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Coordinating Committee minutes, September 14, 2015

Coordinating Committee members present (9): Victoria Ashley, Marla Bernstein, Maxine Daniel, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Sasha Karlik, Tim Laidman, Jesse Moorman, Alex Shantz

Coordinating Committee members not-present (2): Candice Yamaguchi, Rich Zitola

Quorum: Quorum reached at 7:36 with six (6) present: **Marla Bernstein, Maxine Daniel, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Tim Laidman, Alex Shantz**

Moorman called in at 7:42

Ashley called in at 7:44

Karlik called in at 7:52

2) Roles

Facilitator: Alex Shantz

Minutes taker: Mike Feinstein

Time keeper: Maxine Daniel

Vibes Watcher: Tim Laidman

3) Approval of Agenda (five minutes or less)

Proposal (Shantz): Change discussion item on Legal Status of 2016 County Council Elections to a decision item

Approved by consensus

Proposal (Feinstein): Change discussion on 2017 ANM planning to a decision item

Approved by consensus

Proposal (Feinstein): Add Decision: GPCA registration deadline for 2016 County Council elections

Approved by consensus

Proposal (Shantz): Approve agenda as amended

Approved by consensus

4) Decision: Approval of minutes from August 3 Coordinating Committee meeting (Feinstein)

<http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/minutes/2015-08-03>

Approved by consensus

5) Decision: Propose Ruscal Cayangyang for GPCA Assistant Treasurer to January General Assembly (Laidman) five minutes

Proposal (Laidman): That the Coordinating add to the January 2016 General Assembly agenda, a proposal to appoint Ruscal Cayangyang as GPCA Assistant Treasurer

Approved by Consensus

6) Decision: Approval of city and date of January 2016 General Assembly (State Meeting Committee)

Proposal (Feinstein): Approve San Diego as the city and January 23/24 as the dates for the January 2016 General Assembly.

Approved by consensus

7) Decision: Schedule Coordinating Committee annual retreat (Feinstein) ten minutes

Background: The Coordinating Committee schedules its annual retreat in January. This year the GPCA will also hold a General Assembly in January.

Proposal (Feinstein): That the Coordinating Committee hold its annual retreat around the San Diego General Assembly — either one day before, one day after, or both, and request that the San Diego County Green Party identify a suitable venue.

Amendment (group, accepted as friendly): That a straw poll be taken on the call and input solicited after the call from other Coordinating Committee members

Straw Poll

Ashley: One day, not two, won't matter which

Shantz: Either day is fine

Daniel: Can't commit to anything at this point

Bernstein: Two days is fine

Everette: Two days is fine, is flexible

Karlik: Attendance if work dependent, if not working, then will be there

Laidman: Likes starting on Sunday, carrying over to Monday, is flexible

Moorman Can do two days, except not on Thursday

Feinstein: Two days is fine, is flexible

8) Decision: Approval of Ranked Choice Voting and No Other Candidate language for inclusion in SGA elections (Bylaws Committee) five minutes

Background: Regarding election of Coordinating Committee members, GPCA Bylaws 8-4.3(b) states that "the election as it is posted to the Standing Green Assembly shall include a full and detailed explanation of Ranked Choice Voting, an explanation of the No Other Candidate option, and an encouragement that delegates make their choices seriously and a reminder that they do not have to fill all seats unless they feel there are enough qualified candidates." http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2013-03-23#Section_8-4_Election. Currently the GPCA has no such approved language.

Process (Shantz): Add another five minutes

Approved by consensus

Proposal (Feinstein): That the Coordinating Committee approve this language for use in SGA elections as per GPCA Bylaws 8-4.3(b)

Ranked Choice Voting is explained here <http://www.fairvote.org/reforms/fair-representation-voting/choice-voting> •

<http://www.fairvote.org/reforms/instant-runoff-voting> • <http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=876> • <http://www.acgov.org/rov/rcv>.

Ranking 'No Other Candidate' (NOC) means once NOC passed the approval threshold, no further candidates will be elected, other than those (if any) who have already been elected before NOC reached the threshold.

Amendment (Laidman): Add "And any other elections or decisions for which the GPCA uses ranked choice voting"

Proposal as amended (Feinstein): That the Coordinating Committee approve this language for use in SGA elections and any other elections or decisions for which the GPCA uses ranked choice voting

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Approved by consensus

9) Discussion/Decision: Report from Coordinating Committee 2017 GPUS ANM sub-committee (2017 ANM sub-committee) twenty minutes

Proposal (Feinstein): That the Coordinating Committee

1) Give direction to the Alameda County Greens on possible dates, and specifically for Wednesday, July 26 through Sunday, July 30

Approved by consensus

2) Conceptually approve this draft timeline

Amendment (Everette, accepted by the sponsor): That the schedule provide time outside in nature

Proposal (Feinstein): approve as amended

Friday, July 21 - Evening opening reception

Saturday, July 22 - GPUS Latinx caucus nat'l meeting, Campaign school, Saturday evening event, Los Angeles

Sunday, July 23 - open at present, possible beach social gathering in Santa Monica; travel to Bay Area

Monday, July 24 - field trips to non-profits, community organizations in LA Area; travel to Bay Area, field trips to non-profits, community organizations in Bay Area, possible day trips to nature areas in either part of state

Tuesday, July 25 - travel to Bay Area, field trips to non-profits, community organizations in Bay Area, possible day trips to nature areas in Bay Area

Wednesday, July 26 - travel to Bay Area, field trips to non-profits, community organizations in Bay Area, , possible day trips to nature areas in Bay Area, Evening opening reception

Thursday, July 27 - ANM workshops, San Francisco (near BART)

Friday, July 28 - ANM workshops, GPUS NC meeting, East Bay

Saturday, July 29 - workshops, GPUS NC meeting, East Bay

Sunday, July 30 - GPUS NC meeting, East Bay

10) Discussion: Standing General Assembly Update (Feinstein, Laidman) five minutes

Feinstein and Laidman presented the following expected items on the October/November SGA agenda, plus raised the possibility of several platform reforms:

Endorsement vote for U.S. Senate in 2016

<http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/irvdetail?pid=67>

Special election to fill two female Coordinating Committee vacancies

<http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/irvdetail?pid=68>

Special election to fill two male Coordinating Committee vacancies

<http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/irvdetail?pid=69>

Approval of minutes from the San Jose General Assembly

<http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/propdetail?pid=70>

11) Decision: GPCA registration deadline for 2016 County Council elections

Proposal (Feinstein): That the Coordinating Committee and the Bylaws Committee co-sponsor a one-time only, valid for 2016 only bylaws amendment ranked choice vote, to provide a menu of options to the October/November 2015 Standing General Assembly that could effectuate a deadline of less than the current three months, including an option to retain the current one year deadline, as well as a three month, a one month and a January 1st deadline.

Approved by consensus

(note - proposal ultimately posted here <http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/irvdetail?pid=71>)

12) Decision: Legal Status of 2016 County Council Elections (Shantz, Feinstein)

Proposal (Shantz): Authorize letter to Napa County Supervisors that GPCA does not agree with this interpretation

Approved by consensus

13) Decision: Addressing imposter GP Instagram site (Ashely, Everette, Feinstein)

Item not heard owing to time constraints

14) Report: Treasurer (Barnett)

Barnett reported on the party's finances.

Some committee and working group updates were heard informally after the teleconference officially closed at 9:30pm

15) Report: Committees

A) Bylaws

B) Clearinghouse

C) Finance

D) Media

E) Platform

F) Information Technology Committee

G) Campaign Fund Support Committee

E) Fundraising Committee

16) Report: Working Groups

Campaigns and Candidates

Electoral Reform

Green Issues

Grassroots Organizing