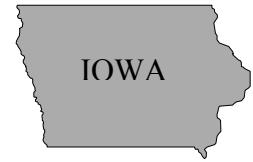




How to become a member of Your Local Party Committee

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The most local level of organization for **both political parties** in Iowa is the **County Central Committee**. Each County Central Committee is comprised of two members from each precinct in the county. The members are called **Precinct Committeepersons**, and are elected to **2-year terms** during **January of even-numbered years**.

The next election will be at the precinct caucuses in **January 16, 2006**. There is no advance filing required to run for Precinct Committeeperson at the caucuses.

To become a member of this committee through the regular election process:

1. You must be eligible based on the following criteria:
18 years old, registered to vote as a member of the party you are representing and be a current resident of the appropriate county.
2. You should make your interest known by speaking to your County Chair, who can tell you who the current Precinct Committeepersons are, and possibly whether they are likely to run for re-election. You should also 'campaign' by speaking with other registered members of your party who live in your precinct, encouraging them to attend the caucus, to vote for you if for no other reason.
3. You must appear at the precinct caucus and receive sufficient votes. At this meeting you should be prepared to speak briefly about why you are interested in representing your precinct on the County Central Committee, and what you have to offer to the committee.

It is often possible to join the committee between regular elections:

- **Mid-term vacancies** are filled by a vote of the County Central Committee at its regular monthly or bi-monthly meetings.
- The Democrats also elect **Alternate Precinct Committeepersons**. Alternates may or may not be elected during the even-years' precinct caucuses. For vacancies between caucuses, Alternate Precinct Committeepersons may be elected by the County Central Committee at any regular meeting. Alternates do not vote, but they are first in line to replace sitting Precinct Committeepersons who resign or are otherwise removed.
- There are often **other opportunities** to get involved in the activities of your party in your county without yet becoming a formal member of your County Central Committee. Volunteer to help, people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a member when an opening occurs, or through the next regular election.

Contact your County Chair to express your interest and determine if there is a vacancy in your precinct.

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