

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom

(1) Roll call: (5 mins)

There are currently 14 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 8.

CC members: Mark Adams, David Bond, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Mica Daniel, David Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Present: Mark Adams, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, David Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen (joined late?), Laura Wells

Absent: David Bond, Susan Chunco, Charisse Cordero, Audra Walton

Quorum reached with 9 present at 7:38

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on April 3, 2023:

Facilitator: Dave Grover

Note Taker: Mica Daniel

Timekeeper: Nassim Nouri

Vibes Watcher: none

Roles for next month's CC Call on May 8, 2023 (changed due to May Day)

Facilitator:

Note Taker: Dave Grover

Timekeeper:

Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 mins)

(3a) Late items: item #9 was approved to be added to the agenda.

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 mins) as posted to the CC email list by Charisse Cordero on 3/16/23, 9:13 AM

(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 (CC liaisons are noted) for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

- Bylaws and Rules (Mimi Newton, interim, non-CC member) - **Appendix L**
- Candidates (Greg Jan, beginning 2023) - **Appendix A**
- Communications (Nassim Nouri) - **Appendix B**
- Finance (Mica Daniel) - **Appendix C**
- Membership and Outreach (Rick Greenblatt/Laura Wells) - **Appendix D**
- Policy & Platform (Mark Adams) - **Appendix E**

- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (David Grover) - **Appendix F**
- GP-US delegation from GPCA - Not submitted - CC needs to contact and request reports
- Proportional Representation Coalition report (David Cobb) - N/A

(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)

(6.a) Committee Appointments

(i) Appoint/reappoint SGA administrators

Greg explained the need for SGA vote admins and moderator appointments which had been done ad hoc by members of the CC in the past 2 years. He suggested that June has been the person who coordinated SGAs most often and she should be appointed as a resource running the SGA vote.

Nassim outlined the 4 jobs that SGA admins and moderators have to do:

- Conducts the OpaVote: Laura has done this before and she is willing be appointed
- Update web pages in NationBuilder for SGA votes and results: Rohan volunteered to be appointed
- Coordinate the SGA calendar: Greg Jan is tracking the Strategic calendar and will alert the SGA admins. Nassim and Greg will draft a timeline worksheet similar to the one used for GAs.
- Moderate the SGA listserv during the discussion and vote periods: Mica, Richard Gomez and John-Marc Chandonia have been serving as SGA moderators. Mica cannot accept the role but can reach out to the others.

Approved by consensus to appoint Laura Wells, Rohan Sabnis, and (pending their agreement) June Brashares as SGA admins and Richard Gomez and John-Marc Chandonia as SGA moderators, all for the terms 4/2023-4/2025

(ii) Appoint/reappoint GPCA spokespersons

Laura explained the role of the GPCA Spokespersons and the typical time commitment being small.

Nassim noted that Laura Wells and David Cobb have served as GPCA spokespersons for some time but their terms are not aligned and near ending. Nassim proposed for the CC to extend the spokespersons' terms to four years and nominated both for reappointment.

Approved by consensus to appoint Laura Wells and David Cobb as GPCA spokespersons for a four-year term of 4/2023 - 4/2027.

(6.b) 48 Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results

(i) Proposal that the next General Assembly will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023

- Voting period started 3/15/23 at 10:00pm, ended 3/17/23 at 10:00pm.
- For text of the proposal, see Appendix G

RESULTS:

The tally of online votes for this proposal are:

- YES: 12 (Mark Adams, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charrise Cordero, Maxine Daniel, David Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Sorgen, Laura Wells)
- NO or ABSTAIN: 0
- DID NOT VOTE: 2 (David Bond, Audra Walton)

Proposal passes with 12 votes (100% yes) of 14 members (86% of members)

(ii) Proposal for GPCA to co-sponsor the April 4 webinar titled "Principled Struggle: What Does it Mean and Why it Matters."

- Voting period started 3/22/23 at 12:00pm, ended 3/24/23 at 12:00pm.
- For text of the proposal, see Appendix H

RESULTS:

The tally of online votes for this proposal are:

- YES: 13 (Mark Adams, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charrise Cordero, Maxine Daniel, David Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Audra Walton, Laura Wells)
- NO or ABSTAIN: 0
- DID NOT VOTE: 1 (David Bond)

Proposal passes with 13 votes (100% yes) of 14 members (93% of members)

(iii) Proposal for GPCA to endorse the Green Party of Alameda County's Green Sunday on April 9 at 5pm featuring Howie Hawkins and Jill Stein speaking on Zoom about peace and Ukraine.

- Voting period started 3/23/23 at 11:10pm, ended 3/25/23 at 11:10pm.
- For text of the proposal, see Appendix I

RESULTS:

- YES: (9) Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Maxine Daniel, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Laura Wells,
- NO or ABSTAIN: (0)
- DID NOT VOTE: (5) Mark Adams, David Bond, David Grover, Rohan Sabnis, Audra Walton

Proposal passes with 9 votes (100% yes) of 14 members (64% of members)

(6.c) Strategic Plan Calendar review

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1677/attachments/original/1664662050/DR_AFT_GPCAWorkPlan2023-2025.pdf?1664662050

Greg reviewed the calendar and noted the three items that need to be done in April. Nassim suggested using the worksheet for calculating county delegate numbers that Tarik had shared with her last year. She will send it to Greg, Laura, and Dave.

(6.d) Action Item Update (10 minutes)

New action items:

- Rohan to update website with approved Feb. CC meeting minutes
- Nassim to update GPCA website with Spokesperson appointments and terms.
- Nassim to send the worksheet for calculating county delegate numbers to Greg, Laura, and Dave.
- Nassim and Greg to work on SGA timetable worksheet
- Greg to contact June Brashares to serve as SGA admin for a term of 4/2023-4/2025.
- Mica to contact Richard Gomez and John-Marc Chandonia to serve as SGA moderators for a term of 4/2023-4/2025.
- Mark to ask PPC to clarify what action they need for the Affordable Housing materials.
- Mark to ask PPC if they can draft a press release for the AB538 opposition, and if they want the CC to share that position through the legislative portal

Old action items

- Communications Committee to implement March 18-19 endorsement. DONE
- Update with this year's dates the "Call for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the CA Delegation to GPUS." DONE

(7) Decision Item: Approve a GPCA position on Affordable Housing

Sponsor: Mark Adams, Humboldt County for the GPCA Policy and Planning Committee

Background, Position text, and References: See Appendix J.

No proposal / implementation / requirements were submitted.

Greg had emailed Mark to submit these materials in the form of a proposal and explicitly outline what the PPC was asking. He said the material submitted appeared to be more of a platform amendment but some portions were not in alignment with the current platform language.

Nassim asked what is the intent of the PPC with submitting these materials?

Mark was not sure. Nassim noted that CC can either approve a GPCA public statement or a press release on a current issue but the CC does not make decisions on platform plank amendments which need to go to the GA.

Greg suggested Mark clarify the intent of PPC and direct them to submit this as a platform plank amendment to the GA, and Mark agreed.

Approved by consensus to refer this back to PPC

(8) Subject: GPCA to publicly OPPOSE AB 538

Sponsor: Mark Adams, and the GPCA Policy and Platform Committee

Background and Purpose: AB 538 (Holden - Electricity Grid Regionalization) seeks to take control of California's electricity grid out of the hands of our state grid manager, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and put it in the hands of a larger western states grid operator network that is far more fossil fuel industry friendly. AB 538 would also give the Federal Government under its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) direct control of California's electricity grid. This would pose a grave threat to California's renewable energy mandates.

By unanimous consensus in the 3/23/23 GPCA P&P Committee Meeting, the Policy and Platform Committee recommends immediate public opposition to AB538.

Proposal: AB 538 is nearly identical to AB 813 which the GPCA opposed in 2018 so this is just a pro-forma step we need to take to make sure we don't dangerously delay in our opposition to the bill.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: GPCA to do press release ASAP as action item from April 2023 GPCA CC meeting.

There was strong support for opposing this bill. Nassim mentioned her county has followed this and there are many energy advocacy groups that are also opposing it. Nassim noted that the Communications committee has lost a few members and volunteers recently and no one is working on the media projects. So she asked if PPC would be able to draft a press release. Mark thought that would not be a problem and will ask PPC to take it on.

Approved by consensus.

(9) LATE ITEM Subject: Oil Change International's "Banking on Climate Chaos 2023 report"

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: This past Friday, Nathalie Paravicini, with the Pacific Green Party of Oregon, posted the message copied further below, requesting for state parties to endorse Oil Change International's "Banking on Climate Chaos 2023 report". However, as that message explains, a copy of the report had to be requested, which I did, and I only received a link to the report this morning. (The message with that link is copied further below).

As we've previously done, by supporting other groups with which we align on issues, we advance those issues and build solidarity, and we also gain some publicity by being listed among their endorsers.

Urgency: The deadline to endorse is this coming Wednesday, April 5. (Please see the messages below).

Proposal: That the GPCA endorse Oil Change International's "Banking on Climate Chaos 2023 report". (Which is in the link in the 2nd message below).

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Unless anyone else volunteers for it, Greg Jan will inform Oil Change International of our endorsement.

References: See Appendix K

Approved by consensus

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, 3/25, 10:00 am

1- Attendees: Mica Daniel, Greg Jan, and Christopher Lozinski

Each attendee introduced themselves..

2- General Info: Mica mentioned the importance of fundraising for our candidates -- can we try to raise \$100,000 for them?! Christopher explained that he has put together a "GreenMaps" website where he can create pages for Green candidates (for example, see: <https://greenmaps.us/bruce-delgado>). Greg reviewed the 4 types of elections that he previously had emailed out, which we then went over, as is recorded below.

3- Local "non-partisan" elections (such as City Council, School Board, Water District, etc.) -- We will try to compile resources to help county Green groups recruit candidates and help the candidates with their campaigns. There likely already is material on the internet (perhaps even on Green Party websites) about how to run for local office, develop your platform, organize volunteers, fundraise, create literature, etc. -- so over the coming months, we will try to identify these resources and then forward them to county Green Party chapters.

4- "Partisan" elections for state legislature, and for the US House of Representatives -- Similar to #3 above, we will try to compile resources to help county Green groups recruit candidates for these offices and help them with their campaigns,

5- U.S. Senate -- We decided that because many Greens felt it was good that we worked with the Peace and Freedom Party last year in fielding a group of "Left Unity Slate" candidates, that we should again contact them, this time regarding next year's U.S. Senate election. We acknowledged that fielding a mutually-supported candidate might be more difficult this time, since with just a single statewide office on the ballot, both of our parties won't be able to endorse

statewide candidates from each other's party, but we did feel it would still be good to discuss this with them, so we'll be doing that before our next meeting.

6- President -- We learned that 3 years ago, our GPCA delegation to the GPUS took the lead regarding the work needed to place Green Party candidates onto California's Presidential primary ballot, as well as to facilitate sending delegates to the national Green Party's Presidential Nominating Convention, so we're perfectly fine with our Delegation again taking the lead on that this year.

7- Next meeting(s): Thus far, there's a slight preference for meeting on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 am, but because that's Earth Day next month, we might need to change our meeting date (probably to the last Saturday). So a "survey" will be sent out soon about this.

APPENDIX B - Communications Committee Meeting, Tuesday 3/28, 6:30pm, by zoom

1- Attendees: members Mica Daniel (Alameda County), Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara County); volunteer Jacob Harkey (Santa Clara County)

Spokesperson terms for Laura Wells and David Cobb have ended on the Committee.

2- Meeting roles: Nassim Facilitate/notes

3- Building the Comms team

- Nassim reviewed the roles and jobs of the Comms team and the Comms Internal Procedures.

- We need more volunteers to manage the mandate of this committee.

- The CC appointed the last GPCA spokesperson, David Cobb. All agreed that that roles should be formally transferred to the CC, as this was previously a Media Committee role.

Nassim has already submitted a request for Spokesperson appointments for 4/3 agenda.

4- Media (LW)- [Press Releases & announcements](#)

- A press release has been requested by Policy and Platform Comm on OPPOSE AB538, if CC approves, and depending on required timelines Comms will ask PPC to draft a GPCA Statement, due to our Committee bandwidth.

- Jacob may be able to help with future press releases.

5- CH - [GPCAMerchandise & Li](#)

Newsletter schedule (NN)

- 3/8 - GPCA statement, endorsement peace rally, International Women's Day (16% open, \$50 donation)

- 3/22 - (full list) Decolonizing Econ Summit endorsement, GPUS CCC Webinar (15% open)

- 3/28 - (Inform list): GPAC 4/9 Green Sunday with Jill and Howie

- 3/29 - (full list) "Principled Struggle: What Does it Mean and Why it Matters" 4/4 webinar endorsement

- 4/5 - (full list) GPAC 4/9 Green Sunday with Jill and Howie

- 4/19 - (full list) Earth Day to May Day - GPUS theme, with a donation ask by finance team.

Nassim will work on this

6- IT (No IT lead)

- IT tickets - web updates (NN)

- SoS voter data update (NN) Sean from Membership & Outreach Comm has volunteered to help parse and analyze the voter data to be used by Comms to update NB database as well as by MOC.

- website and server discussion - We have no Comms member to lead this

7-Next meeting: April 25, 6:30pm

APPENDIX C - Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes, Thu, 3/23/23, 8:00pm

(1) Roll Call: Mica Daniel, Justin Richardson

Susan Chunco computer is not performing, unable to connect

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

(3) Build and approve agenda: Agenda approved by consensus

(4) Approve minutes of January 26, 2023, as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCA CC on January 29 , 2023@ 9:12 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.htm>

June 30, 2023

(6) GPCA Treasurer's Report - FEBRUARY

2/1-2/28/23 Income

\$50.00 One-time donations (1)

\$399.50 Recurring monthly donations (37)

2/1-2/28/23 Expenses

\$10.45 Call Centric

\$125.50 WiredTree / Liquid Web

\$300.00 Treasurer's stipend

\$60.00 ISP

\$20.00 Basecamp

\$15.63 PayPal fees

2/28/23 Account Balances

\$91.47 PayPal

\$1,107.88 Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal

\$21,367.48 Mechanics Bank (checking) State

(7) Discussion Item for the CC:

Justin will be on vacation April 15 - 26. 2023

Mica will attend the candidate Funding Committee on Saturday 3/27/2023 regarding fundraising plans

(8) Confirm next meeting. Thursday, April 27, 2023 8 PM until 9 PM.

APPENDIX D - Membership and Outreach Committee/GROW meeting minutes, 3/24/23

(1) Attendees: Rick Greenblatt (coordinator), Sean Dougherty (notes), Richard Gomez, Nassim Nouri, Michael Shin, Laura Wells

(2) Agenda: adopted by unanimous consent

(3) Discussion: "Green Sunday" on Ukraine and Peace, with different perspectives represented by Jill Stein and Howie Hawkins. April 9th @ 5pm - 6:30pm. <https://acgreens.wordpress.com/> Can we use this as a means to help organize new counties (e.g., Santa Cruz and Orange)? Sean asked if we could have county-specific breakout rooms. Laura will look into whether this is possible. Sean asked if RSVP for Green Sunday could work, and Nassim said only works if registration required for a link. Might send out tailored emails to the counties within which we offer registration to Stein/Hawkins dialogue/debate. Interest varies among counties.

(4) Email Lists of Registered Greens: In answer to Michael's question, an October voter list is available, but doesn't have corrected birth dates and phone numbers; Nassim offers sending email notice of meetings to registered Greens in Orange. Sean volunteers to help filter the CA data to only have Greens

(5) County Activation Procedure Document: Based on an old document with e.g., 10-year-old links to bylaws. Nassim drafted and added example template for bylaws. Contains 5 steps of getting recognized.

Nassim asks for input on

(a) Article VII part 3 (resolving bylaw ambiguities). Modified to remove membership from ambiguity resolution.

(b) Article IV part 6 (removal of council member or treasurer). Rick says should be based on membership, not council, with stricter definition of membership.

Rick suggests sending out draft to the GROW list. Nassim wants to know if this document can be part of MOC internal procedures. Is it too complicated to be publicly hosted on the website?

Laura supports doc being part of GROW internal procedures. Nassim suggests active member defined as: registered Green; participate in the work of the county; and attend at least three meetings per year. Rick suggests some people cannot register but shouldn't be excluded

(6) Call for MOC Volunteers: tabled till next meeting

Nassim provided link to [draft of call for volunteers](#)

(7) Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 7:30pm

(8) Announcements: March 18 peace marches in Fresno, San Francisco

APPENDIX E - Policy & Platform Committee meeting minutes, 3/23/23, 7:00pm

Attendees: Shane Que Hee, Mark Adams (briefly attended due to a family function), Eric Brooks, Peggy Koteen

Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Zoom Meeting

3. Approval of agenda by consensus

Policy/Platform

4. AB 538 (Holden - Electricity Grid Regionalization)

* AB 538 seeks to take control of California's electricity grid out of the hands of our state grid manager, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and put it in the hands of a larger western states grid operator network that is far more fossil fuel industry friendly. AB 538 would also give the Federal Government under its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) direct control of California's electricity grid. This would pose a grave threat to California's renewable energy mandates. The bill is nearly identical to AB 813 which the GPCA opposed in 2018.

* By consensus, PP discussed and agreed to oppose AB 538 by consensus, and recommends immediate public opposition to AB 538

* Mark Adams to submit GA Proposal to CC 7 days before meeting.

5. GPCA Position on Affordable Housing – Language is revised and is ready for listserv comments (closes 3/30/23). To be voted on at next CC meeting.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2023, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

APPENDIX F - General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) minutes, 3/15/23, 6:00pm

Attendees: Dave Grover (note-taker), Tarik Kanaana, Charisse Cordero, Maxine Daniel, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Laura Wells

Decision: Proposed date(s) of Saturday, June 10, 2023 to be sent to CC for 48hr. vote

Next Meetings: Proposed dates of next GA Planning subcommittee meetings are the following Wednesdays from 6-7pm: 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, and 6/7 (if needed), and possibly 4/12.

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