GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Monday, March 7, 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:

David Bond, June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton and Laura Wells.

Absent: Nicole Castor, Karen Nyhus

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

Roles for CC Call on March 7, 2022:

Facilitator: Christine Pepin

Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator): Nicole Raglin

Note Taker: Barry Hermanson Time Keeper: Mica Daniel Vibes Watcher: June Brashers

Roles for next month's CC Call on April 4, 2022:

Facilitator:

Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator): Nassim

Note Taker: Barry Hermanson

Time Keeper: Mica Vibes Watcher:

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

(3a) Late items added: Items 8 & 9

Item #7 was changed to be a decision item.

Approved by consensus

(4) **Approval of CC minutes** (2 mins) as originally posted to the CC email list by June Brashares on 2/8/22, 7:48 a.m, and also posted by June Brashares on 3/7/22, 7:23 am to include the full proposals that were on the February Agenda. The supplemental text of the long proposals are found in the appendix at the end.

Nassim raised concerns about some gaps in minutes for item #8 but will stand aside. She will send additions for the minutes.

Approved by consensus

(5) Consent Items (5 mins)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consensed 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:

Clearinghouse Committee & GROW joint meeting February minutes - Appendix A Statewide Candidates SubCommittee - February minutes - Appendix B Media Committee February meeting minutes - Appendix C Bylaws Committee February meeting minutes - Appendix D Electoral Reform Working Group February and March meeting minutes - Appendix F Finance & Fundraising Committee February minutes - Appendix G

Updates since the last CC call (5 mins)

48 HOUR ONLINE VOTE(S) AND RESULTS:

Proposal for CC to approve 2022 Statement of Purpose

- Voting period started 2/11/22 at 12:30pm, ended 2/13/22 at 12:30pm
- Full Text of the Proposal is at Appendix E
- RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal are: YES votes: 12 (David Bond, June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Laura Wells) NO votes: None ABSTAIN votes: 1 (Nicole Castor) NON-VOTING: (Audra Walton)
- The proposal was approved, and the 2022 Statement of Purpose was sent to SOS Liaison Jared Laiti to submit to the SOS for inclusion in the June 7, 2022, Statewide Direct Primary Election state Voter Information Guide.

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. This action item has been canceled.

New action items (5 mins):

- Kevin Sabo appointment to bylaws in Jan needs to be updated on website.
- David Cobb appointments as new spokesperson needs to be updated on website.
- IT to update CC on the website update process for CC minutes
- David Cobb to provide further details and suggest promotional language for the "Decolonizing Economics: The Third Annual Post-Capitalism Conference" event that was approved as a part of agenda item #8, the Earth Day Strike.

(6) Appointments (5 mins) - Decision Item: No new appointments

(7) Subject: Discussion Item: CC 2022 Retreat (15 Minutes)

Sponsor(s): Karen Nyhus, Sonoma County

Background and Purpose: The CC has held Part 1 of our 2-part retreat for 2022, and is scheduling Part 2. In Part 1, a number of ideas came up including holding quarterly discussions on Zoom. We want to follow up on some of those ideas from Part 1 and make sure everyone is clear what the scope (and possibly schedule) of discussion is for Part 2.

Proposal: This discussion will contain an update from the organizers (Karen Nyhus and June Brashares) on Part 2, and a discussion of ideas that came up at Part 1.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The meeting time requested is flexible; if we have more time, we can use 15 minutes. If not, it can be shorter. Any outcomes would be worked on by those interested in it happening, including preparing a proposal, agenda, and schedule polling. Any proposals that might come out of this discussion (e.g., for additional Zoom discussions) could be brought to the April meeting (or thereafter).

References: GPCA Bylaws, Section 8-3.1 (meetings)

June is sending out a link to the Doodle Poll again to schedule Part 2. Doodle poll for date/time for retreat session

#2: https://doodle.com/poll/vn4ktzx9sed4znka?utm source=poll&utm medium=link

LATE ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

(8) Subject: Proposal for the GPCA to endorse April 22 Earth Day Strike

Sponsor: Laura Wells, Alameda County

Background and Purpose:

This is an excerpt of a description forwarded by the group:

The idea for having an action involving unified local strikes was proposed by Jill Stein following a series of meetings with a group of activists who were involved with GPAX's webinar "Nonviolence in a Violent World: Making a Difference Through Direct Action and Civil Disobedience." Earth day will kick off 10 days of action - Earth Day to May Day -supporting local strikes, building community alternatives & unifying our movements. One of our primary goals is to use the strike to build unity. Coming together across movements and calling for solutions as big as the crises barreling down on us: Climate Collapse, Endless War, Crushing Economic & Racial Inequality, Rising Authoritarianism, the Assault on Freedom.

The group is gathering endorsements, and Green Party endorsers so far are the state parties of Maine, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio, and the Kansas City Green Party.

Proposal: That the GPCA endorses Earth Day Strike 2022 for People, Planet and Peace, and as a part of the endorsement also co-sponsor the event shared by David Cobb, Decolonizing Economics: The Third Annual Post-Capitalism Conference.

Implementation/Timeline:

GPCA co-coordinator(s) will fill out the endorsement form on the <u>earthdaystrike2022.org</u> website within a week after CC approval. Other committees such as Clearinghouse, GROW, and Media will publicly communicate, and promote the campaign with Greens and county parties.

Resources:

Website: https://earthdaystrike2022.org/ Email: earthdaystrike@gmail.com

Facebook: Earth Day Strike 2022, https://www.facebook.com/Earth-Day-Strike-2022-

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Draft Flyer and Text: Attached to email from Laura Wells, 3/6/22, 8:00pm, Subject "CC AGENDA ITEM: Proposal to endorse April 22 Earth Day Strike"

Decolonizing economics: The 3rd Annual Post-Capitalism Conference https://decolonizingeconomicssummit.org/

GPCA endorses April 22 Earth Day Strike by consensus and approves being a cosponsor of the Decolonizing Economics: The Third Annual Post-Capitalism Conference

(9) Subject: Nicole Castor's repeated violations of rules of decorum

Sponsor(s): Christine Pepin, Greg Jan

Background & Purpose: Nicole Castor's recent emails to the CC listsery violated multiple rules of decorum. She has already received two warnings and a notification of moderation by email (see references).

Proposal: This discussion is to report to the CC what happened and how these emails were handled, as well as to discuss Nicole's behavior. We also request Nicole's emails, the warnings and moderation notification be included in the meeting minutes.

References: see below, Appendix H.

We received this report

Nassim noted some formatting should be corrected in the forwarded emails in Appendix H and will forward those to notetaker.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A CLEARINGHOUSE/GROW meeting minutes - Tuesday, 2/8/22, 7:30 pm

1. Roles (5 min)

Facilitator: Rick Greenblat, Notetaker: Michael, Timekeeper: Mica

2. Roll Call (5 min)

CH: Mica Daniel (Alameda)

GROW: Laura Wells (Alameda), Rick Greenblatt (San Diego), Richard Gomez (Fresno), Barry Hermanson (San Francisco), Michael Shin (Orange)

Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara) could not attend, but sent in her reports before the meeting.

- 3. Adopt agenda review last month's min & actions (5 min)
- 4. Clearinghouse Report (10 min)

Mica reported processing volunteers.

Nassim reported that the AB1400 press release sent on 2/3 had an open rate of 25% and brought in a generous \$100 donation!

Richard Gomez asked about creating a t-shirt or picture, to show how duplicitous the Democrats are about AB1400. Nassim could answer the question.

5. GROW

5.1 From goals to strategy (25 min)

Nassim reported that the Santa Clara Greens collected 48 petition signatures (47 for one) for each of the 7 Left Unity Slate candidates.

Rick Greenblatt collected 18 signatures for Luis and fewer for other candidates.

Richard Gomez reported 30 signatures collected for Laura and Luis.

Barry pointed out that the party bureaucracy is being an obstacle to getting Marco Amaral endorsed by GPCA (since GPCA GA would not convene in time to endorse Marco Amaral for his candidate statement).

Rick Greenblatt: March 16 is the deadline for getting county endorsement on the county ballot statement. Signatures in lieu have to be in by 2/9. Candidate final application must be in by 3/11. Attendees had a discussion on how to integrate the primary elections into growing the Green Party.

5.2 AB1400 (Guaranteed Health Care for All) (15 min)

Barry discussed the history of AB1400 and how it came to be cancelled from being voted on. Our challenge to figure out how to build a coalition to win at the ballot box. Barry plans to build a coalition of organizations that will pledge support for Medicare for All.

Laura: We need people disgusted and motivated.

6.Confirm next second Tuesday conference call, March 8, 2022, 7:30 pm (5 min) - Confirmed.

7. Announcements (5 min)

Rick Greenblatt: 90,082 registered Green Party voter in California as of January 19, 2022. Michael asked questions about bylaws pertaining to organizing a local Green Party in California. Rick Greenblatt will send him contacts who can help.

8. Adjourned 8:51 pm

APPENDIX B

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES SUBCOMMITTEE meeting minutes, Thu 3/3/22 ,7:00pm

Present: Committee members Greg Jan, facilitator (Alameda), and Jared Laiti (Sacramento), minutes submitted to CC by Greg

Next Meeting: Thursday, Mar 17, 7 pm

Any significant actions the SubCommittee is taking:

- (1) Although we and the Peace and Freedom Party did gather a fair number of signatures, most of our candidates still need help with paying the balance of their filing fees, so we'll be sending out a letter very soon to ask Greens to donate to them
- (2) We will be checking with the endorsed Green candidates soon regarding them completing all of their paperwork before the upcoming March deadline. And we'll also report who our endorsed candidates are to the SoS.

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

- (1)We will continue to stay in touch with our endorsed Green statewide candidates about their campaigns and assist them however we can.
- (2) We have now decided to shift our meetings from every-other-Thursday to the first and third Thursday evenings (and possibly also on the 5th Thursday when that occurs, if needed).
- (3) We'll be staying in touch with the Peace and Freedom Party about our "joint" statewide candidates campaign, and we'll meet with them (on Zoom) as needed.

APPENDIX C

MEDIA COMMITTEE meeting minutes, Monday, 2/21/22, 2:00pm

1. Role Call: Laura Wells (Alameda), Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara), Laine Gillett (Tehama), Christopher Lozinski (San Mateo), John Cameron (Orange), Thomas Leavitt (LA). A round of introductions, why everyone is green.

Media Comm members: Laura and Thomas

- 2. Assign rolls: Facilitator: Nassim, Notes-taker: Chris Lozinski
- 3. Media Committee description of roles and procedures: Nassim
- 4. Create Approve Agenda added some items to the end
- 5. Media Release Possibilities. Discussions on press release by all attendees
- 6. Feb 3 sent a media release denouncing CalCare not being allowed to come to a vote in Sacramento
- 7. For next PR discussed Ukraine, war, and the role of CA and finances. Focus on our platform of peace and nonviolence. We need to be prepared in case the US engages in war in the short term. Thomas, Chris, and Laine will connect to make a draft, with the goal of statement in ~2 weeks.
- 8. Near the end of March, we can do a press release on the Left Unity slate what is the handle? Electoral reform?
- 9. Appointment of David Cobb as a spokesperson: proposal by Laura.

DAVID COBB - BRIEF BIO and HEADSHOT

David Cobb served as the General Counsel for the Green Party from 1999-2004. During that time he helped multiple states navigate their Election Codes, and was one of the principal drafters of the historic FEC filing that culminated with GPUS being formally recognized as a National Committee. In 2000 he managed the Nader/LaDuke Presidential campaign in Texas, and in 2002 he ran for Attorney General of Texas. In 2004 was the Green Party nominee for President himself, and in 2016 he served as the Campaign Manager for the Stein/Baraka campaign. All affirmations and no concerns.

Approved by consensus to appoint David Cobb as our second GPCA spokesperson

- 10. Email blasts to CA Greens Nassim explained Clearinghouse role in sending out newsletters and the mandate of focusing on GPCA platform and values and items likenewsletter content, videos, events, GPUS announcements.
- 11. Working with candidates all shared thoughts about how to better work with candidates. Hard to share data. They are personal friends. Hard to share content, do not want to overwhelm the readers.
- 12. TV spots. Laura reported that Cres has suggested a set of 15 second videos. We just need to round up \$40K for air time. A large number compared to the annual budget of GP CA of 15K.
- 13. TikTok Discussion of topics and tone. John will so more research.
- 14. NOTE NEW MEETING DATE AND TIME to accommodate new volunteers; Saturday, March 19, at 12:00 noon

Action items:

- Chris will write up intro and examples of Substack to share with all
- John and Robert will discuss videos on TikTok and pull in Nassim for discussions
- Chris, Thomas and Laine will work on war/peace PR draft

APPENDIX D

BYLAWS COMMITTEE meeting minutes - Sunday, 2/13/22,12:30 pm

Present: Mimi Newton (Co-coordinator, FACILITATOR), James Lauderdale (Co-coordinator/CC

Liaison, NOTETAKER), Laura Wells (guest)

Absent: Kevin Sabo

Any significant actions the Committee is taking: Proposed Amendments to By Laws: Initial Discussion Submitted by James Lauderdale and Laura Wells

[REFERENCE: SEE 4-PAGE DRAFT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT in email to the CC, subject "By Laws Minutes", dated 3/5/22, 7:24pm]

Discussion:

Proposal:

Discuss establishing a policy and platform standing committee. I imagine this as a hub for us to discuss positions on legislation, ballot measures, and the party's platform. While some have previously conveyed that this has traditionally been handled by campaign and candidate bodies, I consider these two to be distinct subject matters that require different skill sets. I'm not an organizer. I don't know how to effectively participate in a campaign for elected office. And, similarly, some organizers aren't effective policy advocates. The Greens are fairly absent from the State Capitol where other parties have a stronger presence. It feels like a missed opportunity to articulate our values and win supporters. Our platform also reads more like a laundry list of passed resolutions, rather than a cohesive plan if and when we were elected to office. Bills are an easy rallying point (see: single-payer healthcare), which would give us another reason to work together as one party.

There seems to be a working consensus to concretize this point, but as a subcommittee of the CC. More discussion is required. Author not present.

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. By Laws item by item review.

APPENDIX E

2022 Statement of Purpose - Green Party of California

It's time to act! California and the world are in crisis.

Join the Green Party in building a socially and racially just, ecologically sustainable, democratic, and peaceful society that exists in harmony with nature; we call this EcoSocialism.

Our actions match our values because we refuse corporate contributions.

Greens' vision won cannabis legalization, closed dangerous nuclear power plants, and enabled public banking. Over 350 California Greens have served in office.

Registering and voting Green means:

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- · Living wages, unions, workers' rights
- · Universal healthcare, free higher education, affordable housing, food security
- · Tax the super-rich, close corporate loopholes

BOLD CLIMATE ACTION

- \cdot A Just Transition to a clean energy economy
- · Phase out fossil fuels
- · Accelerate local, publicly-owned, renewable energy
- · Advance electric-powered public transportation
- · Protect forests and watersheds
- · Regenerative agriculture

HUMAN RIGHTS

- · End all oppression based on race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status
- · Protect immigrants with sanctuary and citizenship pathways
- · Black Lives Matter
- . Indigenous rights and sovereignty
- . Police accountability

- · End the death penalty, over-incarceration, and private prisons
- · Gun control/safety

ELECTORAL REFORM

- · Proportional representation, ranked choice voting
- · Publicly-financed elections to eliminate corporate money

It's time for change -- Register, vote, volunteer, and run Green!

Green Party of California P.O. Box 485, San Francisco, CA 94104 (916) 448-3437

E-mail: gpca@cagreens.org Website: cagreens.org Social media: @cagreens

APPENDIX F

ELECTORAL REFORM WORKING GROUP (ERWG) meeting minutes Wednesday, 2/2/22, 6:30 pm -and- Wednesday, 3/2/22, 6:30pm

February 2, 2022

Caledon Myers (ERWG Co-Coordinator) and Eric Brooks attended and talked about The Representation of the People Act.

March 2, 2022

June Brashares was there on zoom and kept the zoom on for at least 30 minutes, but nobody else showed up so there was no ERWG meeting held on March 2, 2022.

APPENDIX G

FINANCE & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE minutes - Thurs, 2/24/22, 7:30 pm

- (1) Roll Call: Barry Hermanson, Laura Wells, Justin Richardson, Treasurer, Mica Daniel CC liaison, Vicente Cruz
- (2) Roles: Facilitator: Barry Hermanson, NoteTaker: Mica Daniel Timekeeper and Vibes Watcher Laura Wells
- (3) Build and approve the agenda:

Vicente Cruz left the meeting at 7:40 PM after being denied the option to record the meeting live on Instagram.

Added item 7a and item #9 to the agenda. Approved by consensus.

- (4) Approve the minutes of January 27 2022 as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCA CC on Saturday, January 29, 2022, @ 9:00 AM Approved by consensus
- (5) Review 2022 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: Political Parties committees:

 $\underline{http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html$

June 7, 2022

Update to Item (5):

Justin Richardson, the Treasurer, submitted the Semi-Annual Financial Statement (Form 460) covering July-December 2021 to the Secretary of State on 1/30/2022, as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

(6) GPCA Treasurer's Report JANUARY

INCOME

\$47.00 One-time donations-general (3) \$1,060.00 One-time donations-SCSC (10) \$362.50 Recurring monthly donations (35)

EXPENSES

\$10.45 Call Centric \$100.00 ISP \$200.00 Treasurer's stipend \$109.00 WiredTree \$691.25 ISU Insurance annual fee \$58.77 PayPal fees \$19.18 NationBuilder fees

ACCOUNT BALANCES 1/31/22

\$1,607.18 Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal \$18,265.72 Travis Credit Union (checking) State \$- PayPal

(7) Update on Fundraising (Laura Wells)

I am expecting to have the percentages of how many sustainers we have from our internally-elected members of the Coordinating Committee, the GA/SGA delegates, and the delegates to the national GP from CA.

I'm hoping we can decide on whether I or someone else would email the groups, likely to include our most recent fundraising email that was focused on becoming donors.

Send a letter to sustainers from Laura

- (7a) TV spot for Slate/GPCA party General TV spot Discussion centered around the cost of getting on mainstream media.
- (8) Update on Fundraising Ideas
- (9) Discussion: Ballot Access/Jill Stein: Proposal to CC to give Jill Stein \$500. Very lively discussion resulted in Finance & Fundraising committee submitting a proposal to the CC for the upcoming CC meeting.
- (10) Affirm next meeting March 24, 2022 @ 7: 30 PM to 8:30 PM
- (11) Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

APPENDIX H

REFERENCES: Nicole Castor's repeated violations of rules of decorum

On Mar 7, 2022, at 11:22 AM, Christine Pepin < > wrote:

Nicole Castor,

The gpca-cc is a GPCA moderated listserv and operates under the rules for GPCA Email Rules of Decorum.

In your emails to the CC posted on 3/4/2022 at 3:31 PM PST and 4:54 PM PST you have violated rules #3, #4, #5, and #6 repeatedly. Your first warning to stop violating these rules was issued on 11/1/21 (see below).

This email is to notify you that you have been placed on moderation on the CC listserv for 90 days. You may receive email communications but any message you post to the CC listserv will be moderated for content and if approved will be posted with up to a 3-day delay.

Continued violations of our rules may result in your censure or expulsion.

-Christine Pepin gpca-cc list moderator

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

From: Nicole Castor < >

To: GPCA Coordinating Committee < gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org >

Cc: Mimi Newton < >, Kevin Sabo

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 4 Mar 2022 16:54:21 -0800 Subject: Re: [gpca-cc] Legislative work

Is it difficult to say that you only support something if it's done your way, Laura? [speculation of motives - 3] I would have so much more respect for you if I could see an ounce of honesty rise above the murky cloud of pathological controlling behavior. [offensive, disparaging - 5,6]

Mimi falsely filed documents [factually incorrect, misrepresenting another's work - 4] with state agencies when she registered county councils who were not formed according to our bylaws. Not only should she face disciplinary action from the state for this, but since showing such a level of dishonesty and a lack of ethics, [personality-based attack, disparaging - 3,6] she should be disqualified from holding any position in this party. Other than that, I like her, just don't think she's trustworthy. [offensive, disparaging - 5,6]

You all knew about leg committee for almost six years and did nothing and now when someone brings it up again, and there's a risk it could pass, the scrambling begins to take control over someone else's project. [disparaging, accusations of motive - 3,6] This isn't what collectivism looks like and though if formed, we would have invited anyone, this is not the way to go.

If you ever decide to loosen the reigns, Laura, you may see this party thrive. You are not competent enough to hold this much control [personality-based attack, disparaging - 3,6] over anything and you hold the rest of us back. Please consider leaving and joining Peace and Freedom, which aligns more closely with your values and penchant for authoritarianism. [offensive, disparaging - 5,6]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nicole Castor

Subject: Re: [gpca-cc] REMINDER: due by MONDAY 2/28 - send in CC committee REPORTS and

AGENDA items

Date: March 4, 2022 at 3:31:24 PM PST

To: GPCA Coordinating Committee < gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org >

Reply-To: GPCA Coordinating Committee < gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org >

it's randy not rusty. and this response is an example of exactly the type of snarky bullshit [offensive, disparaging - 5,6] none of us want to deal with.

we've had almost half this committee or more vacant for i don't even remember how long, while holding back on elections (against bylaws) [false, misrepresenting another's work - 4] for no legitimate reason.

Most faction allies have gotten bored and moved on [speculation of motives - 3] and most useful folks question why we should even bother.

Who wants to spend their time in a committee who disrespects legitimate proposals after wasting an obscene amount of time dicking around [offensive, disparaging- 5,6] over a poorly worded party statement that could have been decided online?

Kevin boycotted a bylaws meeting after he heard about the little clock game we played last month over a proposal that he believed in. And he's told me he wants to quit this party because it's a total joke [offensive, disparaging - 5,6]. And it is. Lucky for you all though, I'm not going anywhere, and I'm doing the leg committee without this committee's approval. If anyone wants to complain, you can explain what reason there is to sabotage the party by making it suck so much [offensive, disparaging - 5,6]. Maybe it's related to endorsing other party candidates over ours? Who knows.

None of us are obligated to sit around while gatekeepers hold back [speculation of motives, misrepresenting another's work - 3,4] the party's best interests.

So feel free to moderate me, as usual. I have a county website.
END