

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 3, 2022 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via zoom

(1) **Roll call:** (5 mins)

There are currently 14 CC committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 8
CC members: David Bond, June Brashares, Nicole Castor, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton and Laura Wells.

Present at meeting start (7:31): David Cobb, Greg Jan, Nicole Castor, Laura Wells, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin. Quorum was obtained at 7:31.

Joining later (at times indicated in parentheses): Mica Daniel (7:32), David Bond (7:33), June Brashares (7:33), Barry Hermanson (7:36), Justin Richardson, Treasurer (7:39), Audra Walton (8:42).

(2) **Roles** (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on Jan 3, 2022:

Facilitator: Nicole Raglin

Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator) : Christine Pepin

Note Taker: Karen

Time Keeper: Mica

Vibes Watcher: Audra Walton

Roles for next month's CC Call on Feb 7, 2022:

Facilitator: TBD

Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator) : Nicole Raglin

Note Taker: Barry

Time Keeper: Mica

Vibes Watcher: TBD

(3) **Approval of Agenda** (3 mins)

(3a) Late items: Added Greg's report from today. **Approved by consensus.**

Agenda approved by consensus

(4) **Approval of CC minutes** (2 mins) as posted to the CC listserv by Barry Hermanson on December 26, 2021 at approx. 9:00 PM

Approved by consensus.

(5) **Consent Items** (5 mins)

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 in the meeting minutes:

- Bylaws Committee meeting minutes December - Appendix A
- Clearinghouse Committee & GROW joint meeting December - Appendix B
- Finance, Fundraising, & Budget Committees December meeting minutes - Appendix C
- Media Committee December meeting notes - Appendix G

- Statewide Candidates Subcommittee Report: Appendix G: submitted Jan 3 at 11:18 am (late) due to meeting time;

Approved by consensus.

Updates since the last CC call (5 mins)

48 HOUR ONLINE VOTES - None

Other Updates (0-5 mins) - None

Continuing ACTION ITEMS (5 mins):

** Report out (if any) from Nassim, Tarik, Justin and James, who had volunteered to work on a subcommittee to draft written guidelines, rules and plans for next steps with respect to effective moderation and facilitation at GPCA meetings and calls.

Deferred to CC retreat. Karen has draft documents to add; will send to the list.

(6) Appointments (5 mins)

Decision Item: Kevin Sabo Application for Membership on the Bylaws Committee

Co-sponsors: Mimi Newton, James Lauderdale

Background and Purpose: Take further steps in bringing the Bylaws Committee to its full complement of eight (8) members. It currently has two (2).

References: Application - Appendix E

Approved by consensus.

(7) [NOTE: Moved from December CC agenda to January agenda]

Decision Item: GPCA to Support SB 90 and AB 1416: ballot label, aka 'Ballot Disclose Act

Sponsor: Nicole Castor, Green Party of Sacramento County Legislative Working Group

Background: This comes from the CA Clean Money Campaign's supported bills, and has to do with transparency. SB 90 and AB 1416 aim to require a list of supporters and opponents of measures to be printed on the actual ballot.

Timeline: By Jan. 1, 2022; the bills will continue to be worked on after January, next year.

Proposal:

1. For GPCA to support SB 90 and AB 1416, and send letters of support to the legislature. Info on Position Letter Portal:

<https://shou.senate.ca.gov/sites/shou.senate.ca.gov/files/2019%20Advocates%20Portal%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

2. For GPCA to forward letter of support to California Clean Money Campaign, who collects these letters: trent.Lange@CAClean.org, <http://www.caclean.org/>

A basic position letter can also be provided upon request, within about a week, if needed.

References:

SB 90 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220SB90

AB 1416 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20210220AB1416

Amended: Due to clean money campaign call tomorrow night, a draft letter will be sent to the CC list; if no objections are posted to the listserv within 3 days, it will be sent. Meanwhile, GPCA will sign on as an organization.

(8) [NOTE: Moved from December CC agenda to January agenda]

Decision Item: GPCA to Support AB 260, Climate Corporate Accountability Act

Sponsor: Nicole Castor, Green Party of Sacramento County Legislative Working Group

Background: This is a two-year bill to require billion-dollar companies to publicly disclose their greenhouse gas emissions.

Timeline: By Jan. 1, 2022

Topics: environment, regulations on corporations, public disclosures of pollution

Proposal: GPCA to support and send position letter to the CA State Legislature.

Position Letter Portal:

<https://shou.senate.ca.gov/sites/shou.senate.ca.gov/files/2019%20Advocates%20Portal%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

A basic position letter can also be provided upon request, within about a week, if needed.

References: SB-260, Climate Corporate Accountability Act (2021-2022), Wiener.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB260

Approved by consensus to sign on (without suggesting amendments).

Laura will submit letter through the portal.

(9) **Decision Item:** Proposal for GPCA Endorsement of 1/29 Eco-Socialism Conference

Co-sponsors: David Cobb, Nassim Nouri, David Bond

Background and Purpose: The GPCA has formally endorsed Eco-Socialism, and adopted it as the preamble to our Platform. Several California Green Party members are organizing an online webinar on Jan 29, 2022.

Proposal: That the GPCA endorse the 1/29/22 Eco-Socialism Conference

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

- Include in an upcoming GPCA email blast

- Co-host event on Facebook

- No fiscal responsibilities or impact

Resources: Conference Agenda - See Appendix F

Amended to co-sponsoring – Approved by consensus.

(10) **Proposal to revise CC Protocol on General Assembly guests**

Sponsor: Laura Wells

Background and Purpose: The history of non-party guests at state General Assemblies (GAs) is that per the Bylaws guests were welcome before 2013. In 2013 the GPCA Bylaws and many committee rules were re-organized and in many cases re-written. The policy about GA guests was moved from the Bylaws to the Coordinating Committee (CC) Protocol, and guests were restricted to those invited by the CC. Due to the difficulty of getting a CC decision as fast as needed for GA planning and scheduling, what

resulted was that before every GA, the GA Planning Team tried to remember to request the ability to invite non-party guests, and the CC always approved the request. This proposal to change the CC Protocol will make it unnecessary for the planning team to remember to request that exception before each and every GA.

Proposal: The existing language is below, with the proposed change in the second paragraph in ALL CAPS, i.e. adding "by the General Assembly Planning Team, or by General Assembly session sponsors or presenters,".

Article VIII. GPCA General Assemblies and Gatherings

8-1 Attendance at GPCA General Assemblies

GPCA General Assemblies shall be open to County Delegates, Party Officers, members of the Coordinating Committee, Coordinators of Standing Committees and Working Groups. Space-permitting, all other members of the Green Party of California are also able to attend.

The only non-party individuals who may attend shall be those invited by the Coordinating Committee, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING TEAM, OR BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION SPONSORS OR PRESENTERS, either at ~~its~~ their own initiative or at the recommendation of other party committees, working groups or county party organizations, for purposes pertinent to the business of the GPCA.

Resources:

<http://cagreens.org/committees/coordinating> - click on INTERNAL PROCEDURES.

Amended the word 'its' to 'their' to reflect plural; approved by consensus.

(11) **Subject/Title:** Update, discussion and possible proposal(s) on GPCA fundraising. (Time requested, 15 minutes)

Sponsors: Laura Wells and Justin Richardson, Treasurer

Background and Purpose: This will update the fundraising progress made since fundraising was last discussed during the November CC meeting. The purpose is to increase the income side of the budget so that the GPCA can both refresh the NationBuilder database with current Green registrants, and can have as big an impact as possible in the 2022 statewide campaigns.

Proposal: That the CC discuss ideas about what the GPCA can do regarding fundraising, possibly leading to a proposal.

Report was presented; various ideas raised will be brought up at the next Fundraising meeting and narrowed down to 1-2 efforts to focus on. Depends on who's available to work on what.

Laura will send accurate number of (increasing) CC sustainers of GPCA to the CC list.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

MINUTES: BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING 12/12/21, 12:30pm PT

(1) **Present:** Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles at large)

Guests: Kevin Sabo

(2) **Date of the next Bylaws Meeting:** Sunday, January. 9, 2022 at 12:30 pm pacific

- (3) The Bylaws Committee the Committee discussed the consideration at the last GA of a proposed discussion pertaining to addressing SGA reforms. It was determined to continue the process by bringing the issue to the next CC meeting in early January.
- (4) An updated draft of the Bylaws including the amendment adopted by the GA concerning NOC in the SGA Vote matrix will be provided by Mimi to the IT group.
- (5) Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:
Discussion with Kevin Sabo concerning his interest in joining the Bylaws Committee.

APPENDIX B

MINUTES: Clearinghouse/GROW Meeting Minutes - 12/14/21, 7:30 pm

- 1. Roles** (5 min) – Facilitator Rick, Notetaker Michael, Timekeeper Nassim
- 2. Roll Call** (5 min) - **CH:** Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara), Mica Daniel (Alameda)
GROW: Laura Wells (Alameda), Rick Greenblatt (San Diego), Barry Hermanson (San Francisco), Michael Shin (Orange)
- 3. Adopt agenda** - review last month's min & actions (5 min) – Approved
- 4. Clearinghouse Report** (15 min, Nassim)
 - * Junior State of America (JSA) forum Nassim attended the 11/21 JSA online forum to present on GP values and platform about 40 minutes followed by the presentation by Youth Climate Action led by a Green youth from Alameda County)
 - * GPCA Newsletters currently one a month, next will be 12/21(subject: New year, AB1400 reintroduction to Assembly, GPCA donation ask, ?)
 - * Other future topics for newsletter - Barry was asked by Mary Ratcliff from the Bay View paper to interview Mica for a future article. Barry and Mica will discuss this outside of the meeting.
- 5. GROW Report Goals 2022** (30 min)
 - * GROW's goals, strategy and tactics: All discussed with thoughts and suggestions, Barry suggested growing GP registrations to 100K, Rick suggested to have half of the new party members to be below the age of 25, to do signature gathering at community colleges and universities. Michael suggested recruiting interns to get young people to work in the Green Party. Michael suggested projectsuperbloom.org as a resource.
 - * Gathering Signatures in lieu of filing fees: Laura: the signatures in lieu offset the money needed to run for office. The window starts on 1/3 and ends on 2/9. Laura stated that she will have an open house or two to collect signatures, as she had done in the past. Rick: candidates info will be available in 3 weeks, and info on signature gathering procedures will be available in 1 week. Clearinghouse and Media Comms will serve as resources to amplify signature collecting events. Richard suggested to contact every candidate to send a representative to a GROW meeting
 - * GROW is also responsible for keeping counties active; i.e helping Orange County Party get organized, active, and participating. Laura contacts people in counties, encourage county council members to come to GA and get delegates to come and participate in the GA/SGA as a result 23/24 of the most active counties sent delegates to the last GA. Michael: suggested contacting all local parties to see if they have recruitment programs or committees, and help them set one up if they don't.
 - * GROW & CH Info e-package - Nassim suggested making an e-package with content we already have for counties to organize and recruit. She will get started on that with CH materials.
- Rick concluded with a summary. We want to focus on the upcoming primary elections, voter registrations, and more GROW/CH members. Discussion will continue next meeting to make the items more concrete and specific.
- 6. Announcements** (5 min) - none
- 7. Confirm next second Tuesday conference call, Jan. 11, 2022, 7:30 pm** (5 min)
- 8. Adjourned** 8:50

APPENDIX C

MINUTES: Finance & Fundraising meeting notes - 12/16/21, 7:30 pm

(1) Roll Call: Justin Richardson, Treasurer, Mica Daniel, co-co, Laura Wells, Vicente Cruz, Kevin Sabo

(2) Roles: Justin Richardson, Facilitator, Notetaker Mica Daniel

(3) Build and Approve Agenda

(4) Approval of minutes of November 18 as posted to the CC by Mica Daniel on November 20, 2021, @ 10:10 PM

approval by consensus

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

Political Parties committees:

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

Our next known/anticipated (EOY) report is due January 31, 2022.

(6) Treasurer's Report and Update to the Finance Committee for December 2021

Submitted by Justin Richardson, Treasurer

Account Balances as of 12/16/2021

Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal account: \$1607.04

Travis Credit Union (checking) State account: \$14,124.10

PayPal: \$2049.32

Expenses (11/17-12/16/21)

Call Centric: \$10.45

ISP (political filing software): \$100.00

Treasurer stipend: \$200.00

WiredTree: \$106.00

PO Box Renewal (upcoming) \$246.00

SOS annual fee (upcoming) \$50.00

(7) Calendar of meetings: 2022

Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov.

24(Thanksgiving)? , Dec. 22?

(8) Update Fundraising letter(Laura Wells)

Much discussion on fundraising. Laura will take the lead on getting a fundraiser letter out in January.

(9) Confirm next meeting date: January 27, 2022 @ 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

APPENDIX D

Media Committee meeting notes - 12/20/21, 2:00 pm

Attendees: Laura Wells, (Co-coordinator, NOTETAKER), Nassim Nouri (volunteer)

Agenda:

* Discussed contents of Nassim's next e-blast to Greens, to include announcing Luis Rodriguez' endorsement at the GA as a Left Unity Slate/Green candidate for Governor; Jill Stein's challenge of the FEC; and an appeal for monthly sustaining donors.

Next Meeting: Third Monday, January 17, 2022, 2-3pm.

APPENDIX E

APPLICATION for appointment to BYLAWS COMMITTEE - Kevin Sabo

GPCA Coordinating Committee members,

I hope this email finds you well. For those of you I haven't met, my name is Kevin Sabo. I'm a Green living in Sacramento County. I work as a state employee at the California Department of Justice when I'm not advocating for electoral reform. Additionally, I'm a coauthor of the Representation of the People

Act, a proposal of the GPCA Electoral Reform Working Group outlining a path for transforming California into a multiparty democracy.

The purpose of my email is to express my interest in joining the GPCA Bylaws Committee. I have a number of experiences in rulemaking I believe would make me a helpful addition to the Bylaws team. In my current job, I draft and review state regulations governing subjects as diverse as charities and firearms. In previous positions, I've been a legislative analyst for the California State Legislature, actively participating in the development of state law. I've also drafted dozens of charter, constitution, and bylaw amendments for advocacy organizations, like the University of California Student Association and Californians for Electoral Reform. Additionally, I've spent many hours researching the organizational structure of green parties all over the world, including those that hold elected office. I would bring these experiences to bear in the important work of ensuring California Greens have rules that serve our party well. Ensuring people feel like they're genuinely being heard when they voice concerns is an important aspect of my work. I'm hopeful the evolution of the Representation for the People Act proves I seek feedback and—more importantly—incorporate such feedback into our work.

I'm committed to growing this party and demonstrating California Greens' readiness to win elections and govern responsibly. If anyone has any questions or would like me to elaborate further on any point, please feel free to reach out. I'm also available by phone at (209) 541-5204 if you'd like to discuss my capacity to contribute. Until then, please be safe and be well.
In solidarity,

Kevin Sabo (he/him/his)

APPENDIX F

CONFERENCE AGENDA - Green Eco-Socialism Network Conference - 1/29/22

Opening Session with Kali Akuno and Margaret Kimberly

9am pacific/12pm eastern

Slot 1 - 10am pacific, 1pm eastern

- 1 - Tribal Sovereignty to Advance a Just Transition (Mel Figueroa and Ali Meders-Knight)
- 2 - Using Tenants Rights as an Organizing Strategy to Advance Eco-Socialism (David Bond)

Slot 2 - 11am pacific, 2pm eastern

- 1 - Margaret Kimberly – Community Land Trusts in New York City
- 2 - Lessons Learned as a Green Mayor (Peter Schwartzman)

Open Discussion/Lunch - 12pm pacific, 3pm eastern

Slot 3 - 1pm pacific, 4pm eastern

- 1 - To be determined
- 2 - Eco-Socialist Green New Deal (Howie Hawkins)

Slot 4 - 2pm pacific, 5pm eastern

- 1 - Lessons Learned from GPCA Embracing Eco-socialism (Nassim Nouri)
- 2 - US Solidarity Economy Network Candidate Questionnaire (Emily Kawano & Michael O'Neil)

Closing Session with Gloria Mattera and David Cobb - 3pm pacific, 6pm eastern

APPENDIX G

Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates SubCommittee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: Jan 3, 2022
Submitted By: Greg Jan

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Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting:
Thursday, Dec. 30, 7:00 pm

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

Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 13, 7 pm

Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:

1. The 2022 election campaign formally begins today, January 3rd! Specifically, today is the first day that candidates can take out their "signatures-in-lieu of the filing fee" papers and our 7 "Left Unity slate" statewide candidates (including the 3 Peace and Freedom members) will be taking out those papers today (or tomorrow). They'll then scan them and email them to us, and we'll compile them and send them out to the active GPCA counties, to start the signature-gathering process. (And P&F will be doing the same). We only have 5 weeks in which to get signatures, so we're hoping that lots of Greens can focus on this, and soon! (And we'll also be assisting the candidates with various other campaign tasks over the coming several months).

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

- (1) We are still 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 get the signature-gathering campaign "up and running", etc.
- (2) As we have been, we are planning to continue meeting every other week, on Thursday evenings
- (3) We will be staying in touch with the Peace and Freedom Party about the statewide candidates campaign, and we'll meet with them (on Zoom) as needed.

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