ARKANSAS DEMOCRATS

HOW THE PARTY IS ORGANIZED

Democratic Party of Arkansas · Who serves where, who elects whom, and who answers to whom

STATE COMMITTEE

The governing body of the Democratic Party of Arkansas. Meets at least three times a year, in locations spread across the state. Members serve two-year terms running convention to convention. A quorum is 30% of the membership.

SOLE POWER TO AMEND THE RULES

ALL SERVE ON

2+ per county

COUNTY COMMITTEES

Every county sends two members, one man and one woman. Counties earn extra gender-balanced seats based on how much they contributed to the Democratic nominee for Governor. Reapportioned every four years.

4 each

CHARTERED AUXILIARIES

Each auxiliary seats its chair or president, its first vice chair, and two at-large members. No more than two may come from the same county.

Automatic

DEMOCRATS IN OFFICE

Every Democratic state legislator, statewide elected official, and member of the U.S. House or Senate from Arkansas.

Automatic

FORMER DPA CHAIRS

Anyone who has previously chaired the State Committee keeps full membership privileges when present.

Up to 10

CHAIR'S APPOINTEES

The Chair names up to ten members to balance the committee by gender, age, and diversity. They leave when the Chair does.

Carry-over

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Anyone on the Executive Committee who isn't already a State Committee member joins it, except the Chair's four Executive Committee appointees.

THE STATE COMMITTEE ELECTS

DPA OFFICERS

Eight officers, four-year terms. The First Vice-Chair may not identify as the same sex as the Chair.

- Chair
- First Vice-Chair
- Vice-Chair for County Committees
- Vice-Chair for Auxiliaries
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- National Committeeman
- National Committeewoman

On the DNC: the Chair, First Vice-Chair, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman represent Arkansas on the **Democratic National Committee**.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Two-year terms. Elected by secret ballot at the first State Committee meeting after a general election.

2 women + 2 men

from each congressional district. More than one county has to be represented in a district's slate, and no DPA staff member may serve.

AR-1	AR-2	AR-3	AR-4
4 SEATS	4 SEATS	4 SEATS	4 SEATS

SERVE BY OFFICE OR APPOINTMENT

Not elected by the State Committee. They reach the Executive Committee by rule.

- **House & Senate Party Leaders**
  The Democratic leaders in both legislative chambers.
- **Arkansas DNC Members**
  Every member of the Democratic National Committee who lives in Arkansas.
- **Chair's Appointees, up to 4**
  Named for special talents or the diversity they bring to the body.

ALL SERVE ON

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Holds the full authority of the State Committee between its meetings, with one exception: it cannot amend the Rules. Runs strategic planning, candidate recruitment, and fundraising strategy, and reports to the State Committee at every meeting.

APPROVES HIRES & APPOINTMENTS

THE CHAIR ACTS WITH ITS APPROVAL

PARTY STAFF

Based at the state Democratic office.

The Chair hires. The **Personnel Committee** advises on key hires and maintains the party's personnel policies. Pay is set by the Chair and the officers, with the Executive Committee's advice and consent.

SEVEN STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chair appoints the chairs and the membership, with the Executive Committee's approval, except where the Rules already name a chair. The Chair or a designee sits on all of them as a non-voting member.

BUDGET & AUDIT

Financial compliance, the two-year rolling budget, and the annual records review.

CHAIRED BY THE TREASURER

COUNTY REVIEW

Meets quarterly on county committee reports; establishes the regions.

CHAIRED BY THE VICE-CHAIR FOR COUNTY COMMITTEES

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Five members. Oversees every chartered auxiliary.

CHAIRED BY THE VICE-CHAIR FOR AUXILIARIES

RULES

Weighs rule changes and issues advisory opinions when the Chair asks for one.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Writes and carries out the affirmative action plan the DNC requires.

PERSONNEL

Advises the Chair on key staff hires and sets personnel policy.

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS

Nine members, at least one per region. Plans and runs the State Convention.

A condensed reading of the Rules of the Democratic Party of Arkansas, December 2025. It maps how people reach each body and who elects or appoints whom. It leaves out vacancy procedures, proxy and attendance rules, regional meetings, special committees, and the convention process. For anything binding, go to the Rules. Want in? Start at **Get Involved** or **find your county party**.