GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 2022, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom

(1) Roll call: (5 mins)
There are currently 17 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 10.
CC members: Mark Adams, David Bond, Nicole Castor, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Vicente Cruz, Mica Daniel, Ann Garrison, David Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Kevin Sabo, Phoebe Sorgen, Audra Walton, Laura Wells


Absent (5): Nicole Castor, Susan Chunco, Charisse Cordero, Christine Pepin, Phoebe Sorgen

With Quorum, the meeting convened. Vicente Cruz left at 7:41 and is no longer a Green

(2) Roles (4 mins):
Roles for CC Call on September 12, 2022:
Facilitator: Nassim Nouri
Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator):
Note Taker: Rohan Sabnis
Timekeeper:
Vibes Watcher: Audra Walton?

Roles for next month’s CC Call on October 3, 2022:
Facilitator: David Grover
Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator):
Note Taker:
Timekeeper:
Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 mins)
Approved by consensus

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 mins) as posted to the CC email list by Mica Daniel on 8/31/22, 10:41 p.m.
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 and Rules - Appendix A
- Candidates (N/A)
- Communications - Appendix B (joint with Membership and Outreach)
- Finance - Appendix C
- Membership and Outreach - Appendix B (joint with Communications)
(6) **UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS** (5 mins)

(6.a) **Committee Appointments:**

**Sean Dougherty** appointment to Membership and Outreach Committee – **Approved by consensus**

This email is an application for the MOC. Attached is a screenshot of my voter registration. Experience/Skills: campaign data services (e.g., cutting walk/call/mail lists based on filtering county voter registration database). I have provided data services to multiple campaigns in my county, including 3 city council, 1 mayoral, 1 county district supervisor, and 1 ballot measure. I am also able to provide people in my county with free printable walklists and a free online phonebank app.

Goal: Create a formal Green presence in my county and challenge my incumbent congressman.

Thanks,
Sean Dougherty  
Santa Cruz County

**Laura Wells** appointment to Membership and Outreach Committee – **Approved by consensus**

I am applying to continue as a member of the Membership and Outreach Committee, formerly known affectionately as GROW. Since I am a member of the state GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC), I am willing to be appointed to be the CC liaison for this group.

We have been meeting regularly at 7:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, and since March 2019 we’ve had joint meetings with the Clearinghouse Committee. We have been very consistent in submitting our monthly reports to the GPCA Coordinating Committee.

Projects that if re-appointed I would continue to help with include:

* contacting counties to obtain lists of their appointed SGA/GA delegates and County Council members  
* encouraging attendance at General Assemblies  
* attempting to help counties remain active, or re-activate  
* encouraging counties to elect their County Council members via the presidential primary elections, etc.  
* establishing a process for the counties to reach out to former Greens to encourage them to re-register  
* helping to edit/proofread written pieces that go out to Greens and others

Laura Wells  
Alameda County

**Michael Y. Shin** appointment to Membership and Outreach Committee – **Approved by consensus**

- Experience /skills / previous appt or service with GROW/GPCA  
I participated in GROW meetings for several months. I served as the notetaker most of the time.  
- What you want to accomplish
I want to keep updated on MOC efforts. I want to ensure that essential administrative duties of MOC are executed. I want to ensure local parties are actively engaged in effective recruitment programmes.

Michael Y. Shin
Orange County

Eric Brooks appointment to Platform Committee

I have been a registered Green for 28 years, an active Green volunteer since 2005, and active in GPCA leadership since 2016.

I am applying to continue as an active member of GPCA Platform Committee as the committee that my work expertise best supports.

For over three decades I have been a full time grassroots organizer and policy expert in a wide array of policy sectors, including: environment, energy, renewables, the climate crisis, ecology, watershed ecosystems, forest ecosystems, agriculture, pesticides, GMOs, pharmaceuticals, environmental justice, the policing and prison industrial complex, land use, real estate, gentrification, , opposing chain stores, housing and homelessness, tenants’ rights, local and global economics, capitalism and neoliberal capitalism, global trade agreements, electrical utilities, nuclear power, toxic and radioactive waste and Superfund sites, internet communications and freedom, consumer protection, ecology and ecological restoration, fighting privatization.

Over the last few years, I have brought all of this background to the table to help inform and strengthen GPCA platform positions, most recently helping to draft the new Health Care plank, as well as drafting much of the new Foreign Policy plank, each of which were recently passed by the SGA with strong supermajorities.

I also initiated setting up the current live Zoom meetings of the Platform Committee and helped guide the committee to reach out a lot more to outside experts, both of which are making the committee much more effective and successful.

My primary near term goals for the GPCA Platform Committee are to:
1) Help overhaul the GPCA energy and climate policies.
2) Help update the planks of our platform dealing with economics to make them up to date with current economic understand and realities and communicate these updates to the GP US Platform Committee in order to encourage it to also update and modernize the GP US economics platform planks.
3) Help update the planks of our platform dealing with agriculture to make them up to date with current knowledge and communicate these updates to the GP US Platform Committee in order to encourage it to also update and modernize the GP US agriculture platform planks.

Eric Brooks
San Francisco

No blocking concerns. Eric Brooks is appointed by consensus.

(6.b) Liaisons to the CC - Appointments
CC members may volunteer to be CC Liaisons to the new committees:
- Bylaws and Rules - Kevin Sabo (interim, will serve until someone from CC joins Bylaws and Rules)
- Candidates – Greg (committee won’t be active until 2023 due to bandwidth)
- Communications – Nassim Nouri
- Finance – Mica Daniel
- Membership and Outreach – Laura Wells
- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) - David Grover
- Policy & Platform – Kevin Sabo
Link to list of committees: https://www.cagreens.org/committees

(6.c) **48 Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results:**
Proposal for GPCA to co-sponsor/endorse Sept 17 event re: Assange, Mumia and Palestine.
- Voting period started 8/13/22 at 3:00pm, ended 8/15/22 at 3:00pm
- For full text of the Proposal, see Appendix G

**RESULTS:** The tally of online votes for this proposal (as corrected) are:
- YES votes: 12 (Mark Adams, Nicole Castor, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Vicente Cruz, Mica Daniel, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Kevin Sabo, Phoebe Sorgen, Laura Wells)
- NO votes: None
- ABSTAIN votes: None
- OTHER: YES re-vote, though after 48 hours: 1 (Rohan Sabnis); YES vote before correction, but not after: 1 (David Bond); Not voting: 4 (Susan Chunco, Ann Garrison, David Grover, Audra Walton)
- The proposal was approved. Event organizers were notified.

Proposal for SGA to discuss and vote on the 7 state propositions on the November ballot
- Voting period started 8/19/22 at 1:10 PM, ended 8/21/22 at 1:10pm
- For full text of the Proposal, see Appendix H
- RESULTS:
  - YES votes: 13 (Mark Adams, Nicole Castor, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Vicente Cruz, Mica Daniel, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Kevin Sabo, Phoebe Sorgen, Laura Wells)
  - NO votes: None
  - ABSTAIN votes: None
  - NOT VOTING: 5 (David Bond, Susan Chunco, Ann Garrison, David Grover, Audra Walton)
- The proposal was approved. The 7 SGA proposition discussion items were sent to June Brashares, who will post them to the SGA list early August 22, 2022.

(6.d) **Action Item Update** (10 minutes)
- David Bond to organize a Nov GA/workshop day planning meeting – pending

David Bond asked if anyone on the CC would like to participate in the Nov GA planning meeting
Nassim said Dominque Wade suggested that we focus on community gardens. This will be discussed more at this Wednesday’s planning meeting.

- Committee work plans and budget requests are to be submitted to the Finance Committee, gpca-finance cmte@cagreens.org (need to confirm exact email address), by Monday, September 05, 2022, for the fiscal year 1 January 2023 thru 31 December 2023.

Justin Richardson said the Finance Committee meeting is coming up on Thursday (9/15) (correction). The budget will be finalized at this meeting. The committee is welcoming comments.
Mica said the following meeting would be on 9/22.

**CC meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm**

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**LATE ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC:** N/A

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APPENDIX A

**Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting Minutes - Sun, 8/7/22, 12:30pm**
Present: James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton (Co-co, notetaker)
Absent: Kevin Sabo

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:
- Completed its update of the Bylaws that were amended during the July 2022 GPCA General Assembly regarding Committees, and their roles and the updated Bylaws have been posted on the GPCA website.
- Has also been helping to coordinate a Committees’ Coordinators call with the CC (Aug. 27).
- Reappointed Mimi as the Co-Co.

Plans for the next Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting:
To discuss a strategy for proposing revisions to the online voting process and other ongoing projects.

Next Meeting: Sun, 9/18/22 at 12:30 pm PT. (due to the Labor Day Holiday, the CC meets on 9/12/22 and Bylaws/Rules meets the 1st Sunday after the CC meeting).

APPENDIX B

**Communications -and- Membership and Outreach (Clearinghouse/GROW) Joint Meeting Minutes – Tue, 8/9/22, 7:30 pm**
1. Roles (5 min) Facilitator: Rick Greenblatt, Notetaker: Michael
2. Roll Call (5 min) CH: Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara), Mica Daniel (Alameda), GROW: Rick Greenblatt (San Diego), Richard Gomez (Fresno), Barry Hermanson (San Francisco), Michael Shin (Orange), Chuck Reutter (Riverside), June Brashares (Sonoma), Sean Doherty (Santa Cruz), Laura Wells (Alameda)
3. Adopt agenda (5 min) - Adopted
4. Introductions (10 min) - Sean Doherty, a new participant, introduced himself
5. Review last month’s min & actions (5 min) - No comments
6. Communications (ex-Clearinghouse) (25 min) Nassim reported the following-
   - CH transitioning into Communications team combined with Media and IT.
   - Recruiting for Comms
   - Updating Internal Procedures to combine CH/Media/IT
   - Working on 2023 work-plan
   - Working with IT and volunteer to clean up and update NB database
   - July CH updates - 3 newsletters/announcements (17% avg open rate), 12 volunteer onboarding and inquiries
7. MOCom (ex-GROW) (25 min)
   - Sean, Chuck, and Michael reported their status on their respective counties Santa Cruz, Riverside, and Orange, which don’t have established local parties yet.
   - Rick Greenblatt will be drafting a workplan for the committee due by September 5, so anybody that wants to contribute should contact him.
- Nassim is working on the internal procedures for the new committee and will forward a draft to Rick Greenblatt.
8. Next meeting(s) (10 min) Communications/MOCom
   - Time confirmed for MOCom, remains at second Tuesday of each month - 9/13 - 7:30pm
   - Communications Com will meet on 4th Tuesdays 6:30pm.
9. Announcements (5 min)
   - Upcoming event- August 13, Eco-Socialism in Practice: Three Case Studies -
     https://www.facebook.com/events/1109948109903111
10. Adjourned 8:45 pm

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APPENDIX C

Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes, Thu, 8/18/22, 8:00pm
(1) Roll Call: Mica Daniel, Greg Jan, Justin Richardson
(2) Roles: Facilitator: Justin Richardson Note Taker: Mica Daniel Timekeeper: All Vibes Watcher: Greg Jan
(3) Build and approve the agenda.
   Agenda approved
(4) Approve minutes of July 28, 2022, as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCA CC on July 29, 2022, @12:29 PM
   Minutes Approved
(5) Review 2022 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms:
   Political Parties committees:
   - August 1, 2022, All file 450 or 460
   - Sept. 29, 2022, 1st Pre-Election Filing
   - Oct. 17, 2022, 2nd Pre-Election Filing
   - Jan. 31, 2023
   Hit a snag in the April 28, 2022, filing. Has to be straightened out with Sacramento and they have been slow in responding. Fine incurred because the wet signature was omitted on the paper filing.

(6) Treasurer Report July 2022

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(7) Updates:
Some difficulty getting accounts moved to the new bank. Will follow-up
(8) Discussion: Budget, New Structure & Fundraising
Considering sending a fundraising letter. To meet our timeline for the GA will call a special meeting for the Budget on September 15, 2022, from 8:00 PM until 9:00 PM
(9) Announcements: We will use Base Camp to organize the budget process.
(10) Confirmed the next regular meeting for September 22, 2022
Adjourned at 9:15 PM

APPENDIX D

General Assembly Planning meeting minutes - Thu 8/4/22, 6:30-8:00pm
Next meeting 8/24, 6:30
1. July GA wrap up
- General impressions of the last GA: All thought it was a great GA, not having chat was very helpful. We will need more help and participation from members of the CC for the next GA and more people involved in how the GA is run.
- Rick has finished the draft of the 7/9-10 GA minutes and will forward to the GA planning team in the next couple of weeks.
2. GA planning process; tools:
- Nassim and Tarik will work on the GA timeline table.
- Nassim is working on a manual on how to coordinate GAs.
3. Action items:
- Tarik will draft an email announcement to go to the Inform list, will pass on to team for review
- Nassim updated the landing GA page with the date of the next GA.
4. Discussions on how to format the next GA:
- We need to make a GPCA gathering that is more enjoyable and inspiring, so the workshops can do that and be promoted to non-Greens and partners and comrades.
- Group generally supported separating the two parts of the event:
  * A shorter GA focused only on essential decisions and housekeeping items (i.e., budget, appointments, consent items)
  * A separate workshop day (or series of workshops) focused on engagement, recruitment and inspiring and connecting to communities we need to engage. We would promote this to a different audience and in a very different way.
5. David Bond’s proposal - GA format and theme. (20 min)
- A day of workshop would focus on outreach and engagement of underserved communities, reengaging those Greens who may not see GP as a place to organize.
- Examples of workshops:
  * Speak about how Greens are involved in local activism, i.e., international struggle, local issue of shared struggle
  * Self-critique – what is causing hindrance in having people engage with us?
  * Plan – how do we get to the root of what activism work people are doing

6. Timeline / deadlines for Nov 12 GA: (suggested, adjust as needed) (5 min)
- GA page update – 8/8
- Announce to Inform - 8/15 (explain the one-day GA and separate events as workshops)
- Notify of agenda item 9/16
- Items due 9/23
- Agenda published 10/1
- Registration starts 10/17
- GA 11/12

7. GA Planning Team Meeting schedule: (5 min)
- Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 - 8/24, 9/14, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9

8. Agenda items must have: Budget, strategic plan (10 min)
- All agreed that those essential decision-making items must be done at a session for delegates

9. GA Planning and new Membership and Organizing Committee (20 min) - Rick G.
- The new bylaws amendments, adopted at the last GA, assigns MOC a role in assisting the CC in GA planning.
- Rick explained that MOC will assist when needed and that the workshops (and possible training) opportunities does meet the MOC new mandates.
- Suggested one of the MOC members continue to attend the GA planning and serve as a liaison.

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APPENDIX E

GPCA Delegation to GPUS Meeting Minutes- Mon, 8/22/22, 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Attendance: Tarik Kanaana, Diana C. Brown, Don Manro, Peggy Koteen, Richard Gomez, Rick Greenblatt, Susan Chunco, Sandra Everette (observer/guest)

- Diana Brown was elected to a two-year term (Aug. '22 - Aug. '24) as Co-coordinator and Tarik Kanaana to a one-year term (Aug. '22 - Aug. '23). The voting took place during our August 22nd meeting and continued for three days on the delegation listserv. Tally of votes after meeting agenda.

Agenda:
-1- Welcome/chat (10 min)
-2- Attendance:
-3- Roles: (2 min)
  - Facilitator:
  - Notetaker:
  - Timekeeper:
  - Vibes:
-4- Setting Agenda. Any additions or changes. (5 min)

-5- Announcements/reminders. (5 min)
Delegates can vote on NC proposals at any time during the voting week. Alternates are asked to wait till after 6pm on Friday if any of California’s 17 votes have not been cast.
-6- On the NC voting queue. (50 min)
Voting: none
Discussion:
ID 1091 - 2022 Platform Amendment: Chapter II, Section J Immigration, Path to Citizenship
(voting starts: 09/05/2022)
ID 1092 - 2022 Platform Amendment: Chapter II, Section A,5,3, Sexual Orientation and Gender
Identity (voting starts: 09/05/2022)
ID 1093 - 2022 Platform Amendment: Chapter II, Section A Civil Rights and Equal Rights, 8
Youth Rights (voting starts: 09/05/2022)
ID 1094 - 2022 Platform Amendment: Chapter II, Section E Education and the Arts, 1
Education, plank ad (voting starts: 09/05/2022)

-7- Decision: Co-coordinator elections. (10 min)
We will be electing two Co-cos, one for a one-year term (Aug. '22 - Aug. '23) and one for a two-
year term (Aug. '22 - Aug. '24)
Candidates are:
Diana Brown for the two-year term
Tarik Kanaana for the one year term
We will have a discussion followed by a vote and a 3-day online vote

-8- Discussion: Delegation Internal Procedures. (10 min)
Please review the following draft of internal procedures:
The draft can be found at:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1udsW7DvKZiEw9aXc7S7I8otaWkevI5C/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110691849593276221061&rtpof=true&sd=true

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APPENDIX F

GPCA Delegation to GPUS Meeting Minutes- Mon, 7/25/22, 6:30 to 7:42 pm (NOTE: submitted on 7/30/22 but not included in 8/1/22 agenda)

Attendance: Diana Brown, Tarik Kanaana, Richard Gomez, Rick Greenblatt, Susan Chunco, Peggy Koteen

-Peggy Koteen and Justin Richardson were reappointed to the GPUS Animal Rights Committee
in a vote started in the June meeting followed by a 3-day online vote.

Agenda Items w/ decisions (if any):
(7)- On the NC voting queue. (50 min)
Voting: none
Discussion:
- ID 1086 - Accreditation of the Proposed Green Party Elders Caucus (voting starts: 08/15/2022)
- ID 1087 - 2022 Platform Amendment: Preamble (voting starts: 08/15/2022)
- ID 1088 - 2022 Platform Amendment: Chapter I, Section A, 1f Electoral College (voting
starts: 08/15/2022)
- ID 1089 - 2022 Platform Amendment: Chapter I, Section A, 1 Electoral Reform (voting starts:
08/15/2022)
APPENDIX G

48 HOUR VOTE Subject/Title (corrected): Proposal for the CC to approve GPCA endorsement/sponsorship of a Sept 17 event re: Assange, Mumia and Palestine
Voting Period: Starts now and ends on MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022, 3:00 PM
For quorum this needs votes from at least 10 of the current 18 CC members (Mark Adams, David Bond, Nicole Castor, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Vicente Cruz, Mica Daniel, Ann Garrison, David Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Kevin Sabo, Phoebe Sorgen, Audra Walton, Laura Wells).

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

Sponsor: Laura Wells

Background and Purpose: The event described in the subject is being planned for September 17, and endorsements are now being requested. See the email invitation in the References section below for details about speakers and sponsors so far. The purpose is both to support these efforts to free Julian Assange, Mumia Abu-Jamar, and Palestine, and to publicize GPCA's position.

Background on Green support of the three themes are the following. The national Green Party issued a pretty strong statement on Julian Assange a few years ago https://www.gp.org/green_party_calls_for_release_of_julian_assange. Also, GPCA has issued statements in support of Chelsea (then Bradley) Manning, whose material was published by Assange via Wikileaks http://dev.cagreens.org/drupal_main_dec2017/press/pr110215 . This page shows Green support for whistleblowers. https://www.gp.org/whistleblowers?page=2 . For Mumia, the national Green Party issued this release: https://www.gp.org/pardons_for_rivera_manning . For Palestine, the state GPCA recently amended our platform to include our support https://www.cagreens.org/platform/peace-non-violence/foreign-policy .

Proposal: That the CC approve endorsing/co-sponsoring the September 17 event.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:
If the proposal is approved, Laura will send an email to add GPCA to the list of sponsors. There is no cost.

References: Email from Jeff Mackler, dated 8/11/22, with lists of speakers and sponsors so far.

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APPENDIX H

For more detail, please see the following (very long) email to the GPCA-CC
Subject: ONLINE VOTE: 48 HOUR VOTE - For the SGA to discuss and vote on the 7 state propositions on the November ballot  
Date: August 19, 2022, at 1:10:21 PM PDT  
To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org>

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APPENDIX I

General Assembly Planning Team meeting minutes - 08/24/2022, 6:30 via zoom  
1- Attendees, present (11): Dave Grover, Mica, Mimi Newton, Nassim, Tarik, David Bond, Dominique, Greg, Rick, Vicente, Laura Wells (joined at 7:01)  
2- July GA wrap up - Rick will send the draft minutes to this team for comments.  
3- Nominating a CC liaison - Dave Grover volunteered and was affirmed as liaison, the appointment will be added to the CC Sept call agenda.  
4- Discussions were held on the format, date and content of the GA and Workshop Day. Some decisions:  
Decision: One workshop day was approved for 1/14/23 - open to public and not subject to GA planning requirements. Other events and webinars can be organized separately.  
   - GA day will focus on party business and decisions and outreach will focus on delegates/counties  
   - Workshop and event days will be public, and widely promoted to communities we need to engage  
5- Next GAP Team Meeting: 9/14/22, 6:30pm

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