

Announced Candidates

CCDP Officers



Chair: Lynn Dorfman

Founding president, who has served as chair since March 28, 2020 (when she stepped in to succeed Ric Vandett). Dorfman says, "I want to build on what I've learned over the past year, continue to strengthen our party, expand our reach, and serve long enough to meet again in person!"

First Vice Chair: Gavin J. Gabriel

Sherrills Ford resident and pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Mooresville, who ran for Catawba County School Board in 2020. Gabriel says, "I am excited to work alongside my fellow Democrats to diversify and grow the party in Catawba County. It had grown increasingly important to me to not only have diversity in race, age, gender, and sexuality but also developing a diversity of thought. I believe that I can assist in offering and attaining that."





Second Vice Chair: Deborah Hollingsworth

Democratic party activist, former campaign manager, member of the NCDP Council of Review, and Long View S. precinct chair, who has been serving as Third Vice Chair. Hollingsworth says, “I am committed to helping our party learn more about our platform and new ways to engage our community.”

Second Vice Chair: Sarah Sakatos

Conover resident raised in Startown, former campaign manager and founding member of Young Dems of Catawba County. Current CCDP secretary, YDCC Treasurer, and YDNC 10th District Chair. “I love this county, and all of the inspiring and passionate people I’ve met through my involvement with the Democratic Party. I’m thrilled for the opportunity to continue my service as the new 3rd Vice Chair, and will do my best to get our message out to the community, through my experience with graphic/web design, social media management, and press communications.”



Secretary: Toni Abernathy

Kenworth precinct chair and former assistant to the chair. Abernathy said, "Catawba County is my birthplace and the place I can always call home no matter where I am. I believe in the potential of the county and the people's abilities to improve the area for the good of all Catawbans. As secretary of the local Democratic Party, I hope to do as much as I can for the county through service. Give me a job and I'll give it my all to accomplish it and recruit others to help."



Treasurer: Gene Biggerstaff

Longtime Banoak precinct chair and longtime nonprofit organization treasurer. Biggerstaff said, "I feel that serving as the treasurer of a non-profit organization for 30 years gives me a skill set to serve the Catawba County Democratic Party in the treasurer's position."

State Executive Committee

Catawba County will elect FOUR Democrats to the State Executive Committee. In order to maintain a gender balance, we will elect two men (or non-binary/gender-nonconforming person) and two women (or non-binary/gender non-conforming person).

The positions are currently held by the following:

Deborah Hollingsworth - It has been my honor to represent Catawba County to the SEC since I was elected at the 2019 County Convention. I have attended every meeting (in person and virtual), have read all the materials, and have actively participated in the discussions and votes. I take very seriously the duty to represent a Western red county in the NCDP. I am asking for your vote again so that I can continue to serve our county at the state level.

Delene Huggins -

Cliff Moone - It has been my privilege to represent Catawba County on the State Executive Committee through a variety of roles within the NC Democratic Party: county member, District Chair, County Chair, and Democratic National Committeeperson. I hope that my experience in the NCDP in these and several other positions has been a valuable asset for the Catawba County Democratic Party. It is in the hope of continuing to be so, that I am

standing for re-election. Therefore, I ask for your support and your vote. Thank you.

Gabriel Sherwood -

Steve Ivester -

District Executive Committees (5th and 10th Districts)

The County Chair and First Vice Chair shall represent the county on the district executive committee in the district in which they reside. Catawba County is entitled to two (2) representatives on each congressional district committee, and there is to be an equal division between men and women. Please review the Proposed Rules of the Day for more information.

The positions are currently held by the following:

5th District - Nancy Miller (no longer eligible)

10th District - Sarah Sakatos