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Agenda and Minutes (draft) - September 11, 2017

To be approved Oct 2, 2017

COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 11th, 2017
7:30PM to 9:30PM

(01) Roll call (2 min)

There are currently 22 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 12.

Victoria Ashley, Alternate Co-Coordinator
Doug Barnett
Marla Bernstein
June Brashares
Eric Brooks
Susan Chunco
Maxine Daniel, Co-Coordinator
Angelica Duenas
Sanda Everette
Mike Feinstein
Sadie Fulton
Mike Goldbeck
Bert Heuer, Co-Coordinator
Tarik Kanaana
Paul Larudee
Eric Luna
Ann Menasche
Mike Murphy
Mimi Newton
Ajay Rai
Erik Rydberg
Laura Wells

Quorum at 7:36 with 14 present: Victoria Ashley, Eric Brooks, Susan Chunco, Mike Feinstein, Sadie Fulton, Bert Heuer, Tarik Kanaana, Eric Luna, Ann Menasche, Mike Murphy, Mimi Newton, Ajay Rai, Erik Rydberg, Laura Wells. (Joined later, as noted below, Maxine Daniel, Angelica Duenas, Sanda Everette, Marla Bernstein-- but, please note that Marla was not on the call long enough to be considered present).

Absent (5): Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, June Brashares, Mike Goldbeck, Paul Larudee.

(02) Roles (2 min)

Facilitator: Bert
Minutes taker: Mimi
Time keeper: Eric B.
Vibes Watcher: Tarik

Both Angelica Duenas and Maxine (Mica) Daniel joined the call at 7:37 pm.

(03) Approval of agenda (2 min)

Sponsor: Mica Daniel, Bert Heuer
Proposal: Approve the agenda (draft II on 09/11)

Mike F. has a three* part proposal:

1. Remove item 10 and replace it with item 14.

Laura proposes a friendly amendment that we keep Item 10 and incorporate the bylaws amendment from 14 into 10.

Ann, as the sponsor to item 10, agrees to Laura's friendly amendment.

Approved by Consensus.

Part 2 of Mike F.'s proposal:

2. We address the item relating to AB 469 with online Vote.

Bert proposes a friendly amendment that we test for consensus first and only go to an online vote if necessary.

* The note-taker only heard two parts mentioned during the call.

Approved by Consensus.

Eric Brooks - proposes to add his late Agenda Item which was sent today with the heading - "please read now amended." Two other new legislative threats are now on the table to attack Community Choice clean energy and renewables in general, so the item below has been amended to include AB 726, AB 813 and a proposed 'Freeze' on all new Community Choice programs. (See Appendix O, below.)

Eric B. is concerned about getting to this item and wants it earlier in the Agenda, after the consent calendar.

Bert insists that it go last.

Eric B. is willing to stand aside.

Approved by Consensus.

Mimi -- proposes to add a late item on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, after Eric's Agenda Item. See Appendix P, below.

Approved by Consensus.

(04) Decision: Approval of prior month's minutes (2 min)

Sponsor: Bert Heuer, Mica Daniel

Proposal: Approve the minutes for the August 7th meeting as recorded by Mimi Newton

Reference: <http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/minutes/2017-08-07>

Approved by Consensus.

Sanda Everette joined at 7:49 pm

(05) Announcement: Consent Calendar (2 minutes)

Sponsor: Bert Heuer

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 for inclusion into the meeting minutes

Item 1: Committee Reports

The following Committee/Working Group reports were submitted:

IT (Appendix E)

CCWG (Appendix F)

Finance (Appendix G)

GROW (Appendix H)

Bylaws (Appendix M)

The following committees did not send reports

Clearinghouse

ERWG

Media

Platform

Campaign Funding Support

Fundraising

State Meeting Planning

Item 2: Results of (online) balloting over proposal that Victoria Ashley become Alternate Co-coordinator

Per Jared Laiti, there were 16 ballots with Victoria as choice 1, there were 3 ballots with No Other Candidate as choice 1. Victoria is therefore confirmed as Alternate Co-coordinator.

Item 3: Results of (online) ranked choice election of SGA Vote Administrators

The election closed at midnight of the 23rd after a week of discussion and a week of balloting. The votes were collected by Jared Laiti and then sent to Gerry Gras for ranked-choice calculation per the methods on Jonathan Lundell's website (which, whether by machine or by hand, serves as the "reference" for all of our ranked choice balloting). The results are:

Admins: Victoria Ashley, Brian Good, Laura Wells

Alternates: Eric Brooks, Mike Goldbeck

Details are in Appendix J

Item 4: Results of online (yes/no) balloting for "Formation Of Coordinating Committee Subcommittee On Citizens for Fair Representation Redistricting Lawsuit"

Results not yet tabulated/submitted?

13 yes votes and zero no votes - reported out by Eric B. (during the call).

Item 5: Results of 48 HOUR ONLINE VOTE: GPCA position of support on amended AB 469

Proposal received 9 "yes" votes and 4 "no" votes, and failed to achieve needed 2/3 of the Coordinating Committee (2/3 of 22 = 15 members voting).

Mike F. says the results were 8 "yes" votes to 4 "no" votes. The vote failed to achieve quorum.

Consent Calendar Approved by Consensus

(06) Decision: Appointment of 3 members to the Finance Committee (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Mica Daniel

Background and Purpose: The Finance Committee gets 8 appointed members and now has 5, due to two seats expiring and one which is now vacant. Three people have applied to be on the Finance Committee: Frank Lambert, Gloria Bram and Quinton D. Crawford.

Proposal: That the Coordinating Committee do any or all of the following three items in reference to the Finance Committee roster:

Item 1: re-appoint Frank Lambert

Mica spoke out in support of Frank's application.

Approved by consensus.

Item 2: appoint Gloria Bram

A discussion ensued and a number of concerns were raised and discussed.

Eric Brooks has outstanding concerns for which he is not willing to stand aside.

Gloria's application will be put to an online vote by the CC.

Item 3: appoint Quinton D. Crawford

Mica - refers us to Quinton's application.

Approved by Consensus.

References: Appendix A (Frank Lambert), Appendix B (Gloria Bram) and Appendix C (Quinton D. Crawford)

(07) Decision: Appointment of two members to Campaign Fund Support Committee (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Mike Feinstein

Background and Purpose: Under GPCA Bylaws 9-7.2, the Coordinating Committee was supposed to have appointed two members to the Campaign Fund Support Committee (CFSC) by the end of the June 2017 General Assembly in Sacramento. Unless something occurred toward that end that was not posted on the CFSC home page <http://www.cagreens.org/committees/campaign-support>, these appointments have not happened by the Coordinating Committee - nor by the Finance Committee nor the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group.

Proposal: That the Coordinating Committee make its appointments as required under GPCA Bylaws 9-7.2

References: http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2016-07-03#Section_9-7_Campaign_Fund_Support_Committee. Specifically section 9-7.2

Mica - makes a friendly amendment to bring this item back next month and see if the CFSC and CCWG committees want to appoint people in the meantime.

Eric B. - Asks if we could also do a call for people to step up to these committees? He suggests a friendly amendment so that Bert could send Mike F's proposal, with appropriate edits to make it a call for volunteers, to the Forum.

Bert agrees to do that.

Mike agrees to friendly amendments.

Approved by consensus.

(08) Decision: Liaison appointments to Committees (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Sanda Everette

Background and Purpose: Media needs a liaison.

Proposal: Appoint Sanda Everette as Media Committee liaison.

A discussion ensued and a number of concerns were raised and discussed.

Mimi Newton has outstanding concerns for which she is not willing to stand aside.

Sanda's appointment as Media Committee liaison to the CC will be put to an online vote by the CC.

(09) Decision: Appointment to IT Committee (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Victoria Ashley

Background and Purpose: There is an open seat on the IT Committee. Brett has computer skills and would be a useful addition.

Proposal: Appoint Brett Dixon to the IT Committee.

References: See Appendix L

A discussion ensued and a number of concerns were raised and discussed.

Ajay Rai has outstanding concerns for which he is not willing to stand aside.

Brett's application will be put to an online vote by the CC.

(10) Decision: Endorsement of the Repeal Top Two initiative (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Ann Menarche

Background and Purpose: Details to follow

Proposal: The ERWG proposes that the GPCA endorse the Repeal Top Two initiative (www.stoptop2.com)

At the time of approval of the Agenda, we merged Item #14's proposed bylaws interpretation (as updated in Mike F's 9/11/17 message) with this item and took the bylaws interpretation piece up first -

Decision: Bylaws Interpretation Regarding Endorsement of Statewide Ballot Measure

Sponsors: Mike Feinstein, Marla Bernstein

Time Requested: 20 minutes

Background: Under GPCA Bylaws, only the Standing General Assembly is authorized to take a position on a ballot-qualified statewide ballot measure. At the same time under GPCA Bylaws, proposals to take a position on a statewide ballot measure only can come from the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group, as that group is the only Working Group or Standing Committee containing such authorization in its Duties and Responsibilities, as specified in GPCA Bylaws.

http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2016-07-03#Section_10-5_Campaigns_and_Candidates_Working_Group

10-5.1(b) Establish internal procedures for and coordinate a process of inviting, receiving and compiling analysis and recommendations from Greens and others on statewide ballot measures, perform an analysis of each ballot measure in relation to the GPCA Platform, resolutions and Ten Key Values, and make proposals to the General Assembly for GPCA positions;

Unfortunately despite a proposal submitted to the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group (CCWG) before its August 28 teleconference to take a position on a ballot measure that has not yet qualified for the ballot, that would overturn Top Two elections in California, the matter was not taken up by the CCWG on that teleconference.

In past years, it has been almost exclusively the policy of the GPCA to **only** take positions on ballot measures once they qualified for the ballot. In 2008 that policy was quantified in the Appendix to the GPCA Bylaws, and in 2013 became part of the amended bylaws describing the Standing General Assembly - but not in the Bylaws themselves:

http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2016-07-03#Section_7-6_Standing_General_Assembly
7-6.2 Decision Items (as last amended 7/3/2016 and 7/3/2016)

The following decision items shall automatically be placed before the Standing General Assembly. Other decision items may be submitted to the Standing General Assembly by Standing Committees, Working Groups and/or active County Organizations as provided for in 7-2.1.

7-6.2(a) Endorsement/opposition of qualified statewide ballot measures;

At the same time the bylaws are silent on the issue of taking a position on measure that have not yet qualified for the ballot, primarily because the GPCA has not seen it in its interest to conduct such a process with its limited resources, until its seen whether a measure actually makes it to the ballot, because the qualification process is so difficult.

However in October 2009 at the Cotati General Assembly, permission was sought to endorse a ballot measure before it qualified for the ballot - a measure about a potential Constitutional Convention to be held in the state, that would focus on electoral reform issues.

<http://www.cagreens.org/plenary/archives/agendas/0910proposals.pdf>

The request for this permission showed that this would be an exception to given practice - and was approved. (The Constitutional Convention item never made it to the ballot after all). At the same time, if the GPCA takes positions on every measure that is submitted - or feels it has to - that may create unnecessary burdens upon the party.

All of the above said, a measure that would overturn Top Two elections in California has been submitted to the Attorney General's office and will be cleared for signature gathering within two months.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article168541712.html>

It was already the GPCA's position in the June 2010 elections to oppose Proposition 14 - The Top Two ballot measure at that time.

<http://www.cagreens.org/elections/propositions/archive>

and the party has continue to oppose Top Two since

<http://www.cagreens.org/action/stop-top-two>

Proposal: That the Coordinating Committee approve the following bylaws interpretation -

Whereas under GPCA Bylaws, only the Standing General Assembly is authorized to take a position on a ballot-qualified statewide ballot measure; and

Whereas under GPCA Bylaws, proposals to take a position on a statewide ballot measure only can come from the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group, as that group is the only Working Group or Standing Committee containing such authorization in its Duties and Responsibilities, as specified in GPCA Bylaws.

http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2016-07-03#Section_10-5_Campaigns_and_Candidates_Working_Group

10-5.1(b) Establish internal procedures for and coordinate a process of inviting, receiving and compiling analysis and recommendations from Greens and others on statewide ballot measures, perform an analysis of each ballot measure in relation to the GPCA Platform, resolutions and Ten Key Values, and make proposals to the General Assembly for GPCA positions; and

Whereas in past years, it has been almost exclusively the policy of the GPCA to ****only**** take positions on ballot measures once they qualified for the ballot, in 2008 that policy was quantified in the Appendix to the GPCA Bylaws, and in 2013 became part of the amended bylaws describing the Standing General Assembly -

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7-6.2(a) Endorsement/opposition of qualified statewide ballot measures; and

Whereas at the same time the bylaws are silent on the issue of taking a position on measure that have not yet qualified for the ballot, primarily because the GPCA has not seen it in its interest to conduct such a process with its limited resources, until its seen whether a measure actually makes it to the ballot, because the qualification process is so difficult; and

Whereas it was already the GPCA's position in the June 2010 elections to oppose Proposition 14 - The Top Two ballot measure at that time, and has remained the GPCA's position to overturn Top Two; and

Whereas a measure that would overturn Top Two elections in California has been submitted to the Attorney General's office and

will be cleared for signature gathering within two months;

Therefore given the circumstances above, that one a one time basis the Coordinating Committee shall make an endorsement of the measure that would overturn Top Two elections in California, and will put this bylaws interpretation before the next Standing General Assembly for approval of the Coordinating Committee's ability to do so.

Bylaws Interpretation - Approved by Consensus

Endorsement -

Background: The repeal of the Top Two needs the full support of the Green Party. The Initiative Measure to Repeal the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act allows every Party's top vote-getter to move on to the General election. Under the present Top Two, ONLY the top two vote-getters move on to the General election. This is not representative government.

The language of the Initiative Measure is that of Prop 14 "the Top Two law. This language would be removed from the Constitution which means that the law in effect prior to the Top Two would, once again, enable voters to cast their votes for the individual in their own Party who they prefer.

Visit the website: www.stoptop2.com for further details.

Vic - has concerns and wants to get to the point where we don't have to do these one time Interpretations - but, she is willing to stand aside.

Approved by Consensus

(11) Decision: Endorsement of US House Bill 3057 (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Ann Menasche

Background and Purpose: Details to follow

Proposal: The ERWG proposes that the GPCA endorse House Bill 3057 that would institute ranked choice voting and proportional representation for election of congress ("Fair Representation Act" introduced by Don Beyer of Virginia, Ro Khanna, and Jamie Raskin)

References: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3057>

Question - does this need the same bylaws interpretation as the previous item?

Mike F. - initiatives are a matter for GA and SGA discussion and the CC takes positions on bills.

Mike F. makes a friendly amendment that the endorsement be sent to the Forum with a link so that we can get the word out to our congressional candidates.

Ann accepts Mike's friendly amendment.

Approved by consensus.

Mike F will distribute the message about the endorsement to the Forum.

(12) Decision - Direct Former SGA Vote Administrators to cooperate with new SGA Vote Administrators in advance of upcoming SGA voting to enable timely roll out (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: An announcement regarding the results of the Coordinating Committee's election of new SGA Vote Administrators was transmitted via email to the CC on September 2, 2017. The newly elected SGA Vote Administrators are working to get access to the SGA Voting Platform in time to run an SGA Vote on: (1) candidates for two CC vacancies; (2) approval of March 2017 General Assembly Minutes; and (3) a special election (with accompanying bylaws interpretation) for three GPUS Alternate Delegate vacancies for terms ending June 30, 2017. Newly elected SGA Vote Administrators want the 6 week discussion periods for these items to commence on October 2, 2017. It is crucial that the former SGA Vote Administrators cooperate with and assist the newly elected SGA Vote Administrators to allow for this to happen to ensure the smooth running of critical party functions such as conducting SGA votes. This should include, at a minimum, providing requested information and administrative access to the voting system.

Proposal: That the CC direct the former SGA Vote Administrators to cooperate in a timely manner with the new SGA Vote Administrators to assist in ensuring that the new SGA Vote Administrators have the tools and information necessary to conduct the next SGA online vote with discussion to begin on October 2, 2017.

Mike F - Has a concern. Not willing to stand aside.

Mimi requests that the matter be put to a vote.

Yes - Angelica, Vic, Eric B., Susan, Mica, Sadie, Bert, Tarik, Eric L., Ann, Mike M., Mimi, Erik, and Laura.

No - Sanda, Mike F., and Ajay.

Item passes 14 yes, 3 no.

(13) Discussion: Add missing information and correct errors in draft IT Roster (15 minutes)

Sponsor: Laura Wells

Background and Purpose:

This discussion will be CC members providing all the information they can to fill in and correct the draft IT Roster which will be submitted to the CC in advance of the meeting. (Input is also welcome via email in advance of the meeting.)

This agenda item follows up items from the February 6, 2017 and August 7, 2017 GPCA Coordinating Committee meetings. In those items, the CC called on "the IT Committee to provide a full roster of all persons who have any passwords or permissions to administer, moderate and/or monitor any GPCA web sites, email lists, social media, NationBuilder, other databases, web document archives, and any other electronic media not open to full public access (with the exception of simple email list membership - for example it is not necessary to provide in the roster SGA email list members, but we do need to account for all administrators and moderators of all email lists). Information has been submitted by Victoria Ashley, Ajay Rai and others and will be incorporated into the draft IT Roster.

References: Appendix K contains an excerpt of the minutes of the CC meeting Feb 6, 2017 in which the original request was made. See also Appendix N (IT Roster Draft)

Laura - requests answers to the questions listed in Appendix N

A lively discussion ensued.

Marla joined the call at 8:42 pm.

Five additional minutes were added to this item and the discussion continued. Ajay committed to update Mica's access to CC Co-co-appropriate systems. A new voting platform may be in order for the SGA.

(14) Decision: Bylaws Interpretation Regarding Endorsement of Statewide Ballot Measure (10 minutes)

This item was merged with number 10, see above.

(15) Decision: GPCA position support on amended AB 469 (15 minutes)

Sponsors: Mike Feinstein, Marla Bernstein

Background and Purpose:

At the GPCA's June state meeting in Sacramento, the General Assembly took a position opposing AB 469, because it would have shortened the signature gathering period for state and federal office from 70 days to 40 days (42.8%), but left the existing signature threshold as is, making it substantially harder to get on the ballot.

In response to concerns about this from the Green Party and from the Peace and Freedom Party, the State Senate Elections Committee recommended that the signature gathering period be shortened only from 70 days to 55 days (21%), while reducing the number of signatures-in-lieu of paying a filing fee by 30% to 33%, depending upon the office. The amended bill is a major improvement, changing the bill from a bill making it harder for Greens (and other small party candidates) to get on the ballot, to a bill making it easier:

(1) For the office of California State Assembly, 1,000 signatures, lowered from 1,500 signatures (33%)

(2) For the office of California State Senate and the United States House of Representatives, 2,000 signatures, lowered from 3,000 signatures. (33%)

(3) For candidates running for statewide office, 7,000 signatures, lowered from 10,000 signatures. (30%).

At the same time that the signatures-in-lieu threshold is being reduced, now each signature-in-lieu gathered is worth more pro-rated money vs. the filing fee, because fewer signatures are equal to the filing fee. This is important because most Green candidates don't have the campaign infrastructure to gain the large number of signatures required of Green candidates as a result of the passage of Proposition 14 Top Two in June 2010, combined with its accompanying implementing legislation AB 1413 in 2012

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120AB1413.

Before Top Two and AB 1413, previously Greens and other smaller party candidates only needed 150 signatures of registered members of their own party for statewide office, 60 for Congress and State Senate and 40 for State Assembly. AB 1413 specifically set the signature threshold for candidates from the smaller ballot status parties (Green, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, American Independent) to be the same as for candidates from the Democrats and Republicans, except that signatures-in-lieu could be gathered from any registered voter, rather than any fellow party member. Because most Greens could not gain close to those number of signatures, they had to rely upon paying the filing fee, which many prospective candidates could not afford, and therefore did not qualify or run.

As documented in this Sacramento Bee opinion piece written by Mike Feinstein <http://www.sacbee.com/opinion/op-ed/soapbox/article81520547.html>, between 1992 and 2010, the four legacy smaller ballot-status parties (Green, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, American Independent) averaged 129 primary election candidates for state and federal office in each election cycle. By 2016 - the third election cycle using Top Two - the total number of ballot qualified candidates between all four parties fell to only 13, and for the GPCA only two!

The passage of AB 469 would mean it would cost less for Greens to get on the ballot than if AB 469 doesn't pass, because the pro-rated filing fee will be lower than it would if the current law remains in effect .

This change came about based upon the leadership of State Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) in the Senate Elections Committee who strongly advocated for this change during the July State Senate Elections Committee hearing on the bill, after the GPCA had taken its position. At that hearing, the sponsor agreed to discuss specific numbers to implement Allen's request. After the hearing, Allen directed his staff to work with the Green Party, the Peace and Freedom Party and the bill's sponsor (Cooper) in the Assembly to come up with specific numbers for the change. Feedback to Senator Allen's staff came from the three-party working group of Green Party, Peace and Freedom Party and Libertarian Party members established in 2013. Representatives for the Peace and Freedom Party in this discussion included Dave Kadlec and C.T. Weber and for the Libertarian Party, Richard Winger.

The State Senate approved AB 469 on Friday, September 1 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB469. The bill now returns to the Assembly for its own vote; and if passed there, to the Governor's desk for his signature.

Since AB 469 is being amended in response to the concerns and issues raised in writing by the Green Party and the Peace and Freedom Party, official Green Party support of the bill is very important - both for its passage and for the GPCA's credibility in negotiating improvements to laws affecting it. While it is clear the the GPCA still believes the signature-in-lieu threshold would be too high, the GPCA has been advised that there are voices in the State Legislature suggesting AB 469 just the opposite - that AB 469 is too generous to the smaller parties and that every candidate from every party should have to play by the same rules. At this point, one could say its time for getting while the getting remains good. The GPCA can always continue to pursue further reductions in the future.

This is not the only time that the GPCA has supported a bill where it got something in the negotiations, even though the party did not support the entire product. In 2012 the State Legislature passed SB 1272, which eliminated County Central Committee elections for political parties (what the GPCA calls County Councils) in gubernatorial years, so that County Council elections are held only once every four years, not every two. In exchange for supporting an amended SB 1272 - which was going to pass anyway without Green amendments, the GPCA got a significant extension in the time period for Greens to gather their nomination signatures for County Council.

In this case AB 469 was going to pass without the Green amendments. The GPCA would be very fortunate in this case that it would have turned a bill that would have made things even harder to qualify for the ballot, to an amended bill that makes it easier. GPCA support is also critical because in order to go into effect in time for the 2018 primary, the bill must be passed with an 'urgency clause', which requires a 2/3 vote of both houses of the legislature and the Governor's signature..

Note: this is the second time Allen has helped the Green Party. In 2013, Allen was the State Senator who was primarily responsible for the GPCA getting its own section of the State Elections Code passed by the state legislature, when at that time as Chair of the Senate Elections Committee, he identified a sponsor for the code as an addition to a bill on electoral reform that was already in the pipeline. There are other elected reforms the GPCA has advocated that Senator Allen has indicated an interest in considering, including ranked-choice voting for president and lowering the cost for a full candidate ballot statement in the on-line versions of the Official Voter Information Guides. GPCA support for AB 469 - after the Senator devoted significant staff time to hear the concerns of the GPCA and the Peace and Freedom Party and push to amend the bill - would only strengthen his seeing the GPCA as a viable working partner in considering such reforms.

Proposal:

That the GPCA adopt a position of support of AB 469 as amended and send the following to the State Senate and State Assembly Elections Committees staffs, and the offices of State Senator Ben Allen and State Assembly member James Cooper:

To whom it may concern

The Green Party of California (GPCA) supports AB 469 as amended, because it improves ballot access for the primary election ballot via the signature-in-lieu route.

The GPCA has long maintained that both the signature-in-lieu threshold - and the ballot access fee for state and federal office - was too high, both individually and in tandem, and thus inappropriate barriers to ballot access. AB 469 would incrementally lower the signature-in-lieu threshold, improving access, and in the process make each signature-in-lieu worth more pro-rated versus the filing fee - also improving ballot access. This is why the GPCA supports AB 469, even though the GPCA still believes the lowered signature threshold in AB 469 and the existing filing fees still create inappropriate barriers to ballot access.

Therefore at the same time that the GPCA supports AB 469, the GPCA will continue to support additional reforms to make ballot access more fair and accessible.

For example, the GPCA also believes that the ballot access fee is too high for state and federal office, and should also be lowered in future legislation. Currently that fee for statewide office is over \$3,000.

This high fee must also be considered in conjunction with the fee for a full candidate statement in the official Voter Information Guide. A full candidate statement in the Voter Information Guide (the most cost-effective way to reach all voters) is more than double that, at \$6,250. The GPCA also believes that fee should also be lowered in future legislation for the written version of the Voter Information Guide; while for the electronic version that appears on the Secretary of State's web site, the GPCA believes that a full 250 word candidate statement should be allowed for a low fee for any ballot qualified candidate for state or federal office.

But for now, the GPCA supports AB 469 as amended; we thank Senator Ben Allen for advocating for our concerns in the State Elections Committee, and we thank AB 469's author Assembly member James Cooper, for his openness to amend his bill in response to our concerns.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: AB 469 will return to the Assembly Floor before the close of this current legislature session on September 15, and then forwarded to the Governor for his signing.

A discussion ensued.

Eric Brooks has a concern about needing more information about the current position of the Peace and Freedom Party regarding the proposed legislation, and is not willing to stand aside.

The item will be put to an online vote by the CC.

(16) Discussion: Report on Kern County General Assembly Finances (15 minutes)

Sponsor: Doug Barnett, Mike Feinstein

Background and Purpose: Over \$5,000 was taken in at the Kern County General Assembly, but only a few hundred dollars were handed in to the GPCA for deposit into the GPCA bank account. There has also been no legal filing to account for the funds. The GPCA Finance Committee discussed this item on its August 24 call, but came to no final conclusions. This item is meant to give the Coordinating Committee the opportunity to discuss how to bring the situation into legal compliance.

As Doug was not present, members of the Finance Committee indicated that Finance needs to continue to meet and discuss this item. A proposal was made by Bert to table the item to next month.

Laura - made a friendly amendment, rather than just roll the item over, how about having the item be resubmitted with an update next month.

Mike F. -- agrees to update and resubmit the item for next month's CC Meeting.

Approved by consensus.

(17) DECISION: GPCA Opposition of California Bills & Amendments Attacking Clean Energy in California

- AB 726 (Holden) a bill that would privatize and regionalize California's electricity grid and turn it over to the influence of the coal industry and the Trump administration.

- AB 813 (Holden) a bill requiring California monopoly utilities (PG&E, SCE, SDG&E) to purchase long term renewable energy contracts; which will unnecessarily raise the cost of renewables, and result in damaging costs which will undermine Community Choice energy programs.

- Community Choice 'Freeze' - Rumors have arisen that a last minute amendment may be inserted in an energy bill to freeze all new creation of Community Choice clean energy programs, which would crush the local clean energy movement in California.

BACKGROUND: California Assemblymember Chris Holden (D - Pasadena) who has received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations from the monopoly utility corporations and their ally electrical building trades, has just introduced both AB 726 and AB 813 as 'gut-and-amend' stealth attacks on renewable energy and Community Choice clean energy programs - in the last two weeks of the California legislative session.

(See Appendix O, below for more detail.)

Approved by Consensus

(18) Subject: Decision Item: Addition to March 2017 Draft Minutes from General Assembly in Kern County

Sponsors: Mimi Newton, Bylaws Co-Co and Liaison to Coordinating Committee, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee

Background and Purpose: The Kern County General Assembly took place on March 11 and 12, 2017. A Bylaws Amendment was approved at the GA without being reviewed in advance by the Bylaws Committee. As a result, the Bylaws Committee held a Special Meeting on September 9, 2017, during which the Committee resolved to make the following recommendation to the CC: (See Appendix P, below.)

Eric Brooks - has a concern but is willing to stand aside - the Bylaws Committee is there to review proposed bylaws amendments for form, and to make sure the proposed text meshes with the bylaws. The Bylaws Committee does not have the authority to overrule the GA's decision regarding a specific bylaw amendment.

Vic - offers a Friendly Amendment to add Eric's point that the Bylaws Committee cannot overrule a decision of the GA.

Mimi - not willing to accept an amendment because it was the Bylaws Committee, not her, that put this recommendation forward.

Approved by Consensus

Timekeeper - note that Marla was on the call for too short a time to be included as present.

(19) Adjourn at 9:28 pm.

Next meeting: Oct 2nd, 2017.

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===== Appendix A =====
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Reapplication of Frank Lambert (for Finance Committee):

Frank Lambert (re-appointment)

Being on any committee nowadays is challenging but I feel honored to serve as a member on the State Finance Committee these past two years. We Greens have an organizational problem, and I've been doing my best in educating the public on what the Green Party stands for as opposed to the Republican/Democrat duopoly.

I helped construct the two fund-raising letters during my short tenure on the Finance Committee and have been thinking about different approaches to raising money, such as reaching out to wealthy philanthropists who share our interests and concerns. As of today, I'm still proposing the \$.14 (fourteen cents) a day or \$51.50 a year per California Green.

In 2015 I worked with the Coordinating Committee and Agenda Team to host a General Assembly in Monterey County (<http://www.cagreens.org/ga/2015-01>). Monterey County also holds an annual fundraiser in the form of an auction, which has worked out well for us. I have been a Green Party member since 2005.

Sincerely,
Frank Lambert
Council member, Green Party of Monterey County

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===== Appendix B =====
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Application of Gloria Bram (for Finance Committee)

I changed my voter preference from Democrat to Green Party on the second day of their 2016 convention. My son, who is also a Green Party member, applauded my decision and took me to the very next Green Party of Orange County Meeting.

At that meeting I was asked if I wanted to join their council, I did and I was. Now I am being appointed to the Standing General Assembly for Orange County.

I am a retired accountant (for 43 years, 10 with my own business) and was treasurer of an influential county democratic party in Washington state for more than 15 years.

Now I would like to use my knowledge & skills to help grow the Green Party where I can.

I have been asked by a few State members to consider becoming state party treasurer and would like to explore what would be involved with that. To that end, I would appreciate being appointed to the Finance Committee.

I can be reached at my greengloryb@gmail account or by phone (Cell; 714-785-1686 or Home; 714-530-3398)

Thank you for your consideration,
Gloria Bram

Gloria Bram
GPOC Council

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===== Appendix C =====
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Application of Quinton Douglas Crawford (for Finance Committee)

Quinton Douglas Crawford

I am applying to become a member of the Finance Committee of the Green Party of California.

My experience, from the 1990's thru 2015, in organizations at the leadership level include: youth program logistics chair, student leader of the African Student Association & Student Government Committee, Northern California Regional Officer for the African/Black Statewide Student Alliance, Solano County Facilitator of the Earth Charter.

I have been a member of the All-African Peoples Revolutionary Party, met Kwame Ture (formerly Stokely Carmichael) many times, and now have a major part in "Advancing The Research - Save Nubia Project".

My experiences as a fundraising chair in other organizations have resulted in several thousand dollars being raised. In 2016 I

was also a local election campaign coordinator of Bernie Sanders campaign.

I joined the Green Party in 2016, minutes after the illegal actions of the DNC were exposed by the endorsement of Hillary Clinton. I later helped pay for mass social media exposure of Jill Stein and Ajamu Baraka presentations on CNN, CSPAN, etc reaching over 16,000 local people in the Solano County area. In 2017 I attended my first General Assembly, where I presented several ideas I've had for fundraising.

I am an educator and am currently serving as Secretary for the Solano Group of the Sierra Club. I am also working to occasionally motivate other Green Party members on social media, to stay on track and keep spreading awareness of the Green Party. I am engaged in monthly donations to the National Green Party and Brand New Congress (specifically to help Green Party people win congressional seats).

I hope to be able to engage more responsibility in the growth and organization of the Green Party of California.

Sincerely,
Quinton Douglas Crawford
quintoncrawford1@yahoo.com
County Council Member, Green Party of Solano County

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===== Appendix D =====
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Dear State Party Chairmen:

As Chairman of the Foundation to Stop Top 2 and author of the Initiative Measure to Repeal the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Law, I'm formally informing you that the Initiative was submitted to the Attorney General on 17, 2017. The Attorney General and California Legislative Analyst have confirmed receipt. The submission starts the clock. The Analyst has 50 days to review the economic impact, if any, of the repeal and the AG has 15 days thereafter to provide me with a Unique Numeric Identifier, Circulating Title and Summary. Voters can expect the petitions to become available in mid-October to early November.

Since support for the repeal of the Top Two cuts across political parties, I felt it important to get your input prior to sending out a press release. I drafted the Initiative, not as a Party move, but to re-establish representative government to our State. Endorsements and financial commitments are being sought from your Parties and your constituents.

Please provide me with your comments as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom

Thomas E. Palzer
Chairman & State Coordinator
FOUNDATION TO STOP TOP 2
P.O. Box 2413
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729
info@stoptop2.com
909.913.9500
CAGOP Delegate: 31st Congressional, 23rd Senate District, 40th Assembly District

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===== Appendix E =====
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IT Committee Report for August 21st

The agenda for the meeting is below.

Present
Nicole Montoya
Sadie Fulton
Bert Heuer
Not Present
Tim Laidman
Sanda Everette
Gerry Gras
Ajay Rai

Quorum not met. No official business transacted.

There was general discussion of issues. Agreed to start a "to do list" online (using Trello).

Next meeting: Sep 18th @ 7:30pm

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COMMITTEE REPORT: Candidates & Campaigns Working Group

1) Attendees:

David Cobb (Humboldt), Richard Gomez (Fresno), Adam Siegel (Yolo), Eric Luna (San Joaquin), Colt Gonzalez (San Joaquin)

2) Last monthly national Green Party Coordinated Campaign Committee webinar was on "Campaigning with Social Movements" facilitated by Howie Hawkins. Here is the link to the audio:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxPr8aUIVquETEtEVWJQNUhBV1k/view>

3) Discussion of how to use SB 562 (The Healthy California Act) to grow the Green Party

-- Folks in Humboldt, Mendocino and Sonoma counties are planning a coordinated "die-in" at each of Assembly Member Jim Wood's district office all on Sept 13.

-- David has a call scheduled with folks from CNA to discuss how we might collaborate moving forward

-- There is a "Recall Rendon" effort beginning in LA, and Greens are very active with it.

4) Discussion of 2017 Election Calendar

-- None of us were aware of any Greens running in 2017

5) Discussion of 2018 Election Calendar

Candidates who have announced their intent:

Lewis Elbinger-- US Congress, District 1

Angelica Duennas-- US Congress, District 29

Miguel Zuniga-- US Congress, District 43

Wanda Jean Lord (maybe)-- Governor

Eric Frame-- State Senate, District 6

Darryl Cherney (maybe)-- Assembly District 2

6) Discussion of upcoming GPCA General Assembly in Ventura Nov 11-12

7) Movement School for Revolutionaries

-- David and Mel Figueroa have co-facilitated 10 so far, with several more are upcoming:

-- Sept 30 San Diego

-- Oct 5 Riverside,

-- Oct 7 Irvine

-- Oct 21 Jackson, MS

-- Nov 4 Tulare, Fresno or Visalia

-- Jan 20 Nevada City

8) Central CA Regional Gathering Sept 23 in Davis

From: Yolo County Green Party

Date: Sun, Jul 23, 2017 at 1:13 PM

Subject: SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 IN DAVIS - CENTRAL REGION GREEN GATHERING

Hello Central Region Greens (and other interested CA Greens!),

The Yolo County Green Party would like to invite you to attend a regional gathering in Davis, CA on Saturday, September 23, 2017. At this informal gathering, we hope all Central Region Greens and other interested CA Greens can come together to meet, share ideas, and work toward rebuilding the Green Party in the Central Region and beyond.

There will be speakers on getting "stuff" done and growing the Green Party. There will also be candidate panels, and workshops devoted to building the Green Party as a force for social and political change. We're hoping this gathering will facilitate a serious discussion about how to circumvent and break through the many obstacles the current GPCA party structure places in front of real grassroots party-building and organizing. We would like to review some alternative party structures that might allow the GPCA to be the political force it has the potential to be. These are radical, grassroots, small-d democratic alternatives to entrenched power structures that stifle the party rather than grow it.

This is an informal gathering; there are no delegates or registration fees. All CA Greens are welcome. However, if you do plan to attend, please RSVP so we can coordinate seating, food, accommodation recommendations, etc. A draft agenda will be forthcoming.

So save the date: Saturday, September 23, 2017. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS: yolocogp@gmail.com.

We hope to see as many of you as possible!

The GPYC County Council,

Adam Siegel
Carla Rodriguez
Deatra Cohen
Sadie Fulton
Walter England

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===== Appendix G =====

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Monthly Committee Report - August 2017

NAME: Finance Committee

DATE: Thursday August 24th, 2017, 8 - 9:00 pm

ATTENDEES:

Victoria Ashley - Liaison, Co-co (8/8/2016 - 8/2018)
Maxine (Mica) Daniel - Co-co (1/23/2016-1/2018)
Ruscal Cayangyang - Assistant Treasurer (8/3/2015-8/2017)
Tim Laidman - (1/2016-1/2018)
Gloria Bram
Mike Feinstein

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Kendra Gonzales - (8/3/2015-8/2017)
Bob Marsh - (2/2017 - 2/2019)
Marla Bernstein (11/9/2015-11/2017)
Frank Lambert - (3/2/2015-3/2017)

BRIEF SUMMARY NOTES:

1. Updates on Nationbuilder

Money paid for Nationbuilder:

\$1,199.00 - (7/28/17) May, June and July (2017)
\$4,498.34 - (8/9/17) Annual contract (July 27th 2017-2018) at \$384/mo

\$5697.34 Total

2. Updates / Discussion: Kern GA Money

Victoria Ashley presented her communications and understanding of the position of Kern County with regards to the finances around the March General Assembly. Mike Feinstein & Tim Laidman presented their understandings and concerns about the finances also.

Kern has stated that they were told by then-Treasurer Doug Barnett that GPCA did not have any money to provide in advance of the event except for \$300 to secure the venue. Barnett was not in attendance on the call. The lack of any advance funding led to Kern establishing an Eventbrite page to accept registrations. Kern maintains that they were not engaged in any political activity but rather served to provide everything necessary for party members to meet and communicate.

Kern County GA Registration net amount (after processing fees): \$4475.46

Expenditures included: food service (organic, vegan and gluten-free options) for breakfast, breaks and lunch for approximately 100 people for 2 days, venue security costs, band stipend and other costs for the Saturday evening event with GP presidential candidate Jill Stein, and payment of all incidental costs necessary for the event set-up and clean-up at the hall.

Balance with Kern County after all direct and other costs paid: \$1543.73

GPCA payment for venue: \$300.00

No decision could be agreed upon for the item:

- Feinstein and Laidman want to investigate and want Doug Barnett to speak to the FC
- Other FC members do not support the need for further investigation, do not see the benefit of a he-said / she-said debate, and stress the need to focus on the still-incomplete fundraising letter

3. Treasurer Information and Finances

Ruscal Cayangyang has filed form 410 with the CA SoS and is now the official Treasurer

4. Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 28th at 8 pm

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===== Appendix H =====

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GROW - Grassroots Organizing Working Group
8/8/17 GROW Monthly Report for CC agenda of September 11, 2017

GROW teleconference August 8, 2017

ATTENDEES

Anthony Krzywicki (Co-coordinator & timekeeper)
Laura Wells (Co-coordinator and CC liaison)
Nassim Nouri (facilitator)
Audra Walton (notes)

Bobby Halili, Brett Dixon, John Schmit, Mike Gonzales, Richard Gomez, Ron Rodarte, Sadie Fulton, Wanda Jean Lord

NOTES

- SGA delegate appointments; ACTION ITEM for attendees from Fresno, Kern, Riverside, Stanislaus, Ventura, Yolo
- Regular county meetings - updated by attendees, more to come
- County web presence - updates by Alameda and Ventura
- GPCA calendar - discussion of who/what/how to keep it up-to-date as to meeting schedules. GROW members would volunteer to update pertinent calendar items and GROW webpage, and keep the INFORM list up-to-date. ACTION ITEM: Do what we can to help IT Committee move forward on resolving website issues
- New counties: El Dorado, Placer, and San Benito were formerly active and are prospects for re-activation. ACTION ITEM: contact people we know there
- County treasurer training video ACTION ITEM for Audra, Ron and Wanda

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 7:30pm

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===== Appendix J =====

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Results of online election for SGA Vote Administrator

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 8:22 PM, Jared Laiti wrote:

Bert,

I received the following 16 ballots:

1. No other choice

- (1) Victoria Ashley
- (2) Brian Good
- (3) Laura Wells
- (4) Mike Goldbeck
- (5) Eric Brooks

- 1) Victoria Ashley
- 2) Brian Good
- 3) Laura Wells
- 4) Mike Goldbeck
- 5) Eric Brooks
- 6) No Other Candidate

- 1.Victoria AshleyÃ,
- 2.Eric BrooksÃ,
- 3.Brian GoodÃ,
- 4.Laura Wells

- (1) Victoria Ashley
- (2) Brian Good
- (3) Laura Wells
- (4) Mike Goldbeck
- (5) Eric Brooks

Victoria Ashley (Solano) 1
Eric Brooks (San Francisco) 4
Mike Goldbeck (San Diego) 5

Brian Good (Santa Clara) 2
Laura Wells (Alameda) 3

- (1) Victoria Ashley
- (2) Brian Good
- (3) Laura Wells
- (4) Mike Goldbeck
- (5) Eric Brooks
- (6) No Other Candidate

- (1) Victoria Ashley
- (2) Laura Wells
- (3) Eric Brooks
- (4) Mike Goldbeck
- (5) Brian Good
- (6) No Other Candidate

- (1) Victoria Ashley
- (2) Brian Good
- (3) Laura Wells
- (4) Eric Brooks
- (5) Mike Goldbeck
- (6) No Other Candidate

- (1) Mike Goldbeck
- (2) Victoria Ashley
- (3) Laura Wells
- (4) Brian Good
- (5) Eric Brooks
- (6) No Other Candidate

- (1) Victoria Ashley
- (2) Brian Good
- (3) Laura Wells
- (4) Mike Goldbeck
- (5) Eric Brooks
- (6) No Other Candidate

Victoria Ashley #1
Brian Good #2
Laura Wells #3
Mike Goldberg #4
Eric Brooks #5
No Other Candidate #6

1. Brian Good
2. Victoria Ashley
3. Mike Goldbeck
4. Laura Wells
5. Eric Brooks

Victoria AshleyÃ,
Eric BrooksÃ,
Laura Wells Ã,
Brian Good Ã,
Mike Goldbeck

- (1) Victoria Ashley
- (2) Brian Good
- (3) Eric Brooks
- (4) Mike Goldbeck
- (5) Laura Wells
- (6) No Other Candidate

1. Laura Wells (Alameda)
2. Victoria Ashley
3. Eric Brooks (San Francisco)
4. Mike Goldbeck (San Diego)
5. Brian Good (Santa Clara)

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===== Appendix K =====
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A full set of the Coordinating Committee Minutes from Feb. 6, 2017 is available at:
<http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/minutes/2017-02-06>

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15) Decision: Accounting of All GPCA Electronic Access & Administration Permissions

Proposal: The Coordinating Committee calls on the IT Committee to provide a full roster of all persons who have any passwords or permissions to administer, moderate and/or monitor any GPCA web sites, email lists, social media, NationBuilder, other databases, web document archives, and any other electronic media not open to full public access (with the exception of simple email list membership - for example it is not necessary to provide in the roster SGA email list members, but we do need to account for all administrators and moderators of all email lists). The IT Committee is to include in the roster, all permissions of all types granted to each person on the roster. It would be preferable to get the roster in a spreadsheet format.

Sponsor: Eric Brooks

Background and Purpose: The purpose for this action is to get a full accounting of all people with access permissions and passwords, identify any who should be removed from such access, identify roles for such access that are either not being fully filled (or alternatively are overfilled), and to better facilitate the Coordinating Committee granting orderly access permissions and passwords to Green Party officials and volunteers who need that access to fulfill their Party duties and functions.

A discussion was had regarding the basis for request in terms of what is and is not happening in a timely fashion and we need a full list get it in front of us and review it and it might help fill in gaps in terms of who is available to do things. There are some old names on some of the lists of administrators that aren't with the party anymore. Some people are listed as administrators who have no access or permission to manage the pages for which they are listed. There was a discussion regarding the need for a volunteer on the IT Committee to do the administration of content. There was a discussion about whether the request for the list included a time limit and it was recommended that Bert and Ajai work behind the scenes and raise the issue at the IT meeting to develop (but not publish any sensitive information from) the requested list at the next month's CC Meeting.

There are no outstanding questions or concerns.

Approved by consensus.

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===== Appendix L =====
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Application for IT Committee

Hello,

I would like to apply to be on the IT Committee for the Green Party of California. I am currently serving as the media coordinator for the Oakland and Alameda county Greens and would like to also contribute at the state level. I believe I could represent the concerns of my city and county and could help update the GPCA website and other materials as needed.

I am a freelance web designer/developer and graphic designer and am very active on social media. I have recently redesigned the Oakland Greens and Alameda County websites and have developed logos and flyers for the Oakland and Alameda County chapters. In college, I lived in several cooperatives that made decisions using the consensus process. I believe very strongly in the values of the Green Party and would like to contribute at the state level.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brett Anthony Dixon
b@brettanthonydixon.com
760-299-3037

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===== Appendix M =====
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Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee - Sept. 2017

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: Sept. 4, 2017
Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

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Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting: Sunday, August 20, 2017

Present: Laura Wells, Gloria Purcell, Mimi Newton, Tim Laidman, Mike Feinstein, Adam Siegel, Victoria Ashley (Quorum present.)
Absent: Jim Smith

Dates of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting Conference Calls:

Special Meeting to discuss March 2017 Bylaws Amendments by GA:

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at 11:00 am, Call in number - (515) 739-1271, access code: 753142

Next regular meeting:

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm, Call in number - (515) 739-1271, access code: 753142.

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

- Members of the Committee will hold a special meeting on 9/9/17 to discuss concerns some have raised regarding the Bylaws amendments made at the General Assembly in Kern County in March of 2017.
- Members are reviewing and discussing priorities.
- Members are working on a Bylaws Template for Counties.
- Members have been discussing proposed Bylaws Amendments regarding - Timing of County Council Elections, and Defining Coordinating Committee Vacancies.
- Members are reviewing online a Bylaws amendment proposal from Contra Costa and Los Angeles Counties regarding Elections Eligibility and Timing for Coordinating Committee and GPUS Delegation elections.

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===== Appendix N =====
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IT Roster Draft

MOST URGENT QUESTIONS

[A]
Who can provide the new SGA Vote Administrators with all the capabilities they need? (This draft list was first emailed to the CC, on September 6, 11:33 am from Laura Wells.)

Here is a starter list of questions that will allow us to create procedures, a process for gaining access to the system, and training needed by the incoming SGA Vote Administrators. The last question applies to almost all others: who performs each of the tasks now, and who can provide the new admins with access to each of the processes?

(1) How is the list of SGA delegates updated?
<http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/contacts?cid=13>

(2) How are SGA delegates added to the SGA email list, gpca-votes@cagreens.org (or gpca-votes@lists.cagreens.org)?

(3) How are SGA delegates added to the SGA voting pages/voting system?

(4) How do proposal pages get published on the website?

(5) How do candidate lists get published on the website? How do candidate applications/bios get published and updated?

(6) How are the SGA announcements set up? Announcements include the beginning of the discussion and voting periods, the upcoming end of the voting period, and the ending of the voting period.

(7) How are the results announced for yes/no votes and for ranked choice votes?

(8) Who does each of the above, and who can provide the new admins with access to each of the above?

(9) What else should be included on this list of questions?

NOTE that in researching the GP-US voting system, it appears that "Vote Administrators" are called "Floor Managers" and the job rotates among the Steering Committee members, with some duties performed by the Secretary of the Steering Committee. The system was described as a process of filling out ("plugging in") the software forms online: checking boxes for kind of vote, discussion period, listing candidates; and pasting in proposals, background, resources required, references. It's possible that the CA system, which apparently was originally based on the same system as the national, may have become more complicated over the years, but still do-able by people who are not necessarily highly technical.

[B]
Who can provide the new female co-coordinators with all the capabilities they need? What is the list of those capabilities in addition to this list:

EMAIL CAPABILITIES

- Send emails to GPCA Inform list
- Receive emails sent to applications@cagreens.org
- Receive emails sent to gpca@cagreens.org

- Access teleconference information, like logs of the calls

LIST ADMIN

- Coordinating Committee

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INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITIES (please correct)

MIKE FEINSTEIN

GENERAL WEBSITE

- cagreens.org (Drupal site), administrative access
- NationBuilder, administrative access
- Providing access to other volunteers

SGA VOTE ADMINISTRATION

- Update list of SGA delegates on website and in voting system
- Update SGA email list
- Administer votes for proposals and candidates, including sending out announcements; publishing proposals, candidates lists, biographies; and providing results

UPDATE PLATFORM ON WEBSITE

UPDATE WEBSITE FOR CC MEETINGS

- CC agenda archive
- Draft CC minutes
- Final CC minutes; remove DRAFT from title; add listing of minutes and URL
- Add menu link on left hand sidebar for approved minutes
- Add listing of minutes and URL for those minutes

UPDATE WEBSITE FOR RULES

- Revise website and provide web archive of version being amended (by CC or General Assembly, as noted) for the following:
 - * CC internal rules (CC)
 - * GPCA Personnel Policy (CC)
 - * GPCA Bylaws, Rules and Procedures and Fiscal Policy (General Assembly)
- Post bylaws interpretations
- Revise County Party Bylaws page to reflect changes in county bylaws

UPDATE COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUP PAGES

- Revise membership rosters, and provide link to URL of CC meeting minutes at which appointments were made
- Move former committee members to the 'past member' archive pages
- Update web pages to reflect changes in party Bylaws, including revisions to mission/duties/responsibilities

UPDATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAGES

- Create a specific home page and URL for each General Assembly, with links to the draft agenda, logistics and other information needed before the General Assembly and to all of the documentation of the meeting thereafter
- Post draft GA agendas
- Post final GA agendas
- Create a specific page to post the CC's announcements to seek hosts of future GAS; create draft email including a link to that page, for posting to the GPCA Inform List

LIST ADMIN

- Bylaws, Clearinghouse, Clearinghouse incoming, Personnel, GPCA-Forum, GPCA
- Receive and answer incoming email (and state phone)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Serves as administrator of GPCA Facebook page, including Instagram and assigning page roles
- Serves as administrator of GPCA Facebook group
- Serves as administrator of GPCA Twitter account

TIM LAIDMAN

(as IT Committee member)

GENERAL WEBSITE

- cagreens.org (Drupal site), administrative access
- NationBuilder, administrative access
- Server at LiquidWeb - CPanel
- Server at LiquidWeb - Root
- Provide access to other volunteers

SGA VOTE ADMINISTRATION

- Update list of SGA delegates on website and in voting system
- Update SGA email list
- Administer votes for proposals and candidates, including sending out announcements; publishing proposals, candidates lists, biographies; and providing results.

LIST ADMIN

- Personnel

AJAY RAI

(as IT Committee co-coordinator)

GENERAL WEBSITE

- cagreens.org (Drupal site), administrative access
- Server at LiquidWeb - CPanel
- Server at LiquidWeb - Root
- Provide access to other volunteers
- Send broadcast emails to Greens in specific counties

LIST ADMIN

- IT Committee, IT-help

SADIE FULTON

(as new IT Committee member)

GENERAL WEBSITE

- cagreens.org (Drupal site), edit pages but not menu items
- dev.cagreens.org (Sandbox site for new design), unrestricted editing access

NICOLE MONTOYA

(as new IT Committee member)

GENERAL WEBSITE

- cagreens.org (Drupal site), edit pages but not menu items
- dev.cagreens.org (Sandbox site for new design), unrestricted editing access

BERT HEUER

(as current CC co-co, and IT Committee co-coordinator)

GENERAL WEBSITE

- cagreens.org (Drupal site), administrative access (?)
- Server at LiquidWeb - CPanel
- Server at LiquidWeb - Root

EMAIL CAPABILITIES

- Send emails to GPCA Inform list
- Receive emails sent to applications@cagreens.org
- Receive emails sent to gpca@cagreens.org
- Access teleconference information, like logs of the calls

LIST ADMIN

- Coordinating Committee, IT Committee, IT-help, Electoral Reform WG, GPCA-Inform

SANDA EVERETTE

(as former CC co-co, and IT Committee member)

EMAIL CAPABILITIES

- Send emails to GPCA Inform list
- Receive emails sent to applications@cagreens.org
- Receive emails sent to gpca@cagreens.org
- Access teleconference information, like logs of the calls

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Serves as editor on GPCA Facebook page
- Serves as administrator of GPCA Twitter account

LIST ADMIN

- Media

MICA DANIEL

(as new CC co-co)

VICTORIA ASHLEY

(as new CC alternate co-co)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Serves as editor on GPCA Facebook page
- Serves as administrator of GPCA Facebook group

LIST ADMIN

- Bylaws, Finance

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Appendix O

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I am submitting this late item because it is urgent and just arose as an issue in the past week. The item is a decision to oppose stealth bills attacking local Community Choice clean energy programs and California renewables in general, which will be voted on by the middle of September, and on which we must take action to oppose as soon as possible in order to have a timely impact on the state legislature.

DECISION: GPCA Opposition of California Bills & Amendments Attacking Clean Energy in California

- AB 726 (Holden) a bill that would privatize and regionalize California's electricity grid and turn it over to the influence of the coal industry and the Trump administration.

- AB 813 (Holden) a bill requiring California monopoly utilities (PG&E, SCE, SDG&E) to purchase long term renewable energy contracts; which will unnecessarily raise the cost of renewables, and result in damaging costs which will undermine Community Choice energy programs.

- Community Choice 'Freeze' - Rumors have arisen that a last minute amendment may be inserted in an energy bill to freeze all new creation of Community Choice clean energy programs, which would crush the local clean energy movement in California.

BACKGROUND: California Assemblymember Chris Holden (D - Pasadena) who has received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations from the monopoly utility corporations and their ally electrical building trades, has just introduced both AB 726 and AB 813 as 'gut-and-amend' stealth attacks on renewable energy and Community Choice clean energy programs - in the last two weeks of the California legislative session.

AB 726 would force our nonprofit California electrical grid operator (the CAISO) to partner with Warren Buffet's for profit PacifiCorp (which sells coal based electricity) to create a privatized multistate regional grid operator that would allow the coal industry to re-enter the California electricity market. Buffet has directly attacked renewables in other states. This would potentially give the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Trump administration the ability to leverage a resurgence of coal in the California electricity market.

AB 813 would require the monopoly utility corporations to purchase long term contracts for renewable energy ostensibly to take advantage of Federal tax credits that may expire soon. But because the cost of renewables are consistently and dramatically declining over time, the practical result of AB 813 will be to raise (not lower) the price of renewables thereby slowing down the installation of renewables in California. Because the monopoly utility corporations are allowed to pass the cost of such overpriced renewable electricity to Community Choice programs, the bill will also cause serious financial harm to these local community based clean energy programs and their ability to compete with the for profit monopoly utilities.

PROPOSAL TEXT: The GPCA Coordinating Committee resolves that the GPCA strongly opposes AB 726 and 813 (Holden - 2017) and any bill or amendment placing restrictions on the expansion of Community Choice) because these bills will increase the costs of renewables in California, threaten to return coal power to California, and add unacceptable and serious financial burdens to, and possibly even kill, California's Community Choice energy programs. The GPCA CC authorizes a letter to be sent to the state legislature opposing these bills and amendments with text similar to the following:

The Green Party of California writes to voice our strong opposition to AB 726 and 813, as well as any bills or amendments that would freeze, or otherwise limit the expansion of Community Choice clean energy programs. AB 726 would privatize the California electricity grid and allow cheap coal electricity to re-enter the California market, thereby threatening renewables, and increasing greenhouse gas emissions. AB 813 would raise the costs of renewable electricity and so seriously undermine the ability of community based clean energy programs to provide low cost renewables to Californians. And any freeze on Community Choice programs would crush the community based clean energy movement in California.

At a time when the climate crisis is hammering our state and our country with record heat, fires, flooding and hurricanes, these bills unacceptably endanger with higher costs and fossil fuel energy competition, the viability of California's most important response to the climate crisis; its Community Choice renewable energy programs.

California has largely removed coal power from its electricity grid and is leading the national shift to replace fossil fuel based electricity with renewable electricity. Allowing the coal industry to gain influence over our California electricity grid and re-introduce cheap coal power to California through AB 726 would be a disastrous step backward in California's clean energy progress.

Though the price of solar, wind and battery storage has been consistently and dramatically declining each year, AB 813 would foolishly force the monopoly utilities to buy renewable energy in long term contracts, which even with current federal subsidies, are likely to be higher in price than the price of renewables in even the next few years, let alone decades covered by these contracts. This foolish requirement would raise the cost of renewable energy and slow down its adoption, and would unacceptably raise costs on our local Community Choice programs because the monopoly utilities are able to pass on the cost of overly expensive renewables contracts to Community Choice customers.

Community Choice programs have been consistently delivering less expensive and cleaner electricity to customers than the private utilities. Crippling these successful community based programs with added costs, restrictions on expanding, and cheap out-of-state fossil fuel energy competition will slow down the adoption of clean energy, and cut the legs out from under crucially needed green jobs development.

AB 726 and 813, and any freeze or limitation of Community Choice expansion, would all raise the costs and lower the competitiveness of California's clean energy industry and community based clean energy programs, and deeply undercut green jobs.

We strongly urge you to OPPOSE AB 726 and 813, and to oppose any bills or amendments that would freeze or limit the expansion of Community Choice clean energy programs."

ENACTMENT & EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately On Passage

FOR REFERENCE:

1) AB 726 - Text and Bill information:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB726

2) AB 813 - Text and Bill information:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB813

3) Record of monopoly utility and electrical building trades donations to Assemblymember Chris Holden:

Advanced Search Results - California Secretary of State - (from: <http://powersearch.sos.ca.gov/advanced.php>) Results Summary
\$60,200.00 in 22 contributions Help: Total contributions PG&E; SDG&E; SCE; IBEW has contributed Organizational Contributions - \$60,200.00 to candidates HOLDEN, CHRIS has received
(1336466) Holden For Assembly 2012 has raised \$16,900.00 in 6 contributions
(1354773) Holden for Assembly 2014 has raised \$6,700.00 in 5 contributions
(1374277) Holden for Assembly 2016 has raised \$14,600.00 in 7 contributions
(1393404) Holden for Assembly 2018 has raised \$22,000.00 in 4 contributions

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Appendix P
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Subject: Decision Item: Addition to March 2017 Draft Minutes from General Assembly in Kern County

Sponsors: Mimi Newton, Bylaws Co-Co and Liaison to Coordinating Committee, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee

Background and Purpose: The Kern County General Assembly took place on March 11 and 12, 2017. A Bylaws Amendment was approved at the GA without being reviewed in advance by the Bylaws Committee. As a result, the Bylaws Committee held a Special Meeting on September 9, 2017, during which the Committee resolved to make the following recommendation to the CC:

In two places in the draft Minutes from the March 2017 GA, where the proposed bylaws amendment was added to the agenda and where it was voted upon, the CC should consider adding the following note:

"After the General Assembly was concluded, the following section of GPCA Bylaws was brought to the attention of the Bylaws Committee, as this proposal was not submitted to the Bylaws Committee and was not reviewed by the Bylaws Committee before it was presented to the General Assembly:

GPCA Bylaw 13-2.2 -- Each proposed amendment must be submitted to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall review the proposed amendments and provide recommendations to the sponsors, including to promote consistency in numbering, format, terminology and meaning with existing documents, to minimize ambiguity and to promote clarify."

Proposal: That the CC decide whether to add the foregoing note to the draft GA Minutes from March 2017, which are expected to be posted for a vote by the SGA on October 2, 2017.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Notetaker and SGA Vote Administrators to follow up in accordance with decision by the CC in time for Minutes, as amended, to be posted.

References: March 2017 Kern GA Draft Minutes: <http://cagreens.org/ga/2017-03/minutes>