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## Annual Membership Meeting Notice



**Saturday, June 15, 2024; Zoom only**  
**Gavel at 10:00 am Time Certain**

**You must be a Senior Caucus member in good standing by Friday, June 14, 2024, 5:00 pm to vote.** Update your membership by clicking [here](#). The meeting will be held by Zoom only.

Watch for emails from [DFLSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DFLSeniors@gmail.com) to receive your voting personal identification number (PIN) and Zoom link for the meeting. \*\*\* Check your spam or junk mail \*\*\* **Last chance** to receive a PIN is 10:00pm.Friday June 14. If you don't receive your PIN and the Zoom link by

Friday June 14, please call Bill Middlecamp at:  
952 457 7263

### **SPECIAL SPEAKERS:**

- US Representative Betty McCollum, CD 4
- A representative from the Biden for President Campaign
- Representative Jenny Klevorn on the Task Force on Aging

### **VOTING:**

Governance Committee will present proposed changes that are required by the DFL for the Senior Caucus Charter. Only DFL required changes will be presented for this change; optional changes will not be presented.

If you will be voting at the Senior Caucus Annual Meeting you will need a personal identification number (PIN).

- There is no registration required. There is no practice voting. But you must get your PIN by Friday evening, June 14.
- Watch for emails from [DFLSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DFLSeniors@gmail.com) to receive your voting personal identification number (PIN) and Zoom link for the meeting. Don't forget to check your spam or junk mail.
- If you don't receive your PIN and the Zoom link by Friday June 14, please call Bill Middlecamp at: 952 457 7263
- This meeting will be on Zoom. If you don't use Zoom, please join a friend who does have Zoom, or you can participate by phone.

- We will be voting by Google Forms. You need to use your PIN.

*Voting will be done with online Google Forms using a web browser. A unique form link will be provided through Zoom Chat at the start of each vote. When voting, you must click the link; the form will open automatically in a browser. Enter your PIN into each ballot, then vote (yes, no, abstain), and click submit to record your vote. After voting, you will need to select the Zoom application to bring it to the top of your display, according to the type of the computer (pad, or phone you are using). Typically, you can find this at the bottom of your screen.*

All of the information and documents for the Annual Membership meeting can be found on the Senior Caucus website at [dflseniors.com](http://dflseniors.com). The documents you will need are: the Agenda, the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, the proposed and temporary rules, and the Charter. The only Charter changes that will be presented at the meeting are those that are required by the DFL party. There are no optional changes.

## **REPORTS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

Officer and Committee reports will be presented.

**NOTE:** You must be a member in good standing by 5:00 pm, Friday, June 14 to vote in the meeting. If you haven't received a PIN by 6:00pm, send a message to [dflseniors@gmail.com](mailto:dflseniors@gmail.com) or call 952 457 7263. **Last chance** to receive a PIN is 10:00pm, Friday, June 14.

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General questions may be directed to

[dflseniors@gmail.com](mailto:dflseniors@gmail.com)

Watch the DFL Senior Caucus website

[dflseniors.org](http://dflseniors.org) and

[facebook.com/groups/DFLSeniorCaucus](https://facebook.com/groups/DFLSeniorCaucus) for additional notifications and details of the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting.

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#### DON BYE FOR DELEGATE to the National Democratic Convention

Don Bye served as a DFL party volunteer for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Chair for forty years, Chair of Minnesota Senior Caucus for 12 years, and political activist at the Minnesota local and state level for over 60 years.

Don Bye's first attendance to the National Democratic Convention was the infamous and tumultuous Chicago convention. It was four days of riot, protest and fighting in the hotels, on the streets, in Grant Park, and on the convention floor. Don was a loyal supporter of Hubert Humphrey for president. There were attacks and fights in the streets and on the convention floor. Don hopes that with this Convention, as a Biden supporter, with a unified delegation, that everyone will have a much more productive and enjoyable time.

Please help send the "old man," as he describes himself, one final time as one of our eight delegates. Help to send Don Bye, Senior Caucus past Chair from central Minnesota, to Chicago in August as a Minnesota delegate to the 2024 National Democratic Convention.

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#### ***Political Affairs Committee***

The Political Affairs Committee (PAC) is most active during presidential election years and 2024 is no exception. The PAC has been working on resolutions, bills, candidate questionnaires and endorsements.

Endorsements are one of the most powerful things we do in the Senior Caucus. Prior to endorsing, questionnaires are sent to prospective

candidates to assess their interest in, dedication to, and innovation in addressing senior issues.

So far, there have been

- 15 candidates screened by Chapters
- 10 candidates formally endorsed
- 2 candidates under consideration and waiting for

endorsement

Members, through your Chapters, please continue recommending endorsement to candidates within your districts, utilizing the Endorsement Questionnaires, and processing applications. We want and need to support the most favorable candidates in their election fights.

**This is a very important election year.**

**Many upcoming activities and policy work need your energy and support.**

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### ***Legislative Session Highlights***

Several bills were signed into law by Governor Tim Walz at the end of the Session that were of particular interest to seniors. They included:

- Consumer protection and insurance fraud,
- Landlord policies and fees,
- Governance of disability, aging, and substance abuse

services,

- Accelerating clean energy projects.

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### ***Upcoming Events***

- DFL Convention – The 2024 DFL State Convention will be held at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center in Duluth, Minnesota, Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2024.
- Senior Caucus Annual Membership Meeting – via Zoom, see above information

- Senior Caucus State Fair Tabling – August 27 – September 2, St. Paul
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## ***DFL Senior Caucus Recent Chapter Events***

Many chapters have been involved endorsing candidates in this election year using the excellent Senior Caucus questionnaires created by the PAC. They are available at [www.dflseniors.org/endorsements](http://www.dflseniors.org/endorsements).

Our members are fortunate to hear great speakers each month at Chapter meetings. Speakers can be found at [www.dflseniors.org/news-and-events/possible-speakers-for-chapter-meetings](http://www.dflseniors.org/news-and-events/possible-speakers-for-chapter-meetings).

**Anoka County** – Speakers covered County government issues, School District Parents Association, and formal candidate endorsements.

**East Metro** – the May speaker was Bill Middlecamp with a very informative presentation on climate change, and how it affects political stability. *The meeting place has moved back to Jerry's in Woodbury.*

**Mankato Area** – An event was attended in support of a candidate, with GOTV supporting her campaign.

**Minneapolis Area** – A candidate screening recommendation was completed, a local Council Member spoke, and membership lists were updated.

**North Metro** – There are currently two vacancies needing to be filled – Chapter Chair and Chapter Vice-Chair. Guidance documents are being prepared for review by potential candidates. Our May speaker discussed fraudulent schemes aimed at seniors. *The new meeting place for Chapter meetings is Red Lobster in Roseville.*

**Northeast MN (Duluth)** – Three candidates spoke about their involvement in senior issues. All three were endorsed unanimously.

**Southeast Metro** – Discussed was participation in unit conventions to increase membership and upcoming screening of candidates.

*Check the website for Chapter contact information and meeting dates.*

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## **Membership Committee Report**

**Our strength lies in more voices actively and loudly supporting senior issues! Why? more members means more votes for DFL and Democrat candidates locally, statewide and nationally!**

Membership Director, Jennifer Willette, extends a HUGE thank you to the Chapter Chairs who have been instrumental in increasing membership by 45% since February.

Very successful **email recruitment** campaigns have taken place in East Metro and South Metro. This campaign is extending to Northeast MN (Duluth), Mankato, and St. Paul areas soon.

**Chapter development** activities are underway to create a new Central MN Chapter in the Buffalo/Annandale area. Also, efforts are underway to revitalize the East Central Chapter, based in Mora.

**Membership Definition** – A member in good standing is anyone who is eligible and submits a membership form annually or when they update their member contact information.

NOTES::

1. Entering a membership form on behalf of another person is acceptable and encouraged if the person has given positive consent that they want to be a Senior Caucus member
2. Sign in sheets at monthly meetings should indicate that the person is, or wants to be, a member.
3. There is no mechanism for a person to be a chapter member without being a Statewide Caucus member.
4. A person can be a guest at a chapter meeting without being a member.

5. We interpret a donation to the Statewide Caucus or a chapter as positive consent that they want to be a Senior Caucus member.
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## ***DFL Senior Caucus Book Club***

June 17, 2024

11:00 – 1:00 Monday



*The Conspiracy to End America: Five Ways My Old Party Is Driving Our Democracy to Autocracy* by Stuart Stevens; Former chief Republican strategist, Lincoln Project adviser, and bestselling author of *It Was All a Lie*, Stuart Stevens offers an ominous warning that the GOP is dragging our country toward autocracy—and if we don't wake up to the crisis in our system, 2024 may well be our last free and fair election.

Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86446648933>

Or call in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

**For more info, email to  
dflseniors@gmail.com**

### **Upcoming Book Club Meetings**

**July 22:** (Note: this is the fourth Monday) *After the Fall: The Rise of Authoritarianism in the World We've Made* by Ben Rhodes

**August 19:** *Where Have All the Democrats Gone: The Soul of the Party in the Age of Extremes* by John B Judis and Ruy Teixeira

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**STATE-WIDE SENIOR CAUCUS CONTACT**



## ***INFORMATION***

Contact the Senior Caucus at [dflseniors@gmail.com](mailto:dflseniors@gmail.com)

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