

2014 Candidate Guidebook

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FEDERAL ELECTIONS

U.S. Senate—Mike Johanns Not Running for Re-election

Shane Osborn, Republican, Waterloo

Website: <http://www.shaneosborn.com/>

Osborn is a graduate of Norfolk High School and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on an ROTC scholarship where he earned a degree in mathematics and statistics. He served nine years as a pilot in the U.S. Navy and is well noted for an incident involving a mid-air collision with a Chinese fighter. In 2006, he was elected state treasurer. He currently works in the financial services field and partnered in a business to create career opportunities for returning post-9/11 veterans.



Sid Dinsdale, Republican, Palmer

Website: <http://www.sidforsenate.com/>

Dinsdale is a graduate of Palmer High School and has a degree from the University of Nebraska in finance. His grandfather was involved in starting the State Bank of Palmer in the 1940's and today Sid serves as the president of Pinnacle Bancorp, Inc. He is married with three grown children and he serves on the boards of directors of the University of Nebraska Foundation, the Methodist Hospital Foundation and Ameritas Life.



Ben Sasse, Republican, Fremont

Website: <http://www.sassefornebraska.com>

Sasse is a graduate of Fremont High School. He attended Harvard, Oxford, and St. Paul Universities and holds a Ph.D. in history from Yale University. Sasse has served as chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy and chief of staff for Congressman Fortenberry. In 2007, he was named U.S. assistant secretary of Health and Human Services under President George W. Bush. He is married with three children and currently serves as president of Midland University in Fremont.



Dave Domina, Democrat, Omaha

Website:

Domina, 62, is an Omaha attorney and trial lawyer. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law and is currently representing three landowners opposed to the development of the Keystone XL pipeline. He ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1986 losing the primary to former Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis.



Jim Jenkins, Independent, Broken Bow

Website: <http://jenkinsforussenate.com/>



Jenkins is a fifth generation cattle rancher from Custer County. He is a graduate of Principia College in Elsah, Illinois and holds a bachelor's degree in political science. He is the founder of Wild West, LLC, the holding company for the Whiskey Creek Steakhouse Restaurant group and also founded Skeeter Barnes Restaurant. Jenkins is the past executive director of the Nebraska Corn-Fed Beef program, he has served as president of the Nebraska Restaurant Association, and chairman of the Nebraska Ethanol Board. He served nine years on the Custer County Planning Commission, and has served as a landowner liaison and consultant of NPPD for several proposed wind development projects. He is married with three grown children.

Bart McClay, Republican, Omaha

Website: None



McClay is an Omaha attorney. He has been endorsed by former U.S. Rep. Jon Christensen and former U.S. Sen. David Karnes.

Clifton Johnson, Republican, Fort Calhoun

Website: <http://cliftonjohnson.vpweb.com/>

Johnson, 51, is married with a daughter. He is the owner of Perfect Stay Inn & Suites in Blair and Council Bluffs. His website states: "I will lead the fight to derail the socialist express, and take on the monumental tasks of drastically reducing the size and scope of all government."

Larry Marvin, Democrat, Fremont

Website: None



Marvin was born and raised in Nebraska and served in the U.S. Air Force. He has been active in the Democratic Party for more than 40 years. Marvin ran for Senate in 2008 and 2012.

U.S. House of Representatives 1st District

Jeff Fortenberry, Republican, Lincoln (incumbent)

Website: <http://fortenberry.house.gov/>

<http://www.supportfort.com/>

Elected: 2004-2012



Congressman Fortenberry, 53, holds a bachelor's degree in economics and two master's degrees from Georgetown University. Prior to serving in Congress, he worked as a publishing industry executive in Lincoln, where he also served on the Lincoln City Council from 1997-2001. He serves on the House Appropriations Committee. He and his wife, Celeste, have five girls.

Dennis Parker, Republican, Columbus

Website: None

Parker, 62, is a graduate of Silver Creek High School. He is a Navy veteran, a former professional musician and he worked for Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus. He ran unsuccessfully for the 3rd Congressional seat in 2010 and the 1st Congressional seat in 2012. He was formerly employed as the lead document indexer for NPPD.



Jessica Lynn Turek, Republican, Lincoln

Website: None

Turek, 34, is a graduate of Lincoln High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree. She has more than six years of professional library experience, and a year of AmeriCorps work. She ran for this seat unsuccessfully in 2010 and 2012.

Dennis Crawford, Democrat, Lincoln

Website: <http://denniscrawford2014.com/>

Crawford holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science at Creighton University and a J.D. from Catholic University. He currently practices law dealing in personal injury and workers compensation. He has served on the board of directors for the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys and is married with three grown children.



U.S. House of Representatives 2nd District

Lee Terry, Republican, Omaha (**incumbent**)

Website: <http://leeterry.house.gov/>

<http://www.leeterry.com/>

Elected: 1998-2012

Before being elected to Congress, Terry, 52, served eight years on the Omaha City Council. He holds a B.A. in political science from UNL and a J.D. from Creighton University. He worked as a managing partner of a small law firm. He is married with three sons. He currently serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and is the chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.



Dan Frei, Republican, Omaha

Website: <http://votefrei.com/>

Frei is a business technology consultant. He has served in regional and national executive positions with Canon USA, Sharp Electronics, Kyocera Corporation, and is currently the vice president for The Kingston Training Group. He has served on the Central Committee of the Douglas County Republican Party and his website states "The EPA must be restrained from its regulatory overreach."



Brad Ashford, Democrat, Omaha,
Website: <http://www.bradashford.com/>
<http://news.legislature.ne.gov/dist20/>



Ashford, 64, is a Graduate of Westside High School in Omaha. He earned a B.S. from Colgate University in New York and a J.D. from the Creighton University School of Law. He served in the Legislature from 1987-1995 and was reelected to serve in 2006 and is now term limited. In the Unicameral, Senator Ashford serves as the chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He ran unsuccessfully for this seat in 1994 and was unsuccessful in his bid for Omaha Mayor in 2012. He is an attorney, a co-owner of a family owned Nebraska Clothing Company, and a founding board member on the Omaha Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority for the Qwest Center.

Andy Shambaugh, Libertarian, Omaha,
Website: <http://andysrepcandis2.blogspot.com/>

Mark Aupperle, Democrat, Omaha,
Website: None

Aupperle, 56, attended Morningside College and Washington University Law and Business School in St. Louis. He is a landscaper.

Steven Laird, Libertarian, Omaha,
Website

Laird is a perennial candidate. He ran unsuccessfully for this seat in 2008 and 2010.

U.S. House of Representatives 3rd District

Adrian Smith, Republican, Gering (**incumbent**)
Website: <http://www.adriansmith.house.gov/>
<http://www.joinadrian.com/>
Elected: 2006-2012



Prior to being elected to Congress in 2006, Smith, 43, began serving his hometown as a member of the Gering City Council. Four years later he sought and won the District 48 seat in the Nebraska Unicameral, where he served for eight years. He currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee.

Tom Brewer, Republican, Gordon
Website: <http://tombrewerfornebraska.com/>

Col. Tom Brewer grew up near the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Gordon. He retired from the Army after 36 years of military service. He volunteered for six deployments to Afghanistan and during his service he was awarded a bronze star and two purple hearts. He has run 39 marathons.



Mark Sullivan, Democrat, Doniphan
Website: <http://marksullivan2014.com/>

Sullivan, 62, is a Doniphan farmer and cattle feeder. He owns Sullivan feedlot and is married with four grown children.



NEBRASKA GOVERNOR

Tom Carlson, Republican, Holdrege
Website: <http://tomcarlsonforgovernor.com/>

Senator Carlson, 72, was born in Holdrege. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He served as president of the Holdrege school board and the Holdrege area chamber of commerce. Carlson is a former college professor and has worked as an insurance agent and financial advisor. In the Unicameral, Senator Carlson served as the chairman of the Agriculture Committee and currently is the chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. He is married with three children.



Beau McCoy, Republican, Omaha
Website: <http://www.beauforgovernor.com/>

McCoy, 33, has a B.A. in Leadership from Bellevue University. He is a home improvement contractor business owner. He is a national committeeman for the Nebraska Young Republicans and was selected as the 2014 chair of The Council of State Governments Midwestern Legislative Conference. He serves as the chairman for the Legislature's Committee on Committees. He and his wife have four children.



Mike Foley, Republican, Lincoln
Website: <http://www.mikefoleyforgovernor.com/>

Foley is a graduate of State University of New York and holds an MBA from Michigan State University. He served in the Nebraska Legislature from 2000-2006 representing the 29th District in Lincoln. He was formerly a corporate planner for NPPD and currently serves as the auditor of public accounts for the State of Nebraska. He is married with six children.



Pete Ricketts, Republican, Omaha
Website: <http://petericketts.com>

Ricketts is a graduate of the University of Chicago with a BS in biology and an MBA in marketing and finance. He has worked in many roles with his family business, T.D. Ameritrade, including chief operating officer. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 2006 winning the republican nomination and losing to Sen. Nelson in the general election. He held the position of national committeeman for the Republican



National Committee, and currently sits on the board of directors for TD Ameritrade, Bellevue University, and the Chicago Cubs. He is married with three children.

Bryan Slone, Republican, Omaha

Website: <http://sloneforgovernor.com/>



Slone, 56, has a degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska and holds a J.D. from the University Of Nebraska College Of Law. He recently retired as managing partner from Deloitte Tax, an accounting and tax preparation company. After law school he worked on the staff of Congressman Hal Daub serving as tax council. In this role, he helped to write and pass President Reagan's signature Tax Reform Act of 1986. Later he helped to implement this measure as an IRS lawyer in the Reagan administration. He is married with two children.

Jon Bruning, Republican, Lincoln

Website: <http://www.jonbruning.com>



Bruning, 44, is Nebraska's Attorney General serving in his 3rd term. He holds a law degree from the University of Nebraska, and served as the president of the National Association of Attorneys General (2009-2010). Bruning represented the 3rd District in the Nebraska Unicameral from 1996-2002. He and his wife live in Lincoln with their two children.

Chuck Hassebrook, Democrat, Lyons

Website: <http://www.chuckhassebrook.com/>



Hassebrook is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He spent 36 years at the Center for Rural Affairs retiring as the executive director and 18 years as a regent for the University of Nebraska, including two terms as chair. He is a vocal advocate for the development of renewable energy in the state. He is married with two grown children.

Mark Elworth Jr., Libertarian, Omaha

Website: Facebook

Elworth supports legalization of cannabis, equal rights for LGBT and smaller government.

NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

District 2

Bill Kintner, Republican, Papillion (**incumbent**)

Website: <http://www.kintnercutstaxes.com/>



Kintner, 53 is a self-employed sales and market research professional. He holds a bachelor's degree in business marketing and financial services from Wright State University. He was elected to serve District 2 in the Legislature in 2012 beating incumbent Paul Lambert. He is married to Lauren Hill, the director of Governor Heineman's Policy Research office.

Ron Nolte, Republican, Murray

Website: None

Nolte, 68, is a farmer, a jet pilot, and former Cass County commissioner and Murray city council member. He served in the Nebraska National Guard and Marine Corps. He ran unsuccessfully for the District 2 seat in 2012.

Mel Luetchens, Democrat, Murdock

Website: None

Luetchens, 74, holds a Ph.D. and master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Community Resources. He is a minister for the United Methodist Church and has served on the board of directors for the Center for Rural Affairs. He ran unsuccessfully for this seat in 2012.

District 3

Tommy Garrett, Republican, Bellevue, (**incumbent**)

Website: <http://news.legislature.ne.gov/dist03/>



Garrett, 59, was appointed to serve in the Legislature in December of 2013 after Senator Price resigned his seat. He is a graduate of Colorado State University and holds master's degrees from the National War College and Troy State University. He is a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and RAND research fellow. He founded the Garrett Group, an information security, intelligence and security consulting firm. He is married with three children.

Carol Blood, Democrat, Bellevue

Website: <http://www.electcarolblood.com/>



Blood, 52, serves on the Bellevue City Council. She worked as the director of the La Vista Area Chamber and is currently a business specialist at Nebraska Self Employment Services. She is married with three children.

District 4—Pete Pirsch is Term Limited

Matt Butler, Republican, Omaha

Website: Facebook

Butler, 53, is a graduate of the University of Kansas (advertising), Harvard Business School, and Creighton University School of Law (MS, negotiation and dispute resolution). He serves as president and chief marketing officer of NorthStar Campaign Systems, a political campaign strategy, management and technology platform company. He is also the owner of Visible Impact Fitness.



Robert Hilkemann, Republican, Omaha

Website: <http://votehilkemann.com/>

Hilkemann, 65, graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University and taught high school in Nebraska for three years. He then went on to graduate from Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine. He established the Foot and Ankle Center of Nebraska. He served as chairman of the State Board of Health and president of the Nebraska Podiatric Association. He is married with three children.



Rich Hurley, Republican, Omaha

Website: None

Hurley, 73, ran unsuccessfully for the District 3 legislative seat in 2006. He is a real estate agent.

Steve Howard, Democrat, Omaha

Website: <http://stevehowardforlegislature.com/>

Howard, 56, has a bachelor's degree and law degree from Creighton University. He is a partner at Dowd, Howard & Corrigan where he is a trial lawyer specializing in workers compensation. He is married with three children.



Nicolas Pestello, Non-partisan, Omaha

Website: None

Pestello, 22, was recently president of the UNL history honor society.

Stacy Ryan, Republican, Omaha

Website: None

Ryan, 56, holds a law degree and runs EyeOnTheBench.com, an online site that educates the public about Nebraska's judges.

District 6—John Nelson is Term Limited

Joni Craighead, Republican, Omaha,
Website: <http://jonicraighead.com/>



Craighead, 59, currently works as governmental affairs director for the Omaha Area Board of Realtors and is a real estate broker and developer. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and holds a MA in public administration from the University of Kansas. She has been an active member of the GOP serving as chair of the Douglas County Republican Party, and member of the State Central Committee. She is married and has a daughter.

Justin Spooner, Democrat, Omaha
Website: <http://justinspooner2014.com/>



Spooner, 23, attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln and Boston University. He interned with both Senators' Ben Nelson and Mike Johanns and also served as a legislative page in the Nebraska Unicameral. He currently works with the Jewish Federation of Omaha as their development associate.

John Stalnaker, Omaha
Website: <http://www.stalnakerforlegislature.com/>



Stalnaker, 36, attended Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin and holds a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He practices law in Omaha with his father. As a state senator, John will push for continued investments in the “development of renewable energy.” He is married with two children.

George Westphal, Non-partisan, Omaha
Website: None

Westphal, 66, retired in 2009 after 25 years as a mechanical technician for the Millard Public Schools. He ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature in 2010.

Paul Anderson, Republican, Omaha
Website: None

Anderson, 60, is a retired mechanic for BNSF railway. He served in the Naval Reserve and has run for Congress, governor, and the Metro Community College board. He ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature in 1994 and 1998.

Patricia Hannan, Republican, Omaha
Website: None

Hannan, 55, is a former aide to Senator Tom Baker. She is employed as a planner for OPPD and ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature in 2006.

District 8

Burke Harr, Democrat, Omaha (**incumbent**)

Website: <http://www.burkeharr.com/>

Harr, 42, holds a B.A. from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN and a J.D. from Notre Dame Law School. After graduation, Harr worked as a judicial clerk on the Nebraska Court of Appeals. He went on to work for the Douglas County Attorney's Office and Kutak Rock, LLP. In 2009, he became a founding partner of Flatwater Strategies LLC, a company that helps businesses respond to actions of the federal government.



Gwen Aspen, Republican, Omaha

Website: <http://www.voteaspen.com/>

Aspen, 32, graduated from the University of Michigan. She began her career in the healthcare industry, first with Cerner Corporation, a healthcare IT company, and then Sanofi-Aventis. In 2006, she and her husband launched CPM Realty, a property management company. She was the spokesperson to defeat term limits law and was active in the unsuccessful effort to recall Mayor Jim Suttle in 2011. She is married with two children.



District 10

Bob Krist, Republican, Omaha, (**incumbent**)

Website: <http://news.legislature.ne.gov/dist10/>

Krist, 56, was elected in 2010 after he was appointed to replace Senator Friend. Krist is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas with an MBA. He is a former U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. and served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He works as a contract manager; chief pilot for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and has served as the active duty Air Force advisor to Gov. Ben Nelson. Krist's father worked for OPPD. He is married with two children.



District 12—Steve Lathrop is Term Limited

Merv Riepe, Republican, Ralston

Website: None

Riepe, 71., a Navy veteran, served as chief operating officer and interim CEO of Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha. He also was president of Children's Hospital and Medical Center. He is married and has one grown son.

Greg Hosch, Democrat, Omaha

Website: <http://www.greghosch.com/>

Hosch, 62, was born and raised in Fremont. He served in the United States Army and also holds an associate degree in computer science from Metropolitan Community



College. He has served as vice president of racing for Omaha Exposition & Racing Inc. and as general manager of Horsemen's Park. He is married and has six children.

Joseph Hering, Republican, Omaha
Website: None

Hering, 45, has worked for Walmart, the State Dept. of Motor Vehicles, as a casino card dealer, and is currently a parts keeper for the City of Omaha.

District 14

Jim Smith, Republican, Papillion (**incumbent**)
Website: <http://jimsmith2014.nationbuilder.com/>

Smith holds an MBA from Creighton University. He was member of the Papillion City Planning Commission and owns Norm's Door Service, a garage doors company in the Omaha Metro Area. He has worked in the electric utility sector for twenty-five years, holding management positions in finance, customer service and energy forecasting at OPPD. He currently sits on the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee. He is married with two children.



District 16

Lydia Brasch, Republican, Bancroft (**incumbent**)
Website: <http://www.lydiabrasch.com/>

Brasch, 60, has a B.A. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She assists her husband on the family farm and works for Brasch Marketing and Design. She worked for the State of Nebraska for over 13 years with the Department of Revenue. She worked for former Governor Kay Orr, and was employed by the Nebraska State Fair as their marketing director promoting agriculture, agribusiness and youth programs. She has served as the Cuming County GOP chairwoman and chairwoman on the party's State Central Committee for District 1. She is married with two children and is the vice-chairman of the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee.



Scott Japp, Republican, Omaha
Website: None

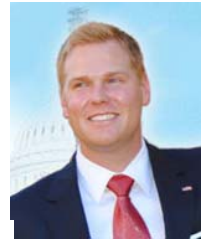
Japp, 58, is a board member on the Papio Missouri River NRD. He works for his family's dirt grading business. He has been publically censured twice by the NRD and has a reputation for "rude and abusive behavior."



District 18—Scott Lautenbaugh is Term Limited

Brett Lindstrom, Republican, Omaha

Website: <http://votelindstrom.nationbuilder.com/>



Lindstrom, 33, is a financial advisor. He attended UNL and played quarterback for the Huskers. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House of Representatives 2nd District in 2012 and is married with two children.

J. Michael Tesar, Independent, Omaha

Website: Facebook



Tesar, 67, is the retired chief deputy prosecutor for the City of Omaha. He holds a J.D. from Creighton University. He served in the Vietnam War and has five children.

Joe Vaughn, Independent, Omaha

Website: <http://www.votevaughn.org/>

Chad Adams, Republican

Website: Facebook

District 20—Brad Ashford is Term Limited

John McCollister, Republican, Omaha

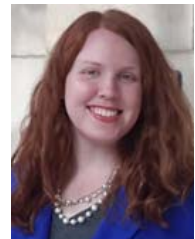
Website: <http://votemccollister.com/>



McCollister, 65, graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in business administration. He is a business owner and served as president of McCollister & Company, a manufacturing company. He served as executive director of the Platte Institute for Economic Research. McCollister has served as an executive board member for the Boy Scouts, board chairman for the American Diabetes Association, and member of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board. He is the son of former Nebraska Congressman John Y. McCollister and is married with three children.

Laura Baumgartner, Democrat,

Website: <http://www.votelaura2014.com/>



Baumgartner, 25, is a graduate of UNO. She currently works as a project manager for an Omaha advertising agency.

Matt Lathrop, Democrat, Omaha

Website: http://www.lathroplawomaha.com/about_us

Lathrop, 47, is a trial lawyer and runs his own firm focusing on personal injuries, workers compensation, and medical malpractice. He is the brother of current Senator Steve Lathrop.

District 22

Paul Schumacher, Republican, Columbus

Website: <http://www.voiceofnebraska.com>

Schumacher, 62, holds a B.S. in psychology, general science, and speech from Fort Hays Kansas State College, and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. While in Washington, D.C. he served on the staff of Nebraska Senator Carl Curtis. Schumacher has been a city attorney for a number of Nebraska communities and was elected Platte County Nebraska Attorney. He is the founder and President of Community Lottery Systems, Inc. and the co-founder of Community Internet Systems, Inc. He is married with two daughters.



Douglas Liewer, Republican, Columbus

Website: None

Liewer, 25, is the assistant manager at Hy-Vee in Columbus. He is associated with BOLD Nebraska.

District 24—Greg Adams is Term Limited

Mark Kolterman, Republican, Seward

Website: <http://www.koltermanforlegislature.com/>

Kolterman, 62, holds a degree from Peru State College in industrial technology. He is president of an insurance company, Kolterman Agency, Inc. He is a former member of the Seward School Board and the Concordia University Board of Regents. Kolterman has been active in the Nebraska Association of Health Underwriters and the Nebraska Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers. He attended the NREA Candidate Training School and is married with two grown children.



Kirk Tesar, Democrat, Omaha

Website: None

Tesar, 30, previously lived in Wisconsin. He is reportedly affiliated with BOLD Nebraska.

District 26—Amanda McGill is Term Limited

Matt Hansen, Democrat, Lincoln

Website: <http://www.hansenforlegislature.com>

Hansen, 25, holds a J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law. He mentors gifted students in math and social studies in the Lincoln Public Schools. He serves on the University Place Community Organization and on Lincoln's Cable Advisory Board. Hansen said he would support a statewide renewable portfolio standard "if those were in the best interest of our public power districts."



Larry Weixelman, Democrat, Lincoln
Website: <http://www.weixelmanford26.com>,

Weixelman, 56, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he studied economics, marketing, history and political science. He served in the Nebraska National Guard and works for the University, evaluating and providing technology support. He also is the owner of TransFigure Solutions which works to promote tourism in Nebraska.



Brent Smoyer, Republican, Lincoln
Website: Facebook

Smoyer, 32, holds a degree in political science from Nebraska Wesleyan University and has a J.D. from Drake University. He works as a state legislative aide to Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh of Omaha. He unsuccessfully ran for Legislature in 2008 but was elected to the Lancaster County Board in 2010.



Bob Van Valkenburg, Democrat, Lincoln
Website: None

Van Valkenburg, 78, is a perennial candidate.

Justin Valencia, Democrat, Lincoln
Website: None

Valencia, is an adjunct professor at Bellevue University. He is an attorney and counselor at law.

District 28—Senator Avery is Term Limited

Patty Pansing Brooks, Democrat, Lincoln
Website: <http://pattypansingbrooks.com/>

Pansing Brooks, 55, is a partner in her law firm, Brooks Pansing Brooks. She has been a community advocate for education, parks, arts and health care. She co-chaired the campaign to renovate Nebraska's centennial mall and union plaza and is a vocal advocate for the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act in Nebraska. She is married with three children.



Dallas Jones, Republican, Lincoln
Website: <http://www.dallasjonesforlegislature.com>

Jones, 51, holds a degree in geology from UNL and a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law. He is an attorney at Baylor Evnen law firm and is the past chairman of the Cedars Home for Children Foundation and the Lancaster County Republican Party. He is married with three children.



Dr. Robert Rauner, Independent, Lincoln
Website: <http://www.raunerforlegislature.com/>

Rauner, 44, holds a M.A. in Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins. Since 2010 he has been working full time on projects to reverse obesity and improve health care delivery. He is a family physician, director of Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln, and is the medical director for the Southeast Rural Physicians Alliance Accountable Care Organization. He currently serves on the board of directors of Electronic Behavioral Health Information Network and is a past president of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. He is married with three children.



Jeff Keidel, Democrat, Lincoln
Website: <http://keidelforlegislature.com/>

Keidel, 47, is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and holds an MBA. He served as a legislative page in the Nebraska Unicameral and later as an aide to Senator Gerald Conway. He is an investment property manager and he and his family owned a Hampton Inn in Michigan. Keidel has worked in Asia, interned at the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and volunteered for the Peace Corps.



District 30—Norm Wallman is Term Limited

Roy Baker, Lincoln
Website: <http://roybakerforlegislature.com/>

Baker, 67, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He retired in 2010 after 37 years as superintendent of the Norris School District where he was recognized as the Nebraska Superintendent of the Year. He attended the NREA Candidate Training School and is married with two grown children.



Bob Tiemann, Republican, Beatrice
Website: None

Tiemann, 60, is the owner of R.L. Tiemann Construction in Beatrice. He serves on the board for the Beatrice Chamber and the Gage County Foundation. He has twice run unsuccessfully to serve in the Legislature.



District 32—Russ Karpisek is Term Limited

Laura Ebke, Republican, Crete
Website: <http://lauraebke.com>

Ebke, 51, holds a Ph.D. in political science from UNL and has taught part-time at several colleges. She serves on the Crete School Board and is the state chairperson for the Republican Liberty Caucus of Nebraska. She is married with two children.



Phil Hardenburger, Democrat, Crete
Website: None

Hardenburger, 62, holds a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Kansas State University. He has been a vet for 38 years and owns the Crete Veterinary Clinic. He has been president of both the Nebraska Pork Producers Association and the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association. He is married and has two children.



District 34—Annette Dubas is Term Limited

Curt Friesen, Republican, Henderson

Website: <http://www.friesenforlegislature.com/>

Friesen, 58, is a farmer. He is currently serving as president of Hamilton County Corn Growers and vice chair of the Nebraska Corn Board. He has served on the board of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District, the governor's Water Policy Task Force, and as mayor of Henderson. He ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature in 2006 against Greg Adams. He is married with four children.



District 36—John Wightman is Term Limited

Matthew Williams, Republican, Gothenburg

Website: <http://www.mattwilliamsforlegislature.com/>

Williams, 64, holds a J.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law. He is chairman and president of Gothenburg State Bank and recently finished a term as chairman of the American Bankers Association. He serves as a trustee for the University of Nebraska Foundation and on the board of directors for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Innovation Campus. He is married with two children.



Luis Sotelo Democrat,

Website: Facebook

Sotelo, 23, is a graduate of Northwestern University with a degree in communication studies and political science. He was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, and lived in a small farming community a few hours south of the U.S. border until age five. He works as a college-planning specialist with EducationQuest Foundation which improves students' access to higher education.

District 38—Tom Carlson is Term Limited

John Kuehn, Republican, Heartwell

Website: <http://www.johnkuehnforlegislature.com/>

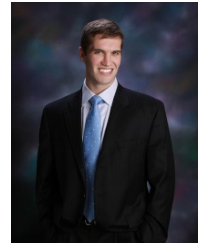
Kuehn, 40, attended Kansas State University and is an associate professor of biology at Hastings College. In addition, he is a veterinarian, livestock producer, and rancher. He serves on the board of directors of Southern Public Power District.



District 40

Tyson Larson, Republican, O'Neill (incumbent)

Website: <http://www.tysonlarson.com/>



Larson, 27, is a graduate of Georgetown University with degrees in government and theology. He has worked for Senator Hagel, Congressman Adrian Smith, and Congressman Jeff Fortenberry and served as the campaign coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith's 2006 bid for election. He is the head of business operations and risk management for Art Research Technologies, a small art-consulting firm. He also does marketing and fundraising for small rodeo associations and their cowboys.

Keith Kube, Republican, Crofton

Website: None

Kube, 63, graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Engineering with a BS degree in civil engineering. He is an architect. He recently lived in San Carlos, California.

Bruce Boettcher, Republican, Bassett

Website: None

Boettcher, 57, is a rancher and landowner. He has been associated with BOLD Nebraska.

District 42—Tom Hansen is Term Limited

Roric Paulman, Republican, Sutherland

Website: <http://www.roricpaulman.com/>



Paulman, 55, a farmer, has been a member of the American Dry Bean Board and is currently a member of the National Corn Growers Association. He is president of the Nebraska Water Balance Alliance, chairman of the Sutherland Rural Fire Board and a member of the Ag Builders of Nebraska. He is married with four children.

Scott Dulin, Democrat, North Platte

Website: Facebook



Dulin, 42, worked for Union Pacific Railroad from 1988 to 2007 before going to work for a Minnesota law firm as a train accident investigator. He has a daughter.

Mike Groene, Republican, North Platte

Website: None



Groene, 57, graduated from the University of Nebraska Lincoln with a degree in Agriculture Economics and Marketing. He is an ag experiment sales manager. He organized the Western Nebraska Taxpayers Association and is a board member for the Platte Institute.

District 44—Mark Christensen is Term Limited

Dan Hughes, Republican, Venango

Website: <http://www.hughes44.com/D44>

Hughes, 56, is a farmer and has an agriculture degree from Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO. He is a past president of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association and served on the board of directors of their national association. He currently serves on the Nebraska Wheat Board and has served on the Nebraska Ethanol Board and on the Grant/Perkins County School board. Hughes attended the NREA Candidate Training School and is married with two grown children.



Dennis Berry, Republican, McCook

Website: Facebook

Berry, 61, has been the mayor of McCook since 2004. He is a school administrator and plans to retire in May.



Steven Stroup, Republican, Benkelman

Website: <http://stroupforlegislature.nationbuilder.com>

Stroup, 56, is a Benkelman farmer and cow/calf operator. He has an associated degree in production agriculture from Curtis College and an associated degree in health information management from WNCC which he used to start a small business in medical coding. He has served on Ag Society, the 4-H Council, Cultural Arts Board, and participated in the LEAD program. He is married with four children.



District 46—Daniel Conrad is Term Limited

Adam Morfeld, Democrat, Lincoln

Website: <http://adammorfeld.com/>

Morfeld, 28, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law. He is executive director of Nebraskans for Civic Reform, a group "dedicated to strengthened civic education and community engagement, veterans job readiness, and making elections more accessible." He is on the board of the Daily Nebraskan (UNL's daily student newspaper).



James Michael Bowers, Democrat, Lincoln

Website: <http://www.bowers2014.com>

Bowers, 26, holds a Master's degree in social work from a partnership program with Florida State University and Chadron State College. He has served on the board of directors of the Northeast Family Center for the last five years, including one term as the board president, and is also currently on the board of directors for Fresh Start, a transitional living facility for homeless women in Lincoln. Bowers is an active member in the LGBT community and if elected would be the first openly gay elected state official in Nebraska.



Hunter Paneitz, Republican, Lincoln

Website: Facebook

Paneitz, 26, is originally from Waco, NE and is employed by Duncan Aviation. He is supported by Nebraska's Republican Liberty Caucus.



District 48—John Harms is Term Limited

John Stinner Sr., Republican, Gering

Website: <http://www.voteforjohnstinner.com/>

Stinner, 63, holds a master's degree in economics and accounting from UNL. He is president and CEO of Valley Bank & Trust Co. and chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association. He was one of seven children and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates MLB team but chose instead to play football for the University of Nebraska where he was a member of the 1970 and 1971 national championship teams. He has served on the Gering Public School board and he is married with two grown children.



Mike Meister, Democrat, Gering

Website: <http://meister2014.com>

Meister, 53, attended Creighton University on an R.O.T.C. scholarship and holds a J.D. from the Creighton University College of Law. He served in the U.S. Army leaving in 1992 to practice law representing injured individuals and workers. In 2010, Meister ran unsuccessfully for Nebraska governor accepting the Democratic nomination after the withdrawal of Mark Laker. He has served as President of The Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys and State Legal Counsel for the Nebraska Jaycees. He has three children.

