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NMI DNC Members at the Association of State Democratic Committees

In the final meeting of the 2025 DNC Winter Meeting, members of the Association of State Democratic Committees (ASDC) convened to elect new officers. DNC Chair Ken Martin, who was until his election as DNC Chair the President of the ASDC, presided over this meeting for the final time.

At this meeting, NMI Democratic Party Executive Director and National Committeewoman Nola Hix presented Chair Martin and ASDC President Jane Kleeb with flower leis on behalf of the Northern Mariana Islands and the DNC's Territories Alliance. Mrs. Hix's presentation highlighted the Alliance's appreciation of our new leader but also served as a visual reminder that Democrats in the Territories fight alongside our colleagues in the States and that we are valuable members of the DNC.

At this meeting, Mrs. Hix facilitated the presentation of special gifts of appreciation to the states that collaborated and assisted the NMI Democratic Party with fundraising efforts in what is known as the State Partners for Progress, a fundraising program launched in 2024. The state partnerships of this program include Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and New Mexico. Mrs. Hix, Vice Chair Luella Marciano, and Chair Jonathan Cabrera presented a latte stone money box, which briefly described the latte's significance to the Mariana Islands.

"In 2024, I set up the State Partners for Progress fundraising effort as a way for state parties to assist us in our party's initiatives for growth and progress. The Democratic Party of New Mexico was the first to answer my call for support, followed by Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Texas. We are very thankful for their friendship, and look forward to future opportunities with them and other state parties," said Hix.

DPNMI Chair Jonathan Cabrera and Vice Chair Luella Marciano participated in the election of ASDC officers, and unlike the full day of voting for DNC officers, the ASDC elections proceeded quickly with votes delivered by acclamation.

The new officers of the ASDC include:

President: Jane Kleeb (Chair, Nebraska Democratic Party)
Secretary: Steve Kerrigan (Chair, Massachusetts Democratic Party)
Treasurer: Liz Walters (Chair, Ohio Democratic Party)

Jane Kleeb has been a vocal and staunch supporter of the Territories and has been a valuable partner of the NMI Democratic Party. The DNC Territories Alliance was the first to publicly endorse her bid for ASDC president and was instrumental in creating momentum for her campaign. She brings a wealth of experience to her new role, including transforming and energizing the Nebraska Democratic Party and working to elect over 1,025 democrats up and down and across the ballot in Nebraska. The ASDC president also serves as a Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee, and we are confident she will bring the same kind of enthusiasm and passion to her work as she advocates for state parties at the DNC.

The DNC's Western Regional Caucus, of which the NMI Democratic Party is a part, also elected officers. These officers provide leadership for the Western Regional Caucus of the DNC and collaborate on association-wide matters with the officers of the ASDC.

Vice President: Shad Murib (Chair, Colorado Democratic Party)
Chair: Derek Turbin (Chair, Hawaii Democratic Party)
Vice Chair: Manny Crespín (Vice Chair, New Mexico Democratic Party)
Rep. to the DNC Executive Committee: Shasti Conrad (Chair, Washington State Democratic Party)

"Changes in leadership can be challenging," said DPNMI Vice Chair Luella Marciano, "but when the new leaders are also change agents ready to transform our party, to make it better, when they bring passion and commitment to their roles, when they vow to fight for all of us AND for the territories, then I know we can be confident in these changes. I congratulate our new party leaders and look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

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