

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting - MINUTES

October 5 2020 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Approved at CC meeting Nov. 9th

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 19 CC committee members. This mean 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 (19): Doug Barnett (7:43 pm), David Bond, June Brashares (7:39 pm), Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman (7:55), Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit (7:54 pm), Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

Absent: N/A

A quorum of 15 was reached at 7:37 pm with D. Barnett, J. Brashares, S. Pittman, and J. Schmit arriving afterwards, at the times noted.

(2) Roles (2 minutes):

Facilitator: Karen Notetaker: Mimi Timekeeper: Mica Vibes-watcher: Justin
Eric explains the consensus process for new CC members.

(June arrived at 7:39 pm.)

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

LATE ITEM:

Tarik has two late items for GA Agenda

June has an appointment - John Schmit as Liaison to Fundraising Committee (5 minutes)

(Doug arrived at 7:43 pm.)

Nassim objects to the GA-related late items.

Tarik's late item was emailed to the CC at 5:08 pm - it is suggested we make this item a 48-hour online vote if folks didn't have time to review it before this meeting. But, we are supposed to notify Greens of the GA agenda etc. before date per bylaws so counties can discuss decision items.

Nassim withdraws objection based on Tarik's assent to suggestion re: making this a discussion item and moving to an online vote.

(John arrived at 7:54 pm.)

No further questions or comments.

Agenda with late items approved by consensus.

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 minutes)

No questions. No concerns.

September 2020 CC minutes as posted by Justin Richardson to the CC on September 28, 2020, at 3:32 pm

Approved by consensus.

(5) Consent Items (5 minutes)

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:

- FINANCE/BUDGET MEETING Appendix A
- Bylaws Meeting Minutes - Appendix B
- Clearinghouse Committee & GROW joint Meeting Minutes - Appendix C

No questions. No concerns

Approved by consensus

(Shannel joined at 7:55 pm.)

(06) Action Items update (10 minutes)

Citizens for Just Water - Audra Walton

Update: Cal American, the water purveyor for the greater Monterey Peninsula, had proposed a desalination plant - an unproven technology that would draw water from the ocean and groundwater, potentially compromising the aquifer with salt water intrusion. The CC wrote a letter in November 2019 in support of California Coastal Commission denying the proposal, but due to the withdrawal, there will be no hearing. Citizens for Just Water engaged in a really good fight.

GA Planning Committee - Tarik Kanaana

Friday night was the deadline to submit agenda items and some were received and some were suggested by agenda team.

ACTION ITEM: Tarik is requested to update the Strategic Plan to include reminder(s) that the deadline is coming & copy the CC - Tarik agreed.

For future consideration: text messaging and Calendar invitations.

(07) Appointment of Committee Members: John Schmit (5 mins)

June - proposes that the CC appoint John Schmit to Fundraising Committee, which would automatically make him a Co-Co of that Committee.

John - goals are to figure out a way to grow our finances, to help candidates, publicity, IT, etc.

He is beginning to put together a strategy.

Eric reminds: (1) John of responsibility for Monthly Reports to the CC; and (2) Barry to submit his application to be appointed to fundraising.

Nassim wants to be on this Committee. Barry will join this Committee

Laura and Karen - affirmation.

No concerns.

John Schmit appointed to Fundraising Committee as CC liaison by consensus.

(08) Item: Decision: Agenda item for November GA. (15 mins)

Background: Up until now the GPCA has put on (roughly) two General Assemblies a year alternating between southern and northern California. These GAs provide a common space for decision making as well as discussions and "catching up". They are also a way of getting greens from around the state involved in the state party. Given the rising cost of renting venues and other associated costs and the experience of holding the first remote (virtual) GA in June, we need to re-examine how we hold our GAs. For example, we alternate between in-person and virtual GAs or have a series of regional GAs and one statewide GA.

Proposal: The CC places an agenda item for the upcoming November GA to get input and discuss options for future GAs.

A discussion about the nature and scope of the proposed item ensued.

Affirmations were heard.

There were no additional questions, and no concerns.

Approved by Consensus.

Item 09 : Decision: Draft Agenda for November GA (15 mins)

The item was modified during the meeting's agenda approval to be a discussion item and to put the latest GA agenda to a CC online 48-hour vote.

The CC engaged in a discussion regarding the following proposal.

Proposal: The CC approves the following draft agenda for distribution.

Draft agenda of the Green Party of California General Assembly, November 21 & 22, 2020

Saturday, November 21st

8:30-9:00 am	Registration/check-in
	Facilitator(s): TBD
9:00-9:30 am	Opening Session - welcome - how it works - any other info
9:30-9:40 am	Quorum Count - for starting GA and approving agenda
9:40-10:00 am	Agenda Approval

10:00-11:00 am	CCWG/CC: November election recap
11:00-12:00 am	Contra Costa/ LA: Presentation: Lawsuit challenging Top Two Law https://losangeles.cagreens.org/gpca/lawsuit-challenge-top-two
12:00-12:45 pm	Lunch Break
	Facilitator(s): TBD
12:45-1:00 pm	Announcements
1:00-2:00 pm	GPCA 2021 Budget
2:00-4:00 pm	LA: Retaining Green Party of California Ballot Status (120 min) https://losangeles.cagreens.org/gpca/retaining-ballot-status
4:00 -4:15 pm	Announcements
4:15 pm	Adjourn for Saturday

Sunday, November 22nd

9:00-9:30 am	Registration/check-in
	Facilitator(s):TBD
9:30-10:00 am	Opening Session
10:00-10:45 am	Platform: Pandemics
10:45-11:45 am	Tenant Protections and the COVID-19 pandemic
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	CC/Discussion on future of GAS
	Facilitator(s): TBD
12:30-12:45 pm	Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place
12:45-1:00 pm	Announcements
1:00-1:15 pm	Closing Session
1:15 pm	Adjourn

ACTION ITEM: Tarik is requested to flesh out LA's proposed agenda items with the LA County Greens before the 48-hour online vote proposal is sent to the CC.

(10) Agenda item: DISCUSSION: Emails posted (2) by Timeka Drew, LAC County Council on Monday, September 28, 2020 @10:01 AM Re: Our Treasurer, Rusal Cayangyang (30 mins).

A discussion ensued.

Nassim suggested the CC empower the Finance Committee to respond to the LA Greens.

There are no additional questions. There are some objections based on completely opposite different perspectives, with one member arguing to agree with the LA concerns and another arguing to ignore them altogether.

Given the limited time available for continued debate, there follows a test of consensus re: empowering the Finance Committee to draft a tempered response to the LA County Greens along the lines of a majority of the CC members' stated lack of concern regarding the issues raised by LA County.

No objections were heard.

Consensus on empowering the Finance Committee as suggested with the responsibility of responding was achieved and Mica was requested to communicate that request to the Finance Committee.

At 9:30 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

APPENDICES:

APPENDIX A

FINANCE COMM. MTG. Saturday, September 19, 2020, 6 PM to 7:30 PM

- (1) Roll Call: Mica Daniel, CC Liaison, Ruscal Cayangyang, Treasurer, June Brashares, David Bond, Frank Lambert, John Schmit
- (2) Approval of Agenda: By consensus
- (3) Approval of minutes posted by Mica Daniel, September 8, 2020, @ 10:18 pm to GPCA CC
Approval by consensus

(4)

Please review the 2020 schedule and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: Political Party 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>

NEXT FILINGS:

Filing September 19, 2020

OCTOBER 15 – 24, 2020

DECEMBER END OF YEAR FILING

(5)

SEPTEMBER Report: Treasurer

Travis Credit Union state acct \$10,623.20

Travis Credit Union federal acct: \$1,600.00

Main PayPal \$262.39

Old PayPal \$192.07

Monthly Expenses:

\$100 Liquid Web Wired Tree

\$10.45 Call Centric

\$200 Treasurer stipend

(6)

Budget Meeting: We reviewed and finalized the budget for January 1, 2021, through December 31 2021 to send to the Agenda Team:

Link to Draft Proposed 2021 Budget Google Doc:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S_6AwSxcu49pVOFTL8ikOBAmVKF72sqD8AgpnEC3n2c/edit#gid=0

(07) Date and Time of next meeting

Tentative Finance/Budget Meeting (if needed) October 3, 2020 6 PM to 7 PM

Regular Finance Meeting October 17, 2020 6PM to 7PM

APPENDIX B

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

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: September 12, 2020
Submitted By: James Lauderdale, Co-Co ByLaws Committee
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Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 12:30 pm
Present: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting:
Saturday, October 10 at 12:30 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:
James is currently reviewing Bylaws from other State Green parties.

Discussion:

A. Working with Nassim to review the CC's internal procedures for updating; Suggestion to review with Nassim to necessity of immediate consideration or whether it can be deferred until after the November elections.

B. General agreement with the changes that Nassim made to the Internal Procedures. Some stylistic but no substantive changes were made.

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 C

Clearinghouse Committee & GROW joint Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sep 8, 2020 7:30-9 pm

Roll Call: Richard Gomez (facilitator), Fresno; John Schmit (notes), Stanislaus; Laura Wells, Alameda; Rachel Mohan, Orange; Nassim Nouri, Santa Clara; Christine Pepin, Santa Clara; Barry Hermanson, San Francisco

- Build and Approve Agenda
- Voting Process
- Green Party Elections
- Request to be sent to Grow list by Laura
- Vote Early

Next call on second Tues, Oct 8th, 2020 - 7:30pm

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