

## GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, June 5, 2023, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom**

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### **(1) Roll call:** (5 mins)

There are currently 12 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 7.

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

**NOTE:** The following are no longer CC members due to missing 3 consecutive meetings: David Bond as of 4/3/23 and Audra Walton as of 5/8/23.

**Present:** Mark Adams, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Dave Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Rohan Sabnis, Laura Wells

**Late:** Phoebe Thomas Sorgen (arrived at 8:22)

**Absent:** Mica Daniel, Christine Pepin

**Quorum at:** 7:35pm

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

Roles for CC Call on June 5, 2023:

Facilitator: Nassim Nouri

Note Taker: Dave Grover

Timekeeper: Rohan Sabnis

Vibes Watcher: Susan Chunco

Roles for next month's CC Call on July 10, 2023 (changed due to July 4th eve): No volunteers

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

**(3a) Late items: Discussion/Decision Item:** Mailman list serve archives are not working. See item (10)

**Subject:** Request for Update to Information Technology (IT) Protocol. See item (11)

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## **Approved by Consensus**

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### **(4) Approval of CC minutes** (2 mins)

As posted to the CC email list by Dave Grover on 5/28/23, 12:31PM,

**Deferred to July** with pending corrections as posted to the CC email list by Greg Jan on 6/5/23, 4:32PM

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### **(5) Consent Items** (5 mins)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consensus 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 I**
- Candidates (Greg Jan) - **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 J**

- GP-US delegation from GPCA - **Appendix F**
- Proportional Representation Coalition report (David Cobb) - **Appendix G**

### **Approved by consensus**

#### **(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)**

##### **NO Action on PPC proposal update**

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

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

##### **SGA ELECTION NOTE:**

Discussion period is Monday, 5/1/23 through Sunday 6/11/23

Voting period is 6/12/23 through 6/18/23, 11:59pm PDT

##### **(6.c) Strategic Plan Calendar review**

[https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1677/attachments/original/1664662050/DR\\_AFT\\_GPCAWorkPlan2023-2025.pdf?1664662050](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1677/attachments/original/1664662050/DR_AFT_GPCAWorkPlan2023-2025.pdf?1664662050)

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

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

DONE: Rohan to update website with approved Feb. CC meeting minutes

DONE: Nassim to update GPCA website with Spokesperson appointments and terms.

DONE: Nassim to send the worksheet for calculating county delegate numbers to Greg, Laura, and Dave.

DONE: Nassim and Greg to work on SGA timetable worksheet

DONE: Greg to contact June Brashares to serve as SGA admin for a term of 4/2023 of 4/2023 4/2025.

DONE: Mica to contact Richard Gomez and John-Marc Chandonia to serve as SGA moderators for a term of 4/2023-4/2025.

**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: Explore possibility of a legal challenge to Top Two Primary**

**Sponsor:** David Cobb

**Background and Purpose:** On May 17, 2023, Richard Winger (*Ballot Access News*) hosted an initial conversation to explore the possibility of a legal challenge to the Top Two Primary. I attended, along with representatives from the Peace & Freedom Party and the Libertarian Party.

We heard an initial presentation from noted ballot access lawyer Oliver Hall (who has handled several of Nader's ballot access lawsuits and is the founder and Executive Director of the Center for Competitive Democracy). He believes he has a unique legal theory that was not argued in the prior Rubin vs. Padilla case.

**Proposal:** That the GPCA consider joining such a lawsuit

#### **Implementation/Timeline/Resources:**

If any other CC member has capacity/interest in being part of any follow up conversations, please let David Cobb know.

**Discussion:** Changed this to a “**no-decision**” item. Discussions followed, general support but some noted lack of resources.

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**(8) Decision Item:** Remove the Information Technology Protocol on GPCA website and appoint CC members to update these protocols so they are implementable and pertain to IT tasks.

**Sponsor:** Nassim Nouri

**Background and Purpose:** Recently the Bylaws and Rules Committee offered a conformed version of the GPCA IT protocols removing 'Working Group' mentions.

However much of the rest of the content of the GPCA IT Protocols are currently outdated, unimplementable, and include many processes outside of IT scope or responsibility. These segments have been added over time by committees and teams outside of IT and have mostly never been implemented by any IT committee members.

In recent years GPCA IT committee members have not had the bandwidth to update these protocols to reflect the process and capacity of GPCA. Since the reorganization of GPCA Committees, David Bond, 2-term IT coordinator and the only active IT Committee member has cycled out of the Comms Committee, therefore there are no current volunteers to update the IT protocols.

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:** If passed:

- Communications Committee (Nassim) to remove the current copy of IT protocols from GPCA website
- CC to appoint at least three active and knowledgeable CC members tasked with updating the IT protocols and submitting a draft for CC approval in 60 days. These members will also start an effort to recruit IT volunteers to implement the updated protocols.

**References:**

GPCA Information Technology Protocol listed on Bylaws and Rules page  
<https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-rules-procedures>

**No volunteers for helping rewrite these protocols, CC will attempt to find volunteers.**

**Approved by Consensus**

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**(9) Decision Item:** GPCA to co-host a webinar on Wed. July 5, 5:30 PT "Path to Win Single Payer Healthcare Now!"

**Sponsor:** Nassim Nouri (and the Interstate Greens Webinar Group)

**Background and Purpose:** Recently Nassim Nouri has been in touch with the Missouri Green Party's (MGP) Don Fitz who manages a regular series of educational webinars hosted by the Gateway Green Alliance / Green Party of St. Louis on issues central to the GP platform (see link in References). Together they have pulled together a small group of interstate Greens to plan, co-host and co-sponsor quarterly webinars that can be promoted and used as a resource nationally by all GPs.

**Proposal:** That the GPCA host this webinar on its zoom platform, and MGP would like to cover the additional \$50 cost of expanding attendance in the month of July from our current 100 to 300 people.

- Tarik Kanaana has agreed to be present to help with starting the webinar but the event organizing team (including Nassim) will be managing all aspects of the event, including tech.
- This webinar is focused on single payer healthcare and is the first of these webinar series, with Dr. Jill Stein hosting the event with the invited panelist listed below in the draft event description, who have all confirmed attendance.

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:** If passed:

- MGP will donate the additional \$50 to expand GPCA zoom account
- GPCA to host the webinar on its zoom account on July 5, 5:30-8pm
- GPCA Communications Committee and Coordinating Committee to extensively promote the event asap and invite county GP organizations to co-sponsor and promote the event as well.
- The event planning team to share with the co-sponsoring state/local Green Parties the lists of their registered attendees.
- Co-hosts and co-sponsoring organizations to be listed in the event description pages on FB and the event zoom registration page.

**References:**

Draft Event Description: See **Appendix H**

Gateway Green Alliance / Green Party of St. Louis YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgebAeZdlHbkisFMTC2jpNQ>

**Many affirmations for co-hosting.**

**Approved by consensus**

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**LATE ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC**

**(10) Discussion Item:** Mailman listserv archives are not working

**Sponsor:** Nassim Nouri forwarded the following email

**Background and References:** Email was sent to the CC from Ajai Rai, of the LA county council, former CC member

Date: June 2, 2023, at 10:08:45 AM PDT

To: David Bond, [gpcaccc@cagreens.org](mailto:gpcaccc@cagreens.org), GPCA-CC, [gplac-cc@cagreens.org](mailto:gplac-cc@cagreens.org)

Subject: [gpcaccc] Mailman listserve archives are not working

Hi David or whoever is maintaining GPCA servers now,

As you may have noticed the archives in the mailman does not work and has not been working since 2018. Please, please please.. get it going since we at GP Los Angeles county are losing emails that are getting archived and we cannot see them in the archive. I am sure this is happening on other lists too.

I have sent the following emails \*\*\* multiple times which can possibly fix the issue. It might be too late to save some of the emails, but it is worth a try. After all these years, I have forgotten the fix but can recreate it if I see it. I can help someone to do it through zoom if needed.

Please attempt to fix the archives before GPCA loses even more archived emails.

Thanks for doing this..

Ajay Rai

\*\*\* Attached were similar prior emails dated 6/29/20 and 6/23/18.

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:**

**Discussions:** some inquired why are GPLAC county websites and emails being hosted and supported by GPCA? None of the CC members' county parties have that benefit provided free by GPCA. Further discussions are needed to look into this.

**Discussion-only item**

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**(11) Subject:** Request for Update to Information Technology (IT) Protocol

**Sponsors:** Bylaws and Rules Committee

**Background and Purpose:** In July of 2022 the Green Party of California (GPCA) General Assembly voted to make structural changes to the Bylaws by consolidating all Working Groups into Standing Committees as well as revising the roles and names of some of the GPCA Committees. This affected any and all Bylaws, Rules or Procedures that contained language derived from or collateral to these changes.

**Proposal:** The Bylaws and Rules Committee has made editorial (not substantive) changes to conform the IT Protocol to the 2022 decision by the General Assembly regarding Committees and Working Groups. References to Working Groups and Committees in the edited version now reflect the Committees identified in the current GPCA Bylaws. Thus, the Bylaws and Rules Committee requests that the CC update the IT Protocol <http://www.cagreens.org/it-protocol> with the revised IT Protocol provided in Appendix K. (A "redline" of the changes or other formatting options are also available upon request to the Bylaws and Rules Committee.)

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:** The CC should ensure that links to files imbedded in the edited IT Protocols are accurate prior to posting to the GPCA website; such posting should be done at the CC's earliest convenience.

**References:**

GA Agenda July 2022 at [https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/july\\_ga\\_agenda](https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/july_ga_agenda)

GA Minutes July 2022 at

[https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1659/attachments/original/1678933790/July2022\\_GAMinutes.pdf?1678933790](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1659/attachments/original/1678933790/July2022_GAMinutes.pdf?1678933790)

Information Technology Protocol: See **Appendix K**

**Discussions:** agenda item 8 makes this decision unnecessary, but future drafts of IT protocols will follow the new convention of GPCA having committees and no working groups.

**Discussion-only item**

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**APPENDICES**

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**APPENDIX A**

**Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, 5/27/23, 10:00 am**

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

**2 -- Fundraising** -- We briefly discussed fundraising and the GPCA fundraising letter that will soon be sent out. Beyond that, we need to check with Justin about people making donations to the GPCA to assist candidates, especially if some of them are federal candidates, while others are state or local candidates. And also, about the status of the "Campaign Support Fund" which is used to directly help fund candidates.

**3 -- Local "non-partisan" elections** (such as City Council, School Board, Water District, etc.) -- We also need to follow-up on the "Google search page" that gives lots of links to websites with "tips" on how to run for office, here: [tips running OR run for office - Google Search](#) That is, we need to ask for volunteers to help us identify the best websites for our needs by reviewing the various websites there (etc.).

**4 -- "Partisan" elections** for state legislature, U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate -- We are in the final stages of setting up a June meeting with the Peace and Freedom Party to discuss working on these races together, toward again creating a "Left Unity Slate". So, we

briefly discussed "background info" about these races, and the political party endorsements printed in the county voter information guides -- in preparation for the meeting with P&F.

**5- Next meeting(s)** - Since we meet on the 4th Saturday of each month (at 10:00 am), our next meeting is June 24.

## APPENDIX B

### **Communications Committee Monthly Meeting - Tue 5/30/23, 6:30pm**

**1- Attendees:** Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri both current members present.  
David Bond and Charisse Cordero have cycled out of the committee

**2- Meeting roles:** Nassim (facilitate/) notes

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

- Nothing scheduled or planned.

- CC/Comms have not yet received a draft announcement from PPC on AB538

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

Newsletter schedule (NN)

— 5/1 - May Day, GA, donation ask (15% open)

— 5/13/23 - GA agenda/Reg link, Nakba, Mother's Day (16% open, \$265 Reg)

— 6/2/23 - Reminder for GA early registration ending,

— 6/7/23 - Juneteenth and Pride, Single Payer webinar(?)

— 6/28/23 - Single Payer webinar(?), July 4 Independence Day

Mica reported that she has found a resource for possibly making a fundraising message video of her and will keep Comms updated on the logistics.

### **5- IT**

- **IT tickets** - web updates (NN) 4 updates have been requested and done by Nassim.

- Nassim has requested updates from the GPUS Del to the GPUS committee members' page

- Bylaws and Rules has sent a conformed version of the IT protocols to the CC for upload to the website but the protocols are out of date and cannot be implemented.

>> WE NEED IT VOLUNTEERS, including IT section

- **SoS voter** data update (NN) - Sean continues data formatting to make updates to NB.

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

**7-Next meeting:** June 27, 6:30pm

## APPENDIX C

### **Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes - Thu, 5/25/23, 8:00pm**

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

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

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

(4) **Approval of the Finance Committee Minutes** as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCA CC on March 27, 2023, @ 5:59 PM

Approved by consensus

(5) **Review 202e schedules and deadlines** from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: Political Parties committees:

<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

June 30, 2023

### **(6) GPCA Treasurer's Report - APRIL**

**04/01-04/30/23      Income**

\$44.00      One-time donations (2)

\$391.50      Recurring monthly donations (36)

**04/01-04/30/23      Expenses**

\$10.45      Call Centric

\$125.50      WiredTree / Liquid Web

\$300.00      Treasurer's stipend

\$60.00      ISP

\$20.00      Basecamp

\$14.86      PayPal fees

\$10.98      NationBuilder fees

**4/30/23      Account Balances**

\$91.47      PayPal

\$1,107.91      Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal

\$21,262.97      Mechanics Bank (checking) State

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**(7) Updates and Announcements:**

(7a) The SOS fined GPCA because of the lack of a signature on the paper copy in the first quarter of 2022. We appealed the fines, but our request was just recently denied this month.

Also, we discussed the condition of the fines from the year 2014 that are still on the books.

By consensus, we expressed agreement on paying the new fines immediately and also paying \$1000. thousand on the older fines with the expressed agreement to try to pay all the fines as soon as possible.

(7b) Fundraising: Mica presented a first draft fundraising letter/email blast etc. and will follow up. We discussed the need for more effective fundraising and more volunteers.

(8) **Next meeting date:** Thursday, June 22, 2023.

Adjourned @ 8:52 PM

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**APPENDIX D**

**Membership and Outreach Committee meeting minutes – 5/9/23, 7:30 pm**

1. Facilitator – Sean Dougherty  
Notetaker - Rick Greenblatt
2. Roll Call (2 min)
3. Sean, Rick, Laura Wells, Richard Gomez,
4. Adopt agenda (5 min) - accepted with amendments by consensus
5. Review last month's minutes & actions (2 min) - Laura forwarded to attendees
6. Chair replacement
7. Sean will speak with Michael and report back at next meeting
8. Rick will continue for another month
9. County reports (15 min)
10. San Diego (homelessness), Fresno (Homelessness), Alameda (Green Sunday, homelessness), Santa Cruz (data analytics, Nation Builder database update)
11. MOC - perspective (15 min)
  - Call for MOC volunteers - Rick will write up first draft and distribute to MOC
  - GPCA GA – 6/10 (5 minutes)
  - Laura – send delegates from active counties e.g., Alameda, Fresno, San Diego)
12. Next meeting (5 min) (6/13 – 7:30pm) - Rick will send out invite
13. Announcements (5 min) - Should Sean run for office?
14. Adjourn

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**APPENDIX E**

**Policy and Platform Committee meeting minutes - 5/25/23**

Attendees: Shane Que Hee, Eric Brooks, Mark Adams, Peggy Koteen



**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Zoom Meeting

**Policy/Platform**

3. Coordinating Committee Report – Mark Adams did not attend due to a hospital stay.
4. Discuss Erik Brooks' recent changes to the text of the GPCA PP Committee Affordable Housing Platform
5. Discuss changes to text of GPCA PP Committee Energy Platform

**Minutes:**

1. Approval of agenda by consensus
2. Erik Brooks has not been able to amend the text of the GPCA PP Committee Affordable Housing platform yet. No discussion at this time. Will look forward to discussion next meeting.
3. San Francisco County has asked the GPCA to amend the PP Committee Platform on Energy to technically clean up our grammar around the Natural Gas section. They want the GPCA to clarify that methane is only one component of natural gas, and to change the stated methane greenhouse gas impact from "nearly 90x" that of CO<sub>2</sub> to "nearly 100x" that of CO<sub>2</sub>, to match the most up to date science. On the warming power of methane, see page 17 (page 26 of the PDF file, first paragraph) at: [http://ws680.nist.gov/publication/get\\_pdf.cfm?pub\\_id=924889](http://ws680.nist.gov/publication/get_pdf.cfm?pub_id=924889) which shows the 20-year equivalent warming power of methane is now measured at 96x CO<sub>2</sub> (rather than the previously assumed 84x). Erik Brooks has updated the text of the platform to reflect the current data. Text approved by consensus. Erik Brooks to submit a new Energy platform text in proper proposal format to Shane who will email to the SGA.

**Next Meeting:** June 23, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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**APPENDIX F****GPUS Delegation Meeting Date: 5/22/23 - 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Peggy Koteen, Susan Lamont, Susan Chunco, Richard Gomez, Rick Greenblatt, Justin Richardson, Tarik Kanaana  
(Agenda Below)

**Online votes:**

15. Reappointment of Shannel Pittman to the GPUS PCSC
16. End the Term of Co-coordinator Diana Brown - Nomination for coco open 5/28 -6/4
17. Adopted Internal Procedures: *see at link*  
[https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1622/attachments/original/1684376375/InternalProc\\_GPUSDel\\_050723.pdf](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1622/attachments/original/1684376375/InternalProc_GPUSDel_050723.pdf)

GPUS NC decisions:

**18. 2023 Election - GPUS Treasurer****19. 2023 Election - Steering Committee Co-chairs****20. Election of 2023 Election Tabulation Committee****AGENDA for 5/22/23 meeting**

**Roles:** (2 min)

-Facilitator: Tarik, -Notetaker: Tarik, -Timekeeper: -Vibes:

**Setting Agenda.** Any additions or changes. (5 min)

**Announcements/reminders.** (5 min)

- Dates of delegation meetings for 2023: 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27, 12/27(Wed). All meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
- Next GPCA General Assembly: Saturday June 10, 2023.
- 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.

**On the NC voting queue.** (0 min) (*Click on each proposal title to see details of that proposal*)



- **Voting: None**
- **Discussion: None**

**Decision: Reappointment of Shannel Pittman to the GPUS Presidential Campaign Support Committee.** (10 min)

Shannel will be joining us to answer any questions.

**Decision: New Delegation Co-coordinator.**

Delegation co-coordinator Diana Brown has been absent from delegation meetings since February of this year, nor has she had any email list or other form of presence. During that time Diana has not performed any of the duties of delegation Co-coordinator. Diana also served as GPUS treasurer until her resignation from that role.

GPCA bylaws, in section 11-6.1, state that co-coordinators serve at the pleasure of the delegation. This gives the delegation the ability to end their terms if the delegation deems it necessary.

Proposal: The GPCA Delegation to the GPUS ends the term of Co-coordinator Diana Brown. The delegation also opens nominations for Co-coordinator for a period of one week once this proposal passes. This will be followed by elections for that position

Reference:

GPCA bylaws, Section 11-6. Coordinators

**Discussion: Delegation reports to the Coordinating Committee.** (10 min)

The CC has requested that the delegation send regular monthly reports about our activities.

These reports should include information such as agenda, attendance, decisions, appointments, GPUS developments and any other pertinent information. We will discuss who and how

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**APPENDIX G**

**Proportional Representation Coalition Notes - 5/22/23 update**

**Update:** On May 22, 2023, we made a formal presentation to the Libertarian Party CA State Executive Committee to make a formal proposal to have the LPCA join the Proportional Representation Coalition. Here is a link to the presentation.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ns1-](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ns1-WoTOP1ADKAAuQIIKMLJ_EM_2PDgYUxC5sm2JZuo/edit#slide=id.g232dc40d114_o_5)

[WoTOP1ADKAAuQIIKMLJ\\_EM\\_2PDgYUxC5sm2JZuo/edit#slide=id.g232dc40d114\\_o\\_5](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ns1-WoTOP1ADKAAuQIIKMLJ_EM_2PDgYUxC5sm2JZuo/edit#slide=id.g232dc40d114_o_5)

**Next meeting:** June 20 (the Coalition meets quarterly)

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**APPENDIX H**

**DRAFT EVENT DESCRIPTION - Proposal for GPCA to co-host**

**Path to Win Single Payer Healthcare Now!**

Webinar, Wednesday, July 5th 5:30 PST/ 6:30 MST/ 7:30 CST/ 8:30 EST

Register [HERE](#) (TBD)

The US is failing to treat healthcare as a human right resulting in staggering healthcare inequities, patient suffering and death, declining health outcomes, and massive medical debt. The US healthcare system maximizes corporate profits (up 287% in the last decade) while de-prioritizing human life.

A single payer system will cover health care for everyone from head to toe, including vision and dental, regardless of citizenship or employment status, and will be free at the point of service, all for less than the cost of the current for-profit system.

Please join us, Dr. Jill Stein, and our panelist:

**Dr. Claire Cohen** (Physicians for a National Health Program) Problems with US Healthcare

**Don Fitz**, (Missouri Green Party): Lessons from Cuba

**Ryan Skolnick**, (California Nurses Association): CalCare, California's State-Based Model

**Dr. Margaret Flowers**, (Health Over Profit) National improved Medicare for all

**Dr. Jill Stein** (moderator) Green Party's 2012 and 2016 Presidential candidate.

Registration is required, the event is free. Please contact Lauren Filla with any questions at .....

Co-hosted by Green Party of California, Missouri Green Party, [Green Party of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area](#)

Co-Sponsored by: .....

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## **APPENDIX I**

### **Bylaws and Rules Committee meeting minutes - Sun 5/14/23**

**Attendees:** Mimi Newton (co-co, note-taker), James Lauderdale

#### **Any significant actions the Committee is taking:**

The Bylaws and Rules Committee has updated the IT Protocol to reflect the new Committee organization within the Party. We are also planning two General Assembly items - one on decision-making "post-pandemic" and another regarding rank choice voting and instant run off voting under the bylaws. We are also contemplating potential improvements to the IT Protocol.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 12:30 pm pacific.

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## **APPENDIX J**

### **General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) minutes, 5/31/23, 6:00pm**

**Attendees:** Dave Grover (CC liaison), Tarik Kanaana, Laura Wells, Mimi Newton

**Discussion:** GA Agenda & punch list of final tasks (see email thread(s) from attendees) prior to 06/10/23 virtual GA.

**Next Meeting:** 6/7/23, 6:00pm only if needed

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## **APPENDIX K**

### **Information Technology Protocol**

#### **Article I GPCA Web Site Content**

#### **Article II GPCA Web Site Content Management System Access**

#### **Article III Contact Data Base Access (amended March 20, 2015)**

#### **Article IV GPCA email lists (amended November 12, 2012) (amended [October 2016](#)) (amended September 2021)**

#### **Article V Electronic Vote Administration (amended May 2019)**

#### **Article I GPCA Web Site Content**

The contents of the GPCA web site will be available to the general public, except as otherwise defined herein:

#### **Section 1-1 General Assembly**

1-1.1 Agendas of GPCA General Assemblies shall be available only to party members.

1-1.2 Minutes of GPCA General Assemblies shall contain a record of decisions taken and votes cast, but shall not contain meeting notes of what was said by individual attendees, and shall be published on the web site and made available to the general public, with the exception of the budget, which shall be available only to party members, and any other information which is restricted for legal or personnel reasons.

1-1.3 Notes from GPCA General Assemblies shall contain a paraphrased record of the plenary discussions and shall be considered an approximate record of the meeting in order to give a general sense of the discussion and the different views held, but not be considered a definitive record upon which to quote any individual person or persons; and shall be available only to party members. General Assembly notes are not to be republished to the general public.

#### **Section 1-2 Standing Committees**

Each GPCA Standing Committee shall have its own web page on the GPCA web site and be primarily responsible for creating its content, provided that such content is in keeping with the duties and authority for that Standing Committee. Once the ability is gained to partition and segregate access to different parts of the GPCA website via the GPCA's Content Management System (CMS), posting access for this purpose shall be granted to the co-coordinators of each

committee, as well as to any other designee by the committee, provided they demonstrate the capability to post to the site.

**1-2.1** The home page for each Committee shall be available to the general public. Other pages shall not be available to the general public, but shall be available as otherwise as provided herein.

**1-2.1(a)** Agendas of GPCA Committee meetings shall be available to all party members, but not to the general public. Telephone numbers for committee teleconferences are not to be republished to the general public.

**1-2.1(b)** Minutes of GPCA Committee meetings shall contain a record of decisions taken and votes cast but shall not contain meeting notes of what was said by individual attendees and shall be published on the web site and made available to all the party members. Only candidates who have declared their intentions to run shall be featured in the minutes.

### **Section 1-3 County Green Organizations**

Once the ability is gained to partition and segregate access to different parts of the GPCA website via the GPCA's Content Management System (CMS), each County Green Organization may have its own web page on the GPCA web site and be responsible for creating its content and maintaining its operation. Posting access to GPCA web site shall be granted to the designees of the County Green Organization, provided they demonstrate the capability to post to the site.

### **Section 1-4 Party Officers and Staff**

GPCA Party Officers and Staff members may post to the GPCA web site in accordance with their duties and authority contained in their job description, provided they demonstrate the capability to post to the site.

### **Section 1-5 Levels of Access to the web site**

#### **1-5.1 General Public**

Access to all publicly available information as defined in this Article.

#### **1-5.2 All GPCA members**

Access to all publicly available information as defined in this Article and information available to party members as defined in this Article.

#### **1-5.3 Current Members of GPCA Committees.**

Access to internal information of the Committee.

#### **1-5.4 Current Members of the GPCA Coordinating Committee**

Access shall be to all material on the GPCA web site.

### **Section 1-6 Information not published on the web site**

**1-6.1** Information that is considered by the Coordinating Committee (CC) in executive session. However, minutes of CC executive sessions shall report on decisions taken and the votes cast.

**1-6.2** Party contracts in their entirety. However, summaries may be included in the minutes that summarize the contract, including a record of hire, length of employment, job description, summary of obligations and overall amount paid, but that do not include home addresses and other personal contact information, hourly rates and specific obligations of both parties.

**1-6.3** Sensitive political information. Minutes shall only include mention of candidates who have formally made a declaration of candidacy and/or otherwise have indicated they wish their intentions to be publicly known.

**1-6.4** Sensitive legal information.

**1-6.5** Unedited video and audio recordings of GPCA General Assemblies, Gatherings and Committee meetings. Limits to the type of information that can be published on the GPCA web site also apply to what can be included in published video and audio recordings of the GPCA. For the time being, videos and audios should be stored off-line.

## **Article II GPCA Web Site Content Management System Access**

### **Section 2-1 Access by Coordinating Committee Appointment**

Until the ability is gained to partition and segregate access to different parts of the GPCA website via the GPCA's Content Management System (CMS), the Coordinating Committee may

approve a limited access list of individuals with technical skills and specific areas of focus, and the Coordinating Committee may specify the areas of the web site that the individual is authorized to post to. Those with access shall undergo basic training on how to post to the GPCA CMS before being able to post on their own.

**2-1.1** Applicants shall supply their first and last name, county, mailing address (to confirm their voter registration) and email address. Applicants shall also state their technical experience and the reason for their access.

**2-1.2** The Coordinating Committee shall designate who shall provide passwords to those appointed by the Coordinating Committee and a list of all those given access shall be maintained within the GPCA CMS and shall be provided to the Coordinating Committee upon request.

**2-1.3** Content may be posted subject to a set of criteria established by the Coordinating Committee's designated Web Design Team and shared with each person having CMS access.

### **Article III Contact Data Base Access and Use**

#### **Section 3-1 Contact Data Base Use**

**3-1.1** The Data Base shall be used to facilitate the operations and communications of the GPCA, as defined in the GPCA's Purpose; its Bylaws, Rules and Fiscal Policy; and the Duties and Responsibilities of its Committees.

**3-1.2** Email blasts may be authorized and sent on behalf of GPCA Committees, county Green Parties, and the GPCA General Assembly.

**3-1.3** The GPCA may share data about Green Party members in a given county, to a representative(s) of that county Green Party, designed by the County Council in that county, as per Section 3-4.

**3-1.4** The GPCA may send statewide (or other) email blasts on behalf of GPCA-endorsed candidates but shall not directly export the contact information data from the Contact Data Base to any candidate nor their campaigns.

**3-1.5** The Contact Data Base shall not be utilized for personal political work by those with access to it.

#### **Section 3-2 Contact Data Base Access**

**3-2.1** Voter registration information in the Contact Data Base shall not be used for any personal, private, or commercial purpose (as per the California Elections Code

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=elec&group=02001-03000&file=2180-2194.1>), including, but not limited to:

**3-2.1(a)** The harassment of any voter or voter's household.

**3-2.1(b)** The advertising, solicitation, sale, or marketing of products or services to any voter or voter's household.

**3-2.1(c)** Reproduction in print, broadcast visual or audio, or display on the Internet

**3-2.2** No one convicted under the Megan's list law may have access to the data base

**3-2.3** Anyone with access to the database, and anyone to whom database content is exported, shall be governed by these rules, and shall make such a declaration in writing to the Coordinating Committee.

#### **Section 3-3 Data Base Administrative Access by Coordinating Committee appointment**

The Coordinating Committee shall designate who shall have Data Base Administrative Access (dbAdmin) to the Contact Data Base. Only those with Data Base Administrative Access (dbAdmin) shall have the ability to download/export data from the Data Base. A list of all those given access shall be maintained within the GPCA Contact Database and shall be provided to the Coordinating Committee upon request.

#### **Section 3-4 Data Base Non-Administrative Access by Communications Committee appointment**

The Communications Committee shall designate who shall have non-Data Base Administrative Access to the Contact Data Base. Those with non-Data Base Administrative Access may have the ability to access the Data Base, but not alter nor download/export data from the Data Base.

### **Section 3-5 Access by County Council Appointment**

Until the ability is gained to partition and segregate access to different parts of the GPCA's Contact Data Base, county access to data base information of voters, donors and volunteers shall be as follows:

**3-5.1** County Councils in active GPCA counties may appoint one or more individuals to whom an export from the county database of the Green Party members and their data in that county may be shared. The export shall be effectuated by the GPCA Communications Committee, upon receipt of the notice of appointment.

**3-5.2** Recipients of the data shall work with the Communications Committee, and specifically those with Data Base Administrative Access (dbAdmin), to make updates of changes in emails, phone numbers and other information in the Contact Data Base itself.

## **Article IV GPCA email lists**

### **Section 4-1 Participation**

**4-1.1** Participation in the official email lists of the GPCA are open to GPCA members only.

Participation is additionally contingent upon following the GPCA's [Email Rules of Decorum](#).

**4-1.2** All GPCA email lists are considered 'opt-in' lists, except those in which participation is a prerequisite for membership in a standing committee, or county Green organization, in which case the individual in question shall be automatically subscribed.

**4-1.3** Participation in the email lists for each standing committee shall be open to all members of that standing committee. Such lists may have additional rules about who may participate, including former members, advisors, observers and other party members. Such rules may be appealed to the Coordinating Committee, which can overturn them by a 2/3 vote.

**4-1.4** Participation in the email lists for each standing committee shall be open to all members of that standing committee, as well as Coordinating Committee members upon their request and other party members who may be added as advisors or observers upon decision of the standing committee.

**4-1.5** Participation in the email lists for each committee shall be open to all members of that committee. Such lists may have additional rules about who may participate, including former members, advisors, observers and other party members. Such rules may be appealed to the Coordinating Committee, which can overturn them by a 2/3 vote.

**4-1.6** Participation in the email lists for each County Green Organizations shall be subject to the rules of each County Green Organizations, except that lists discussing the business of each County Council shall be open to all County Council members.

### **Section 4-2 Standing Committees**

Email lists for all GPCA Standing Committees, and other Special Groups, Ad-Hoc Groups and Sub-committees shall be hosted and archived by the GPCA on the GPCA server. Administrator status for each email list shall be granted to the co-coordinators of each committee, as well as to any other designated by the committee. Committees are expected to retain their password and appoint new administrators and otherwise manage their own lists as needed.

### **Section 4-3 County Green Organizations**

Each County Green Organization may have and is encouraged to have its own email lists.

### **Section 4-4 Inform List (added November 12, 2012)**

The GPCA Inform List a one-way list is for the state party to communicate official party business to individuals in state party leadership positions and to members of Green Party County Councils.

**4-4.1** The list's recipients shall include members of County Councils and GPCA standing committees; the co-coordinators of GPCA; General Assembly/Standing General Assembly

delegates, and the GPCA Treasurer, Liaison to the Secretary of State and state party Spokespersons.

**4-4.2** Official business includes information regarding meetings and actions authorized by them; Projects of the Coordinating Committee, Standing Committees; Business of the Party Officers; Other items deemed appropriate by the Coordinating Committee or General Assembly.

**4-4.3** There shall be an Inform List operator and back-up, appointed by the Coordinating Committee. Only the list operator and back-up operator have posting privileges. The list operator shall notify the back-up operator of any planned absences so the back-up can assume the duties.

**4-4.4** Those authorized to request messages be posted shall include the Co-coordinators of the Coordinating Committee, Standing Committees and the Treasurer and Liaison to the Secretary of State. Coordinators may authorize another individual for posting requests by notifying the list operators but should still be copied on all requests.

**4-4.5** The list operator shall review each posting request for consistency with the guidelines herein and shall return non-compliant messages with an explanation of why and shall archive such correspondence at the list operator archive. If there is further disagreement over the appropriateness of a posting, the list operator shall consult the Coordinating Committee for resolution.

#### **Section 4-5 Standing General Assembly (SGA) Email Lists (added October 2016)**

**4-5.1** The GPCA General Assembly and Communications Committee, under direction of the Coordinating Committee, establish the email list for the Standing General Assembly (SGA) for the purposes described herein. Subscription automatically implies acceptance of the GPCA Email Rules of Decorum, and the procedures described in this Article.

**4-5.2** List membership is limited to:

**4-5.2(a)** Delegates appointed by County Councils to the SGA;

**4-5.2(b)** Voting page and list administrators; and,

**4-5.2(c)** SGA list moderators as defined in 4-5.8.

**4-5.2(d)** Members of the Coordinating Committee

**4-5.3** The membership list of all GPCA email lists shall be available for review by all subscribers. Anonymous subscriptions are not permitted.

**4-5.4** The purpose of the SGA Email list is to facilitate communication for the purposes of SGA decision-making.

**4-5.5** Posting to the SGA Email list shall be limited to messages relating to:

**4-5.5(a)** decision-making items before the SGA as provided for in GPCA Bylaws, Rules and Procedures and Fiscal Policy, including proposals, elections, platform amendments, and positions on State propositions; and

**4-5.5(b)** making good faith efforts to state clarifying questions and concerns, and to bring forward relevant information, during the discussion period for SGA decision-making.

#### **Section 4-5.7 Posting and formatting Guidelines**

**4-5.7 (a)** All posts shall be signed at the bottom of every message with the first and last name of the author, and their county;

**4-5.7 (b)** Subject lines should accurately describe or reference the topic of the post. When quoting other messages, the person quoted should be properly cited, and extraneous text (including headers, footers, irrelevant text to the section being responded to) should be deleted. Short, non-substantive replies and one-on-one discussion belong off-list. Delegates are strongly encouraged to post responses to the original discussion thread for that decision-making item, rather than changing the title and starting separate and parallel discussions that bifurcate the discussion;

**4-5.7 (c)** Forwarding private messages without the expressed written permission of the author is prohibited;



**4-5.7 (d)** Copyrighted material (newspaper articles, website content, etc.) and other items forwarded should be accompanied by, where applicable, a source URL, the name(s) of the author(s), and the originating source (if a publication);

**4-5.7 (e)** SGA list members retain their personal copyright for their original messages, but through use of these lists grant other members the right to publicly quote portions of their message in any medium, and the right to forward messages in their entirety to others so long as the author's name and web address is cited or linked; and

**4-5.7 (f)** SGA list members shall familiarize themselves with the GPCA Rules of Decorum and act in accordance with the GPCA Email Rules of Decorum.

#### **Section 4-5.8. SGA List Moderators**

**4-5.8 (a)** The Coordinating Committee shall nominate individuals (with gender balance), subject to 2/3 approval by the Coordinating Committee to be appointed to serve as SGA list moderators for simultaneous two-year terms or as Alternate SGA moderators for the same term. Terms shall run from September 1 to August 31 in odd-numbered years.

**4-5.8 (b)** All nominees must be Green Party members.

**4-5.8 (c)** In the event of an SGA Moderator mid-term vacancy, an Alternate of the same gender, if possible, shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If both alternates are the same gender, the Coordinating Committee shall select one at either their next regular meeting or with an online vote. The Coordinating Committee shall [conduct an on-line vote/re-nominate] to fill the Alternate seat(s) in a gender-balanced manner.

**4-5.8 (d)** SGA list moderators may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the SGA. The vote will be placed in the SGA voting queue with expedited process with a two-week discussion and one week voting period upon request to the Coordinating Committee by SGA delegates from six different counties.

**4-5.8 (e)** The threshold for SGA list Moderator decision-making shall be 2/3 and no fewer than two moderators in agreement for Compliance Advisories, Notices of Violations, Moderation of Posts, and Read-Only Status as described in this Article. If a moderator is not available an Alternate Moderator may participate in the decision making in their place. Quorum for all decisions shall be two.

#### **Section 4-6 SGA Email List Moderator Compliance and Enforcement**

**4-6.1** SGA moderators shall carry out their responsibilities in an informative, pro-active manner to promote general compliance with the posting guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum; and may post periodic reminders of these to each list, citing the relevant text.

**4-6.2** SGA moderators may pro-actively take special notice of, document and respond to examples of egregious and/or multiple violations of the Posting Guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum.

**4-6.3** Other list members may file complaints about non-compliance privately in writing directly to the SGA moderators but shall not post them to the lists established in this Article. Complaints shall quote the post(s) of concern and the relevant Posting Guideline(s) and/or Email Rules of Decorum.

**4-6.4** In response to examples of egregious and/or multiple violations of the Posting guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum, based upon their own initiative or in response to complaints filed by list members, SGA moderators may send Compliance Advisories to individuals, with a copy to the county they represent. SGA moderators shall respond to complaints in a uniform fashion. Such advisories shall quote the post(s) of concern and the relevant Posting Guidelines and/or Email Rules of Decorum; and suggest ways of compliance.

**4-6.5** The SGA moderators may send a Notice of Violation to the individual, with a copy to the county they represent, quoting the post(s) of concern and the relevant Posting Guideline(s) and/or Email Rules of Decorum being violated. Concurrently, the SGA moderators may place the participant upon moderation.

**4-6.6** The county represented by the participant shall be notified immediately of the participant's moderation status and may appeal it in writing to the Steering Committee, as may the participant, during which time the participant will remain on moderation. Requests for appeal must be submitted to the Coordinating Committee according to the same timeline as for proposals under GPCA Rules and Procedures Article VI. Upon a timely submission of the appeal, the Coordinating Committee shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting and may overturn the decision of the SGA moderators by a two-thirds vote. This appeals process applies to all determinations of moderation status, as well as to determinations of read-only status.

**4-6.7** Under moderation, the SGA moderators shall review all submissions from the participant and may withhold any post(s) they find are not in compliance with the Posting Guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum. The SGA moderators shall cite the relevant text in the Posting Guidelines and Email Rules of Decorum to the participant, explaining any posts withheld. Such review shall be done in a manner to ensure that compliant posts are not detained unreasonably.

**4-6.8** Upon issuance of a Notice of Violation, the SGA moderators may place the participant under read-only status.

**4-6.9** If a list administrator feels that immediate action must be taken to halt the posts of a list member who is being extremely abusive or disruptive, that list moderator may unilaterally place the list member on temporary moderation, which shall not last more than three days, during which time the list administrator must seek the concurrence of one or more other list administrators in order to place the list member on longer term moderation, or in order to take other corrective action.

**4-6.10** SGA moderators shall maintain an electronic archive of all complaints filed, all advisories and notices of violations sent and all subsequent communications with the recipient. The SGA moderators may post reports to the SGA Email list detailing their activities, and include the number of advisories, and notices of violations. Upon request by one or more SGA list members, SGA moderators may, if they so choose to, provide references to the records of advisories and notices of violations sent to particular individuals for violating list procedures.

## **Article V. Electronic Vote Administration**

### **Section 5-1 Standing General Assembly (SGA) Vote Administrators**

**Updated May 6, 2019**

**5-1.1** The Coordinating Committee shall elect a minimum of five nominees (with gender balance and from 5 different counties), subject to 3/5 approval by the Coordinating Committee to serve as SGA Vote Administrators to serve simultaneous two-year terms and as Alternate SGA Vote Administrators for the same term. Terms shall run from June 1 to May 31 beginning in odd-numbered years.

**5-1.2** All nominees must be Green Party members.

**5-1.3** In the event that an SGA Vote Administrator or Alternate seat is not filled by an in-person vote, the Coordinating Committee shall conduct an on-line vote to fill the seat(s) in accordance with Article IV of the Coordinating Committee's Internal Procedures.

**5-1.4** In the event of an SGA Vote Administrator mid-term vacancy, an Alternate of the same gender, if possible, shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If both alternates are the same gender, the Coordinating Committee shall select one at either their next regular meeting or by an online vote.

**5-1.5** The Coordinating Committee shall conduct nominations and vote to fill regular vacancies for either SGA Vote Administrators or Alternate SGA Vote Administrators and mid-term vacancies of Alternate seat(s) in a gender-balanced manner and shall call for applicants to fill regular vacancies — or mid-term vacancies of Alternate seats as soon as is practical.

**5-1.6** SGA Vote Administrators may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the SGA. The vote will be placed in the SGA voting queue with expedited process with a two-week discussion and one week voting

period upon request to the Coordinating Committee by six different SGA delegates from at least four different counties.

**5-1.7** Where there is disagreement between SGA Vote Administrators, or a dispute has been filed, over management of SGA voting procedures or results, the threshold for SGA Vote Administrator decision-making shall be 2/3 and no fewer than two Vote Administrators in agreement for resolving the disagreement. If a Vote Administrator is not available an Alternate Administrator shall participate in the decision making in his or her place with the Alternate who shall participate being chosen at random. Quorum for all decisions shall be two.

**5-1.8** Vote Administrator management of SGA voting procedures or results may be disputed by any six GPCA delegates, officers, and/or Vote Administrators from at least four different counties by filing a notice of the dispute to the Coordinating Committee, which shall immediately email the notice to the SGA Votes Email list. Vote Administrators shall decide on the dispute within two weeks after the notice of the dispute is filed. A decision by the Vote Administrators over such a dispute may be appealed by any six Green Party California delegates, officers and/or Vote Administrators from at least four different counties by filing a notice of the appeal to the Coordinating Committee. Such appeals shall be noticed by the Coordinating Committee and be voted on within one full month by the SGA, with at least one week allocated for discussion and at least one week allocated for voting by the SGA.

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