



2019 Call to Convention

In accordance with the LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1. This organization shall assemble a state convention at least every two (2) years, in odd numbered years, therefore you are invited to join us at the LGBTQ+ Democrats of North Carolina's 2019 State Convention.

This year we will be electing new state officers, as in accordance with our Bylaws in Article V, Section 8. Election of state officers. All state officers shall be elected at a state convention to be held in odd numbered years. The officer positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, VP University & College Outreach.

Additionally, in accordance with our Bylaws in Article VI, Section 4 Election of District Officers, the elected officers of a district organization shall be nominated at a district Auxiliary held at the state convention at which the officers of the Auxiliary are elected.

You can find the descriptions of each office in the LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina Bylaws, which can be found on our website lgbtqdemocrats.org. If you are interested in running for one of the State or District Offices, please submit a short bio, the office you're seeking and a brief reason why you'd like to be elected to the position to president@lgbtqdemocrats.org. The deadline to have your bio posted on the website is September 30th. Nominations will be allowed from the floor at Convention.

The Invitation

The LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina cordially invites you to attend the 2019 Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 4th and 5th at the Ramada Raleigh.

Our Convention Theme this year is

The LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina are proud to announce:

The Power of Progress

2019 Statewide Convention

Raleigh, North Carolina
hosted at the
Ramada Raleigh
with a special
Governor's Mansion Reception
with Gov. Roy Cooper & Govt. Spenders

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LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina President's Message

This has been an amazing year! We have added Chapters around the state, increased our Membership, participated in more Pride Events and for the first time we've had a consistent and growing presence in many communities across the state. The year's not over yet and hopefully at Convention we'll be celebrating the election of Democrats Dan McCready in CD 9 and Allen Thomas in CD 3! The municipal elections are particularly important to the LGBTQ+ community because it will be those Mayors and Town/City Council members who will be passing Non-Discrimination Ordinances at the twilight of the HB-142 Act which expires December, 1 2020.

Speaking of 2020, I truly believe this will be the most important election of our lifetime for the LGBTQ+ community. Under the GOP in NC and the US, we've lost many of the gains that we've made and are at risk of losing many more, including Marriage Equality, so we MUST elect Democrats to office at every level! We must re-elect Governor Roy Cooper and elect Democrats to office from the White House to the Courthouse and everything in between!!

We selected "The Power of Progress" as our Convention theme this year as our organizational promise to move forward together to develop a higher, better and more advanced North Carolina for All!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Convention in Raleigh on October 4th and 5th! We'll have some fun, hear from some great Speakers, and elect new Officers and go about doing the business of the organization.

Community Outreach

This year, we will start a Community Outreach tradition at each State Convention of providing support to a charitable organization that is open to, respects and serves the LGBTQ+ Community. We will ask each Convention Attendee to bring an item from a list of the charity's needed items to donate. These items will be collected at registration.

This year's recipient is Haven House Services, located in Raleigh. They were founded in 1973 to provide community-based services to at-risk youth and their families in Wake County. Their mission is to help youth be safe, supported and successful. The following is the list of requested snack items:

Water
Fruit Snacks
Toaster Pastries
Juice Pouches

Packaged Nuts
Cereal or Granola Bars
Pudding/Fruit Cups
Beef jerky, Slim Jims, etc.

Pretzels/Chips
Snack Packs of tuna or chicken salad
Protein Bars
Gift Cards for Grocery Stores

Making Your Hotel Reservations

Every convention attendee is required to make their own hotel reservations at the Ramada Raleigh. You can do this by calling their **direct line at 919-832-4100 - hit "0"** and telling the front desk staff that you are making reservations with the LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina State Convention. The code for the \$71.20 + tax rate per night is: **LGBTQD19** - We have 50 rooms blocked (25 King / 25 Double) and they're being held until September 15th. Also, they do allow pets for a one time charge of \$25.

(Note: If you call the 1-800 number for Ramada or book online you will not receive the special lowered rate of \$71.20 +tax per night.)

Ramada Raleigh - 1520 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607

Registration Check-In

The registration desk will be located in the hotel lobby. You will Check-in, receive your personalized name badge, and Convention bag with materials and goodies. Much thanks goes out to the Wake County chapter for staffing registration for this year's convention.

3:00-5:00pm on Friday

8:00-8:30pm on Friday

7:30-8:45am on Saturday

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Governor's Mansion Reception- Friday Oct 4th 6:00pm-7:30pm

After Party at Hotel - Friday Oct 4th 8:30pm-1:00am

After-Party at the hotel will include a cash bar (1 drink ticket provided for each registration), food & refreshments, entertainment and dancing.

Breakfast served at the Hotel from 6:30am-8:30am

Breakfast is at your leisure. Please make sure you are seated and ready to begin promptly at 9am.

Convention Called to Order Saturday 9:00am

Packed agenda including: guest speakers and business items (for example the election of new officers). *Elections for State Officers, District Chairs and Vice Chairs will be held.* We will be posting the open positions and candidates on our www.lgbtqdemocrats.org website. If you are interested in running please email president@lgbtqdemocrats.org with a small bio and which position you are interested in. If you have any questions about elections or position responsibilities please reach out to arsidez@lgbtqdemocrats.org. *Nominations will be taken from the floor at convention.* However, candidates nominated day-of will not have the opportunity for their bios to be circulated around the state.

Great Speakers, like our own...



Deborah "DEB" Butler, an out LGBTQ Elected and member of our organization, proudly serves the citizens of District 18 in the North Carolina House of Representatives as the House Democratic Whip. She is proud to be one of the primary sponsors of many bills including HB 514 (= SB 455) Equality for All.

A native of North Carolina, Representative Butler's roots run deep in the Old North State. Growing up in NC is such a source of pride for Deb. She remembers thinking how progressive North Carolina was as a southern state back then.

There is still much work to do to rebuild our national reputation, but she is eager and optimistic about the future of NC and wants to continue to be a part of it!

Convention Adjourned on Saturday at 1:00pm

Awards ~ Recognition

President's Award: The President's Award is given at each state convention.

The criteria for this award is solely determined by each President and given to an individual who has significantly contributed to the organization.

Communications Award: This award will be given to an individual and/or Chapter who has excelled in communications and publicizing of the Club's activities to the community in email, websites, social media and other forms of communications. Every LGBTQ Democrats Chapter is encouraged to submit examples of their communications to the Chair of Communications/Publicity Committee at webmaster@lgbtqdemocrats.org by September 30th.

Membership Awards: Chapters will be recognized for their levels of membership. The Chapters with the greatest membership in each of three categories will be recognized – under 20, 21-30 and Over 30. Rosters and dues must be received by September 30th.



We look forward to seeing you all there!

LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina Convention Mail-In Registration Form

If you are registering more than one person, a completed registration form is required for each person.

You will make hotel reservations directly with the Ramada Raleigh, 1520 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. The Ramada Raleigh's direct phone number is **919-832-4100**, hit "0" and tell the front desk staff that you're making a reservation for the **LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina Convention** and provide the Special Code "**LGBTQD19**" to access our special rate of **\$71.20+ Tax**. We have a block of rooms held until September 15, so act quickly to be sure you can secure a room.

If you have dietary OR physical needs, please make note of any accommodations that you will need!

Please complete this form for each person. You can Register and pay the Registration fee of \$45.00 with a credit card through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/ThePowerOfProgress> or print the Registration form, complete (please print legibly) and mail it and a check payable to LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina, Attention: Pat Warren, Treasurer, PO Box 9, Prospect Hill, NC 27314. Registration and Checks by mail must be received no later than September 20, 2019.

Registration will be accepted at Convention, however due to a requirement to provide a list of attendees by September 23, 2019 to the Governor's Mansion, you will unfortunately not be able to attend the Reception.

Registration and payment must be received by mail no later than September 20, 2019 or through Eventbrite by credit card by September 23, 2019.

Full Name: _____

Name as you'd like for it to appear on the Convention Badge: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Email Address: _____

LGBTQ Democrats Office(s) Held: _____

If you are a Democratic Party Official or Elected Official, please indicate office held: _____

Is this your first LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina Convention? _____ How many have you attended? _____

Check Activities You Plan to Attend – Registration Fee Must be Paid by all Registrants. Questions or concerns email Ginger Walker, President – president@lgbtqdemocrats.org

_____	Convention Registration Fee (non-refundable)\$45.00
_____	Governor's Reception Included
_____	After Party incl Hors d'oeuvres and 1 drink ticket Included
_____	Breakfast Included
	Total for Registration and Meals \$45.00
	(excludes Room Rate at Ramada Raleigh (\$71.20+ Tax))	