

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 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: June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton and Laura Wells.

Absent: David Bond, Nicole Castor

Guest: Justin Richardson (Treasurer)

Quorum was achieved at the beginning of the meeting with 12/14 members present.

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on June 13, 2022:

Facilitator: Greg Jan

Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator): Mica Daniel

Note Taker: Nassim Nouri

Time Keeper: Nicole Raglin

Vibes Watcher: Barry Hermanson

Roles for next month's CC Call on July 11, 2022 (second Monday not first):

No volunteers, we will assign at start of July meeting.

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 mins)

(3a) Late items: None

Agenda approved.

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 mins) as posted to the CC email list by Mica Daniel on 6/2/22, 12:57 p.m.

May CC minutes approved.

(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 - May minutes - **Appendix A**
Finance & Fundraising - April minutes - **Appendix B**
Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG) - April minutes - **Appendix C**
General Assembly Planning - Agenda Team report - **Appendix D**
Bylaws Committee - May Minutes - **Appendix E**
Bylaws Committee - June Minutes - **Appendix F**
Media Committee - May Minutes - **Appendix G**

Consent items approved.

(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)

Appointments:

- Tarik Kanaana re-appointment to Platform Committee, application:
"Please consider my application to be reappointed to the Platform Committee. I have been involved with this committee in one way or another for about a decade. Most recently I was a voting member and CC Liaison. Presently, I am Co-Co of the CA delegation to the GPUS and on the County Council of the Green Party of Sonoma County and was a member of the CC for three terms.
Tarik Kanaana, Sonoma County"

Tarik's re-appointment to Platform Committee is approved.

48 Hour Online Vote(s) and Results:

- Proposal for CC to approve General Assembly Draft Agenda

Voting period started 5/26/22 at 7:30pm, ended 5/28/22 at 7:30pm

Full Text of the Proposal is at **Appendix H**

RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal are:

- YES votes: 12 (June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton, Laura Wells)
- NO votes: None
- ABSTAIN votes: None
- NON-VOTING: David Bond, Nicole Castor

The proposal was approved.

- Proposal for CC to approve General Assembly Draft Agenda – revised

Voting period started 6/6/22 at 4:45pm, ended 6/8/22 at 4:45pm

Full Text of the Proposal is at **Appendix I**

RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal are:

- YES votes: 11 (David Bond June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton, Laura Wells)
- NO votes: Nicole Castor
- ABSTAIN votes: None — NON-VOTING: James Lauderdale, Karen Nyhus

The proposal was approved.

Action Item Update (10 minutes)

- IT to update CC on the website update process for CC minutes. **DONE**
- April CC minutes to be uploaded to website by Karen. **DONE**

(7) Subject: Report from CC cocos on communications with GPLAC

Sponsor: James Lauderdale and CC cocos

Background: The Cocos received a letter on 5/20/22 from GPLAC Co-Coordinator, Timeka requesting that the previously submitted GPLAC 7 bylaws amendments be included in the currently running SGA vote queue. The CC cocos consulted and replied with a letter on 5/27/22. See the correspondence in **Appendix J**.

James reported to the CC these communications for inclusion in the minutes.

Approved by consensus to include in minutes.

(8) Subject: Discussion item (20 min): Planning for the onboarding and orientation of new CC members, including continuity managing and using existing CC internal technology and procedures to do so.

Sponsor: Karen Nyhus, Sonoma County

Proposal: Discuss when and how to accomplish the steps outlined in the below section, Implementation/Timeline/Resources.

Please see **Appendix K**.

Karen discussed the adoption process for Basecamp as a CC communications platform and asked for decisions on the set of tasks' implementations.

- Karen confirmed that the \$20/mon fee for Basecamp has been added to the budget and reported by the Finance Comm report. She has added Justin to the Basecamp account so he can manage payments.
- She asked who can be the point person and set up an email to transfer the current Basecamp account to? Nicole Raglin offered the use of an email she has already set up, no CC member volunteered to take on being admin on Basecamp for now.
- Karen notes that Basecamp is a very useful tool for communications as well as storing documents and that maybe one of the new incoming CC members would be interested in taking on being an admin. She is willing to train anyone interested in taking it on in the future.

(9) Subject/Title: Approve Revised Draft GA Agenda for July GA - adding another GA minutes approval for November 2020 (5 min)

Co-Sponsor(s): June Brashares

Background and Purpose: Per the GPCA Bylaws, the Coordinating Committee shall establish a Draft Agenda for the General Assembly for approval at the beginning of the General Assembly. In a 48 hour vote concluded on May 28, 2022 (copied at the bottom of this email), the CC previously approved a draft Agenda for the July 2022 GA. That draft Agenda includes a session on Saturday July 9th at 2:50pm when the Minutes of prior GAs are to be considered for approval. Since the time of approving that Draft Agenda, it has become apparent that the Minutes of other prior GAs will be ready to be considered for approval if the CC approves their addition to the Agenda. Those are the Minutes of the GAs of November 2018 and June 2020. It makes sense to revise the agenda to extend the Saturday 2:50pm session (by 5-10 minutes for each additional GA's Minutes) to include as many GA Minutes as can be ready for the July GA. By the time of the CC meeting on 6/13, the Nov 2020 GA Minutes will also be ready, hence the reason for this agenda item.

Proposal: The CC approves a Revised Draft Agenda for the July GA to include in the session on Saturday at 2:50pm:

Decisions: Approvals of each of the following minutes, and potentially any other necessary revisions to the GA Agenda to accommodate this revision and/or to address other issues that have arisen by the time of the CC meeting on 6/13.

- Dec 2021 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Laura Wells
- June 2021 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Nassim Nouri
- **November 2020 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), June Brashares**
- June 2020 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Nicole Raglin
- Nov 2018 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Mimi Newton on the GA Agenda

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Upon approval, June will send the revised/updated Draft Agenda to the GA Planning Team. It will also need to be posted to the website for the opening of Registration that is to begin on June 14th. The updated Draft Agenda will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval at the beginning of the General Assembly on Saturday July 9th.

References: GPCA Bylaws, Section 7-5.1 11-2, CC Internal Procedures Sections 2.3, 3-1.4 and 4-2. See also CC 48 hour vote(s) in this agenda. Currently approved agenda

- June Brashares shared the following additions on this item in an email to the CC on June 13, 2022, at 6:36 PM.

“For item #9 on tonight's CC agenda, here is a link to the draft Nov 2020 GA Minutes: https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1615/attachments/original/1655155787/Draft_GAMinutes_Nov_2020_061322.pdf?1655155787”

Approved by consensus.

The current agenda (approved 6/8/22, Appendix I) will be updated by adding

“- Decision: Approval of Nov 2020 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), June Brashares”

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A.

Clearinghouse/GROW Meeting Minutes - Tues, 5/10/22, 7:30 pm

(1) Roll Call: Mica Daniel(CH), Rick Greenblatt(GROW), Richard Gomez, Barry Hermanson, Laura Wells; Michael Shin joined at 8 pm; Nassim Nouri absent

(2) Roles: Facilitator: Rick Greenblatt Notetaker: Mica Daniel

(3) Adopt agenda: review last month's minutes and actions.

GROW moved to the top of the agenda. Approved by consensus

(4) GROW: (20 minutes)

* The amendments were sent to the Bylaws Committee for vetting. Amendments were made. The bylaws committee is bringing it forward. Grow & Clearinghouse will co-sponsor the proposal if needed. Approved by consensus.

* Greens and the Left Unity Slate: Laura has participated in several events. She spoke at a San Francisco rally protecting abortion rights. Rick Greenblatt and the San Diego Greens also participated in rallies protecting abortion rights. Richard Gomez reported an upcoming demonstration scheduled for Fresno.

* Updates: Michael reported a total of 6 members on the Orange County Greens. They are planning to table, with 4 or 5 attending, at the Sustainable Environment Meeting in Brea. It will be on 5/21. It is an annual event hosted by the Citizens' Climate Lobby North Orange County, Southeast LA County

Chapter; Reform & Sustain; and the Climate Reality Project Orange County Chapter. For more info: <https://bit.ly/sustainfair22>

(5) Confirm next second Tuesday Zoom call, June 14, 2022, 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM

(6) Dropping Google Calendar

Discussion on this issue was not definitive

Adjourned 8:30 pm

APPENDIX B.

Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes, Thu, 5/19/22, 7:30pm

(1) Roll call: Justin Richardson, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson

(2) Roles: Facilitator: Justin Richardson, Treasurer NoteTaker: Mica Daniel CC liaison Timekeeper & Vibes- Watcher: Barry Hermanson

(3) Build and approve the agenda: No additions

(4) Approve the minutes of April 28, 2022, as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCA CC on Sunday, May 1, 2022, @ 1:45 PM Approved by consensus

(5) Review 2022 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>

Thursday, May 26, 2022 (2nd pre-election filing)

June 7, 2022

(6) GPCA Treasurer's Report - APRIL -4/1-4/20/22

Income

One-time donations-general (4): \$130.00

One-time donations-SCSC (0): \$0.00

Recurring monthly donations (34): \$372.50

Expenses

Call Centric: \$ 10.45

WiredTree: \$ 109.00

Treasurer's stipend: \$ 200.00

ISP: \$ 100.00

Basecamp: \$ 20.00

SCSC - State candidate support: \$ 1,200.00

PayPal fees: \$ 15.97

NationBuilder fees: \$ 13.22

Account Balances - 4/30/22

Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal: \$ 1,607.31

Travis Credit Union (checking) State: \$ 17,613.06

PayPal: \$ 230.98

(7) Update: "Travis Credit Union account administration"; The Treasurer will be moving our accounts to Mechanic Bank

(8) Update: Fundraising letter: Mica to send a draft within 2 weeks

- (9) Update on donation to Jill Stein: Justin will do it after the upcoming filing
- (10) Update: Nationbuilder for an estimate to get the latest registered Greens in Nationbuilder; Nationbuilder needs to know how many names for updated prices.
- (11) Confirmed next meeting Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM

APPENDIX C.

Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG) for May & June 2022

May 2022: ERWG did not meet.

(On the day of the ERWG meeting scheduled for May 4, Eric Brooks emailed asking about meeting and Co-Coordinator Calendon Myers replied that considering there hadn't been any activity on the listserv and there weren't many major developments on Project Representation's end, the plan would be to have the next meeting the first week of June, as scheduled.)

June 2022: ERWG did not meet.

(On the day of the ERWG meeting scheduled for June 1, Caledon texted June Brashares asking if she could organize the meeting as he would not be able to host or attend. Caledon said he has recently graduated, moved, started a new job and has a lot going on with project representation; he is still happy to be coordinator, there was just too much on his plate at the moment. At the 6:30pm meeting time, June got on the zoom meeting and kept it on for at least 30 minutes, but nobody else showed up.)

APPENDIX D.

General Assembly Planning - Agenda Team report

- 1- The 6/8/22 approved updated GA agenda is now linked to the <http://cagreens.org/ga> page
- 2- Today, we emailed the updated agenda to the GPCA Inform list.
- 3- Tarik has completed the registration/donation page which is scheduled to get published on 6/14.
- 4- On 6/14 am, Nassim will send a GA registration announcement to our full contact list including links to the registration page and FB event page.
- 5- Next steps in a couple of weeks are putting together meeting details and selecting facilitators and note-taker.
- 6- If any of you has the bandwidth to help me put together videos, pix, and music for a background slideshow please let me know.

APPENDIX E.

Bylaws Committee Minutes, Sun, 5/8/22 - 12:30pm

Present: Kevin Sabo, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton, co-co and notetaker

Guest: Nassim Nouri, Laura Wells

The Bylaws Committee reviewed the proposed Committee and Working Group amendments for form and substance and submitted the following items for the next GA:

- (1) Bylaws Amendments regarding Standing Committees and Working Groups (decision item)
- (2) Proposal for moving forward with ideas discussed at Dec. 2021 GA regarding the future of GPCA voting (discussion item)

Plans for the next Bylaws Committee Meeting:

The Bylaws Committee will prepare for the GA presentations.

Next Meeting: Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 12:30 pm pacific

APPENDIX F.

Bylaws Committee Minutes, Sun, 6/12/22 — 12:30pm

Present: Mimi Newton, co-co and notetaker; Kevin Sabo

AGENDA: The Bylaws Committee will be making two presentations at the July GPCA General Assembly:

(1) Saturday, July 9, 1:10 pm - 2:00 pm Decision: Proposal to adopt Bylaws amendment to reorganize GPCA Committees and Working Groups (50 min) - Sponsor: Bylaws, Presenter: TBD

Kevin will take the lead in preparing this presentation and will reach out to other presenters.

(2) Sunday, July 10, 10:10 am - 10:55 am Discussion: Future of voting in GPCA GAs and SGAs - Bylaws Committee (45 min) - Following up on the December 2021 GA discussions.

Mimi will take the lead in preparing this presentation and will share ideas with the other Bylaws Committee members via email.

Plans for the next Bylaws Committee Meeting:

Assess the outcomes of the two GA presentations.

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 12:30 pm

APPENDIX G.

Media Committee Minutes, Saturday, 5/21/22, 12:00pm

1. Roll Call: Present: Nassim Nouri, volunteer (Santa Clara)

Absent: Laura Wells, committee member (Alameda), Thomas Leavitt, committee member (LA), volunteers Chris Lozinski and Christine Pepin

2. Agenda: Meeting was not held since only one person was present.

3. MEDIA RELEASES since last month's report, focused on the Left Unity Slate:

On 5/20/22 about endorsements: <https://www.cagreens.org/left-unity-slate-candidates-win-strong-endorsements>

On 6/10/22 after the election: <https://www.cagreens.org/left-unity-strategy-pays-californias-green-party-and-peace-and-freedom-party>

On 6/13/22, an election update went out with some updated vote results

4. Next Meeting: Third Saturday, 6/18/22, 12:00pm

APPENDIX H.

48-HOUR ONLINE VOTE: Approval of General Assembly Draft Agenda

(5/28/22 version)

VOTING PERIOD STARTS NOW and ends on SATURDAY, May 28, 7:30 PM.

Please vote by replying to this email with your vote of "Yes", "No", or "Abstain".

Co-Sponsors: Laura Wells and Nassim Nouri, CC members

Background and Purpose: The CC needs to approve the draft agenda before it can be sent out to the inform list no later than six weeks before the General Assembly. This due date is Saturday 5/28 thus the need for the 48 hour online vote.

Proposal: The CC approves the following draft agenda for the July 9 - 10 General Assembly.

General Assembly, July 9-10, 2022, via Zoom - DRAFT AGENDA

Saturday, July 9

8:00 am – Registration, Facilitators: TBD

9:00 am - Opening Session (30 min),

- New delegate orientation

- Quorum count

9:30 am - Agenda approval (20 min)

9:50 am - How do we create the people's movement we need to save our world? (1 hour) - Dr. Jill Stein, and other speakers [pending confirmations]

10:50 am - Break (10 min)

11:00 am - Discussion: Discussion: The 2022 Left Unity Slate campaign, and beyond - Statewide Candidates SubCommittee (1 hour)

Sponsor: Statewide Candidate SubCommittee, Presenter: Greg Jan

12:00 am - Lunch break (1 hour)

Facilitators: TBD

1:00 pm Reconvene & Quorum Count (10 min)

1:10 pm Decision: Proposal to adopt Bylaws amendment to reorganize GPCA Committees and Working Groups (50 min), Sponsor: Bylaws, Presenter: TBD

2:00 pm Decision: Proposal to adopt Summaries of the Platform Pillars (50 min)

Sponsor: Platform Committee, Presenter: TBD

2:50 pm - Decision: Approval of Dec 2021 General Assembly Minutes (10 min)

- Decision: Approval of June 2021 General Assembly Minutes (10 min)

3:10 pm County Green Parties Reports & Social - news about Green's local activities and projects (1 hour) - Delegates and representatives from all county Green parties and groups will share their activities, accomplishments and challenges of organizing Greens locally.

4:10 pm Adjourn for the day

Sunday, July 10

Facilitators: TBD

9:00 am Opening Session (30 min)

- New delegate orientation

- Quorum count

9:30 am Discussion: EcoSocialism - Humboldt County (1 hour)

Presenter: Mark Adams & TBD

10:30 am Discussion: Future of voting in GPCA GAs and SGAs - Bylaws Committee (1 hour) - Following up on the December 2021 GA discussions.

11:30 am Discussion: Democratic Party failure and our opportunities - Green Party of Alameda County (1 hour) Presenter: Barry Sheppard and Michael Rubin

12:30 Lunch break (1 hour)

Facilitators: TBD

1:30 pm Announcement of Standing Committee vacancies - CC (30 min)

2:00 pm Reconvene & Quorum Count (10 min)

2:10 pm Discussion/Decision: 7 Bylaws amendment proposals- GPLAC (1.5 hour) Presenter: TBD

1- GPCA Direction to CC - Posting CC agendas and minutes

2- GPCA Bylaws Amendment - CC Duties and Responsibilities

3- GPCA Bylaws Amendment - CCWG Duties and Responsibilities

4- GPCA Bylaws Amendment - Endorsements/Opposition of Statewide Ballot Measures and Candidates

5- GPCA Bylaws Amendment - Rescission of Endorsement of Statewide Candidates

6- GPCA statewide candidate endorsement procedures

7- GPCA Bylaws amendment - Declining counting votes of a statewide candidate
3:40 pm Next General Assembly Meeting Date (10 min)
3:50 pm Closing Session (10 min)
4:00 pm Adjourn the GA

APPENDIX I.

Subject: Decision: 48 HOUR VOTE - Approval of updated General Assembly agenda with the addition of Draft GA minutes and time adjustments.
(6/8/22 version)

VOTING PERIOD STARTS NOW and continues through Wednesday, June 8, 4:45 pm
Please vote by replying to this email with your vote of "Yes", "No", or "Abstain".
An on-line vote requires a majority of members for quorum and a majority of yes plus no votes for approval.

Sponsor: GA Agenda Team (Nassim Nouri)

Background and Purpose:

The General Assembly July agenda has been revised with the following changes:

- minor time adjustments are made to Sunday's agenda to free up the afternoon.
- two GA minutes have been added as they became available.
- Dec and June 2021 GA minutes have reduced agenda times and details added: fixed presentation links, added header image and note-taker, adjusted formatting.

In the past the GA agenda team has had difficulty getting GA minute drafts completed and submitted for approval quickly due to the limited bandwidth of our volunteers who manage the GAs. An effort by our GA organizing team started in 2021 to complete and finalize old drafts of GAs resulting in having additional draft minutes completed for the upcoming GA.

The addition of new agenda items and approval of GA agenda revisions is being submitted as a 48-hour vote so that we can send an updated announcement to county parties as soon as possible, to provide sufficient time for all to review and contribute to these items.

Proposal: Approve the updated General Assembly agenda (below) with the addition of two Draft GA minutes and time adjustments

Implantation: If approved, the GA agenda team will post the update GA agenda to the GA page and share it in an announcement to the inform list in 48 hours.

General Assembly, July 9-10, 2022, via Zoom - DRAFT AGENDA

Saturday, July 9

8:00 am - Registration
Facilitators: TBD

9:00 am - Opening Session (30 min)
- New delegate orientation
- Quorum count

9:30 am - Agenda approval (20 min)

9:50 am- How do we create the people's movement we need to save our world? (1 hour)

Dr. Jill Stein, in conversation with other speakers.

10:50 am - Break (10 min)

11:00 am - Discussion: The 2022 Left Unity Slate campaign, and beyond - Statewide Candidates SubCommittee (1 hour) Appendix B.

Sponsor: Statewide Candidate SubCommittee, Presenter: Greg Jan

12:00 noon - Lunch break (1 hour)

Facilitators: TBD

1:00 pm - Reconvene & Quorum Count (10 min)

1:10 pm - Decision: Proposal to adopt Bylaws amendment to reorganize GPCA Committees and Working Groups (50 min)

Sponsor: Bylaws, Presenter: TBD

2:00 pm - Decision: Proposal to adopt Summaries of the Platform Pillars (50 min)

Sponsor: Platform Committee, Presenter: TBD

2:50 pm - Approval of GA minutes

- Decision: Approval of Dec 2021 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Laura Wells

- Decision: Approval of June 2021 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Nassim Nouri

- Decision: Approval of June 2020 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Nicole Raglin

- Decision: Approval of Nov 2018 General Assembly Minutes (5 min), Mimi Newton

3:15 pm - County Green Parties Reports & Social - news about Green's local activities and projects - CC (1 hour) - Delegates and representatives from all county Green parties and groups will share their activities, accomplishments and challenges of organizing Greens locally.

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9:00 am - Opening Session (10 min)

- New delegate abbreviated orientation

- Quorum count

9:10 am - Discussion: EcoSocialism - Humboldt County (1 hour)

Presenter: Mark Adams & TBD

10:10 am - Discussion: Future of voting in GPCA GAs and SGAs - Bylaws Committee (45 min) - Following up on the December 2021 GA discussions.

10:55 am - Discussion: Democratic Party failure and our opportunities - Green Party of Alameda County (1 hour) Presenter: Barry Sheppard and Michael Rubin

11:55 - Announcement of Standing Committee vacancies - CC (25 min)

12:20 pm - Next General Assembly Meeting Date (10 min)

12:30 pm - Closing Session & Adjourn the GA

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APPENDIX J.

Subject: CC coco report on communications with GPLAC

From: James Lauderdale

Subject: GPLAC Proposals

Date: May 27, 2022 at 8:03:55 PM PDT

To: timeka drew, Ajay Rai, mike Feinstein, gplac-info@ cagreens. org

Cc: Laura Wells, Greg Jan, Christine Pepin

GPLAC Co-Coordiators, Timeka Drew and Ajay Rai,

Thank you for contacting the GPCA Coordinating Committee with your concerns.

As GPLAC is aware, the bylaws require a six-week discussion period for all SGA proposals, which started May 2nd. The GPCA bylaws 7-6.2(b) states that the purpose of the [6 week] discussion period is to "provide an opportunity to utilize the consensus-seeking process in 7-5 within the context of utilizing electronic means, teleconferences and other methods of communication..."

These proposals were not included in the current SGA votes because they no longer meet the requirement for our consensus-seeking process with the original presenter unable to participate on GPCA communication platforms.

The GPCA Coordinating Committee has not received any communication from GPLAC amending the previously submitted proposals with a new presenter/contact person who can discuss, answer questions, address concerns and consider amendments utilizing GPCA communication platforms, regardless of which decision-making process of the General Assembly is used, the GA or the SGA.

The GPLAC's original presenter for the proposals is Mike Feinstein who is currently under censure for his abusive and violent verbal attack on a fellow Green at a GPCA delegation meeting, with the terms of his censure requiring his written apology, which has not been received by the CC.

GPLAC specifically requested a December GA agenda item to be scheduled for presentation and discussions on their numerous bylaws amendment proposals PRIOR to these going to an SGA vote. However, at the December GA, when a generous two-hour session was scheduled, no such discussions occurred because the GPLAC delegation of six people demonstrated no willingness or ability to present the seven bylaws amendments that their county had approved and proposed. Ajay Rai, the delegate speaking on behalf of GPLAC stated that he would not give any presentation and may or may not answer questions on the proposals, because the original presenter was excluded from the GA.

As amply demonstrated at the December 2021 GA, and clearly expressed by Ajay, the only person currently able to present and discuss these proposal remains Mike Feinstein, and until he takes action to end his censure he will not be participating in the SGA nor the GA.

Going forward the two paths for GPLAC to putting these decisions items before the GPCA General Assembly are:

- GPLAC to designate a responsible and prepared presenter/contact person to participate and fulfill the consensus-seeking process required for GPCA decision making.
- Mike Feinstein to meet the terms of his censure and regain the privilege of participation on GPCA communications platforms.

Since these proposals were not able to be considered for the current SGA, the current draft of the July GA agenda, being approved now, has a placeholder for these proposals as a discussion OR decision item.

Please advise the Coordinating Committee of the following:

- Does GPLAC request to have these seven proposals agendized for the July GA?
- If so, who is the new presenter (contact person)?
- Will these proposals be Discussion or Decision items?

Unless we receive confirmation of your intention to agendize these for the GA by tomorrow, Saturday, 7:30 pm, along with a notification that you will work in a timely manner to resolve the issue of who will be your presenter(s), the set of GPLAC proposals will be removed from the Draft GA agenda.

Thank you,

GPCA Co-Coordinator
Coordinating Committee
James Lauderdale

On May 20, 2022, at 8:55 AM, timeka drew ---> wrote:

Dear GPCA Coordinating Committee, in care of GPLAC CC co-coordinators Laura Wells, Christine Pepin, James Lauderdale and Greg Jan

Last October the GPLAC submitted seven proposals for inclusion in the next SGA, under GPCA Bylaws 13.2., which provide that county parties can propose bylaws changes.

13-2.1 The governing documents may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the General Assembly. An amendment may be initiated by the Bylaws Committee, Coordinating Committee or an active County Organization; or by a Committee, Working Group or the GPUS Delegation, but only to that specific section of the governing documents that govern them.

The proposals were submitted to both the GPCA Agenda Committee and the Bylaws Committee, the latter as per GPCA Bylaws 13-2.2

13-2.2 Each proposed amendment must be submitted to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall review the proposed amendments and provide recommendations to the sponsors, including to promote consistency in numbering, format, terminology and meaning with existing documents, to minimize ambiguity and to promote clarity.

The Bylaws Committee acknowledged receipt of the GPLAC proposals and held a meeting in November 2021 to offer its recommendations to the GPLAC, a meeting which Mike Feinstein attended on the GPLAC's behalf.

During the December GPCA General Assembly, the GPLAC was advised that because there was no SGA held during late 2021, the GPLAC's Bylaws proposals would be on the agenda of the next SGA. During that SGA, the GPLAC was prepared to respond to the Bylaws Committee's recommendations, along with responding to general discussion from SGA Delegates.

That SGA has just been launched, but the GPLAC's Bylaws proposals have not been included.

We note that the GPCA Coordinating Committee's role in putting together SGA agendas is simply ministerial - there is no decision required by the CC to place proposals on the SGA that were submitted under 13-2.1. This is different than a GA, where the CC proposes an agenda and there are time constraints and the entire GA votes on the agenda approval.

The only possible exception to this would if the CC found some extraordinary ambiguity in GPCA Bylaws vis-a-vis any proposals that were submitted, that would cause the CC to approve a Bylaws Interpretation stating why it did not believe such proposals could be placed before the SGA. In that case, such a Bylaws Interpretation which would then need to go forward at the ensuing SGA. The CC has neither approved such a Bylaws Interpretation, nor has one been placed before the current SGA.

For all these reasons, under GPCA Bylaws the GPLAC's seven proposed bylaws amendments must be placed before the current SGA.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Timeka Drew

Co-Coordinator, GPLAC

CC: Ajay Rai, Co-coordinator, GPLAC, Mike Feinstein, Secretary, GPLAC

PS - A copy of the two emails the GPLAC sent are included below, and related correspondence from the GPCA Bylaws Committee .

APPENDIX K.

Subject: Onboarding and orientation of new CC members, etc.

Sponsor: Karen Nyhus, Sonoma County

Background: The CC has assumed responsibility for posting our meeting minutes, which I have just started doing and which process I have documented in detail. Now that the steps are written up (and I am leaving the CC), this needs to be transferred to an active CC member starting in July.

Similarly, last year the CC adopted BaseCamp for work and knowledge management including document storage/sharing, calendaring and task management, and (potentially) online threaded discussions. I have been its chief champion and have provided several trainings. Despite low adoption, it remains our *only shared, official private space for online collaboration*. Unlike email, it is the only such space that provides *continuity over time* for sharing knowledge and resources as CC membership changes. Basically, whatever we put there, newbies can come in and see/read to self-orient. Otherwise,

they don't know what material (documents, procedures, graphics, whatever) we have, let alone whom to ask. Nor any history, beyond posted minutes.

Likewise, on a less technical note, I put together an orientation for new CC members last summer, which is also stored on BaseCamp (and could use some more input). We should decide what kind of orientation to provide to new members, and how to provide it. Or at least know what's available. And those who want to can edit or update it.

Finally, while I have added Justin Richardson, our treasurer, as a payment manager on BaseCamp, I will need to transfer the ownership of the account to someone on the CC, or to a generic (e.g., Gmail, or @cagreens.org) email account that the CC is confident it can manage and control for such purposes.

Proposal: Discuss when and how to accomplish the steps outlined in the below section, Implementation/Timeline/Resources.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

- * Find someone to prepare and post CC minutes using the detailed "howto" document on BaseCamp (this meeting, or in July)
- * Get that person the credentials and training (I can help) to perform the task once a month (once person or people is/are ID'd)
- * Get IT to set up (or share credential for) an @cagreens email account (or a GPCA-managed e.g., gmail account) for managing BaseCamp (e.g., adding/removing members): request submitted 5/5 and again today, 6/6
- * Get someone to do this basic BaseCamp admin: basically once a year, remove old members and add new ones to appropriate projects; make occasional (rare) adjustments as needed (July meeting)
- * Train someone on the basic functions of BaseCamp (so they can champion it and support CC users going forward.) I am willing to do this (this summer, once person is ID'd)
- * Transfer ownership of the account to a GPCA-owned email account; give credentials to the new BaseCamp admin (I will do once we have the person and the credentials)

References: Various documents on BaseCamp in the CC project: orientation, how to prepare and post CC minutes.