

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE - by zoom
Monday, September 13, 2021 7:30 PM until 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

In attendance (7): David Bond, June Brashares, James Lauderdale (joined at 7:38), Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, and Laura Wells.
Quorum was reached at 7:35pm

Absent (1): Barry Hermanson

Guests in attendance (3): Justin Richardson (Treasurer), Mica Daniel, Mimi Newton and Tarik Kanaana

(2). Roles (4 mins.)

Roles for the September 13, 2021 CC Call:
Facilitator: Mimi (guest to facilitate)
Note Taker: June
Time Keeper: Justin
Vibes Watcher: Karen

Roles for the October 4, 2021 CC Call:
Facilitator:
Note Taker: Nicole
Time Keeper: Karen
Vibes Watcher: June

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

Items #9 & #10 shall be last since they are not as time-sensitive as other items.
Approved by consensus

(3a) Late items:

Proposal to add the late items to the agenda in the following order as numbered:
Item 5.5 - Appointments to Budget Committee
Item 6.5 - GA Planning
Item 6.75 - SGA Email List Moderation

Approved by consensus

(4) Approval of Draft Minutes from the August CC call: (2 mins)

Sent by Barry to the CC on 9/13/21 at ~ 3:30 pm

Proposal to approve with amendments to the minutes, to add item #10 among the listing of late items (item #10 full text is included in the minutes after #9) and format improvements.

Approved by consensus

(5). Consent items (2 mins)

APPENDIX A.	FINANCE & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 26, 2021
APPENDIX B.	Clearinghouse Committee & GROW Joint Meeting Minutes
APPENDIX C.	Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG) Meeting Minutes
APPENDIX D.	Media Committee meeting notes
APPENDIX E.	Monthly Bylaws Committee Report for August 2021
APPENDIX F.	Monthly GPCA Statewide Candidates SubCommittee Report to the CC

*Note the upcoming Bylaws meeting will be at 10am instead of Noon on Sunday.

*SCSC is sending their proposal to SGA soon.

Updates on Voting Since the Last CC Call, etc. (5 mins)

— 48-Hour CC Votes & Results:

Putting Item to SGA are: Endorsing 2022 statewide candidates

Proposed by Laura on Aug 18, the vote closed on FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 10:00 AM

The final vote tally was:

5 YES votes (James, Laura, Nassim, Karen, Barry)

0 NO votes

3 non-voters

8 CC members

The proposal received a quorum of voters 5 out of 8, and of those 5 voted YES votes so it was approved.

*Posted to SGA, Discussion started on SGA on 8/23

— SGA Voting Results published 8/30:

Newsom recall election (Election ID # 220). Oppose - NO recall is the winner.

Endorsement of Heather Collins (Election ID # 221 A) Oppose is the winner

Endorsement of Dan Kapelovitz (Election ID #221 B) Support is the winner.

— SGA Upcoming Schedule:

Vote re proposed bylaws changes - NOC (Election ID # 223), voting threshold change from 2/3 to 3/5 (Election ID #224), and changes re: GPUS Delegates (Election ID # 225).

Discussion Aug 9 - Sept 19 [Note Bylaws Committee made recommended changes, to which Humboldt agreed.]

Voting Sept 20 - Sept 26

Election of 16 CC members (Election ID # 226). Applications were received from 21 candidates.

Discussion Aug 23 - Oct 3

Voting Oct 4 - Oct 10

Endorsing 2022 statewide candidates (Election ID # 227)

Discussion Aug 23 - Oct 3

Voting Oct 4 - Oct 10

Action Items & Other Updates Since the Last CC Call (5 mins)

— on Aug. 2, June sent to the Inform List a call for Counties to designate SGA delegates for the upcoming year; on Aug. 22, Laura sent a list of the SGA delegates to the list serve.

— on Aug. 3, Karen sent the message to the San Bernardino ROV about certification of the San Bernardino County Council at the August CC meeting

— on Aug . 9, GPCA received an invitation from Alyssa Burton, Marketing Communications Assistant, The Ford Global Group Inc. for Laura to have a brief 10-minute conversation with the company's lead strategist and CEO, Tiffany Ford. (See Appendix G.)
Karen will put reminder to Laura in Basecamp so Laura will be reminded

— On Aug 21, Tarik posted an invitation for states to express an interest by 9/15 re: hosting the ANM (See Appendix H)

— On Aug. 28, Gino Lester sent a message re: folks applying for the ballot access committee (BAC) for Green Party of the U.S.

— Misc. Notices received re: Elections Observers Schedules: Santa Barbara County, Nevada County, Monterey County.

Proposal: Accept the consent calendar items (listed above) for inclusion in the meeting minutes
Approved by consensus

(5a) LATE ITEM - APPOINTMENTS:
Proposed Late Item re Budget Committee

Subject: Decision Item: Appointment of 3 CC members to the 2022 GPCA Budget Committee (5 mins.)

Rationale for Lateness: lead time short

Sponsor: Karen Nyhus

Background and Purpose: Pursuant to the GPCA Bylaws, a Budget should be included with the draft GA Agenda at least 42 days prior to the GA at which it will be proposed for approval. In order to meet this deadline (~ October 21, 2021) prior to a December 2021 GA, the 2022 Budget Committee needs to begin preparation of the 2022 Budget as soon as possible.

Proposal: That the CC appoint the requisite 3 CC members to the 2022 Budget Committee.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The Budget Committee will likely want to piggy back on the Finance Committee's next call on Sept. 23 at 6:00 pm, at which time the Finance Committee will also likely appoint its three members to the 2022 Budget Committee.

References:

See Appendix K.

- Proposal to appoint Karen Nyhus and Laura Wells to Budget Committee

Approved by consensus

- Budget Committee meeting will be combined with Finance Committee meeting on Sept 23 at 6pm

(6). Discussion Item re: Nassim's request that the CC work on a process to address and STOP the abusive and destructive conduct allowed at GPCA meetings, to censure/ban from participation those with this conduct, and to mandate effective facilitation of all GPCA meetings.(15 Mins.)

See Appendix I

Background: Nassim's letter to the CC recounting what occurred on the 8/23/21 GPUS Delegation monthly call is at Appendix I.

*Tarik disagreed with one part of Nassim's report: Tarik said when Nassim had asked how he would have treated her if she had behaved like Mike, Tarik said he responded that he would not have acted immediately so would have treated her the same at that time. Tarik agreed with Nassim that we need better rules.

Proposed solutions included: Record meetings, remind that vibes watching is an important role, facilitator training and guidelines, training on vibes watching and how to do it well, clarity of roles/responsibilities for facilitator & vibes watcher, set of rules to be read at beginning of meeting and that by participating you are agreeing to abide by the rules, start meetings with everyone on mute and require raising hands to get on stack. Facilitator and Vibes watcher have not only the authority but the responsibility to mute disruptors. Mimi posted ideas on BC about co-hosting authority to be given to Facilitator and Vibes watcher.

Tarik, Justin and James and Nassim volunteered to work on a subcommittee to draft written guidelines, rules and plans for next steps.

LATE ITEM (6a). Subject: Decision Item: The CC should determine the dates and format/platform for the December 2021 General Assembly (GA) and authorize a call for presentations, workshops, etc. in time to allow a Draft Agenda to be issued by approximately Oct. 21, 2021 (10 mins)

Sponsors: Karen Nyhus/(Tarik Kanaana)

Background and Purpose: A call for proposals is a necessary step in the GA planning process and we are a bit behind schedule.

Proposal: A call for GA agenda proposals should be sent to Counties, Standing Committees, Working Groups, and registered California Greens far and wide — and should set a deadline for such submittals — for the December 2021 General Assembly.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Something along the lines of the following should be posted to the Inform List, NationBuilder, etc., as soon as possible. Secondly, dates/deadlines should be added to BaseCamp in the "CC" project as well as the "GA/SGA" project.

Call for Proposals for the December 2021 Virtual GPCA General Assembly

Greetings California Greens -

The Green Party of California (GPCA) is holding a Statewide Virtual General Assembly (GA) on December ___ and ___, 2021. The GA planning Committee is currently soliciting proposals from County Organizations, Committees and Working Groups for presentations and/or workshops at the Dec. 2021 GA.

Proposals should include the name of the sponsoring committee, working group and/or County Organization; the presenter(s), title/subject, background/purpose, text of proposal, approval threshold, timeline, resources/budgetary implication, committee/working group/county decision, and references/attachments.

Please submit your proposals by no later than ____, 2021 to agenda-team@cagreens.org.

References: See Appendix L.

*Proposal for the (Virtual) GA to be on the weekend of December 4-5, 2021.

There was a blocking concern about the date for the GS so the proposal was put to a vote.

Voting YES were: Laura, David, Nicole and James

Voting NO were: June, Karen, Nassim

Results were 4 YES votes to 3 NO votes,

the YES votes were the majority so the proposal was approved: the GA will be Dec. 4 - 5

*Draft Agenda needs to be sent out by Oct 22

Tarik will send template email to Nicole. Nicole will send out announcement about the GA. GA planning committee is subcommittee of CC. Tarik willing to help with GA. Karen volunteer to assist Tarik to use BC for GA planning.

*Proposal to appoint Tarik to GA Planning Committee.

Approved by consensus.

LATE ITEM (6b). Late Item: Decision Item: Approve amendment to IT Protocol and appointment of SGA Moderators (10 mins.)

Sponsor: June Brashares

Background and Purpose: Complaints have been made about violations of the email rules of decorum that have occurred on the SGA listserv. SGA Moderators would like to act and have requested that the CC provide assistance for them to move forward. The current IT Protocol is overly wordy, cumbersome, not effective for volunteer SGA Moderators use and is preventing an ability to be responsive to the urgent need to address violations of the email rules of decorum.

Proposal: That the CC approve the proposed amendment to IT Protocol and the appointment of the SGA Moderators

See proposed amended version in APPENDIX M.

References: IT Protocol: <http://www.cagreens.org/it-protocol>

Proposal to approve the amendments to Article IV of the IT Protocol as shown in track changes.

Approved by consensus

The CC had previously elected Mica Daniel, John-Marc Chandonia and Richard Gomez to serve as the SGA Moderators.

Proposal to affirm/approve appointment of Mica Daniel, John-Marc Chandonia and Richard Gomez as SGA Moderators for the fulfillment of the new timeframe of terms through August 31, 2023.

Approved by consensus

(7). Base-Camp check-in

Sponsor: Karen. Time requested: (20 mins.)

Karen began doing a Base-Camp check-in, but there was only a few minutes left of the meeting so we ran out of time.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30PM

Due to lack of time, the CC did not get to the remaining agenda items #8 - # 10 below:

(8). Decision Item - Elect New Co-Co's for the CC

Sponsor: Karen. Time requested: (20 mins.)

Proposal: elect new Co-Cos for the CC (to talk to SoS liaison, communicate w/Reg of Voters in counties, etc.): temporary term through 12/31/2021.

(9) Discussion Item - Preparing for new CC members

Sponsor: Karen. Time requested: (10 mins.)

Update on GPCA elections:

- > opportunity to see/post dates on internal BC calendar
- orientation materials, where kept (BC?), what needs work, who will lead orientation per topic?
- topics to cover: internal procedures, bylaws, roles and how to do them; what else?
- schedule/timeline for orientations (proposal: have new members observe how we do things, read, then sign up to try roles as they feel comfortable in subsequent months/meetings)
- method/sequence for orientation (elected --> invite to BC/point to orientation materials, attend meeting, observe)

(10). Discussion Item - Preparing for new GA/SGA delegates and alternates

Sponsor: Karen. Time requested: (10 mins.)

Sonoma County is electing our dels/alts. People in our county -- really smart people -- have been serving and yet are confused, especially by the firehose of email mixed in if one is playing multiple roles, not to mention toxic content.

We need some kind of basic orientation to SGA/GA, with less jargon, perhaps bylaws skeleton, graphic of structure (we have stuff like that already developed). Can we piggy-back on CC orientation? Is there something we can send out to counties to help them better prepare their delegate and alternates?

Hypothetical discussion while piloting BaseCamp:

What would it take to move e.g., SGA election discussions online to BaseCamp? Technically, I think it would just require that we:

- (a) invite SGA delegates and alternates to the GA/SGA project; making sure people get signed up;
- (b) post (as CC) the item up for a vote and make sure everyone gets notified (perhaps sending an email to confirm, especially the first time);
- (c) explain to delegates and alternates that discussion happens by commenting on the post;
- (d) explain that voting will still happen via OpaVote (per our bylaws).

Do we first have to get the SGA to vote to approve this procedural change? Can we offer it?

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - FINANCE & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 26, 2021

- 1) Roll call Justin Richardson, Treasurer, Mica Daniel
Absent: Barry Hermanson, Frank Lambert, Laua Wells, Vicente Cruz
- (2) Roles Facilitators: Justin & Mica Notetaker: Mica
- (3) Build and approve agenda
ADD: Migrating to new technology Zoom
We were approved to use GPCA Zoom for our next meeting on September 23, 2021.
- (4) Approval of minutes from July 22, 2021, as posted to the CC on Monday July 26, 2021, at 9:07 pm by Justin Richardson, Treasurer
Approved by consensus
- (5) Review the 2021 schedule 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) Treasurer's Report to the Finance Committee for August 2021
Submitted by Justin Richardson, Treasurer
Account Balances as of 8/25/2021
Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal account: \$1,606.76

Travis Credit Union (checking) State account: \$13,458.76

PayPal: \$32.30

Expenses (7/20 - 8/25/21)

Liquid Web Wired Tree: \$106.00

Call Centric: \$10.45

ISP (political filing software): \$100.00

Treasurer stipend: \$200.00

Liquid Web Wired Tree: \$106.00

(7) Fundraising letter re: focus on sustainers donation

Members working on the budget were not present. This is tabled until the next meeting.

(8) Call for Budget Committee members. (Action Item)

(8a) Call for Workplan and Budget Request for 1 January 2022 -December 31, 2022, budget from all Committees and Working Groups. (Action Item)

(9) Affirm meeting dates for the rest of the year:

September 23, 2021

October 28, 2021

November 18, 2021 (tentative change: 4th Thursday is Thanksgiving)

December 16, 2021 (tentative change: 4th Thursday is December 23, 2021)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:40 pm

APPENDIX B - Clearinghouse Committee & GROW Joint Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 7:30 – 8:30 pm

1· Roll Call - CH: Nassim Nouri, Mica Dianel; GROW: Laura Wells, Rick Greenblatt, Greg Jan, June Brashares, Mimi Newton, Richard Gomez

2· Roles - Facilitator: Laura, Notes: Nassim

3· Build and approve agenda - approved

4· The conference call moved to zoom thanks to Mimi who shared a zoom link

5· Discussion on the new SGA proposals - all

Rick supports lowering of the vote threshold and suggested he summarize his thoughts and share it with the group as well as the SGA listserve.

Richard: concerned about lowering the vote threshold as this has been how decisions are made in GPCA for a long time and it simply means people have to work harder to get a through.

June: the threshold of the filibuster is at 60% and most people think it is unreasonably high.

Nassim: the proposed lower 3/5 (60%) threshold is only 6% lower than 2/3 (66.7%), and she supports it.

6· Clearinghouse reports - Nassim

The July newsletter was sent 7/29, and opened by 16% of ~9500 recipients, under 1% click rates. Suggested that for new county activation GROW could send an invitation email to those counties that are not active to offer education and support and invite them to organize and go through the activation process.

7· Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 14th @ 7:30 pm

Adjourned at 9 pm

APPENDIX C - Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG)

met on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, at 6:30pm

Meeting was held on Zoom

Attendees: Caledon Myers (Co-Coordinator/Facilitator), Eric Brooks (note-taker), June Brashares, Michael Feinstein, Kevin Sabo and Howie Hawkins

Given that the meeting was held one week later than the normal meeting schedule with just one week's advance notice, all agenda items were only discussion items.

Agenda Items (all were discussion items)

- CA Gov Recall Implications to Electoral Reform
- Ongoing Electoral Reform Efforts and New Coalitions
- Review: Draft, Representation for the People Act
- Submitting ERWG Work Plan & Budget *Due by the end of September* - to be followed up on usi the ERWG listserv

NEXT MEETING is to be October 6 at 6:30pm (1st Wednesday of the month. Until further notice, the set schedule for the regular meeting date will be that all future meetings are to be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month)

APPENDIX D - Media Committee meeting notes

August 16, 2021, 2:00 pm

MEETING was cancelled due to members and volunteers having last-minute conflicts and not being available.

ABSENT: Laura Wells, (Co-coordinator), Thomas Leavitt (member), Susan Lamont (member), Nassim Nouri (volunteer), Christine Pepin (volunteer)

* A media release on the recall was sent out on September 8: <https://www.cagreens.org/green-party-california-opposes-recall-endorses-dan-kapelovitz>

* A media release on EcoSocialism was sent out on July 27: <http://www.cagreens.org/california-greens-accelerate-call-ecosocialist-green-new-deal>

* Planning media release on California unemployment fiascos.

NEXT MEETING: Third Monday, September 20, 2021, 2-3pm.

APPENDIX E - Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

for August 2021

From: The GPCA By-Laws Committee
 To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
 Date: Sept. 9, 2021
 Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co By-Laws Committee

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Date of the last By-Laws Committee Meeting: Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 12:30 pm

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

Also present: June Brashares (Sonoma)

Date of the next By-Laws Committee Meeting: Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 12:30 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Committee reviewed three proposed Bylaws amendments, two from Sonoma County and one from Humboldt County. We then provided our comments to the proposing counties.

New Items:

We will stay on top of the SGA voting re: the suggested bylaws revisions. James should be added to the SGA list serve in order to help monitor discussion re: the Bylaws proposals.

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. Continue to review bylaws about which California Greens have suggested various revisions.

APPENDIX F – SCSC Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA CC

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates Subcommittee
 To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
 Date: Sept. 12, 2021
 Submitted By: Greg Jan

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Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 2, 7 pm

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

Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 16, 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 has now identified candidates for US Senate and *Insurance Commissioner* (who previously ran for those seats), as well as for State Treasurer. However, our previously-identified candidate for Lt. Governor has decided not to run after all. Plus, our previously-identified candidate for Secretary of State (Veronika Fimbres) now says she's running for *Insurance Commissioner*, despite us explaining to her by email and then by phone how that hurts this "joint strategy" with Peace Freedom. (Note: If any of you think you might be able to help us convince Fimbres to instead switch to Lt. Governor, which she said a few months ago she was also fine with running for, please contact me ASAP, to help us avert this insanity!). Fortunately though, regarding the Secretary of State position itself, the other Green who was interested in that seat (or State Supt. of Public Instruction, as I previously mentioned) has confirmed that he's pleased to now be able to run for SoS. And we also have (as previously mentioned) Green candidates for State Controller and Attorney General. So therefore both P&F and the GPCA's SCSC are now looking for Governor and Lt. Governor candidates, the only two partisan statewide races for which neither of us have candidates. Also, with the Peace and Freedom Party, we'll likely be using the name "Left Unity" for our "joint slate".
2. (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, and Keith McHenry of Food Not Bombs, both of whom 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, and perhaps a few more "big names" too, etc.
3. (3) 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.
4. (4) We submitted the remaining materials for the SGA vote on the Recall election, and as most of you know, the GPCA's SGA endorsed "No" on the Recall itself, and endorsed Dan Kapelovitz as the replacement Governor candidate.
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 (& Lt. Governor) candidate(s).
 - (3) As we have been, we are planning to continue meeting every other week, on Thursday evenings
 - (4) We'll be posting info to the SGA about the 6 statewide candidates (3 Greens and 3 Peace and Freedom) whom we're recommending to be endorsed -- probably on Monday (9/13). We hope that the "conflict" regarding Fimbres (mentioned above) will not negatively affect the endorsement of these 6 candidates (except possibly regarding P&F's Insurance Commissioner candidate), but if any "negativity" whatsoever does emerge, we hope you'll support our recommendations for all 6 "joint slate candidates" to be endorsed!

APPENDIX G – Email from Alyssa Burton of Ford Global Group

From: Alyssa Burton <Email omitted>

To: "gpcac@agreens.org" <gpcac@agreens.org>

Cc: Tiffany Ford <Email omitted>

Subject: [gpcac] The IPCC Report is Out- The Green Party Needs To Lead

Hello Laura Wells,

I hope you are well.

The IPCC just came out with an alarming report today about our global climate. It's time for us Greens to get into positions of power. We want to help.

This email serves as a follow-up with you on a potential discussion on bringing awareness to your Green Party organization.

We have recently completed a stakeholder engagement final report for the Green Party of Ontario and public relations campaign for the Green Party of Minnesota. In addition, we also hosted a town hall event with the Leader of the Federal Green Party of Canada, Annamie Paul and Co-Chair of the Green Party USA.

We are a small marketing communications company specializing in issues-based advocacy campaigns, digital fundraising, political-strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement.

Your organization will benefit from some of our services, such as strategic marketing, competitive analysis, stakeholder engagement, fundraising, public relations, and more.

Our lead strategist and CEO, Tiffany Ford, would love to have a brief 10-minute conversation with you.

Let me know if this is of interest to you.

Warm Regards,

Alyssa Burton

Marketing Communications Assistant

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APPENDIX H – Announcement of 2022 ANM Call For Letters of Interest

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Michael O'Neil - Green Party US via Natlcomvotes<natlcomvotes@green.gpus.org>

Date: Sat, Aug 21, 2021 at 1:35 PM

Subject: [usgp-nc] Announcement Only: 2022 ANM Call For Letters Of Interest

To: <natlcomvotes@green.gpus.org>

Cc: Michael O'Neil - Green Party US <meo@gp.org>

Hello Greens!

What a great virtual ANM we had in 2021! We hope to be able to have an in-person meeting in July 2022. To that end, this email contains some important information about the 2022 ANM.

Please pass this information along to those in your state, or other states, that might be interested in hosting the 2022 ANM.

At this time we are accepting a letter of interest. The letter must include state/local contacts, phone numbers, emails and a statement about interest in hosting. We'll have a conference call the week of September 20 with all contacts that respond by September 15, 2021. As you consider interest in hosting be mindful of the following items:

Financial viability for Green Party US (The meeting must pay for itself)

Availability of low-cost lodging, meals, and meeting space (universities are usually good spaces)

Accessibility for attendees

Affordability for attendees

Party-building opportunities (local/state/regional/national)

Involvement of local/state Greens

Media opportunities
Large population of marginalized persons
Meeting space functionality
Nearby affordable lodging
Public transit, train and air travel
Ecological practices
Support of community-based business and local workers
Geographical distribution of meeting locations over time. In the past years we have met in (2018-Utah), (2017-NJ), (2016-Houston), (2015-St. Louis), (2014-Minneapolis), (2013-Iowa City), (2012-Baltimore), (2011-Alfred, NY), (2010-Detroit -with the Social Forum), (2009-Durham).

Here is the timeline:

September 15 - Deadline for Letter of Interest - email to the co-chairs atanm_info@gp.org
September 20 (week of) - Conference call with those that submitted letters of interest to review finances, how to prepare a proposal, and other pertinent items to submitting a proposal.
October 15- proposals due (ANM committee members can help you prepare proposal)

October 21- ANM - finalizes committee recommendation
October 24- ANM Committee recommendation presented to SC for affirmation.
Late October-mid-November - site visit
Assuming site visit is good - announce selection by Thanksgiving
Please do not discuss this on-list, as we only want to announce it here.
Send any comments or questions to the co-chairs at anm_info@gp.org. Or you may go to the affairs list to discuss.
Dee Taylor ANM Co-Chair
Michael O'Neil ANM Secretary
Tamar Yager Past ANM Co-Chair

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Natlcomvotes mailing list

APPENDIX I – Email from Nassim of Aug 24

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nassim Nouri** <nassim1nouri@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 24, 2021 at 2:13 PM

Subject: Mike Feinstein's unacceptable violent conduct and the need for formal facilitation on GPCA calls

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To the CC:

This letter is to inform the CC of what occurred on the 8/23/21 GPUS Delegation monthly call and to ask that the CC work on a process to address and STOP the abusive and destructive conduct allowed at GPCA meetings, to censure/ban from participation those with this conduct, and to mandate effective facilitation of all GPCA meetings.

(Mimi and Mica are cced as they continue to serve as volunteers in assisting CC work).

I will be submitting a discussion item for the September CC and ask that:

- 1- Tarik be present to discuss this specific occurrence and the GPUS-Delegation's plan to start managing the conduct of attendees and facilitation process going forward.
- 2- This letter to the CC be included in the CC Sept minutes.

An accounting of what transpired on the GPUS-Delegation call of 8/23/21 6:30-8 pm:

- On this delegation monthly call, with Tarik facilitating, attendees were discussing the the bylaws amendment to GPUS-Delegation section submitted by Sonoma County. Okay
- Mike Feinstein repeatedly noted the shortcomings of the CC and speculated that this proposed amendment was motivated by "the CC not wanting to do the work of having an SGA election".

- I noted that "running an SGA IS a lot of work and those who do the work should be heard on this and Mike is not doing that work".
- As I was mid-sentence, Mike interrupted me screaming "FUCK YOU NASSIM. FUCK YOU NASSIM..." and continued screaming "FUCK YOU... FUCK YOU" repeatedly.
- I said "I am still on stack" three times while Mike continued yelling "FUCK YOU NASSIM", I called VIBES repeatedly and never directed any comment to Mike.
- I then asked Tarik to please mute Mile as he was interrupting me. I repeated this explicit request to the facilitator, Tarik at least 5 times over Mike's continued screaming, Tarik never muted Mike. This went on for 2-3 minutes.
- Tarik said "We will stop this discussion. You both need to stop". I asked why has the interrupter not been muted yet. Tarik did not respond and repeated, "we will not continue this discussion" again without muting Mike who was still screaming.
- Mike finally stopped screaming and said "I won't take this any more, I am leaving, goodbye" and left the zoom meeting at about 7:15pm. With the screaming gone it was calm and all went back to the conversation, which is exactly why I asked the facilitator to MUTE the interrupter to deescalate.
- I asked Tarik if I were the one screaming "FUCK YOU" at another attendee like Peggy or Dave would he not have muted me?
Tarik said "Yes I would"
I asked "Then why didn't you mute Mike?"
Tarik had no response.
- Tarik then apologized. I asked if I we continue since I was mid-sentence and on stack when interrupted. I finished my point on the topic of the bylaws amendment proposal.
- The group continued discussions and some shared their thoughts on how to better conduct meetings.
One even expressed how "triggering" it is to hear your name so "we should not use any names"!!
- This was a new perspective! So me mentioning a name while stating a fact on a "facilitated" meeting is somehow triggering and an excuse for hostile, violent and abusive language, which was allowed to go on!
Especially in these times, Mike Feinstein screaming "FUCK YOU" at myself, an Iranian woman, for 2 straight minutes with ZERO consequences is entirely UNACCEPTABLE and requires immediate actions.

APPENDIX J – Email from Gini Lester about BAC

From: Gini Lester <ginilester@protonmail.com>

Date: Sat, Aug 28, 2021 at 3:19 PM

Subject: Green Party -- BAC

To: jared.laiti@gmail.com <jared.laiti@gmail.com>

I am on the ballot access committee (BAC) for Green Party of the U.S. I am writing delegates to ask who is the person in your state who is most knowledgeable about ballot access for the state party.

This could be you, or a committee of people, or it could be one person who has been filing paperwork with the Secretary of State for years. Each state is different.

I am gathering this information to have available for the ballot access committee. Each state or caucus can assign up to 3 people to serve on the ballot access committee. Currently Tony Ndege is the chair of the committee.

You can find out more about the Ballot Access Committee here. <https://gp.us.org/committees/ballot-access/members/>

APPENDIX K - RE: Budget Committee Appointments

References:

GPCA Bylaws

7-5.1 Draft Agenda

7-5.1(a) The Coordinating Committee shall establish a Draft Agenda for all General Assembly meetings, distribute it at least 42 days in advance to each County Organization and submit it for approval at the beginning of each General Assembly.

GPCA Fiscal Policy

ARTICLE IV BUDGET COMMITTEE

Section 4-1 Duties and Authority

The Budget Committee shall prepare and present an annual draft budget to the General Assembly. It shall be based upon the budget requests and income projections from standing committees and working groups as described in 5-2 and the prioritization of expenses as described in 7-2, and shall contain income and expense narratives that explain the purpose of each budget line item.

Section 4-2 Membership

4-2.1 The Budget Committee shall be a standing sub-committee of the General Assembly and be composed of six members: three from the Finance Committee and three from the Coordinating Committee. Members from the Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer and two at-large members, appointed by the Finance Committee. Members from the Coordinating Committee shall include the Coordinating Committee liaison to the Finance Committee and two at-large members, appointed by the Coordinating Committee.

4-2.2 No one may be member of the Budget Committee who is recommended in the budget to receive funding for services provided, except in the case where the Treasurer may be recommended to receive a stipend for services provided as Treasurer, in which case the Treasurer shall recused from the separate vote whether to include the stipend in the budget, but then may otherwise vote on the Draft Budget.

4-2.3 The Treasurer shall serve for the duration of their tenure as Treasurer. The Coordinating Committee liaison to the Finance Committee shall serve for the duration of his/her tenure as liaison. The at-large Finance Committee members and the at-large Coordinating Committee members may each serve for up to three consecutive one-year terms, but then may not serve a fourth, after which this timing begins anew.

Section 4-3 Decision-making

4-3.1 The Budget Committee shall seek consensus in its work, but when unresolved, outstanding concerns remain, shall operate upon the basis of majority vote.

4-3.2 Quorum shall be at least five members, whether upon a teleconference, at a face-to-face meeting or as part of an on-line vote.

4-3.3 The Budget Committee shall have its own email list upon which to conduct committee business.

APPENDIX L - References for LATE ITEM 6.5 re: Call for GA Agenda Items

References:

GPCA Bylaws

Section 7-2 Proposals

7-2.1 Authority

County Organizations, Committees, and Working Groups are authorized to submit proposals. Committees, and Working Groups may submit proposals within the scope of their Duties and Authority as defined in these bylaws.

7-2.2 Format

Proposals shall include the name of the sponsoring committee, working group and/or County Organization; the presenter(s), title/subject, background/purpose, text of proposal, approval threshold, timeline, resources/budgetary implication, committee/working group/county decision, and references/attachments.

Section 7-5. Meetings

(As amended for 7-5.3(a,b) by the March 2019 General Assembly)

7-5.1 Draft Agenda

7-5.1(a) The Coordinating Committee shall establish a Draft Agenda for all General Assembly meetings, distribute it at least 42 days in advance to each County Organization and submit it for approval at the beginning of each General Assembly.

7-5.1(b) The Draft Agenda shall incorporate agenda items submitted by committees, working groups and County Organizations as provided for in these bylaws; shall distinguish among decision making items, reports and discussion items; shall distinguish among proposals, elections and confirmations; and shall when feasible include facilitators, times and the full text of each item as described in 7-2.2.

7-5.1(c) The Draft Agenda may contain a Consent Calendar consisting of proposals that have been judged by their sponsors to be sufficiently non-controversial as to be considered and approved without the normal consensus-seeking process of presentations, clarifying questions, and affirmations and concerns. When the Consent Calendar is heard, any proposal for which there are outstanding concerns without stand asides shall be removed without approval. The sponsor(s) of the proposal shall make an effort to address the outstanding concerns, after which the proposal may be brought back to the General Assembly at a later point for approval.

APPENDIX M – Amendment to IT Protocol in Article IV (starting with 4-3)

Clean version incorporating amendments is below at <http://www.cagreens.org/it-protocol>

Information Technology Protocol

Article I [GPCA Web Site Content](#)

Article II [GPCA Web Site Content Management System Access](#)

Article III [Contact Data Base Access](#) (amended March 20, 2015)

Article IV [GPCA email lists](#) (amended [November 12, 2012](#)) (amended [October 2016](#)) (amended September 2021)

Article V [Electronic Vote Administration](#) (amended May 2019)

Article IV GPCA email lists

Section 4-3 County Green Organizations

Each County Green Organization may have and is encouraged to have its own email lists.

Section 4-4 Inform List ([added November 12, 2012](#))

The GPCA Inform List a one-way list is for the state party to communicate official party business to individuals in state party leadership positions and to members of Green Party County Councils.

4-4.1 The list's recipients shall include members of County Councils and GPCA standing committees; the co-coordinators of GPCA working groups; General Assembly/Standing General Assembly delegates, and the GPCA Treasurer, Liaison to the Secretary of State and state party Spokespersons.

4-4.2 Official business includes information regarding meetings and actions authorized by them; Projects of the Coordinating Committee, Standing Committees and Working Groups; Business of the Party Officers; Other items deemed appropriate by the Coordinating Committee or General Assembly.

4-4.3 There shall be an Inform List operator and back-up, appointed by the Coordinating Committee. Only the list operator and back-up operator have posting privileges. The list operator shall notify the back-up operator of any planned absences so the back-up can assume the duties.

4-4.4 Those authorized to request messages be posted shall include the Co-coordinators of the Coordinating Committee, Standing Committees and Working Groups and the Treasurer and Liaison to the Secretary of State. Coordinators may authorize another individual for posting requests by notifying the list operators, but should still be copied on all requests.

4-4.5 The list operator shall review each posting request for consistency with the guidelines herein, and shall return non-compliant messages with an explanation of why, and shall archive such correspondence at the list operator archive. If there is further disagreement over the appropriateness of a posting, the list operator shall consult the Coordinating Committee for resolution.

Section 4-5 Standing General Assembly (SGA) Email Lists (added October 2016)

4-5.1 The GPCA General Assembly and IT committee, under direction of the Coordinating Committee, establish the email list for the Standing General Assembly (SGA) for the purposes described herein. Subscription automatically implies acceptance of the GPCA Email Rules of Decorum, and the procedures described in this Article.

4-5.2 List membership is limited to:

4-5.2(a) Delegates appointed by County Councils to the SGA;

4-5.2(b) Voting page and list administrators; and,

4-5.2(c) SGA list moderators as defined in 4-5.8.

4-5.2(d) Members of the Coordinating Committee

4-5.3 The membership list of all GPCA email lists shall be available for review by all subscribers. Anonymous subscriptions are not permitted.

4-5.4 The purpose of the SGA Email list is to facilitate communication for the purposes of SGA decision-making.

4-5.5 Posting to the SGA Email list shall be limited to messages relating to:

4-5.5(a) decision-making items before the SGA as provided for in GPCA Bylaws, Rules and Procedures and Fiscal Policy, including proposals, elections, platform amendments, and positions on State propositions; and

4-5.5(b) making good faith efforts to state clarifying questions and concerns, and to bring forward relevant information, during the discussion period for SGA decision-making.

Section 4-5.7 Posting and formatting Guidelines

4-5.7 (a) All posts shall be signed at the bottom of every message with the first and last name of the author, and their county;

4-5.7 (b) Subject lines should accurately describe or reference the topic of the post. When quoting other messages, the person quoted should be properly cited, and extraneous text (including headers, footers, irrelevant text to the section being responded to) should be deleted. Short, non-substantive replies and one-on-one discussion belong off-list. Delegates are strongly encouraged to post responses to the original discussion thread for that decision-making item, rather than changing the title and starting separate and parallel discussions that bifurcate the discussion;

4-5.7 (c) Forwarding private messages without the expressed written permission of the author is prohibited;

4-5.7 (d) Copyrighted material (newspaper articles, website content, etc.) and other items forwarded should be accompanied by, where applicable, a source URL, the name(s) of the author(s), and the originating source (if a publication);

4-5.7 (e) SGA list members retain their personal copyright for their original messages, but through use of these lists grant other members the right to publicly quote portions of their message in any medium, and the right to forward messages in their entirety to others so long as the author's name and web address is cited or linked; and

4-5.7 (f) SGA list members shall familiarize themselves with the GPCA Rules of Decorum and act in accordance with the GPCA Email Rules of Decorum.

Section 4-5.8. SGA List Moderators

4-5.8 (a) The Coordinating Committee shall nominate individuals (with gender balance), subject to 2/3 approval by the Coordinating Committee to be appointed to serve as SGA list moderators for simultaneous two-year terms or as Alternate SGA moderators for the same term. Terms shall run from September 1 to August 31 in odd-numbered years.

4-5.8 (b) All nominees must be Green Party members.

4-5.8 (c) In the event of an SGA Moderator mid-term vacancy, an Alternate of the same gender, if possible, shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If both alternates are the same gender, the Coordinating Committee shall select one at either their next regular meeting or with an online vote. The Coordinating Committee shall [conduct an on-line vote/re-nominate] to fill the Alternate seat(s) in a gender-balanced manner.

4-5.8 (d) SGA list moderators may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the SGA. The vote will be placed in the SGA voting queue with expedited process with a two week discussion and one week voting period upon request to the Coordinating Committee by SGA delegates from six different counties.

4-5.8 (e) The threshold for SGA list Moderator decision-making shall be 2/3 and no fewer than two moderators in agreement for Compliance Advisories, Notices of Violations, Moderation of Posts, and Read-Only Status as described in this Article. If a moderator is not available an Alternate Moderator may participate in the decision making in their place. Quorum for all decisions shall be two.

Section 4-6 SGA Email List Moderator Compliance and Enforcement

4-6.1 SGA moderators shall carry out their responsibilities in an informative, pro-active manner to promote general compliance with the posting guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum; and may post periodic reminders of these to each list, citing the relevant text.

4-6.2 SGA moderators may pro-actively take special notice of, document and respond to examples of egregious and/or multiple violations of the Posting Guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum.

4-6.3 Other list members may file complaints about non-compliance privately in writing directly to the SGA moderators, but shall not post them to the lists established in this Article. Complaints shall quote the post(s) of concern and the relevant Posting Guideline(s) and/or Email Rules of Decorum.

4-6.4 In response to examples of egregious and/or multiple violations of the Posting guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum, based upon their own initiative or in response to complaints filed by list members, SGA moderators may send Compliance Advisories to individuals, with a copy to the county they represent. SGA moderators shall respond to complaints in a uniform fashion. Such advisories

shall quote the post(s) of concern and the relevant Posting Guidelines and/or Email Rules of Decorum; and suggest ways of compliance.

4-6.5 The SGA moderators may send a Notice of Violation to the individual, with a copy to the county they represent, quoting the post(s) of concern and the relevant Posting Guideline(s) and/or Email Rules of Decorum being violated. Concurrently, the SGA moderators may place the participant upon moderation.

4-6.6 The county represented by the participant shall be notified immediately of the participant's moderation status, and may appeal it in writing to the Steering Committee, as may the participant, during which time the participant will remain on moderation. Requests for appeal must be submitted to the Coordinating Committee according to the same timeline as for proposals under GPCA Rules and Procedures Article VI. Upon a timely submission of the appeal, the Coordinating Committee shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting, and may overturn the decision of the SGA moderators by a two-thirds vote. This appeals process applies to all determinations of moderation status, as well as to determinations of read-only status.

4-6.7 Under moderation, the SGA moderators shall review all submissions from the participant and may withhold any post(s) they find are not in compliance with the Posting Guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum. The SGA moderators shall cite the relevant text in the Posting Guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum to the participant, explaining any posts withheld. Such review shall be done in a manner to ensure that compliant posts are not detained unreasonably.

4-6.8 Upon issuance of a Notice of Violation, the SGA moderators may place the participant under read-only status.

4.6.9 If a list administrator feels that immediate action must be taken to halt the posts of a list member who is being extremely abusive or disruptive, that list moderator may unilaterally place the list member on temporary moderation, which shall not last more than three days, during which time the list administrator must seek the concurrence of one or more other list administrators in order to place the list member on longer term moderation, or in order to take other corrective action.

4-6.10 SGA moderators shall maintain an electronic archive of all complaints filed, all advisories and notices of violations sent and all subsequent communications with the recipient. The SGA moderators may post reports to the SGA Email list detailing their activities, and include the number of advisories, and notices of violations. Upon request by one or more SGA list members, SGA moderators may, if they so chose to, provide references to the records of advisories and notices of violations sent to particular individuals for violating list procedures.

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