



# PORTAGE COUNTY **DEMOCRAT**

Getting Together, Moving Forward Together February 2019

## GOVERNOR TONY EVERS

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### ***"The will of the people is the law of the land"***

"As elected officials, we are reminded that our obligation and our allegiance are to the people of this state, not any political leader or party. That is the promise and the spirit of our service. May we dare to transcend divisiveness and party line. May we have courage in our conscience. And may we be willing to do what's best for the next generation rather than the next election."

"Folks, this is bigger than me; this is about the people of Wisconsin. It is about setting aside political interests and personal ambitions to work together on solving problems. It's about putting people first."

With this pronouncement, Governor Tony Evers began his tenure as the 46th Governor of Wisconsin.



PCDP 2019 Executive Board

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
Co-Chair	Gary Hawley
Co-Chair	Jan Way
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Jerod Barkley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Ned Grossnickle
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair	Karyn Tank
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice Chair	David Pederson
Statutory Chair	Michele Bjella
Treasurer	Jack Allgaier
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At Large	Marlo Fields
At Large	Joan Garski
At Large	Chris McLaughlin
At Large	Travis Slattery
At Large	Lynn Wyman
At Large	Rick Wyman
<b>UWSP College</b>	<b>Dems</b>
President	Josh Norman
Vice-President	Mitchell Knight
Treasurer	Haley Hartman

These Executive Board members were elected at the December 11th meeting to serve for 2019.

Thank you to retiring board members Secretary, Carol Gawlik and at large members Robbie Abrahamian, Konrad Chojnacki, Nancy Chojnacki, Glen Fink and Valerie Landowski.

Side note: Robbie Abrahamian is currently on Katrina's staff.

Volunteers are needed for several committees for our party.

**Events:** coordinate fair booths, parades, Trivia, gatherings, and rallies

Contact **Chair Jan Way** at [janmway@gmail.com](mailto:janmway@gmail.com)

**Membership:** renew current & recruit new memberships, and coordinate with community organizations

Contact **Chair Jerod Barkley** at [jerodbarkley@gmail.com](mailto:jerodbarkley@gmail.com)

**Statutory:** recruit members to serve as poll workers and coordinate these with the municipal clerks in Portage County

Contact **Chair Michelle Bjella** at [michelebjella@yahoo.com](mailto:michelebjella@yahoo.com)

**Program:** arrange monthly speaker and other educational events

Contact **Chair Jan Way** at [janmway@gmail.com](mailto:janmway@gmail.com)

**Resolutions:** suggest resolutions to submit at the 3<sup>rd</sup> CD Convention

Contact **Chair David Pederson** at [graniteridgefarm@gmail.com](mailto:graniteridgefarm@gmail.com)

If you do not have access to the internet, contact Jan Way at 715-572-5802 for more information about any of these opportunities to help your local Democratic Party.

**By the numbers**

Karyn Tank our HQ use tracker reported there were 4 meetings in December with 92 people participating.

What you missed  
if you weren't at the December 11th meeting.



**Tiffany Krueger** was our first speaker and is a local advocate for the homeless population in Stevens Point. Tiffany helped organize the local Homeless Shelter and continues to help run it. Tiffany told of finding people sleeping outside in Stevens Point and decided to do something about it.



**Marcy & Dennis Ferriter** told of their involvement in the Mobile Pantry which they operate for the most part out of their home. They, along with volunteers, deliver donated food to people in need throughout the county.

Both speakers stated that they rely on the generosity of the community for donations and volunteers in order to function. The speakers received generous rounds of applause.

## Program for February 12 meeting

Tori Jennings and Meleesa Johnson, both Stevens Point Alders, will present a program titled "Public Policy is Health Care Policy—Building Active and Healthy Communities".



A reminder that election season is never really over!

## SPRING PRIMARY Tuesday, Feb. 19

There are only two races for Portage County voters that will require a primary.

### District 9 alder race:

Top 2 will face-off in the General Election on April 2

Mary McComb (Dem); incumbent  
Brian Beaulieu  
Polly Dalton

### Stevens Point School District:

Top 6 will face-off in the General Election on April 2

Jeff Ebel; incumbent  
Barb Portzen; incumbent  
Ed Morganroth  
Gee Pope  
Kurt Pulvermacher  
Jodi Rentfrow  
Ann Vang

~ Spring Election April 2 ~

**RESOLUTIONS - DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS?  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD WHERE IT MATTERS!**

County party members are encouraged to write a resolution(s) relating to an area of governance that they are interested in for possible inclusion to the DPW platform. What area of your world are you passionate about that you would encourage the DPW and Democrats to work to change or work toward? This is your chance to tell the state party your thoughts!

Resolutions can be no more than 100 words, not already included in the platform and must be structured as follows:

WHEREAS, (Factual statement and observations)

WHEREAS, (More factual statements and observations); and

WHEREAS, (More factual statements and observations).

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (or you could write DPW) supports (statement).

Each resolution will be assigned to one of four general topics:

- Justice, Human Concerns and Democracy
- Education, Labor & Economics
- Foreign Affairs
- Agriculture & Environmental Affairs.

The following is a sample of a resolution submitted by PCDP and adopted by the DPW in the past:

JUST CAUSE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES (80 words)

WHEREAS, workers and employees are the lifeblood of a thriving economy, and

WHEREAS, employees need protection from discrimination, persecution and wrongful dismissal, and

WHEREAS, employers need protection from litigation resulting from wrongful discipline, and

WHEREAS, employment is of great value to both the employer and the employee, therefore, neither should have that employment placed in unnecessary jeopardy.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, the DPW supports that no employee who has completed a probationary period should be disciplined, suspended or discharged without just cause.

Help writing a resolution or further explanations regarding the process will be offered at the February 12th meeting or you can contact David Pederson at 715-341-6195 or email him at [graniteridgefarm@gmail.com](mailto:graniteridgefarm@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE** - a partial listing of upcoming events for Democrats

**March 27th** - Conservation Lobby Day at Monona Terrace. “The year of clean drinking water” as announced by Governor Tony Earl. Conservation Lobby day is your chance to be heard, to share you views on specific issues with legislators and to meet and mingle with your fellow conservation voters. More at [info@conservationvoter.org](mailto:info@conservationvoter.org).

**May 4th** - 3rd Congressional District Convention in LaCrosse. Details on the venue and program are in the planning stages. At this convention the resolutions that state parties have submitted are vetted and those chosen are passed on to the state resolution committee.

**June 1st & 2nd** - Wisconsin Democratic Party State Convention at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee. As in years past, be prepared to hear many great speeches from Democratic officials, participate in selecting resolutions for inclusion in the state Democratic platform and vote for DPW chair. Information at [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org)

-Keep up to date - watch your email inbox for more immediate and upcoming events at **PC Dems Update** - if you know of an event that your fellow PCDP Dems would be interested in, contact Jack Allgaier at [allgaier@gmail.com](mailto:allgaier@gmail.com) or 715-341-5359

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While the opposition party met in Madison in a lame-duck session to curtail the powers of the newly elected Constitutional Democratic officers, Governor-elect Tony Evers proved that there would be a new agenda in Wisconsin. Totally unheard of during the previous administration, Governor-elect Evers announced things would be different during his tenure by inviting Wisconsin citizens to a budget listening session where he would be doing the listening.

PCDP member Lynn Wyman sent this article about the event.

Governor-elect Tony Evers held a budget listening session in Wausau at the Labor Temple December 12, 2018. It was the second of 4 sessions held throughout the state. More than 200 people attended the Wausau session and at least 6 of those were members of Portage County Democratic Party.

The Governor-Elect made brief remarks before participants were split into 5 discussion groups: Children’s issues, Health Care, Criminal Justice Reform, Labor and Workforce Issues, and Environmental concerns.

Information collected at these sessions will be used to prepare the next state budget.

“No man is good enough to govern another man without the other’s consent”  
Abraham Lincoln



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## PCDP February 12, 2019 Meeting

6 PM Socialization

6:30 PM Call to order

7 PM Program - Alders Tori Jennings & Meleesa Johnson - Public Policy is Health Care Policy - Building active and healthy communities.

Officials & Announcements

Socialization

Authorized & paid for by Portage County Democratic Party