

## **GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **Monday, October 6, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom**

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Quorum is achieved at 7:34 pm with 10 members present

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

There are currently 13 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 7. (Note: Albert Faz is no longer a CC member because he was absent from the July, August and September meetings.)

CC members:

Ashley Brown, Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Laura Wells

**Present (10):** Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, and Laura Wells.

**Absent: (3):** Ashley Brown, Ann Garrison, and Shannel Pittman.

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

Roles for CC Call on October 6, 2025:

Agenda Prep: Don Manro

Facilitator: Richard Gomez

Note Taker: Mimi Newton

Time Keeper: John Schmit

Vibes Watcher:

Roles for next month's CC Call on November 3, 2025:

Agenda Prep: Meg Buckingham

Facilitator: *\*Greg will ask Shannel if she can facilitate this meeting\**

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

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**(3) Approval of Agenda** (3 minutes)

(3a) LATE ITEMS: see details below.

Approved by consensus.

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**(4) Approval of CC minutes** (3 mins)

September 8, 2025 minutes were posted to CC email list by Ashley Brown on September 23, 2025 at 5:30:01 PM PDT

Approved with the addition of minor comments from Mimi — and Susan, if she has any. Mimi sent draft minutes to Susan during the meeting and Susan later indicated that she has no comments. Mimi to include her corrections in the draft Ashley posted to the CC and forward the approved minutes to Rohan for posting.

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**(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) - Appendix A
- Candidates (Greg Jan) - Appendix B
- Communications () - Appendix C
- Finance (Justin Richardson, treasurer) - Appendix D
- Membership and Outreach (See Appendix C) - Appendix E
- Policy & Platform (Don Manro) - Appendix F
- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (Shannel Pittman) - Appendix G [missing]
- GP-US delegation from GPCA (Shannel Pittman) - Appendix H
- ProRep (PR) Coalition (David Cobb, non-CC member) - Appendix I

A discussion ensued regarding the joint Communications/MOC meeting coming up on Wednesday.

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

**(6.a) Committee Appointments: Application for Appointment to Comms & MOC Committee:**

My name is Emily Osborn, and I'm based in San Diego County. I'm currently volunteering with Butch Ware's campaign for governor and would like to apply for appointment to the Communications & MOC Committee.

I work as the sole systems administrator for a small software company, where I primarily manage our CRM platform (Salesforce) along with several other tools for marketing, scheduling, and communication. Since I work remotely and independently, I have flexibility during the day to contribute.

I believe I could be a valuable asset in managing the data we're storing in NationBuilder and ensuring everything remains clean and up to date. I have extensive experience with list cleaning as well as managing bulk imports and updates for large datasets.

I'd also be happy to help create SOPs, provide training, or offer technical support as needed.

I look forward to hearing back and getting to know the rest of this group at next week's meeting!

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A discussion ensued regarding appointment of Emily and the proposal was approved provisionally. The approval is subject to Emily's attendance at the next joint Communications/MOC a meeting.

***\*Laura will advise Emily regarding this provisional appointment. \****

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**(6.b) 48- or 72-Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results:**

48 hr. vote for GPCA to sign on to support the People's Arms Embargo.

The vote at the 9/8 meeting and the online vote that began on 9/8 and ended on 9/10 was 12 votes in favor. There were 0 Nays.

All 11 members attending the September monthly meeting voted Yes.

Only 1 person responded during the 48-hour online vote: Charisse Cordero voted Yes.

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

[https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1695/attachments/original/1734218419/GPC\\_AWorkPlan2024-2026.pdf?1734218419](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1695/attachments/original/1734218419/GPC_AWorkPlan2024-2026.pdf?1734218419)

The strategic plan was reviewed.

***\*Mimi will call Shane re the Policy and Platform Committee proposal.\****

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**(6.d) Action Item(s) Update:**

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AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC (None)

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LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC (None)

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**Meeting Adjourned at ~ 8:10 pm.**

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APPENDICES

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## APPENDIX A

### Bylaws and Rules Committee Report September 2025

Submitted by: Mimi Newton, Co-Co Bylaws and Rules Committee

#### Date of the last By Laws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 12:30 pm pacific.

Present: Mimi Newton

#### Date of the next Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 12:30 pm pacific.

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

The Committee is reviewing a Policy and Platform Committee proposal sent to the Bylaws and Rules Committee on September 4, 2025 (and updated on September 22) with revised language for a proposal to amend GPCA Bylaw 7-5.1 regarding the timing and distribution of Draft Agendas for General Assembly meetings.

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## APPENDIX B

### Candidates Committee

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, Sept. 20, 10:00 am

1 -- Attendees & Introductions: Bill Balderston, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Chris Lozinski, and Shane Que Hee

2 -- Agenda item for the Nov. GA on Statewide Candidate Endorsements -- We reviewed the questionnaire responses from 3 Peace and Freedom statewide candidates (Lalo Vargas for Insurance Commissioner, Meghann Adams for State Controller, and Frank Lara for State Supt. of Public Instruction). We felt that all three should be recommended for endorsement, so we'll submit an agenda item to that effect. Greg explained that he was a bit late in sending the questionnaire to the Green Party statewide candidates, so for them, we'll make our decisions online (and include them in the agenda item that we submit). (Update: We also recommended all of the Green Party statewide candidates, and they're included in our GA agenda item).

We also discussed the format of this agenda item at the GA, in particular, whether the candidates should be "grouped by party" or interspersed with each other. We didn't reach a consensus on that, but since there's still time to figure that out, we postponed that question until either our next meeting or an online decision. We did however feel it was good to invite the candidates to make short presentations and take a few questions at the GA, so we'll be inviting them to the GA as soon as we know what time the agenda item is scheduled for. (Update: Given that the draft GA agenda was sent out on Oct. 4, we'll be doing that soon).

Greg noted that Jaime Gutierrez will be running for Lt. Governor, alongside Butch Ware for Governor, so assuming that there are no "red flags" in Jaime's questionnaire responses, we'll be recommending him for endorsement, and we'll also notify the Peace and Freedom Party of that. (Update: There weren't any problems with Jaime's returned questionnaire, so all of this has now been done).

2 -- Candidates, other than statewide candidates -- We briefly noted that the only Greens we know of who will be running for office who are not statewide candidates are Sean Dougherty and Frank Nilsen, for US Congress. (And we're also not yet aware of any California Greens running for City Council, School Board, or any other local office). In addition, it was mentioned that while there's still time to become a candidate for all of these offices, time is definitely getting short to declare for US Congress or for the State Legislature.

3 -- Prop. 50 (Congressional Re-Districting) -- We had a short conversation focused on the state Coordinating Committee's discussion of Prop. 50, whereby it was felt that we ought to just "stay out of it", and no one spoke up in opposition to that (that is, regarding us instead having a Green Party position specifically for, or specifically against, Prop. 50).

4 -- Next meeting -- We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, so for October, that's Saturday, October 18.

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## APPENDIX C

Below are the notes from our Comms / MOC combined meeting earlier this month.

9/10/2025 @ 7:30pm

Membership & Outreach -and- Communications Committees Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Ashley Brown, Laura Wells, John Schmidt, Chris Lozinski

DISCUSSION:

1. Fundraising
2. Website Review Group / WIT
3. Eblasts

1. Fundraising: We discussed the need to coordinate with the committee and GA delegates to highlight the role of sustainers in our fundraising efforts. There was a consensus on reducing our outreach through NationBuilder to streamline our approach.

Our target is to acquire 100 new donors contributing \$10 each month. Laura will prepare a proposal for sustainers and will investigate previous communications to ensure consistency.

Additionally, we will update the donation page and reach out to our list of 311 contacts to promote the \$10 sustainer option, with a goal of raising \$1,000 per month.

2. Proposal: WEBSITE REVIEW GROUP Brief discussion about the Website Review Group (WRG) and Website Implementation Team (WIT).

Chris added the visual example for mapping / menu navigation (not design): <https://cagreens.progts.org/>. It was agreed to share this resource and the two menu navigation drafts (blueprints) with the WRG to have a follow up meeting to ensure we are capturing all required information for the website structure planning.

a) Shared: NN Sitemap: [sitemap 2018 NB-GPCA Draft](#)

b) AB Sitemap: [GPCA Website Pages](#)

3. Eblasts - Ashley elevated that content writers are needed.

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## APPENDIX D

GPCA Finance Committee

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Meeting time: Thursday, 9/25/2025 at 8:00pm

(1) ROLL CALL:

Mimi Newton, John Schmit, Justin Richardson

(2) Roles:

Facilitator: Justin

Note Taker: Justin

Vibes Watcher: John

(3) Approval of the Agenda - Approved by consensus

(4) Approval of Finance Committee Minutes for August - Approved by consensus

(5) Review 2025 [filing schedules](#) and deadlines from FPPC for when we need to file the next report

Our next filing is due Feb. 2, 2026 for close of books Dec. 31, 2025. The exception is when we receive a very large donation or have transactions in connection with a special election.

(6) Monthly Treasurer's Report

AUGUST

08/01-08/31/25 Income

\$125.00	One-time donations (2)
\$447.61	Recurring monthly donations (36)

08/01-08/31/25 Expenses

\$24.60	Call Centric (Phone)
\$50.00	Electric Embers (Email)
\$228.32	WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website)
\$19.50	Next (Insurance)
\$60.00	ISP (Finance Software)
\$300.00	Treasurer's Stipend
\$827.00	NationBuilder Monthly Fee
\$2,560.00	Sec of State (fines incurred in 2014)
\$12.52	PayPal Transaction Fees
\$14.23	NationBuilder Transaction Fees



### 8/31/25 Account Balances

\$77.97	PayPal
\$1,108.18	Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal
\$12,625.59	Mechanics Bank (checking) State

### (7) Announcements, Old Business, Updates, Action Items

- Fundraising letter – Mimi to forward to Comms Committee
- Recent \$100 donors / thank you cards – Justin to send list of donors to Mimi
- Draft Budget – Justin to send to GA Planning Committee
- Box of old “Treasurer things”
- John: next fundraising projects
- Justin to reach out to Greg Jan to see about asking the film producer Adam McKay to become a sustainer or otherwise support us with fundraising.

### (8) Confirm next meeting (typically 4th Thursdays): 10/23

### ----- APPENDIX E (see APPENDIX C) -----

### APPENDIX F

#### MINUTES GPCA POLICY AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF September 25 2025

Present: Eric Brooks (San Francisco); Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles)

Peggy apologized beforehand for absence

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PAST MEETING BUSINESS: Consensus

Workplan Discussion: received by Justin

Bylaws Discussion: two more alternatives sent to Mimi Newton for Bylaws choice

Next GA: Nov 15. Submission date Sep 27. Shane already submitted the reparations related planks.

Listserv: Unstable; some people not receiving posts.

Policy: Legislature session over but Newsom to decide on bills by Oct 13.

Redistricting Prop 50/Press Conference: GPCA apparently made no decision

Platform: No more indigenous until 2026.

Next Zoom Meeting: Thurs October 23 7-8p.

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## APPENDIX G

General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee)

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## APPENDIX H

1. Participants: Peggy K, Tarik, Rick G, Don M.
2. Brief discussion re GPUS Proposal ID 1266- Approval of Cassidy Moriarity for Finance Comm- She looks good on paper. We will watch for any upcoming discussion on our National Votes listserv
3. Discussion of Newsom's proposed redistricting proposition and NYC Mayoral candidate Mamdani.
4. Co-Chair election for two years. There were no other nominations other than Tarik and Peggy for co-chairs. The 3-day discussion period to follow. The voting is our regular online email [voting.at](mailto:voting.at) next monthly meeting.

Regards,

Peggy Koteen

co-chair GPCA

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## APPENDIX I

Proportional Representation Coalition (ProRep) update (meets quarterly)

Message from David Cobb on behalf of ProRep sent with 3 attachments on Sep 26, 2025, 4:53 AM to CC member email list prepared by Laura:

Hello GPCA CC members,

Here is a link to the [Slide Deck](#) from the Sept 25 Proportional Representation Coalition meeting. Highlights are:

1. If you're in the Monterey this evening (9/26) ProRep is launching a Monterey chapter at Dust Bowl Brewing Company @ 6PM. [Here's Monterey's registration link.](#)

2. ProRep is hosting a panel in Sacramento next Tuesday 9/30 at CLARA Auditorium from 5:30-7:30pm. [Here's Sacramento's registration.](#)

3 A discussion of Prop 50 (Congressional Redistricting)

a) ProRep Coalition is and will remain neutral on Prop, and are using this election to say that Proportional Representation is the answer.

b) We had presentations from Ben Granholm from [Protect Voters First](#) (No on Prop 50) and Nancy Latham from [Indivisible East Bay](#) (Yes on Prop 50). You can find their slides and the in-depth analysis of Proposition 50 Ben referenced in his presentation attached.

c) There will be Pro Rep press release taking a neutral position coming. If the GPCA Media Committee would like to be involved contact me or Pro Rep Coalition Executive Director Caledon Myers <[caledon@prorepcoalition.org](mailto:caledon@prorepcoalition.org)>

4. FairVote has joined the ProRep coalition. They have garnered some earned media relating to the gerrymandering wars:

[https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Sf\\_waNQluZI](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Sf_waNQluZI)

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/ysjCR8QMh6I>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2025/0>

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