saturday, February 20:

Democratic Caucus in Nevada
SC Republican Primary

Tuesday, February 23: Republican Nevada Caucus

Saturday, February 27: SC Democratic Primary



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