

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 2023, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom

(1) Roll call: (5 mins)

There are currently 18 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 10.

CC members: Mark Adams, Bill Balderston, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Dave Grover, Greg Jan, Jon Mann, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Lindsay Vurek, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

NOTE: After the June 2023 CC elections, we say, "Thank you!" to Mica Daniel, who ended (for now) her many years of serving, and "Welcome!" to Bill, Ann, Richard, Jon, Mimi, Lindsay, and Audra, who are serving again, or for the first time.

Present: Susan Chunco, Charisse Cordero, David Cobb, Richard Gomez, David Grover, Greg Jan, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin (left at 8:15), Laura Wells

Absent: Mark Adams, Bill Balderston, Ann Garrison, Jon Mann, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Lindsay Vurek, Audra Walton

Quorum reached at: 7:34

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on July 10, 2023 (changed due to July 4th eve):

Facilitator: Nassim

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper: David Grover

Vibes Watcher: Susan Chunco

Roles for next month's CC Call on August 7, 2023:

Facilitator:

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper:

Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 mins)

Greg suggested that decision items be moved up in the agenda due to Nassim's having to leave early. Item 8 was changed to Item 7. Item 7 was changed to item 8.

Approved by consensus with changes

(3a) Late items: None

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 mins)

As posted to the CC email list by Dave Grover on 7/7/23, 10:37 AM.

Both the May minutes (submitted July 3) and the June minutes (submitted July 7) by David Grover were

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

- Bylaws and Rules (Mimi Newton, interim, non-CC member) - **Appendix A**
- Candidates (Greg Jan) - **Appendix B**
- Communications (Nassim Nouri) - **Appendix C**
- Finance (Mica Daniel) - **Appendix D**
- Membership and Outreach (Rick Greenblatt/Laura Wells) - **Appendix E**
- Policy & Platform (Mark Adams) - **Appendix XXX**
- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (David Grover) - **Appendix F**
- GP-US delegation from GPCA - **Appendix XXX**
- Proportional Representation Coalition report (David Cobb) - **Appendix G**

Approved by consensus

(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)

(6.a) Committee Appointments (N/A)

(6.b.1) 48 Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results (N/A)

(6.b.2) SGA ELECTION RESULTS: See **Appendix H**

Nassim reported that the Communications Committee has updated the website with the names of new members and the platform amendment.

(6.c) Strategic Plan Calendar review

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

Greg stated that there were two Items:

Item 1... **Future Item Action...** Standing Committee vacancies all need volunteers. He noted that the Membership and Outreach Committee had had a well-attended meeting with 9 participants. Laura stated that it was due to the interest in Cornel West's announcement to run for the Green Party nomination. We need to send out a reminder note in July that we need volunteers. Greg can send it to the CC to work on.

Item 2... **Future Item Action.**

A reminder needs to be sent to all committees to prepare work plans and budgets.

The Finance Committee should do this.

Has this been done every year? When? Should we contact Justin about that? Can we use last year's?

(Note: Susan Chunco was appointed as liaison to the Finance Committee by the CC during the meeting. Mimi says she sends a report every year and can send hers to Susan as an example to send to Finance.)

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

Pending: Dave G. to contact Tarik about email which accompanies CA State allocation of Delegates to ensure required action(s) described on calendar are up to date

Pending: Mark to ask PPC to clarify what action they need for the Affordable Housing materials.

Pending: 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

(7) Discussion/Decision Item: Proposal to convene a September/October SGA to consider GPCA recommendations regarding GPCA presidential primary ballot

Sponsor: Charisse Cordero

Background and Purpose: See **Appendix I** for details

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

References:

Approved by consensus with friendly amendments:

Part 1 ...

Part I: That the GPCA-CC convene an SGA between Monday, September 11 through Sunday, October 15, with a vote between Monday, October 16 and Sunday, October 22.

Greg Jan stated that we do not have as many volunteers to work on an SGA, therefore it will be easier to do an online GA within the same time period. Oct 14-15 or Oct. 21-22 would be good dates. The GA planning Committee can decide. Charisse will forward it to Tarik. The GA could take the place of the GA previously scheduled for November. Laura expressed one concern that the budget needs to be done before the end of December...so is the later October date better?

Friendly Amendments Approved by consensus

Part 2... That the recommendations to the SGA for GPCA recommendations for placement on the GPCA's March 5, 2024 presidential primary ballot be automatically included on the SGA agenda, and that the SGA agenda be open to any other proposals submitted by GPCA committees and/or county parties, as would be the case for any other SGA via the regular proposal submission process

Greg notes that this part is straightforward. One additional item is that we cannot put out any promotional material about Cornel West until we endorse him. We can endorse him at the October GA and start the publicity process.

Approved by consensus

Part 3...

That the GPCA-CC approve the following bylaws interpretation and also place it on the September/October 2023 SGA agenda

Whereas GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot 1-3.1 and 1.3.2 empower the GPCA Campaigns and Candidates Working Group to make recommendations to the GPCA regarding which candidates shall be considered by the GPCA for recommendation to the California Secretary of State for placement upon the GPCA's presidential primary ballot; and

Whereas the GPCA amended its bylaws in 2022 to eliminate the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group, but did not amend this text in GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot; and

Whereas in order to meet legal deadlines set in the California Elections Code, the GPCA will need to convene an SGA in September/October 2023 to make its recommendations in a timely manner to the California Secretary of State; and

Whereas there is no time to amend GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot before those recommendations are made; and any rules change made as part of that September/October 2023 SGA cannot retroactively apply to ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot,

Therefore the GPCA-CC approves a bylaws interpretation under GPCA Bylaw 12-3 (https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_12-3. [Bylaws Interpretation](https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_12-3)) that on a one-time basis applying to decisions taken during the September/October 2023 SGA regarding GPCA recommendations to the California Secretary of State regarding placement of candidates on the GPCA's March 5, 2024 presidential primary ballot, that the GPCA Candidates Committee (https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_9-6. [Candidates Committee](https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_9-6)) shall be empowered to make recommendations as specified for the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group in GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot 1-3.1 and 1-3.2

Greg and Mimi felt that this part is a technicality That has already been addressed and that there is no need for a bylaws interpretation or for any action to be taken. This part should be removed from the proposal.

Removal approved by consensus

Part 4...

That the GPCA-CC or the GA Planning Committee send out notification of the dates of the September/October 2023 SGA to the county parties and other Greens via the GPCA's Inform list and other regular means of communication, that it includes a deadline for county parties to send in their new SGA delegates to ensure full participation in the September/October 2023 SGA and that it includes contact information and deadlines for any other proposals that county parties and/or GPCA committees want to submit for consideration by the September/October 2023 SGA.

Greg felt these dates looked good. We can hold an online GA within the proposed time period and the GA planning committee can use its usual notification process.

Approved by consensus

Part 5...

That the GPCA notify the Presidential Campaign Support Committee of the Green Party of the United States of the dates of the September/October 2023 SGA and of meetings by the GPUS Delegation and the GPCA Candidates Committee and that this information be published on the GPCA website and shared via GPCA official social media.

Approved by consensus with friendly amendments regarding the online GA instead of SGA

New draft of proposal:

Part I: That the GPCA-CC convene an online GA in October, with possible dates being Oct. 14-15 or Oct. 21-22.

Part 2: That the recommendations to the GA for GPCA recommendations for placement on the GPCA's March 5, 2024 presidential primary ballot be automatically included on the GA agenda, and that the GA agenda be open to any other proposals submitted by GPCA committees and/or

county parties, as would be the case for any other GA via the regular proposal submission process

Part 3 is removed

Part 4: That the GPCA-CC or the GA Planning Committee send out notification of the dates of the October online GA to the county parties and other Greens via the GPCA's Inform list and other regular means of communication, that it includes a deadline for county parties to send in their new SGA delegates to ensure full participation in the October online GA and that it includes contact information and deadlines for any other proposals that county parties and/or GPCA committees want to submit for consideration by the October online GA.

Part 5: That the GPCA notify the Presidential Campaign Support Committee of the Green Party of the United States of the dates of the October online GA and of meetings by the GPUS Delegation and the GPCA Candidates Committee and that this information be published on the GPCA website and shared via GPCA official social media.

(8) Discussion Item: Training for new CC members on internal procedures

Sponsor: Nassim Nouri, and other continuing CC members

Background and Purpose:

See agenda item "(1) Roll Call" for a list of new and renewed CC members. The purpose of this agenda item is for the 18 CC members to have a working knowledge of the CC Internal Procedures.

Proposal: That there be a short training/discussion.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

The CC Internal Procedures are at this link, for all members to review.

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1238/attachments/original/1672720160/CC_InternalProc_120522.pdf?1672720160

Nassim suggested we should all read the new version of internal procedures as it includes important information regarding changes, roles, issues, etc.
We also welcomed Richard Gomez!

Meeting adjourned at: 8:38

Next meeting: August 7, 2023 at 7:30 pm

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Bylaws and Rules Committee meeting minutes - Sunday 6/11/23, 12:30pm

Attendees: Mimi Newton (co-co, note-taker), James Lauderdale (member), Michele Mashburn (guest)

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Bylaws and Rules Committee presented two items to the June 10, 2023 General Assembly - one on decision-making "post-pandemic" and another regarding rank choice voting and instant run off voting under the bylaws. Michele joined our follow up discussion the next day and we are planning on revisiting the notes from the two GA sessions and discussing ideas regarding potential options for the future in our next call.

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 12:30 pm pacific. NOTE: due to the CC meeting occurring on July 10, the next Bylaws and Rules Committee call will occur on the following Sunday

APPENDIX B

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, 7/1/23, 10:00 am

Note: The June 24 meeting was postponed until July 1

1 -- Attendees: Greg Jan

2 -- June 17 meeting with Peace & Freedom -- Our first meeting with P&F for this election cycle covered 3 types of elections: President, US Senate, and District Partisan Races (such as state legislature or US House). P&F plans to inform Cornel West of how he might pursue their nomination (but they're not yet sure about the level of support for Cornel also being their Presidential nominee).

For the US Senate, some P&F members were disappointed with the nominee they had last year, so they're not planning on asking him to run again. So, we're currently discussing possible prospects for this seat.

For the District Partisan Races, the endorsements for both P&F and ourselves are made at the local (usually county) level, but the state parties can assist locals with identifying candidates, and mutually endorsing each other's candidates, etc.

We'll probably be meeting with P&F monthly for awhile, likely in the morning on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

3 -- Local "non-partisan" elections (such as City Council, School Board, Water District, etc.) -- I posted a request for volunteers to help review some "How to Run for Office" websites (to see which sites might be the most useful), but haven't yet received any responses. So I'll soon be contacting additional prospects to find volunteer(s).

4 -- Next meeting(s) -- Since we meet on the 4th Saturday of each month (at 10:00 am), our next meeting is July 22.

APPENDIX C

Communications Committee Monthly Meeting - Tue 6/27/23, 6:30pm

1- Attendees: Nassim Nouri was the only attendee. Below is the agenda.

2- Meeting roles:

3- Media (Laura Wells)- <http://www.cagreens.org/press-releases>

- Nothing scheduled or planned.

- GPCA announcement on the Cornel West

4- CH - <https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/merchandisedonate>

Nassim looking into ordering more literature (trifold & palm cards) - will cost ~\$1K - \$1.5K
Newsletter schedule (NN)

— 6/9/23 - Juneteenth and Pride, Single Payer webinar(?)

— 6/27/23 - Single Payer webinar announcement, short segment on Cornel West statement

— 7/3/23 - July 4 Independence Day, reminder of Single Payer event

5- IT

- **SoS voter** data update (NN) - Our first blast to 13K new contacts was very successful with very low unsubscribe and bounce rates

There are remaining issues of privacy and opt-in requirements to work out.

- **IT tickets** - (NN) **we need IT volunteers** - 12 updates have been requested and done by Nassim.

6- Building the Comms team - PLEASE review Internal Procedures, roles and jobs of the Communications Team

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

APPENDIX D

Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes - Thu, 6/22/23, 8:00pm

(1) **Roll Call:** Susan Chunco, Mica Daniel, Justin Richardson

(2) **Roles:** Facilitator: Justin Richardson, Note Taker: Mica Daniel, Vibes Watcher: Susan Chunco Timekeeper:

(3) **Approval of the Agenda** (build) - Agenda approved.

(4) **Approval of the Finance Committee Minutes** as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCC ON May 29, 2023@ 8:00 AM
Minutes 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 - MAY 2023

05/01-05/31/23 Income

\$835.00 One-time donations (25)

\$386.50 Recurring monthly donations (35)

05/01-05/31/23 Expenses

\$10.45 Call Centric

\$125.50 WiredTree / Liquid Web

\$300.00 Treasurer's stipend

\$60.00 ISP

\$20.00 Basecamp

\$41.85 PayPal fees

\$16.56 NationBuilder fees

5/31/23 Account Balances

\$277.71 PayPal

\$1,107.91 Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal

\$21,700.88 Mechanics Bank (checking) State

(7) Updates and Announcements:

Justin will follow -up paying the most recent fine of \$450 and \$1000 on the fines from the year 2014.

Mica will be sending around another draft of the Fundraising Appeal.

(8) **Next meeting.** July 27, 2023, 8 PM until 9 PM

APPENDIX E

Membership and Outreach Committee meeting minutes – 6/13/23, 7:30 pm

(1) **Roll Call:** Sean Dougherty (facilitator), Rick Greenblatt (note-taker), Chuck Reutter, Laura Wells, Richard Gomez, Brian Goode, Charisse Cordero, David Cobb, Mike Yasmer

(2) **Review and Approve:** Agenda and last month's minutes & actions

County reports; brief introduction from each attendee;

(3) **MOC cochair:** Sean will apply to CC to become our next cochair.

(4) **County zoom meetings:** Sean reported on a project initiated by Sean and Nassim Nouri to send e-mails to registered Greens to offer to host a zoom meeting for their county in order to discuss their needs and offer guidance on organizing. The proposed counties include Orange, Alameda, Riverside, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz

(5) **Cornel West:** There was an extended discussion on Cornel West seeking the GPUS presidential nomination. Decisions were neither attempted nor reached.

(6) Announcements: None

(7) Next meeting: Tuesday, 7/11/23 – 7:30pm

APPENDIX F

General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) report of 6/10/23 GA

Reporter: Dave Grover (CC liaison)

Discussion included:

- Bylaws presentation & update(s)
- Candidate statements for Green Party Coordinating Committee & GP-US Delegate positions (Thank you)
- Nomination of Cornell West for Green Party Presidential Candidate

Next Meeting: As needed when next GA is scheduled

APPENDIX G

Proportional Representation (ProRep) Coalition Notes - 6/10/23 quarterly meeting

Attendees: David Cobb, representing GPCA, see video recording link for photo of other attendees

Links:

Video recording.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wbhIi9FuDBIUl6jFwilNo37yFcd5D9zg/view>

Slide Deck.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DzHJ1lixArnOLHld_hhTZp9ISnUUvodVQcasNN3qjxI/edit#slide=id.g25265212f6a_o_o

Main updates:

1. We are still in conversation with the Libertarian Party of CA
2. We are exploring a collaborative partnership with Fix Our House to roll out "Galvanizing the Golden State" which is a simple, highly accessible educational pamphlet discussing:
 - The role political parties play in our Democracy
 - The issues with California's two-party system
 - Why California has a two-party system
 - How we can transition to a multiparty system

Next meeting: ProRep meets quarterly

APPENDIX H - Standing General Assembly (SGA) Election Results

NOTE: Results per email to SGA list on 6/26/23, 12:30 PM, subject "[GPCA-SGA-Votes] Results for SGA Votes #245, #246, #247"

Election: ID#245, #246, #247

Voting start: June 12, 2023, at 12:01 am

Voting stop: June 18, 2023, at 11:59 pm

ID #245 - Election of Coordinating Committee

63 SGA delegates voted out of a total of 83 SGA delegates. Quorum was reached.

(63 ballots were cast, 1 of those ballots was blank)

For the Coordinating Committee (CC), the following 10 people were elected:

1. Bill Balderston
2. David Cobb
3. Greg Jan
4. Mimi Newton

5. Audra Walton
6. Richard Gomez
7. Christine Pepin
8. Ann Garrison
9. Lindsay Vurek
10. Jonathan Louis Mann

ID #246 - Election of CA Delegation to GP-US

63 SGA delegates voted out of a total of 83 SGA delegates. Quorum was reached.
(63 ballots were cast, 1 of those ballots was blank)

For the CA Delegation to GP-US, the following 9 were elected to be Delegates:

Delegates:

1. Mike Cordova
2. Rick Greenblatt
3. Greg Jan
4. Orlando Johnson
5. Cynthia Santiago
6. Ann Garrison
7. David Grover
8. Phoebe Anne Thomas Sorgen
9. Rohan Sabnis

Any of the above elected Delegates who would prefer to be Alternates can change their position to Alternates if requested during the week immediately following this announcement of the election results. The elected Delegate who requests it would be made an Alternate and the highest ranked willing Alternate would be made a Delegate.

The following were elected to be Alternates:

Alternates:

1. Pamela Spevack
2. Don Manro
3. Jonathan Louis Mann

ID #247 - Platform Amendment on Energy, Climate & Community Resilience

62 SGA delegates voted out of a total of 83 SGA delegates. (62 ballots were cast, 1 of those ballots was blank) Quorum was reached.

57 Yes

0 No

4 Abstain

The proposed platform amendment passed the approval threshold of 2/3. **The Platform Amendment is approved.**

Appendix XXX

- Policy & Platform (Mark Adams) - **Appendix XXX (Nassim reported they did not meet**

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Appendix XXX

- GP-US delegation from GPCA - **Greg stated that we should contact Tarik because we should be getting reports now.**

Greg also reminded us that the Annual Meeting is early in August...August 3-6 and we should attend if possible as it will be interesting. David Grover said that individual counties should now be forming Presidential Candidate Committees.

APPENDIX I - Proposal to convene an SGA (6/23/23 email)

From: Charisse Cordero <lambgram@yahoo.com>
Subject: Proposal to convene an SGA
Date: June 23, 2023, at 8:35:44 AM PDT
To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpcaccc@lists.cagreens.org>

Hello fellow Green!

As mentioned in the last meeting, Michael Feinstein contacted me with a few concerns regarding this. I have put the concerns in a proposal containing his communication.

Charisse Cordero

Santa Barbara

To: GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: Charisse Cordero

Subject: Proposal to convene a September/October SGA to consider GPCA recommendations regarding GPCA presidential primary ballot

Background: Under California Elections Code 6851

(https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC§ionNum=6851, <https://www.cagreens.org/elections-code/presidential-primary-ballot>), the California Secretary of State (SoS) "shall place the name of a candidate upon the Green Party presidential preference primary ballot when the Secretary of State has determined that the candidate is generally advocated for or recognized throughout the United States or California as actively seeking the presidential nomination of the Green Party or the national political party with which the Green Party is affiliated."

Under the California Elections Code 6851.5

(https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC§ionNum=6851.5, <https://www.cagreens.org/elections-code/presidential-primary-ballot>), the Green Party of California (GPCA) may make a recommendation to the California Secretary of State (SoS), regarding who the SoS shall place on the GPCA's ballot under California Elections Code 6851.

Between 1996 and 2012, the GPCA convened a General Assembly every four years to make that decision. Once the GPCA adopted the use of Standing General Assemblies (SGA) as a form of the General Assembly, the GPCA has used SGA's to vote on which candidates to recommend, starting in 2016 (<http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/propdetail?pid=76>, <http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/propdetail?pid=77>, <http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/propdetail?pid=78>, <http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/propdetail?pid=79>).

This is a proposal for the GPCA State Coordinating Committee (GPCA-CC) to convene an SGA in 2023 for this purpose.

What should the timing be for this SGA?

As per GPCA Rules and Procedures ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot (<http://cagreens.org/rules#Article I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot>), the GPCA's recommendation to the SoS must be made between E-125 and E-190. Counting back from the March 5, 2024 California primary, subtracting 125 days would mean the GPCA would need to communicate its decision by no later than October 31, 2023. Subtracting 190 days would mean the GPCA would need to communicate its decision no earlier than August 27.

Since an SGA requires a six-week discussion period and one week vote, and because an SGA ends on a Sunday, the GPCA's decision would need to occur by the last Sunday before October 31 or no later than the last Sunday before August 27. With this in mind, the latest the SGA could run with a discussion between Monday, September 11 and Sunday, October 22, with a vote between Monday, October 23 and Sunday, October 29. The earliest would be with a discussion between Monday, July 10 and Sunday, August 20, with a vote between Monday, August 21 and Sunday, August 27.

In order to give the most time for potential 2024 candidates to communicate to the GPCA, the SGA should be held towards the latter end of this time period. But to ensure that there is a buffer in case something unexpected occurs, it would be prudent for the GPCA to not wait until the last possible week to make its decision, but instead conduct an SGA to end one week earlier. That suggests an SGA with a discussion from Monday, September 11 through Sunday, October 15, with a vote between Monday, October 16 and Sunday, October 22.

The process for applying to the GPCA and how recommendations are placed before the SGA is described in GPCA Rules and Procedures ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot (<http://cagreens.org/rules#Article I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot>). The latter process involves recommendations by either/and the GPUS Delegation to the GPUS and the GPCA Campaigns and Candidates Working Group.

However, when the GPCA eliminated the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group in July 2022, it failed to consider this text and left it as is. Therefore, for the purposes of expediting the recommendation process in 2023, this proposal includes the GPCA-CC approving a bylaws interpretation under GPCA Bylaws 12-3 (<https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section 12-3. Bylaws Interpretation>), that for the one-time purposes of the Fall 2023 SGA, the GPCA Candidates Committee shall be empowered to make recommendations as previously provided for by the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group. That bylaws interpretation would be placed before the same September/October 2023 SGA for approval.

If the GPCA Bylaws Committee, a county party or the GPCA-CC wanted to put forward a proposal to make a change in ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot, it could do so by submitting a proposal to also be considered by the September/October 2023 SGA.

Under ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot 1-3.1 (<http://cagreens.org/rules#Section 1-3 Written Requests>), the timing for candidates to submit their applications is no later than one week before the SGA would commence

1-3.2 Be submitted at least seven days before the General Assembly (or meeting of the Coordinating Committee) but preferably earlier with the knowledge of the dates when the GPUS Delegation and/or the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group will meet to make recommendations under 1-4.1. The dates of those meetings shall be made available to the co-

chairs GPUS Presidential Campaign Support Committee for distribution to those who have contacted the GPUS to seek its presidential nomination.

If the September/October 2023 SGA were to begin on Monday, September 4, then the deadline to be considered would be Monday, August 28 - and the GPUS Delegation and the GPCA Candidates Committees should both plan meetings to consider its recommendations in time to forward to the GPCA-CC so that it may place them before the SGA starting on September 4. These dates should be published on the GPCA website and communicated to the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) Presidential Campaign Support Committee (PCSC), as provided for in 1-3.2 above.

PROPOSAL:

Part I: That the GPCA-CC convene an SGA between Monday, September 11 through Sunday, October 15, with a vote between Monday, October 16 and Sunday, October 22.

Part II: That the recommendations to the SGA for GPCA recommendations for placement on the GPCA's March 5, 2024 presidential primary ballot be automatically included on the SGA agenda, and that the SGA agenda be open to any other proposals submitted by GPCA committees and/or county parties, as would be the case for any other SGA via the regular proposal submission process

Part III: That the GPCA-CC approve the following bylaws interpretation and also place it on the September/October 2023 SGA agenda

Whereas GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot 1-3.1 and 1.3.2 empower the GPCA Campaigns and Candidates Working Group to make recommendations to the GPCA regarding which candidates shall be considered by the GPCA for recommendation to the California Secretary of State for placement upon the GPCA's presidential primary ballot; and

Whereas the GPCA amended its bylaws in 2022 to eliminate the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group, but did not amend this text in GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot; and

Whereas in order to meet legal deadlines set in the California Elections Code, the GPCA will need to convene an SGA in September/October 2023 to make its recommendations in a timely manner to the California Secretary of State; and

Whereas there is no time to amend GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot before those recommendations are made; and any rules change made as part of that September/October 2023 SGA cannot retroactively apply to ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot,

Therefore the GPCA-CC approves a bylaws interpretation under GPCA Bylaw 12-3 (https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_12-3. Bylaws Interpretation) that on a one-time basis applying to decisions taken during the September/October 2023 SGA regarding GPCA recommendations to the California Secretary of State regarding placement of candidates on the GPCA's March 5, 2024 presidential primary ballot, that the GPCA Candidates Committee (https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_9-6. Candidates Committee) shall be empowered to make recommendations as specified for the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group in GPCA Rules ARTICLE I. Presidential Primary Election Ballot 1-3.1 and 1-3.2

Part IV: That the GPCA-CC send out notification of the dates of the September/October 2023 SGA to the county parties and other Greens via the GPCA's Inform list and other regular means of communication, that it includes a deadline for county parties to send in their new SGA delegates to ensure full participation in the September/October 2023 SGA and that it includes contact information and deadlines for any other proposals that county parties and/or GPCA committees want to submit for consideration by the September/October 2023 SGA.

Part V: That the GPCA notify the Presidential Campaign Support Committee of the Green Party of the United States of the dates of the September/October 2023 SGA and of meetings by the GPUS Delegation and the GPCA Candidates Committee and that this information be published on the GPCA website and shared via GPCA official social media.

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