



**REPORT FROM DNC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND COMMITTEEWOMAN  
ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN  
APRIL 14, 2021**

**DNC MEETING**

We proudly represented Arkansas Democrats at our first DNC meeting on January 21, 2021, via Zoom. We were joined by Lottie Shackelford and Nicole Hart in representing Arkansas.

**NEW OFFICERS**, as selected by President Biden, were elected in a vote of 407/4.

JAIME HARRISON, CHAIR (Ran for SC Senator against Lindsey Graham, Former Chair,  
SC Democratic Party

KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, VC FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT/VOTER PARTICIPATION,  
Mayor of Atlanta

GRETCHEN WHITMER, VC, Governor of Michigan

TAMMY DUCKWORTH, VC, U.S. Senator, Illinois

KEN MARTIN, VC – due to being re-elected as President of the Association of State  
Democratic Committees; Chair of Minnesota Democratic/Farmer/Labor Party

FILEMON VELA, JR. VC, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, TEXAS

VIRGINIA MCGREGOR, TREASURER, National Co-Chair of Women's Leadership Forum  
under former Chair Tom Perez

JASON RAE, SECRETARY – re-elected, President and CEO of Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of  
Commerce

CHRIS KORGE, FINANCE CHAIR – re-elected, National Finance Chair for Hillary Campaign

ELIZABETH FRAWLEY BAGLEY, CHAIR, NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD, Former U.S.  
Ambassador to Portugal

**DID YOU KNOW? ARKANSAS HAS HAD ONE DNC CHAIR – JAMES JONES (1896-1904)**

**MAIN ISSUES**

Pandemic

Unity - bring nation and Party together by building trust - BUILD BACK BETTER  
(Realize that some believe they are entitled to their own facts.)

Affordable health care

Livable wage

Infrastructure

**PLAN OF ACTION** - How will we accomplish our goals?

Recommit ourselves to building a community.

Have the courage to believe in and fight for what is right.

Stand up; speak out.

Democratic data exchange (was successfully tested in KY Governor's race – Beshear)

## **CHAIR JAMIE HARRISON – (Brief summary of remarks)**

Stop focusing on cities – we are forgetting our people on “dirt roads.”

Unite - we are 50 states and 7 territories.

We have used the accordion model – expand every 4 years then retract. That does not work.

Progress will come from the bottom up – not top down. County Committees are vital to our success.

DNC must be a community organization - not just a political organization.

We are the party of the working people.

We must reach out to those who think our party does not listen to them.

We must nurture talent at the county level.

Priority is to work with the strength – counties and state parties.

We cannot be fooled by racism dressed up as patriotism.

Choose hope, truth, and science.

Road ahead will not be easy – but we are ready.

50 state strategy; Chair Chats with all DNC Councils and Caucuses has begun.

## **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - SAM CORALE – Former Deputy**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION - PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND VP KAMALA HARRIS**

We will fight for a better, fairer, and brighter future for every American.

We need to roll up our sleeves and get to work empowering grassroots voters by organizing everywhere as we

Build Back Better.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED BY ONE OR BOTH OF US (All were virtual)**

- January 19 DPA Madam Vice President Happy Hour
- January 21 DNC fall meeting
- January 21 DPA Officers’ Call
- January 25 DPA Stonewall Democrats Virtual Town Hall
- February 4 DPA Officers’ Call
- February 5 DPA Senior ‘Silver Dogs’ (Johnnie - guest speaker)
- February 11 DNC Rural Council Chat with Chair Harrison
- February 11 Democratic Party of Virginia Reception for Chair Harrison
- February 17 DNC Technology Debriefing
- February 18 DNC Grassroots Organizing Volunteer Call with Chair Harrison
- February 23 DNC Southern Caucus Chat with Chair Harrison
- February 27 Democratic Party of North Carolina State Committee meeting
- February 27 DPA Democratic Black Caucus King Kennedy Awards Dinner (Johnnie and Jay – sponsors)
- March 3 DNC New Member Orientation
- March 3 DNC Friends of Jamie Harrison Virtual Reception
- March 4 DNC Women’s Caucus with Lottie Shackelford, Caucus Chair
- March 4 DPA Officers’ Call
- March 7 DPA Officers’ Call
- March 8 Democratic Party of Sebastian County (Johnnie and Jay - guest speakers)
- March 13 DPA Executive Committee Meeting and State Committee Meeting

- March 15 DPA Stonewall Democratic Caucus (Johnnie and Jay - guest speakers)
- March 18 DPA Officers' call
- March 24 AFDW Women in Blue
- April 1 DPA Officers' call
- April 8 DNC Seniors Council Chat with Chair Harrison
- April 14 AFDW Meeting (Johnnie and Jay – guest speakers)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE DEMOCRATS OF ARKANSAS.**

If you have any questions, concerns, or we can help you in any way, please contact us.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**TUESDAY, MAY 4**

**A VIRTUAL EVENING WITH**

**DNC CHAIR JAIME HARRISON & DPA CHAIR MICHAEL JOHN GRAY**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

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