GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2021 7:30 pm to 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.

18 Present:
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, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

Karen Nyhus late arrival at 7:38

(2) Roles (2 minutes):
facilitator: June Brashares, notetaker: James Lauderdale, timekeeper: Mimi Newton, vibes-watcher: Mica Daniels

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes) and Late items
(3A) Late Items: (9) and (10)
- (09) Decision Item: For the CC to approve a separate GPCA Fund Account for those who want to specifically donate to help cover statewide candidate expenses
- (10) Decision item: That the CC approves moving forward with the 30 trial of Discord. Late Items Approved

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 minutes) As posted by Mimi Newton on February 14, 2021, @ 11:54 AM

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 into the meeting minutes:

Clearinghouse and GROW monthly meeting Appendix A
Finance Committee Monthly Report Appendix B
Fundraising Committee Monthly Report Appendix C
Bylaws Committee Monthly Report Appendix D
I T Committee Monthly Reports (Jan. & Feb. 2021) Appendices E1 and E2
SCSC Monthly Report Appendix F
GPCA Delegation to GPUS Monthly Report Appendix G
ERWG Monthly Report Appendix H
**Approved By Consensus**

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**(06) Review of Old Action Items and Update (30 minutes)**

Action Items from previous calls/meetings:

> **Action Items from Feb. 2021 CC Call:**
> - Posting of approved Minutes of CC meeting of January 4, 2021, posted by Nassim Nouri on 1/25/2021 at 12:42 pm (IT)
> - Posting of previously approved CC December 7, 2020 meeting minutes posted by Nassim Nouri on 1/25/2021 at 11:30 am with the corrections noted by June as reflected on the Feb. 2021 CC Call Agenda/draft minutes. (IT)
> - Let Peggy Koteen know she has been appointed to GPCA Platform Committee (Tarik)
> - Reach out to Thomas and invite him to next Platform Committee call via Zoom (Eric and Tarik).
> - Review Karen’s PROJECT OUTLINE HOMEWORK from the retreat (email to the CC from Karen dated 1/23/21 at 2:37 pm, with attachment) and help identify the projects for which you want to be or are currently the lead. (EVERYBODY)
> - Send CC tactics chart for review by EVERYBODY. (Volunteer?)
> - We need a lead to plan and coordinate quarterly Co-Cos calls. (Volunteer?)
> - Send SC and WG monthly reports to the CC (Liaisons)
> - Follow up on Collaboration tools strategy (IT)

**Discussion**

All completed except Coordinator for Co Co Call, and Tactics Chart from Retreat, these will carry over.

> **Action Items Arising After the Jan. 2021 CC Call:**
> - Follow up to Shannel’s message to CC re: request for info for YES. (see Shannel’s request for info forwarded by Mica 1/9 8:31 pm) (Mimi has volunteered for this item and has a number of follow-up items yet to provide)
> - Find someone to take on researching HR-1 and report to CC about it? This is the new bill disguised as electoral reform but a "poison pill" for GP (Mimi has volunteered for this item)

**Discussion**

- Mimi to contact Shannel
- HR-1 to be sent to ERWG.

> **Jan. 2021 Retreat Action Items:**
> send comments on the retreat notes that Nassim and Karen prepared— (Mimi)

**Item to Carry Over** - work on vision statement (different from Mission Statement in Bylaws) (Nassim)

**Item to Carry Over** - finish table of CC functions, with goals, strategies, tactics and projects according to CC responsibilities — (Mimi - DRAFT DONE!) work with Bylaws Committee to address voting membership requirements for WGs — (June/Mimi/James)

**Item to Carry Over** - Check David’s status on Finance Committee (David/Mica) **Done**

Statewide Candidates Subcommittee - (Mimi to post regular reports from SCSC) **Done**

Jan. 2021 CC Meeting Action Items (please provide updates):

- Meg to check in with Diana to give her Facebook and Twitter admin status. **Done**
- David to reach out again to Diana. **Done**
- Eric will pass on all online social media assets keys to IT Cocos Nicole and David. **Done**

Dec. 2020 CC Meeting Action Items:
- IT update SGA webpages with vote results - **Nicole will do**
- IT to load approved Nov CC minutes on website - **Done**
- preparation of November GA minutes (June)

**June will do before the next GA**

- Mimi to send a second letter for a call for applications Statewide Candidate Subcommittee - (there are still vacancies) - **Done**

**Old Action Items**

GA Minutes Porterville, Tulare County, California, November 17-18, 2018 (Mimi)

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**[07] National Items update: Tarik Kanaana (10 mins)**

From: Michael O'Neil - Green Party US via
Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 5:45 PM
Subject: [Annual National Meeting] Workshops Submission Form Online

Cc: Michael O'Neil - Green Party US

Dear Greens,

The Green Party’s 2021 Annual National Meeting will be held online from July 15-18, as the world’s recovery from COVID-19 pandemic is too precarious to count on being able to safely meet in-person.

We will miss the opportunity to share space with Greens from across the country but we can take this online gathering as an opportunity for national work in the areas of Anti-Oppression and Solidarity-building in line with our theme: **"Dismantling Oppression, Building Solidarity: A Green Party For Everyone."**

We will work with expert facilitators in this area which will result in reduced program time for participant-submitted workshops. However, in recognition of the importance of these as part of our ANMs, some time will be allocated for workshops. Any topic on Green Party work may be submitted with the requirement that Anti-Oppression content is embedded in the workshop presentation.

Please understand that there is limited space and time and that your workshop may not be approved for this year’s event. Please submit your proposal as soon as possible and no later than April 1, 2021. You will be contacted sometime in mid-May.

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In solidarity,

Michael O'Neil (he/him)
Annual National Meeting Committee Secretary
Communications Manager

**Green Party of the United States**
Time Zone: Eastern (New York)
t: @greenpartyus | @michaeleoneil

**Discussion**

**Approved**

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**[08] Discussion Item (30 mins)**

Dear CC,

Please consider the following proposal for the 3/1/2021 CC meeting agenda.
Attached, are the redline and clean word versions and below, inline is the redlined version.

Thank you,

Nassim
GPSCC

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**Subject/Title:** Discussion item: Review of the Draft amendments to the GPCA Coordinating Committee Internal Procedures

Co-sponsors: Nassim Nouri and the Bylaws Committee; Mimi Newton, James Lauderdale

**Background and Purpose:**

This amendment is aimed at addressing a number of issues with the current CC Internal Procedures, including to correct, simplify and clarify the content. The CC internal procedures articles were last updated between 20011-2013. Currently there are a number of sections that are duplicated in the bylaws resulting in unanticipated contradictions and inconsistencies with the bylaws, such as Article 1.1 regarding CC coordinator gender composition.

Other updates needed are to the meeting process, including clarifications on the facilitator’s role, meeting conduct, details on agenda item submissions, and note-taking.

**Proposal:**

CC to discuss the proposed amendments to the CC Internal Procedures and suggest any needed clarifications, additions, and amendments. Proposers will then follow up by incorporating accepted amendments and submit the draft amended CC Internal Procedures to CC for an online 7-day vote period.

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:**

Upon approval, the IT committee will update the CC Internal Procedures webpage with the new version and archive the old version electronically.

**References:**

[See Appendix for Document]

REFERENCES: Please see the two attachments that were included with Nassim’s message dated at 2/23/2021 at 12:59 pm.

**Discussion**

**Approved**

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**(09) LATE ITEM**

**Subject:** Decision Item: For the CC to approve a separate GPCA Fund Account for those who want to specifically donate to help cover statewide candidate expenses (10 minutes)

Sponsors: Mica Daniel, Alameda County

Background and Purpose: The Statewide Candidates SubCommittee (SCSC) is currently drafting an email message to be sent to individual Greens, as well as to local county Green Party groups, to request that they send us suggestions of Greens whom they know, who might make good statewide candidates. We are also planning to ask for Greens to volunteer to help out on the statewide candidate campaigns, as well as to send in donations. (In particular, since it will likely cost about $6,000 or more for each statewide candidate whom we want to run, although if
volunteers can get 7,000 valid signatures per candidate, then that will cut the "basic costs" in half. However, that $6,000+ per candidate figure doesn't include any travel or publicity expenses, except for the candidate statement in the official statewide voter pamphlet.

Proposal: The CC will need to approve a "budget adjustment", so that we can create this separate fund because the FPPC wants all state party monies to go through a single checking account. The CC should approve creation of this “fund” as a "sub-account” of the state party's account, and keep track of the amount of money in it "separately" (but “internally”) - if there is any money left over, then it will go to the party's general fund.

As to an estimated amount, a "reasonable" number to list in the adjusted budget would be $15,000 (for calendar year 2021). Of course, it's impossible to tell how much might actually come in -- but nevertheless, we should probably "budget" for an amount that isn't "way too optimistic", yet at the same time, is also a "decent goal" to have, so somewhere around $15,000 (more-or-less) does fit these parameters. (Note: The SCSC will keep raising and spending money in 2022, and submit 2022 budget numbers per the 2022 budget process, whenever that begins later this year).

Discussion
Approved by Consensus

(10) LATE ITEM

Proposal: Decision item: That the CC approves moving forward with the 30 day trial of Discord.
Sponsor: Mica Daniel (5 minutes)
Background: We as the CC need a more up-to-date platform to simplify our business. Our IT has evaluated different options and decided on this one. We need the tools now. There are pros and cons for the platform and I would like the CC to evaluate it for our needs. Plus, this one is affordable.
Discussion

Approved by Consensus

MEETING TIMED AT 9:29

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APPENDICES:

APPENDIX A:
Clearinghouse and GROW monthly meeting

Clearinghouse Committee & GROW Joint Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 2021 7:30 – 8:30 pm
- Roll Call - CH: Nassim, Mica; GROW: Rick, Laura, Richard, Christine, Barry
- Clearinghouse reports - Nassim reported
  • 1-2 email/newsletter per month; need contributors for write ups!
  • Have some swag inventory, but low demand.
  • Feb. 20th: second of three-part of EcoSocialism webinar "EcoSocialism; From Theory To Practice", great panel of speakers.
- Another GROW co-coordinator is needed. Please search for volunteers - Anthony Krzywicki has moved out of CA to PA. No one volunteered to take on his role as co-co (for now).
- County Voter Registration Plan, ex-registrants project - Rick reported
• Getting recent statewide data from SoS, but also need historical data but has the Jan. 2019 voter files for CA Greens.
• Rick will plan on contacting counties to ask if they could own that project for their county, but he thinks he can send the emails himself through a new email account, if counties are unable. We have 6 months to complete the project.
• Discussions about how far back in data analysis to compare Green registrations
• Laura: this list is a very useful resource, suggested using an email address like GoGreens2022@
• Rick: reaching 10% new Green registrants is possible among all the ex-Greens with this approach is worth it.

- Growing GPCA with Expanded Improved Medicare for All- Barry reported
  • A M4A bill to be introduced in Sacramento soon, he will reach out to Greens he knows to mobilize for M4A.
  • Barry is thinking about being a candidate for the state Insurance Commissioner to potentially reach 2% of the votes for ballot access.
  • Rick suggested the GP could consider aligning with PFP to cross endorse candidates for maximizing vote % for ballot access.
  • Laura explained that there were 7 open seats in CA in 2022; some seats are attainable to Greens if they run a campaign based on M4A.
  • Mica said she would reach out to the Statewide Candidate Group.

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th @ 7:30 pm

Nassim Nouri
Member, GPCA - CC, CH
County Council GPSCC

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APPENDIX B

Finance Committee Monthly Report
Finance Committee Meeting February 13, 2021
(1) Roll Call: Ruscal Cayangyang, Justin Richardson, Mica Daniel, Frank Lambert, John Schmidt. Absent: David Bond
(2) Approval of the Agenda by consensus
(3) Approval of the minutes as posted to GPCA CC on January 25, 2021, at 5:58 pm (see Appendix A) - by consensus
(4) Review 2021 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: Political Parties committees:
   (4a) update of January 31, 2021 filing
(5) February Treasurer report (actuals and projected)
   Travis Credit Union state acct 12,524.48
   Travis Credit Union federal acct: 1,601.07
   Main PayPal $443.04
   Old PayPal $0
   Upcoming Expenses:
   $106 Liquid Web Wired Tree
   $10.45 Call Centric
   $200 Treasurer expenses
(6) Update on how to pay fines (check vs credit card) Ruscal
   Annual Fee $50.00 paid
(7) Update on Transition of Treasurer: Discussion and exchange of information between Justin and Ruscal
   Clarification of State and Federal Accounts
The State account has not been used since Ruscal has been the Treasurer.
APPENDIX C
GPCA Fundraising Committee Minuets
Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 2021, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Meeting scheduled for the Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm via Zoom
Contributors to the Fundraiser Committee: June Brashares, Dianne Brown, Vincente Cruz,
Maxine Daniel, Colt Gonzales, Barry Hermanson, Frank Lambert, Nassim Nouri, Nicole Raglin,
Laura Wells,
1. Roll Call - Liaison/Coco: John D. Schmit - present
Contributors: Vincente Cruz, Maxine Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Frank Lambert, and Nassim
Nouri, - present
2. Roles (2 minutes):
   Facilitator: John D. Schmit
   Note taker: Nassim Nouri
   Time keeper: John D. Schmit
   Vibes watcher: John D. Schmit
3. Approval of Agenda (1 minutes) - approved
   - Open discussion on Fundraising Ideas and Implementation Processes
   - Review Fundraising Work Plan Draft
4. Discussion ensued in earnest as 7:40, summary:
   • Discussed and established new meeting time which is the Second Thursday of the
     month at 7:30 following the Finance Committee meeting and for March it will
     be Thursday, March 11, 2021, 7:30pm
   • Reviewed he in progress development of the Fundraising Work Plan with the
     collaborative results as follows:
Work Plan Strategies
Factors: Money, Time, Expertise

1. Expanding donor base (go wide)
   - contact new GA attendants that are non-donors (list of GA attendants from last 2 GAs –
     Laura)
   - Ask active GPCA organizers and volunteers to become donors
   - Reach out to celebrities – SM influencers, YouTube creators
   - Contact County Parties for joint fundraising projects (will they commit some of their
     fundraising to GPCA?)
   - Social media ads to progressive groups
   - Ask for donations at GAs – ask for pledges from counties
   - Ask volunteers to start fundraisers on social media

2. Expanding donation size (go deep) increase per-donation amount
   - transforming one-time donors to sustainers - Call, Email
   - Promote programs of sustaining level
   - Contacting largest donors and asking for a large or sustaining donation – top 50 donors
   - Call big donors to thank them, reminder to donate more.
   - Ask long-time donors to: bequeath funds, estate planning, add GPCA to their will, contribute
     for a memorial
   - Donation letters for a specific ask

3. Fundraising coordinated campaigns
Identify one or more subject(s) for each monthly email blast consistent with Green Party Five Pillars: Ecology, Community-Based Sustainable Economics, Democracy and Electoral Reform, Peace and Non-violence, Social Justice and Livable Communities.

- Social Media campaigns – themed
- Website
- Social media ads

4. Events
- Debates
- Music & entertainment
- Candidate features – local, grassroots
- Contact alternative media sources and bring Green representatives

Collateral & assets
- Scripts
- Contact lists (Justin report)
- Mailers – stamps

Green Party Fundraising Blast
February – Love & Revolution - Black History Month
Valentine’s Day - Feb 14th
World Day of Social Justice - February 20th
April 22 - Earth Day – Register Green and DONATE

Pride Month – Celebrating the complexity of gender identity

September 21 - International Day of Peace - United Nations International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, - September 26th
November - Thanksgiving Day (Indigenous Peoples Day) – fourth Thursday in November
* Giving Tuesday – Tuesday after Thanksgiving

December
International Volunteer Day - December 5th
Hanukkah/Solstice/Christmas (Happy Holidays) – renewal of life celebrations on December 11th, 21st, and 25th

5. Adjourn at 9:20
6. Confirmed next meeting second Thursday, March 11, 2021, 7:30pm.

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**APPENDIX D**

**Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee**

From: The GPCA By Laws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: FEBRUARY 26, 2021
Submitted By: Mimi Newton on behalf of James Lauderdale, Co-Co By Laws Committee

Date of the last By Laws Committee Meeting:
Sunday, Feb.14, 2021 and Sunday Feb. 21, 2021
Present: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles), Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting: Sunday Mar. 7, 2021

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 and some minor substantive changes were made.

Nassim attended and we went through enumerated sections of the CCIP and will recommend appropriate changes to the CC. The question of decorum and its enforcement arose as a result of
the CC meeting of Monday February 1, 2021. This CC meeting resulted in one female CC member feeling that she was being dismissed and bullied by a male member of the CC. A recommendation to adopt a Community Contract form of rules for decorum was raised by Nassim.

A second ByLaws meeting was scheduled for Sunday February 21, 2021 during which meeting the Bylaws Committee continued discussions regarding this recommendation. Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:
1. Continued effort to ensure Bylaws on GPCA Website are up to date.

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APPENDIX E

APPENDIX E1 - JAN. 2021 REPORT

GPCA-IT Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda
Sunday 01/24/2021, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Zoom Call

Roll call
GPCA-IT members: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Audra Walton, CC Liaison’ (MC),
Members present: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Audra Walton, CC Liaison’ (MC)
Absent:
Quorum: 2/3 Quorum At 7:00
2. Roles: Facilitator: David Bond,
Note taker: Nicole Raglin,
Timekeeper: Audra
Vibes: Audra

Discussion (d), Decision (D), Information (I) * Decisions made ** Action Items
3. Approve or amend the agenda (3 min) (dD): -
4. Approve last month’s Meeting Minutes (2 min) (dD): First David, Second Audra...all approved.
5. Plan 2021 Focus/Work Plan due January 31st.
   -Budget
   -Communication
   -Way Back Machine (Archive)
   -Nation Builder
6. Nation Builder Questions/Email Blast update.
7. Drupal Review, discussion regarding backing up of website (See plan #5)
8. Discuss the CC decision on Discord and the roll-out/possible other options
   Basecamp, Discord, & Slack
Time to manage requests for training, access, tutorials, etc.
   What is the objective? Communication or planning?
9. Recruiting to IT - Sensitivity around access - Possible candidates
   3 of 8 seats
10. Access to real estate protocols.
   Offline discussion.
   Security Considerations
   From Co-cos
11. Sunday Night at 7 pm with Karen (Ask)

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APPENDIX E2 – FEBRUARY 2021 IT REPORT: GPCA-IT Committee Monthly Meeting

Sunday 02/26/2020, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
1. Roll call: GPCA-IT members: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Audra Walton, CC Liaison’ (MC), Members present: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Absent: Audra Walton, CC Liaison’ (MC)
Quorum: 3/3 Quorum At 7:00
2. Roles: Facilitator: David Bond
Note taker: Nicole Raglin
Timekeeper: Audra
Vibes: Audra
Discussion (d), Decision (D), Information (I) *Decisions made **Action Items
3. Approve or amend the agenda (3 min) (dD): -
4. Approve last month’s Meeting Minutes (2 min) (dD): First David, Second Audra...all approved.
5. Web Updates (10 minutes)
   • CC Minutes Updated Monthly
   • Update any CC approved actions  David is confident with sending blasts from Nationbuilder. Nicole will meet with Audra the week of March 1 to go over website updates.
6. Issues Document
7. The communications project
Test of Discord.

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APPENDIX F
Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates Sub-Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: Feb. 28, 2021
Submitted By: Greg Jan
Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 11, 6:30 pm
Present:
   Committee members: Steve Breedlove (Butte), Greg Jan [facilitator] (Alameda), Jared Laiti (Sacramento), Susan Schacher (Alameda), Jake Tonkel (Santa Clara);
   Observers: Mica Daniel (CC), Caledon Myers (UCB intern)
Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 4, 6:30 pm
Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:
1   Contacting Greens and local Green Party groups regarding Statewide Candidates & Campaigns -- We are drafting an email message to be sent to individual Greens, and to local Green Party groups, asking for suggestions of statewide candidates, and also inviting people to volunteer and donate for the statewide candidate campaigns. In particular, the filing fee for each statewide candidate now ranges from $3,000 to over $4,000 each, and a modest-sized candidate statement now costs over $3,000 each. (The filing fee is waived if a candidate submits 7,000 or more valid signatures -- we are exploring how that might best be done). Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:
   1   We will be going through lists of previous Green candidates (etc.) to identify good potential statewide candidate prospects
(2) We are also investigating whether it would help our prospects for at least one (or more) Green statewide candidate(s) getting 2% or more of the vote (the minimum needed to maintain our ballot status) to see if we can "split the races" with Peace and Freedom (so as not to "take votes from each other").

APPENDIX G
GPCA Delegation to GPUS meeting

Dear CC,
Please find below the Delegation Feb. 22nd meeting report.
Our next meeting will take place March 22nd @6:30
agenda
Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm.
1- Welcome/chat (5 min)
3- Roles: (2 min)
   Facilitator: Richard G, Notetaker: , Timekeeper: , Vibes: 
4- Setting Agenda. Any additions or changes. (2 min)
5- Announcements/reminders. (5 min)
   - The Delegation Task list as updated last meeting is appended at the end of the agenda.
6- On the NC voting queue. (30 min)
   - Voting: ID 1033 - Budget Amendment
   - Discussion: ID 1035 - GPUS to join World Beyond War WBW by signing its Peace Pledge
7- Discussion: GPUS Delegation’s Internal Procedures (30 min)
The next step in an attempt to consolidate and update GPUS delegation documentation and to encourage participation is to consolidate, clarify and update the GPUS Delegation’s Internal Procedures.
Currently the Delegation’s internal procedures are found on thress separate web pages - http://www.cagreens.org/delegation/online-voting and http://www.cagreens.org/delegation/gpus-committees-join, and http://www.cagreens.org/delegation/duties. Additional Delegation practices have been informal and unwritten over the years.
We have two attempts at creating this document and they are here:
   - by Mike Feinstein: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bHLynenkYTDRVcc6cmCSPdzDjzLkPStxnEjbGl3pv1w/edit?usp=sharing
   - by David Cobb: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bHLynenkYTDRVcc6cmCSPdzDjzLkPStxnEjbGl3pv1w/edit?usp=sharing

APPENDIX H
GPCA Electoral Reform Working Group Meeting

From: Justin Richardson
Date: Wed, Feb 3, 2021 at 8:27 PM
To: GPCA Electoral Reform Working Group <gpca-erwg@lists.cagreens.org>
Hi all,
See draft meeting minutes below. There were no decision items. The main objective of this meeting was to hear what types of election reform attendees are interested in working on and start to strategize about ways to move forward with actions/projects. The discussion will continue at the March meeting.

Please let me know if I missed anything.

Justin Richardson
Oakland
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Electoral Reform Working Group
February 3, 2021, 6:30pm
Draft Minutes
Present: Caledon Myers, Eric Brooks, Greg Jan, Mica Daniel, Mimi Newton, June Brashares, Justin Richardson, Robin Rowe
Roles: Facilitator: Caledon, Notetaker: Justin, Timekeeper: June,
Agenda approved
GPCA mandate of ERWG
Briefly reviewed the GPCA bylaws on this topic to remind everyone of the ERWG purpose and objectives.
Reform Objectives
• Attendees mentioned interest in the following types of reforms: public financing, campaign finance reform, ranked-choice/instant runoff voting (RCV / IRV), proportional representation (PR), voting rights (voter access, voter suppression)
• June reminded us that the GPCA desires a more robust system/technology for enhancing RCV for use with internal elections
• Caledon advocated for working toward mixed-member proportional representation (MMPR) such as New Zealand has been using successfully since c. 2000
Strategies/Projects:
• Robin mentioned he leads a team (Greens and non-Greens) that works on open-source voting software: https://github.com/robinrowe/OpenVoter
  Related Slack channel: https://join.slack.com/t/openvoter/shared_invite/zt-l7mjsv86-VaMWoCXG3Kr8aO77Bbb04g
• Reach out to Greens in New Zealand to possibly join an upcoming ERWG Zoom meeting to discuss successes/challenges of electoral reforms such as MMPR or other
Plan and Action Items
• Agendize the above reform objectives for next meeting, with hopes of narrowing our focus
• Identify a specific project we can work on
• Discuss pushing joint reform of RCV and PR for a California city such as Los Angeles
• Reach out to NZ Greens
• Share information and actions with CA Greens soon to help build the committee as we hone our strategy
• Select co-coordinators for ERWG. Caledon was nominated and willing to serve as a co-co.
Next Meeting March 3, 2021 @ 6:30 (first Wednesdays)
Adjourned at 8:00pm

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