

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, December 7, 2020 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 19 CC committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 10. Doug Barnett, David Bond, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel (alt. female co-co), Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton (female Co-co), Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

Present (14): David Bond, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit, Laura Wells, Barry Hermanson,

Absent (5): Doug Barnett, Meg Buckingham, Tarik Kanaana, Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton

Quorum with 13 CC members present at 7:30pm

Barry Hermanson joined at 8pm

(2) Roles:

Facilitator: Nicole Raglin, Notetaker: David Bond, Timekeeper: Eric Brooks, Vibes-watcher: Karen N

(3) Approval of Agenda Late items:

(3a) Discussion of Position on 5G brought by Justin R, posted 12/7 at 3:45 pm.

(3b) Approval of Agenda Late items:

Discussion of Position on 5G brought by Justin R, posted 12/7 at 3:45 pm.

Proposal for the CC to appoint a Liaison to ERWG brought by June B posted 12/7 at 6:11am - added as item 7b.

Approved by Consensus

(4) Approval of CC minutes

As posted by Eric Brooks, November 9, 2020, at 9:22 PM

Corrections: Karen is from Sonoma

Approved by Consensus with that revision

(5) Consent Items

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consented 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 into the meeting minutes:

Clearinghouse and GROW monthly meeting — Appendix A

Bylaws Committee Monthly Report — Appendix B

List of Comm/WG liaisons for reports on consent items

Bylaws – James

Budget – June

Clearinghouse – Nassim

Finance – Mica

Fundraising – John

IT – Audra

Media – Meg

Platform – Tarik

GROW – Laura

CCWG – Shannel

ERWG – June

- Google Calendar on the website lists Committee meeting days

(06) Action Items update:

(a) Update regarding SGA vote re: Platform

- IT to update SGA pages with results

- IT to send results announcement to SGA list

(b) Decision Items from the GA

- June to draft GA minutes

- IT to update Treasurer on Officeholder webpage (when Justin confirms term date)

(c) IT to load approved Nov CC minutes on website

(d) Statewide Candidate Subcommittee - Mimi to write up a letter for communicating a call for applications to the subcommittee

(e) CC retreat proposal - Mimi to send a doodle poll to CC

(f) Platform to discuss Thomas Levitt application

(g) Treasurer:

- Justin is Treasurer (his term timeline March 2021 - February 2022)

- Rusal may need to register as a Democrat, so Justin may take over as Treasurer sooner than March. Justin must resign from CC before the official taking on that Treasurer role (per GPCA bylaws).

(h) General Considerations: CC Project Mgmt Tools may be needed - hold for CC retreat

(07) Subject: Decision Item: Appointment of Committee members

(7a) Thomas Leavitt - Requesting appointment to GPCA PlatCom

In summary; I've been involved with the Green Party at various levels since the 1990s; I actually registered Green in 1990 straight out of high school. I've been a California GA delegate, and a California SGA delegate. I've been a member of numerous committees at the national level through the National Lavender Greens Caucus, including multiple terms on the national Platform Committee.

I've been monitoring the CA PlatCom mailing list for a long time, and have previously worked with the Co-Co, Shane Que Hee, on various platform amendments. He supports my appointment.

I want to join the Platform Committee because I feel that the Platform is the most important tool we have to differentiate ourselves as a party, express our values, and recruit new members.

Regards,

Thomas Leavitt

Discussions:

- Concerns were raised about how the candidate has worked in committees, or could provide succinct valuable input, rather than focusing on discussions.
- Eric at Platform committee recommends to kick this to committee for review first then back to CC.

CC agreed to delay decision

(07b) Subject: Decision Item: Appointment of CC Liaison to ERWG (10 mins)

Sponsor: June Brashares

Proposal: That the CC Appoint a CC Liaison to ERWG

All affirmed.

June Brashares was appointed Liaison to ERWG by consensus

(08) Decision Item: Create a Subcommittee of the CC to Work on Identifying and Supporting One or More Statewide Candidates to Run for Election in the June 2022 Primary (10 minutes)

Proposal:

The CC should immediately issue a call for no more than 8 California Greens to be appointed to a CC Subcommittee (Statewide Candidates Sub Committee [SCSC]) starting in January of 2020 and to begin work as soon as possible on a strategy to identify and support Green candidates to run for Statewide Office in California in the June 2022 primary. As a starting point, the Subcommittee should evaluate the recommendations included in LA's proposal.

Any Greens who are able to submit applications for appointment to the Subcommittee to the CC by its January 4, 2021 meeting may be considered for appointment to the Subcommittee at that time.

However, the CC should keep the call for applicants open until it has appointed the requisite 8 members.

Eligible candidates for the SCSC should have a proven track record of following through on their commitments to the Party, and they should not be members of the CC at the time of their appointment. SCSC members may invite non-members to participate in their meetings but only appointed SCSC members will have voting privileges within the Subcommittee.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

A call for candidates should be distributed widely among California Greens by the CC Co-Co, with assistance from IT, GROW and others, as soon as practicable.

References: PROPOSED NOV. 2020 GA AGENDA ITEMS

http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/id_213, http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/id_214

Discussions:

- Important to have candidates
- Important to support those candidates

- Uncertain of support potential from this subcommittee
- Work on specific language for applicants for candidates
- Action to compose this letter
- Clarify on audience for this letter (large distribution v. more exclusive)
- Letter will be sent to largest email list, possible candidates will be communicated to CC to whittle down a core group of "greens" to lead efforts.

Approved by consensus

(09) Decision Item: Scheduling a Four-Hour CC Retreat for Jan. 23, 2021, to be held Virtually

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose:

The GPCA Strategic Plan for FY 2021-2023 includes a CC “annual retreat,” which is scheduled to occur during the weekend of January 23-24, 2021. The CC has not held this annual retreat for a number of years, due to costs and other reasons. However, our ability to meet as a CC virtually via Zoom makes convening this retreat less of a financial burden to individual CC members and we should consider holding a retreat at the end of January 2021.

Proposal: The CC should schedule a four-hour virtual retreat via Zoom for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and should solicit volunteers from within the CC to help organize the event.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Immediately empower CC volunteers to plan and organize a CC retreat via Zoom.

References:

The GPCA Strategic Plan for FY 2021-2023

at https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/cagreens/pages/1615/attachments/original/1605519169/XX_GPCA_Strategic_Plan_FY2021-23.pdf?1605519169

CC internal Procedures Sections 2-1 and 2-2 -

<http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/procedures>

Discussions:

- Suggestions: Start with big picture. Must be fun. Strategy Convos on. Candidates. Policies. Growth
- Most thought one day would be enough time to cover the retreats, other days can be scheduled later for the follow up work.
- Action: Mimi will send a doodle poll for times most CC members are available on Jan23 or Jan24

Approved by consensus

(10) Discussion - Late Item GPCA Position on 5G brought by Justin Richardson

See additional documentation posted by Justin Richardson 12/7 3:45 pm

I propose this late item be added to the end of the agenda—item #10.

Discussion item: Resolution on 5G and Small Cell Technology

Sponsor: Justin Richardson

Proposal: That the CC discuss passing a resolution on deployment of 5G and small cell technology like the resolution passed in 2019 by the California Progressive Alliance (CPA). The main points are to urge lawmakers to 1) require safety testing and environmental review prior to deploying the equipment and

2) ensure that local jurisdictions have control over the installed locations of the equipment within the public realm.

For reference, please see attached proposal/language passed by the CPA. You will notice that this resolution was submitted to the CPA by Sarah Aminoff who is on the County Council for Green Party of Alameda County.

Justin Richardson

Discussion:

- Most did not have a chance to study the resolutions.
- Research should be done. Review of 5G with the precautionary principle as well as scientific based evidence of its efficacy.
- Proposition for further research and having the CC issue a position statement would suffice, rather than a platform plank.

Decision deferred - Action: further research and discussion needed

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

APPENDICES:

Appendix A

Clearinghouse and GROW Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30pm

1. **Roll Call:** Karen Nyhus (Marin Sonoma), John Schmidt (Stanislaus), Barry Hermanson (SF), Richard Gomez (Fresno)
2. **Roles:** Notetaker - Karen
3. **Discussion:** Proposal to use Medicare for All (M4A) to organize and fundraise

WHO: In CA, 17 million voted in CA last election. 13 million are on MediCal. Millions without or can't afford to use. Noted: listed many organizations that could back the project.

WHAT: Ballot initiative. Or maybe effective organizing as if doing an initiative. Set terms of debate for what healthcare plan will include. Bring poor people to the table to negotiate. If CA designed a single-payer system here, Biden administration could give CA a waiver to expand ACA here. Noted: it's unlikely to get M4A out of Sacramento, since Dem legislature gave it twice to Schwarzenegger, but never to Brown and Newsom, despite current Dem super-majorities. Consider counties. Use Healthy SF as a model?

WHY: Give up trying to convince people with adequate healthcare insurance to support M4A. Go to people without healthcare, or too poor to use what they have. Raise GPCA profile, fundraise, and contrast GP to Dems. Noted: Dems & GOP both like M4A now. Might spark CA legislature to act.

WHEN: Start any time. Target 2024, maybe 2022. Convening is first step. What organizations do you know in your area that work to serve poor people, and should they be involved? How can local Greens lead lots of conversations across state?

HOW: Identify 9 million in CA who will vote for it first. Find out who can turn out X people to vote. How many will vote for it if initiative is on the ballot? Convene discussion, get input, commitments.

4. **Discuss recommending someone for Governor Newsom to appoint as Senator.** Recommendations included Dolores Huerta.

5. **Confirm next second Tuesday conference call**, December 8, 7:30pm

6. **Adjourn**

APPENDIX B

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – December 2020

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: Dec. 6, 2020
Submitted By: Mimi Newton on behalf of James Lauderdale, Co-Co ByLaws Committee
Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2:15 pm (there was no October meeting).
Present: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting: Sunday, December 13, at 12:30 pm
Passcode: 151610

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

A. We have been reviewing Nassim's recommended revisions to the CC's internal procedures for updating; There is general agreement with the changes that Nassim made to the Internal Procedures. Some stylistic but no substantive changes were made. We will work on recommendations to the CC at the December meeting.

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include: Continued effort to ensure Bylaws on GPCA Website are up to date.

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