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NMI Democrats Call for New Members, Officers, and Committees

On Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Democratic Party of the NMI, in their General Membership Meeting, will elect up to 28 members of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) in what will be a biennial election of CEC members and officers. Any member of the Party may be nominated as a candidate for membership on the CEC. It is the Party's intention that CEC membership should reflect the diversity of the CNMI with regard to race, color, creed, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, national origin, age, and economic status.

"All newly elected officers will serve a two-year term, and we look forward to activating a variety of committees," said party Chair Jonathan Cabrera. "We are excited for the 2024 local elections and our first ever NMI Democratic Presidential Primary that will also happen in 2024. We encourage all of our supporters to come out, learn more about our party, become a member, and join our committees. We need everyone to do their part and get involved in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota."

Vice Chair Luella Marciano, for her part, reflected on the important work Democrats are engaged in across the Marianas. "Lots of amazing things to be proud of, and having that one on one direct line of communication with our elected Democratic officials is important. I think that aside from being transparent, our elected officials are easy to get in touch with and will answer our people's call. I'm really proud of the work we are doing on and off the bench. With Democrats like Tina as Senior Policy Advisor working pro-bono and our Secretary of Labor, Leila Staffler, both adhering to their UNITY Pledge and working closely with this administration is to be commended."

"I'm looking forward to the party establishing our NMI Young Democrats group, and reconnecting in person with our active Women's Committee. There are a lot of great committees that could use some reliable leads, so I encourage our members and supporters to sign up at www.nmidems.org and let's get moving," said Secretary Melia Johnson.

Treasurer Shawna Indalecio also chimed in saying, "I'm a Democrat and I love our diverse party that is delivering for the people of the CNMI. We have party members from all different ethnicities, age groups, with strong female representation, elected officials from various backgrounds, and I am proud to be a voice for the LGBTQIA+ community in the leadership of the party. Biba Democrats!"

Prospective attendees can register at www.nmidems.org, and they can also register on-site beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan.

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