

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes by zoom

Monday, August 2, 2021 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 8 CC committee members (David Bond, June Brashares, Barry Hermanson, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, and Laura Wells). This means quorum is a simple majority of 5

Present (6): June Brashares, Barry Hermanson, James Lauderdale, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, and Laura Wells

Quorum was achieved

Absent (2): David Bond and Nassim Nouri

Present Guests: Justin Richardson (Treasurer), Mica Daniel, and Mimi Newton

(2) Roles (4 minutes):

Roles for the August 2 CC Call:

Facilitator: Karen

Note Taker: Barry

Time Keeper: June

Vibes Watcher: Open

Approved by consensus

Roles for the September 13** CC Call:

Facilitator:

Note Taker:

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

**** To be determined on September 13th

Approved by consensus

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes) Approved by consensus

(3a) Late items:

Late Item 7 - Request for Certification of San Bernardino County Counsel - see text of 8/1/2021 email message from Jane Jarlsberg, San Bernardino County

Late Item 8 - Green Party of Sonoma County Proposal for Amendments to the GPCA Bylaws to Remove "No Other Candidate" (NOC) from Bylaws Sections 7-2.4, 8-4.1 and 8-4.3

This late item is time sensitive/justified because this proposal needs to be forwarded to the SGA in time to enable a vote on NOC before the next CC election.

Late Item 9 – Green Party of Humboldt County Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Bylaws Sections 7-2.3 to change thresholds to 60%

This late item is time sensitive/justified because this proposal needs to be forwarded to the SGA in time to accompany other Bylaw votes that are to start discussion on August 9th.

Late Item 10 - Green Party of Sonoma County Proposal for Amendments to the GPCA Bylaws regarding GPUS Delegation in Bylaws Article 12

This late item is time sensitive/justified because this proposal needs to be forwarded to the SGA in time to accompany other Bylaw votes that are to start discussion on August 9th.

Late Item 11 – (was late item 9) - Basecamp II proposal

Justified as a late item due to idea that the unexpected CC election is * opportunity (to try out system with only 8 people; finalize onboarding docs for new CC members in Oct.); build out now to prep for onboarding. Also * responding to challenge: assemble docs/data from departed CC members for any possible future challenges re: record-keeping, etc. * affordable: both low-cost and free options.

Approved late items to be added to the agenda by consensus

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 minutes) as posted to the CC by Mimi Newton on behalf of James Lauderdale on August 2, 2021 at 9:52 am (revised from previous post on July 27, 2021 at 12:35 am).

Proposal to approve with amendments to the minutes, to remove text in item #14 after the sentence: “A review determined the submission from the Sacramento Council alleging violations of State Law has no merit.”

Approved by consensus

(5) Consent Items (5 minutes)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consented to prior to the actual meeting. Any item may be objected to and that item will be placed at the end of the evening's agenda.

Proposal: Accept the following committee reports for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

Clearinghouse Committee & GROW Joint Meeting Minutes - Appendix A.

Media Committee Meeting Notes - Appendix B.

Finance and Fundraising Committee Meeting Minutes - Appendix C.

Bylaws Committee Report - Appendix D.

Approved by consensus

(6). ACTION ITEMS (15 mins):

Since the last CC Call:

*Note the GPCA calendar states our next call is scheduled for Sept. 6, Labor Day - the calendar needs correction to reflect our call occurring on Sept,13, 2021

SGA Call for CC candidates:

The application deadline is Monday, August 16th, 2021 at 11:59 pm (Pacific Time).
The elections will be by the Standing General Assembly (SGA), with a six-week discussion period beginning Monday, August 23, 2021 at 12:01 am PDT and ending on Sunday, Oct 3, 2021 at 11:59 pm PDT. Voting will be from Monday, Oct 4, 2019 at 12:01 am PDT through Sunday, Oct 10, 2021 at 11:59 pm PDT. The Coordinating Committee election will be by secret ballot, using Ranked Choice Voting. The top vote getter(s) will fill the 12 seats (with at least 6 women elected) for the remainder of the terms ending June 30, 2023, and the others will fill the 4 seats (with at least 2 women elected) for the remainder of the terms ending June 30, 2022.

Continuing:

Call for GA/SGA delegates for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Active Counties need to appoint new delegates for the new term. At the previous CC meeting, the CC talked about sending out notices to the active Counties about this, but I think the info has not yet gotten distributed. (Draft email is in Appendix E.)

- * Ongoing discussion and action to implement
- * DB Inform list administrator – back up (June, Mimi, Laura)|
- * Call for delegates to be sent out by June

Approved by consensus

Continuing:

- Preparation of Nov. 2018 and June 2021 GA Minutes (Mimi)
- Preparation of November 2020 GA minutes (June)
- GA Minutes June 2020 (Nicole)

(7) Certification of San Bernardino County Counsel - see text of 8/1/2021 email message from Jane Jarlsberg, San Bernardino County, at Appendix G. (10 mins)

Proposal: Certify the new County Council of San Bernardino County: Jane Jarlsberg

Approved by consensus

Additional tasks – Letter to County Registrar

(8) LATE ITEM Green Party of Sonoma County Proposal for Amendments to the GPCA Bylaws to Remove "No Other Candidate" (10 mins)

Green Party of Sonoma County Proposal for Amendments to the GPCA Bylaws to Remove "No Other Candidate" (NOC) from Bylaws Sections 7-2.4, 8-4.1 and 8-4.3

This late item is time sensitive/justified because this proposal needs to be forwarded to the SGA in time to enable a vote on NOC before the next CC election.

Sponsor(s): June Brashares / Green Party of Sonoma County (GPSC)

Proposal: The CC shall forward GPSC's Proposal to the SGA for a Discussion period to begin on August 9th, 2021. GPSC's full Proposal including Background/Purpose, Text of Proposal, etc... is below.

Implementation/Timeline:

SGA Administrators need to be informed about posting the Proposal to the SGA for a Discussion period to start on August 9th at 12:01am.

Bylaws Committee meets on Aug 8th and could review the Proposal to make comments that accompany the Proposal to be posted to the SGA on Aug 9th.

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PROPOSAL FOR SGA TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS SECTIONS 7-2.4, 8-4.1 and 8-4.3

Sponsoring County Organization: Green Party of Sonoma County (GPSC)

Presenter: June Brashares, member of GPSC & member of GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC)

Title/Subject: Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Remove "No Other Candidate" from Bylaws Sections 7-2.4, 8-4.1 and 8-4.3

Background/Purpose:

The most recent SGA election for the GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) had 15 candidates running for 12 open seats, and 76 delegates cast votes. Not any of the 15 candidates were able to be elected because 19 delegates ranked "No Other Candidate" 1st, and that had the effect of negating the votes of the 57 other delegates. It was demoralizing that a small faction was able to use "No Other Candidate" (NOC) to totally cancel out the preferences of 75% of the voters and negate the efforts of 15 candidates. As a result, those dozen seats on the CC are vacant, the 24-seat CC is down to 8 active members and another CC election needs to be held.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to remove "No Other Candidate" from the Bylaws for GPCA internal elections. The amendment is to make GPCA internal elections positive and productive.

The proposal supports the ongoing use of Ranked Choice Voting, and maintains the use of Proportional Representation for multi-seat elections. (A minority of 25% of the voters will be able to elect candidates to 25% of the seats, but will no longer be able to block 75% of the voters' choices for electing candidates.)

Text of Proposal:

The proposal is to amend Bylaws Sections 7-2.4, 8-4.1 and 8-4.3 by removing the words shown below in ~~strike-out~~:

7-2.4 Voting Systems

7-2.4(a) Multi-Seat Elections: Ranked Choice Voting Each delegate shall be provided a ballot containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order. ~~The ballot shall also include a No Other Candidate option.~~ The delegates shall vote by ranking the candidates ~~along with the No Other Candidate option~~ in order of preference. The ballots shall be tabulated utilizing a Ranked Choice Voting system with fractional transfers and a Droop threshold, $1/(n+1)$ ($1/3$ threshold with two open seats). ~~No candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before No Other Candidate.~~ For the purpose of calculations, n = open seats shall be adjusted, when necessary, so that the value of n shall not be higher than the number of candidates qualified for the ballot.

7-2.4(b) Single Seat Election: Instant Runoff Voting Each delegate shall be provided a ballot containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order. ~~The ballot shall also include a No Other Candidate option.~~ The delegates shall vote by ranking the candidates ~~along with the No Other Candidate option~~ in order of preference. The ballots shall be tabulated utilizing a Ranked Choice Voting system and a majority threshold, $1/(n+1)$. ~~No candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before No Other Candidate.~~

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8-4.1 Elections shall be conducted each year by the Standing General Assembly by secret ballot, using Ranked Choice Voting ~~with a No Other Candidate option~~, with the six week discussion period beginning on the first Monday of May and the one week voting period commencing immediately thereafter.

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8-4.3 The election as it is posted to the Standing General Assembly shall include:

8-4.3(a) Each candidate's application;

8-4.3(b) A full and detailed explanation of Ranked Choice Voting, ~~an explanation of the No Other Candidate option, and an encouragement that delegates make their choices seriously and a reminder that they do not have to fill all seats unless they feel there are enough qualified candidates.~~

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So the amended GPCA Bylaws Sections 7-2.4, 8-4.1 and 8-4.3 would read as follows:

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7-2.4(b) Single Seat Election: Instant Runoff Voting Each delegate shall be provided a ballot containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order. The delegates shall vote by ranking the candidates in order of preference. The ballots shall be tabulated utilizing a Ranked Choice Voting system and a majority threshold, $1/(n+1)$.

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8-4.3(a) Each candidate's application;

8-4.3(b) A full and detailed explanation of Ranked Choice Voting.

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Approval Threshold: $2/3$ of all 'yes' and 'no' votes cast for passage (per Bylaws Section 7-2.3)
Open Ballot (Not secret)

Timeline:

SGA discussion period to start at 12:01am on Monday August 9th and continue to Sunday Sept 19th at 11:59pm. SGA Voting period starts at 12:01am on Monday Sept 20 and ends on Sunday Sept 26th at 11:59pm.

(Vote to be concluded prior to the CC election voting period to start on October 4th.)

Resources/Budgetary implication:

Implementation requires updating the Bylaws on the GPCA website.

SGA Admins would not include NOC on the ballot for the upcoming CC election.

Implication is an overall savings of time and resources that would otherwise be expended on running extra elections due to NOC.

County Decision: In July 2021, the Green Party of Sonoma County made the decision to sponsor this proposal.

References/Attachments:

Link to GPCA Bylaws: <http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>

Results from recent past CC election are below:

From: GPCA Votes via SGA <sga@lists.cagreens.org>

Date: Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 11:28 PM

Subject: [GPCA-SGA-Votes] June/July 2021 Vote (#216-219) - SGA Voting Results

To: GPCA-SGA-Vote discussion <sga@lists.cagreens.org>

Dear SGA,

The results of the 4 SGA votes are shown below, with details attached. Please note that because our bylaws state that, "No candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before No Other Candidate" (NOC), that this has affected the 3 candidate elections.

1) #216 For the Coordinating Committee (CC) election, NOC received more first place votes than any other candidate, therefore no CC candidates have been elected. Elected CC Members: No other candidates are placed, 12 seats remain open.

Attachment: pdf of the details of SGA vote ID #216

* Bylaws committee will meet to approve the format for the proposal.

*The CC will forward this to Bylaws and to the SGA

Approved by consensus

(June will send to SGA)

New (#9) LATE ITEM Green Party of Humboldt Proposal for Amendments to the GPCA Bylaws regarding Section 7-2.3

This late item is time sensitive/justified because this proposal needs to be forwarded to the SGA in time to accompany other Bylaw votes that are to start discussion August 9th.

Sponsoring County Organization: Green Party of Humboldt

Title/Subject: Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Bylaws Sections 7-2.3 to change thresholds to 60%

Background/Purpose: Requiring more than a simple majority (50% plus) ensures that a decision enjoys broad support, but a 2/3 requirement is simply too high. A 2/3 requirement makes it very difficult to approve any proposal, and allows a small minority to block proposals. 60% is still a supermajority.

Text of Proposal: The proposal is to amend Bylaws Sections 7-2.3. Proposed amendment is shown below, with the **changes crossed out** and **additions in [brackets, bolded and underlined]**:

7-2.3 Approval Thresholds

The General Assembly shall seek consensus in its decision-making, utilizing the consensus-seeking process in 7-5 for in-person meetings. In the absence of consensus, the following proposals shall require **2/3 [60%]** of all 'yes' and 'no' votes cast for passage.

County Decision:

The Humboldt County Green Party County Council reached unanimous consensus to propose this amendment to the GPCA Bylaws.

The CC will forward this to Bylaws and to the SGA

Approved by consensus

New (#10) LATE ITEM Green Party of Sonoma County Proposal for Amendments to the GPCA Bylaws regarding GPUS Delegation in Bylaws Article 12

This late item is time sensitive/justified because this proposal needs to be forwarded to the SGA in time to accompany other Bylaw votes that are to start discussion August 9th.

Sponsor(s): June Brashares & Karen Nyhus / Green Party of Sonoma County (GPSC)

Proposal: The CC shall forward GPSC's Proposal to the SGA for a Discussion period to begin on August 9th, 2021.

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PROPOSAL FOR SGA TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS ARTICLE 12

Sponsoring County Organization: Green Party of Sonoma County (GPSC)

Title/Subject: Proposed Bylaws Amendments to Article 12 of the GPCA Bylaws: Delegates to the Green Party of the United States.

Background/Purpose: The proposed amendments to the GPCA Bylaws would update and introduce changes to this section of the bylaws. GPSC will work in coordination with, and defer to the GPUS delegation.

The amended GPCA Bylaws Article 12 would read as follows:

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Article 12. Delegates to the Green Party of the United States

Section 12-1 Purpose

The Green Party of California (GPCA) is affiliated with the Green Party of the United States (GPUS). No decision of the GPUS is binding upon the GPCA without its consent. The GPCA elects delegates as voting members of the GPUS National Committee (NC). These delegates are authorized by the GPCA and recognized by the GPUS to cast the full number of votes allocated to the GPCA to represent GPCA positions on matters before the GPUS.

Section 12-2 Number, Eligibility and Alternates

The number of delegates is established by the GPUS and each may cast one vote. Any member of the GPCA as defined in 3-1 is eligible to be a delegate to the GPUS. The number of Alternates shall be equal to the number of delegates.

Section 12-3 Responsibilities and Expectations

12-3.1 Representing GPCA to the GPUS

Delegates shall take part in the discussion of, and vote on, proposals before the GPUS NC. Votes shall be submitted to the process established by the GPUS.

Delegates shall participate in monthly teleconferences. Delegates and Alternates are encouraged to attend delegation meetings at GPCA General Assemblies and in person meetings of the GPUS NC. They are encouraged to serve on GPUS committees.

12-3.2 Serving the GPCA General Assembly

a) Members of the delegates, individually and collectively, serve at the pleasure of and are responsible to the GPCA General Assembly (GA). Delegates are authorized to represent the GPCA as best they can and cast votes as they think represent the interests of the GPCA and GPUS. As a whole, the delegation shall make a good faith effort to collectively discuss GPUS matters before voting.

b) The GA may bind the delegation to represent a particular position . When bound in this manner, the delegation shall modify its positions to reflect this intent.

Between General Assemblies the delegation shall report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) and the CC may bind it on behalf of the GA. If it does so, the CC shall report upon its actions to the next GA.

Section 12-4. Elections

12-4.1 Regular Elections

Delegates and alternates shall be elected by the SGA for two-year terms. The number of delegates to be elected each year shall be equal to the number of those delegates whose term is ending plus any vacant seats. The number of alternates shall be calculated in the same manner. These elections shall be timed to coincide with elections for the CC.

Applicants shall nominate themselves to be elected to the delegation. Those receiving the highest rankings shall be seated as delegates until all those seats are filled. After which, the alternate seats are filled.

Elections shall be by 7-2.4 Choice Voting. The delegation may recommend candidates to the GA. Recommendations shall be made with attention to gender, ethnic, and geographic balance.

12-4.2 Filling Unscheduled Vacancies

Elections to fill midterm vacancies shall occur only if the number of delegates plus the number of alternates falls below five more than the allotted number of delegates. . Elections shall be by 7-2.4 Ranked Choice Voting and those elected in

this manner shall serve the remainder of the terms, with the highest ranked candidates filling the longer terms.

Section 12-5 Resignations and removals

The CC may remove a delegate by an 80% vote. The only reasons for removal are failure to perform the duties of a delegate as defined in this Article and the GPUS Bylaws and Rules and Procedures, and malfeasance. When delegates habitually fail to perform their duties, the delegation co-coordinators shall discuss the situation with those delegates. If it continues or recurs without the delegates resigning, the Co-coordinators shall bring the matter to the delegation to decide whether to ask for resignations and refer the matter to the CC.

Section 12-6 Coordinators

12-6.1 Role

There shall be two co-coordinators of the delegation, with ethnic, geographic and gender balance preferred. Co-coordinators shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the delegation.

12-6.2 Responsibilities

The coordinators shall facilitate the delegation, coordinate its activities and communicate on its behalf with the CC and GA/SGA and the GPUS Steering Committee and National Committee.

12-6.3 Elections

Co-coordinators shall be elected by the delegation to staggered two-year terms one month prior to the Co-coordinator's term ending. Only Delegates and alternates are eligible to be elected. Elections shall be by 7-2.4(b) Single Seat Election: Instant Run-Off Voting.

Section 12-7. Meetings, policies, and procedures.

12-7.1 Meetings

The delegation shall establish a meeting schedule so that it may address GPUS business in a timely manner. For any delegation meeting including teleconferences, a quorum shall be a majority of elected delegates, with both delegates and alternates counting towards quorum.

12-7.2 Policies and procedures

The delegation shall create whatever policies and procedures are necessary, that are not in conflict with the bylaws of the GPCA or of the GPUS, to fulfill its responsibilities as defined in this Article and in the GPUS Bylaws and Rules and Procedures. The delegation shall provide a copy of these policies and procedures to the CC as they are created or amended.

Section 12-8. GPUS Committees

Where the GPUS Bylaws or Rules and Procedures provide for state party-appointed membership, the delegation shall make these appointments, and shall otherwise make recommendations or nominations for GPUS committee eligibility as provided for by GPUS Bylaws or Rules and Procedures. Any GPCA

member as defined in 3-1 is eligible to be on a GPUS committee, unless GPUS Bylaws or Rules and Procedures state otherwise.

Approval Threshold: 2/3 of all 'yes' and 'no' votes cast for passage (per Bylaws Section 7-2.3).
Open Ballot (Not secret)

Timeline: SGA discussion period to start at 12:01am on Monday August 9th and continue to Sunday Sept 19th at 11:59pm. SGA Voting period starts at 12:01am on Monday Sept 20 and ends on Sunday Sept 26th at 11:59pm.

Resources/Budgetary implication: Implementation requires updating the Bylaws on the GPCA website.

County Decision: On Aug 2, 2021 (at 5pm), the Green Party of Sonoma County made the decision to sponsor this proposal.

References: <http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>

*The CC will forward this to Bylaws and to the SGA, June volunteered

Approved by consensus

New (11) (former #9) Late Item: Basecamp II (15 mins)

Proposal: short demo (by Karen) with Q&A of BaseCamp 2 as a possible solution for performing CC duties we've had a hard time managing:

- CC calendar (internal - processes like elections that we manage, not just meetings)
- liaison/reporting functions with Committees and Working Groups
- onboarding/orientation for new members
- archive (or link to) documents, political statements, etc.
- ... and more

in a place "owned and managed" by GPCA (not individuals).

Time Requested: 15 minutes (at end of meeting/or whatever time is left)

Justification: Unexpected CC election is

* opportunity (to try out system with only 8 people; finalize onboarding docs for new CC members in Oct.); build out now to prep for onboarding. Also

* responding to challenge: assemble docs/data from departed CC members for any possible future challenges re: record-keeping, etc.

* affordable: both low-cost and free options.

Purpose: with the election just announced, and with affordable platform, BC could be a solution to holes we have in managing CC business, and help us prepare to onboard new CC members in October. It is a platform we can set up that doesn't require an already-overtaxed IT Committee to set up.

Sponsor: Karen Nyhus

Thank you for considering this proposal.

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Karen Nyhus
Sonoma County GP Council
GP CA CC member

Approved by consensus to use BaseCamp on a trial basis.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - Clearinghouse Committee & GROW Joint Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 7:30pm

Present: Mica Daniel, Rick Greenblatt, Richard Gomez, Peggy Koteen

Absent: Nassim Nouri, Clearinghouse co-co; Laura Wells, GROW co-co

Discussion: Active counties, how each county elects its county council members — there are several ways.

Announcement: Heads up for appointing new GA/SGA delegates for the coming year.

Confirm next call - second Tuesday conference call, August 10, 2021, 7:30pm.

Appendix B - Media Committee meeting Report

July 19, 2021, 2:00 pm

Attendees: Laura Wells, (Co-coordinator, NOTETAKER), Thomas Leavitt (member, FACILITATOR), Nassim Nouri (guest)

Absent: Susan Lamont (member), Christine Pepin (volunteer)

* Planning media release on EcoSocialism and the Green New Deal, including revised platform preamble and signing onto a letter to Biden. Laura will draft, and send it for review to Media participants plus David Bond, David Cobb, Rick Greenblatt and others. Discussed that there's majoritarian approval, not "fringe" or "radical"; recent floods and wildfires; no time for half-measures. Nassim will check in with Diana Brown about social media.

* Planning media release on Top Two primary related to bills in Sacramento and the GPCA letter approved at the General Assembly June 19-20. Thomas will follow up and work with Mike Feinstein on a draft for Media Committee review.

* Discussed website; not able to add new releases to media release page; suggested updating its home page to send people to another webpage. Nassim and Thomas will work on it.

Next meeting: Third Monday, August 16, 2021, 2-3pm.

Appendix C - Finance and Fundraising Committee Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2021, 6 pm

(1) ROLL CALL: Laura Wells, Vicente Cruz, Mica Daniel, Frank Lambert, Justin Richardson (Treasurer), Barry Hermanson

(2) Roles: Facilitator & NOTETAKER: Mica TIMEKEEPER: Laura

(3) Build & Approval the Agenda:

A late item for building the agenda: Discussion and decision regarding going to a Zoom format.

Approved by consensus.

(4) Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2021, as posted to the CC by M. Mica Daniel, June 30, 2021, at 9:51 PM (See Appendix A)

Approved by consensus.

(5) Review 2021 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms. Political Parties committees:

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

Justin is working on the report that is due August 2, 2021

(6) Treasurer Report to Finance Committee for July 2021 (actual and projected)

Submitted by Justin Richardson, Treasurer

Account Balances as of 7/19/2021

Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal account: \$1,606.69

Travis Credit Union (checking) State account: \$12,849.28

PayPal: \$848.15

Expenses (6/16 - 7/19/21)

Liquid Web Wired Tree: \$106.00

Call Centric: \$10.45

ISP (political filing software): \$100.00

NationBuilder: \$1,430.40

(Upcoming expenses)

Treasurer Stipend: \$200 (for July)

(7) Report back on Thank You Notes by Barry Hermanson, Barry will put a small batch in the mail to Mica to use.

(8) Thoughts/ Movement on Second Fundraising Letter. Laura Wells and Frank Lambert will work on the draft for a second fundraising letter for early August with a focus on getting sustainers. Also, work closely with the IT committee.

(9) Recruitment for Finance & Fundraising Committee Ongoing

(10) Send out a notification to committees and working groups for their plans and budget requests for January 2022 through December 31, 2022

(11) Discussed moving the Finance & Fundraising Committee to a Zoom format for our regular 4th Thursday meeting. Will check the details and report back before the next meeting.

(12) Affirm next meeting date August 26, 2021, from 6 PM - 7 PM

APPENDIX A:

Minutes Finance & Fundraising comm. June 24, 2021, 6 PM -7 PM 2021

Dial-In Number: 515 604 9861 Access Code 616301

(1) Roll call: Mica Daniel, CC liaison, Justin Richardson, Treasurer, Laura Wells, Barry Hermanson

Absent F. Lambert (family coming), Vicente Cruz (needs longer timeline) David Bond, (IT emergency)

(2) Roles: Facilitator& Notetaker, Mica Daniel Vibeswatcher Timekeeper

(3) Build and Approve the Agenda

(4) Approval of the minutes of May 27, 2021, as posted by Mica Daniel to CC on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at 9:33 AM

(5) Review 2021 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms:

Political Parties committees:

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

(6) June Treasurer Report (Actual & Projected)

Treasurer's Report to the Finance Committee for June 2021

Submitted by Justin Richardson, Treasurer

Account Balances as of 6/15/2021

Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal account: \$1,606.62

Travis Credit Union (checking) State account: \$12,728.16

Main PayPal: \$1,990.43

Old PayPal: account is closed

Expenses (5/24 - 6/15/21)

ISP (political filing software): \$100.00

Call Centric: \$10.45

Treasurer Stipend: \$400 (for May and June)

Upcoming expenses

Liquid Web Wired Tree: \$106.00

The upcoming possible expense for July

*USPS Business Reply Account renewal: \$245.00 (report from Justin)'s

It was decided that we were not using this account for a few years. Therefore we would discontinue the account.

6A. Money to David Bond send an invoice

The Treasurer will reach out to David Bond with a friendly reminder to send an invoice for IT expenses for reimbursement.

6B email account for the Treasurer

Justin is very pleased that there is a dedicated email for the Treasurer. Makes it easier for him to stay abreast of party finances.

7) Discussion: Thank you Notes: visual for the front cover, contact info on the back

Barry is going to print out a small run of cards and send them to Mica for testing.

(8) Fundraising Letter

The first Fundraising letter got out and we are planning on putting out another one. We have not set a date or time for the next.

(9) Recruitment for Finance & Fundraising Committee

We all are being vigilant and looking for people that are interested in the finance and/or Fundraising committee.

(10) Affirmed next meeting date July 22, 2021, 6 PM to 7 PM

Appendix D -Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – July 2021

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: July 25 2021

Submitted By: James Lauderdale, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting: Saturday, July 18, 2021 at 12:00 pm

Present: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting: Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 12:30 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking: The Committee felt that no significant by laws changes should be undertaken until there is a stable CC seating count.

New Items: Correct the Pdf recently sent as it referenced an incorrect set of by laws.

Discussion: Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. By Laws item by item review.

APPENDIX E - Draft Email Message to Active Counties re: Appointing SGA Delegates and Delegate Allocations by County

Hello!

GPCA active County Organizations are required to appoint their delegates for the term which runs from July 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the Standing General Assembly (SGA) in accordance with GPCA Bylaws Section 7-1. The delegates serve both as SGA delegates for online voting, and as delegates for the in-person (or in-zoom) General Assemblies (GA).

Please make sure your County submits its SGA/GA delegates information for the 2021-2022 term as soon as possible if it hasn't yet done so. Members of the SGA in June 2021 do not automatically 'roll over' to the new term that starts this month.

For the upcoming session of the SGA, newly appointed delegates need to be added to the SGA email list prior to the start of a voting period to be able to participate in the voting. The delegate lists should be submitted to: applications@cagreens.org and should include the delegates' names and email addresses and optionally phone numbers and other contact info.

The number of delegates allocated to each county can be found in the chart below. The allotments are calculated following GPCA Bylaws Section 7-1.

Below is the GA/SGA delegate distribution for 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022. To see a spreadsheet that includes last year's (2020-2021) numbers go to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13vAzH2CexckMSf9L4xZ3onYdTyHK-tcg2DoBY54gnAU/edit?usp=sharing>

Source: CA SOS Report of Registration - February 18, 2021
(<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/report-registration/ror-odd-year-2021>)

2021-22 County delegates to GA/SGA

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2021-22 County delegates to GA/SGA								
County	# of Greens in county	% of statewide greens	proportional delegates	Automatic delegates	Total # of delegates	2021 # of delegates	Change in # delegates	# of Greens in county (20-21)
Alameda	5,215	6.076	6	1	7	8	-1	5,683
Alameda	9	0.01	0	1	1	1	0	8
Alameda	103	0.12	0	1	1	1	0	98
Alameda	704	0.82	1	1	2	2	0	706
Alameda	152	0.177	0	1	1	1	0	170
Alameda	22	0.026	0	1	1	1	0	16
Alameda	2,713	3.161	3	1	4	4	0	2,677
Alameda	94	0.11	0	1	1	1	0	101
Alameda	657	0.765	1	1	2	2	0	631
Alameda	1,498	1.745	2	1	3	3	0	1,390
Alameda	33	0.038	0	1	1	1	0	39
Alameda	1,343	1.565	2	1	3	3	0	1,402
Alameda	242	0.282	0	1	1	1	0	217
Alameda	31	0.036	0	1	1	1	0	35
Alameda	1,224	1.426	1	1	2	2	0	1017
Alameda	148	0.172	0	1	1	1	0	122
Alameda	302	0.352	0	1	1	1	0	293
Alameda	55	0.064	0	1	1	1	0	45
Alameda	22,483	26.195	26	1	27	27	0	21,719
Alameda	197	0.23	0	1	1	1	0	175
Alameda	1,013	1.18	1	1	2	2	0	1,137
Alameda	49	0.057	0	1	1	1	0	59

ndocino	815	0.95	1	1	2	2	0	929
ced	377	0.439	0	1	1	1	0	310
loc	14	0.016	0	1	1	1	0	15
no	58	0.068	0	1	1	1	0	50
nterey	941	1.096	1	1	2	2	0	923
la	459	0.535	1	1	2	2	0	486
ada	624	0.727	1	1	2	2	0	664
nge	5,238	6.103	6	1	7	7	0	4,859
per	912	1.063	1	1	2	2	0	841
mas	57	0.066	0	1	1	1	0	51
erside	3,770	4.393	4	1	5	5	0	3,107
ramento	3,388	3.947	4	1	5	5	0	3,334
Benito	128	0.149	0	1	1	1	0	107
Bernardino	3,595	4.189	4	1	5	5	0	3,092
Diego	6,909	8.05	8	1	9	9	0	6,518
Francisco	2,639	3.075	3	1	4	5	-1	3,142
Joaquin	1,058	1.233	1	1	2	2	0	873
Luis spo	940	1.095	1	1	2	2	0	965
Mateo	1,723	2.008	2	1	3	3	0	1,726
ta Barbara	1,057	1.232	1	1	2	2	0	1,043
ta Clara	3,539	4.123	4	1	5	5	0	3,370
ta Cruz	1,317	1.534	2	1	3	3	0	1,395
sta	391	0.456	0	1	1	1	0	354
ra	17	0.02	0	1	1	1	0	17
ciyou	178	0.207	0	1	1	1	0	166
ano	987	1.15	1	1	2	2	0	835
oma	2,132	2.484	2	1	3	4	-1	2,313
hislaus	755	0.88	1	1	2	2	0	663
er	126	0.147	0	1	1	1	0	99
ama	60	0.07	0	1	1	1	0	79
ity	82	0.096	0	1	1	1	0	84
re	545	0.635	1	1	2	2	0	483
lumne	143	0.167	0	1	1	1	0	145
tura	1,823	2.124	2	1	3	3	0	1,687
o	589	0.686	1	1	2	2	0	666
a	155	0.181	0	1	1	1	0	150
le Total	85,828	100	96	58	154	157	-3	83,281
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**APPENDIX F - SCSC Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA
Coordinating Committee**

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates Subcommittee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: August 1, 2021

Submitted By: Greg Jan

Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, July 29, 7 pm

Present: Committee members Steve Breedlove (Butte) and Greg Jan, facilitator (Alameda)

Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 7 pm

Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:

1. We are continuing to meet approximately monthly with the Peace and Freedom Party (about "splitting the statewide races" next year so we won't "take votes from each other"). P&F still has only identified US Senate and Insurance Commissioner candidates (who previously ran for those seats), although they say they're close to identifying a Treasurer candidate, while we have now identified candidates for Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Controller, and possibly Attorney General. (And the Lt. Gov. candidate might possibly be willing to consider running for Governor, and the Sect. of State candidate is also willing to consider running for Lt. Gov. And another Green is also interested in running for Sect. of State but might instead be willing to run for State Supt. of Public Instruction, although that is a nonpartisan race. However, if we're able to identify a separate Governor candidate, then we'll be able to eliminate most of the current "musical chairs situation"). Also, with the Peace and Freedom Party, we'll likely be using the name "Left Unity" for our "joint slate". And we're still discussing what to do about a Green who wants to run for US Senate, and (apparently) nothing else, given the fact that P&F only has 2 or 3 confirmed candidates and we will likely have 4, and if we also confirm a Governor candidate, then we'll have 5 candidates, not to mention the possibility of a State Supt. of Public Instruction candidate too.

2. As previously reported, to help increase the likelihood that Green candidate(s) in at least one of the statewide races will be able to get 2% or more of the vote (the minimum needed to maintain our ballot status), we've contacted five Californians with relatively high name-recognition (Erin Brockovich, Angela Davis, Danny Glover, Dave Anthony, and Matt Gonzalez) to consider running for Governor, but only Dave Anthony and Matt Gonzalez replied -- they were both flattered, but declined. We have also contacted indigenous environmental activist Pennie Opal Plant, who has declined, and former SF Mayoral candidate Francisco Herrera, who did not reply. In addition, we also contacted 6 environmental groups, but none of them replied either. So we will now likely contact a few more activists, etc.

The IT committee sent out our email message to individual Greens back in April, asking for suggestions of statewide candidates, and also inviting people to volunteer and donate for the statewide candidate campaigns. We've now received perhaps \$500 in donations and a couple of Greens whom we're in touch with volunteered to help out when the campaign begins.

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

- (1) We're continuing to go through lists of previous Green candidates and activists to identify good statewide candidate prospects, especially for Governor.
- (2) We will also be working on a "Needs Assessment", which will list various "needs" for the GPCA to undertake in order to have the best campaign possible for our statewide candidates. However, our top priority right now is to identify a Governor candidate.
- (3) As we have been, we are planning to continue meeting every other week, on Thursday evenings
- (4) The proposals about the Recall election that we submitted to the SGA are now being discussed and we will update them (especially about the 2 Greens who qualified for the ballot) prior to the start of SGA voting later this month

APPENDIX G - Email dated 08/01/2021 from Jane Jarlsberg, San Bernardino County

Dear Mimi Newton, Co-Coordinator and GPCA State Coordinating Committee
Greetings from San Bernardino County. My name is Jane Jarlsberg. I am a long time Green Party member, both previously in Point Arena in Mendocino County, where I served as City Treasurer, and presently in the non-incorporated village of Joshua Tree in San Bernardino County. I am also a former County Council member in San Bernardino County; and in November 2020, I was elected to the non-partisan Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors (<https://www.jbwbd.com/members>), where I serve as one of the Greens holding elected office in California. I am also an Assembly member of the California Senior Legislature (<https://4csl.org/about-the-csl/>).

As you may know, no Greens qualified for the ballot for County Council in the March 2020 County Council elections.

On this past Saturday, July 31, 2021 a General Meeting was held in the unincorporated village of Joshua Tree in San Bernardino County for the purposes of electing a new County Council, under GPCA Bylaws Article 5 and GPCA Bylaws 6-5 (<http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>), Green Party of San Bernardino County Bylaws Article VI (attached) and California Elections Code 7927(b) (<https://law.justia.com/codes/california/2020/code-elec/division-7/part-6/chapter-4/section-7927/>).

GPCA Bylaws Article V states:

Article 5. County Organization (as last amended 3/12/2017)

Counties may organize in any way they choose that includes Consensus-Seeking Facilitation and horizontal organizing and is not in violation of the California Election Code Division 7 Part 6 Green Party and the Ten Key Values of the Green Party of the United States. Counties shall provide 21-day public notice of their first General Meeting.

In order to Satisfy Article 5 public notice for the July 31, 2021 General Meeting in Joshua Tree was published 22 days in advance on July 9 on the Green Party of San Bernardino County Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/greenpartysanbernardinocounty>. A screenshot of

the posting on July 9 is included in the attached .pdf. It was also copied to the San Bernardino County Facebook Group on that same day <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242175435823880>. While not necessary to satisfy Article V, subsequent email blasts to publicize the General Meeting were sent to over 1100 email addresses for registered Greens in San Bernardino County on July 25 and July 29. A screenshot of the posts of those email blasts is included in the attached .pdf.

GPCA Bylaws 6-5 state:

Section 6-5 Appointments to Vacancies in Counties In Which No County Council members were elected in the primary election

6-5.1 The General Meeting must appoint at least one member to the County Council. Only registered Green Party members in the county are eligible for appointment. The county organization shall forward minutes of the meeting to the Coordinating Committee.

6-5.2 Once the Coordinating Committee has certified that the County Organization is recognized under Article 5, it shall review the minutes of the County Council election and certify the new County Council, unless there is clear evidence that the Council was elected in conflict with that County Organization's bylaws. Any decision by the Coordinating Committee not to certify may be appealed by that County Organization to the General Assembly and shall require a 2/3 vote to certify. If an in-person General Assembly is scheduled to occur within 60 days of the receipt of the petition, the Coordinating Committee shall place the vote on the draft agenda, and any agenda approved by the General Assembly must include the vote. If an in-person General Assembly is not scheduled to occur within 60 days of the receipt of the petition, the Coordinating Committee shall submit the petition for a discussion and vote of the Standing General Assembly at the next available starting date for on-line proposals, as defined in these bylaws.

Despite the outreach described above – which satisfied and went beyond that required by GPCA Bylaws Article V, only one person attended the July 31, 2021 General Meeting in Joshua Tree - myself, Jane Jarlsberg.

To satisfy 6-5.2, so that the Coordinating Committee can review the minutes of the meeting and certify the new County Council, the minutes of the meeting follow:

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Meeting minutes, General Meeting of the Green Party of San Bernardino County, July 31, 2021
Joshua Tree Coffee Company 61738 Twentynine Palms Highway, Joshua Tree
11am to 12:30pm

In Attendance: Jane Jarlsberg

1) Nominations were opened for election to the County Council. Jane Jarlsberg nominated herself and submitted a signed paper supporting her nomination. (A copy of that signed nomination paper is included in the attached .pdf).

Decision: Jarlsberg voted yes. The election of Jarlsberg was approved by consensus.

2) Nominations were opened for election of delegates to the GPCA Standing General Assembly. Jarlsberg nominated herself and Carol Bouldin.

Decision: Jarlsberg voted in favor of herself and Carol Bouldin. The elections of Bouldin and Jarlsberg were approved by consensus.

3) Setting next meeting - Jarlsberg stated that she would set the next meeting date after hearing back from the GPCA state Coordinating Committee about certification of the new County Council; and she would publish notice of the meeting on the the Green Party of San Bernardino Facebook Page, the San Bernardino County Green Party Facebook Group and would publicize it via an email blast to registered Greens in San Bernardino County.

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Given the above, I have the following question about the number of signatures required to be elected to the County Council.

The California Elections Code states the following about situations like we have in San Bernardino County, where no County Council was elected in the presidential primary (like in March 2020), and are to be filled afterwards by a General Meeting:

<https://law.justia.com/codes/california/2020/code-elec/division-7/part-6/chapter-4/section-7927/>

(a) The state coordinating committee shall have the authority to certify, as provided by Green Party bylaws, county council members in the following counties:

(1) Counties where no county council candidates qualified for the ballot in the preceding presidential preference primary election.

(2) Counties where all members of the county council have become disqualified from holding office.

(b) County council members certified pursuant to this section shall meet the qualifications otherwise required for county council members. County council members certified pursuant to this section shall be reported by the state coordinating committee to the applicable county elections officials. County council members certified under this section shall have all the powers and privileges otherwise afforded to county councils.

Regarding 7927(b) it appears there are two qualifications that relate to the certification of a new County Council in San Bernardino County.

<https://law.justia.com/codes/california/2020/code-elec/division-7/part-6/chapter-3/section-7914/>

7914. In each county, the name of each candidate for member of a county council shall appear on the ballot only if she or he is registered as preferring the Green Party and has filed a nomination paper pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6850) of Part 1 of Division 6, signed on the candidate's behalf by Green Party voters of the county council election district in which she or he is a candidate.

I am a registered Green Party member in San Bernardino County and I submitted signed nomination paper on my behalf (included in the attached .pdf)
<https://law.justia.com/codes/california/2020/code-elec/division-7/part-6/chapter-3/section-7917>

7917. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the number of sponsors that shall be required of a person to be a candidate for member of a county council shall be either not less than 20 sponsors, or not less than 2 percent of the number of voters registered as preferring the Green Party in the county council election district, whichever is less.

It appears from this requirement, that under state law, I needed nomination signatures from at least 20 sponsors, which is the same number as would have been needed to qualify for the ballot in the March 2020 county council elections. As already stated, I only had one.

Does this mean the Coordinating Committee can not certify the new County Council because I did not have 20 signatures? Or if the Coordinating Committee does certify the new County Council, how can it do so if the California Elections Code requires that any person elected to a new county council would need the signatures of 20 sponsors?

There were a few Greens who wrote to me after the meeting, saying they intended to attend but could not at the last minute and are willing to send a screen shot of signed nomination papers for me. If California Elections Code 7917 applies and I can not be certified by the Coordinating Committee as a new County Council member, can I continue to gather signatures until I reach 20, and then be certified? Or do we have go go through this 21-day public notice process again and only once I and anyone else has 20 signatures, are we eligible to be nominated and certified?

Thank you!

Peace,

Jane Jarlsberg

[address omitted]

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