

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday Jan 6, 2020, 7:30 to 9:30pm

(01) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 19 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 10: Victoria Ashley, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel (Alternate Female Co-Co), Sadie Fulton, Melissa Guevara, Colt Gonzales, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton (Female Co-Co), Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Present (14): Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel (Alternate Female Co-Co), Sadie Fulton, Melissa Guevara, Colt Gonzales, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton (Female Co-Co), Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, *Shannel Pittman, Laura Wells

Absent (5): Victoria Ashley, Sadie Fulton, Melissa Guevara, Audra Walton

Quorum was met with 13 out of 19 CC members present at 7:36 p.m.

*Shannel Pitman joined 7:42 pm

**Colt Gonzales joined 7:49 pm

***Audra Walton called in at 8:17 but missed most of the call not able to get on.

(02) Roles (2 min)

Facilitator - Tarik, Note Take - Nassim, Time Keeper - Mica, Vibes Watcher - Christine

(03) Decision: Approval of Agenda - Approved

(03a) Decision: Approval of Late Items – Approved

Eric suggested there has been some issues dialing in so to add a discussion of alternative dial-in systems to the end of the agenda, time permitting

(04) Decision: Approval of prior months' Minutes

As posted by Mimi Newton on Monday Jan 6th at 12:11 pm.

(05) Decision: Consent Items: (5 minutes)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consensed 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.

Appendix A - Finance Committee

Appendix B - GPCA-IT Committee

(06) Decision item: Approve meeting dates of the GPCA-CC for 2020 The dates were approved at the December GA as part of the Strategic Plan. Here is the simplified version to be posted as our meeting dates for 2020, Sponsor: Mica Daniel (2 minutes)

January 6, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 9, 2020

April 6, 2020
May 4, 2020
June 1, 2020
July 6, 2020
August 3, 2020
September 14, 2020
October 5, 2020
November 9, 2020
December 7, 2020

All meetings are scheduled for 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Mica set up the calendar for 2020 CC meetings, Tarik noted three of the meetings are not on the first Monday of the month due to Holiday conflicts.

Approved by consensus

(07) (Late Item) Decision item: GPCA to take a formal stand against the recent US government's military attack in Iraq and the pending escalation into war with Iran. (10 mins)

Sponsor: Nassim Nouri (CH)

Background and Purpose: In light of the recent US military attack in Iraq and the pending escalation of US entering war with Iran, the GPCA needs to take a formal stand against the actions of the administration and demand that our congressional representatives speak on our behalf.

Proposal: That the GPCA approve the following Statement for release by Clearinghouse through an email communication to the GPCA database, and on social media.

"The Green Party of California condemns the recent hostile military action by the United States' administration in recently assassinating military leaders of Iran and Iraq.

Such acts violating international law, as well as other provocations and threats against sovereign nations will lead to more endless wars and devastation in the Middle East and the entire world, while endangering our military personnel who are being needlessly deployed as war fodder for misguided and failed foreign policies. As this military attack and many before it have not been authorized by the United States Congress they do not reflect the will of the overwhelming majority of Americans who stand for diplomatic approaches and consider war as an absolute last resort.

We call on the Trump administration to immediately stop the threats of further military action, halt all deployments of troops from the United States to the region, and end the escalation of violence and war in Iraq and Iran by bringing all of our combat military personnel home from that region.

We call on our Congressional representatives to immediately move to repeal the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) resolution, oppose further military actions against Iran and Iraq, and unite in demanding the Congress' authority for any future declaration of war. We demand that our representatives speak on our behalf and stand up to oppose further military actions against Iran and Iraq."

Implementation/ timeline/ resources: CH to send the statement in an email newsletter by Thursday 1/9. Members of CH and IT to work together to implement.

Questions/comments:

- June, Ann and Eric added edits and Nassim accepted the amendments, **(see additions and deletions in the draft above)**.
- Ann suggested GPCA support creating a peace coalition (as per her email) to bring together anti-war movement as we need it at this time.
- Mica suggested a proposal for legislature to be sent to the Senate.
- Shannel mentioned that PSL is doing this very effectively and that GPCA could be a leader in this as well but we need a plan and volunteers.

>Tarik requested to add 5 min to the discussion; Approved by consensus

- James agreed with the need to coalesce an anti-war movement, UNAC is doing great work towards this and many Greens are already involved in helping create broad support in building this movement. We should be participating in UNAC work and maybe have a liaison from GPCA be present on their national call?
- Laura suggested that GPCA goes on the record to ask Congress to add condemnation of the military attack to the current impeachment article, maybe add it to this statement.
- Eric and Tarik disagreed with adding our demands to the impeachment article due to it being a partisan issue and not being particularly well written articles.
- Nassim suggested we proceed with approving the current proposal & statement with the accepted amendments and have a follow up effort to address what Ann and James have suggested as an ongoing larger project. All agreed.
- Eric suggested potentially adding Sen. Kaine's proposed legislature (sent info in an email) to the statement, Nassim disagreed and suggested other steps be considered as separate proposals, due to time constraints. Eric withdrew the suggestion.

Approved by consensus

- Nassim will send the updated language of the statement to the CC tonight for all to review and submit any last minor edits by end of day Tuesday 1/7.

(08) Late Item: Subject: Decision Item: Create a team to evaluate and report back to the CC with recommendations regarding the possibility of establishing a filing fee reimbursement process for Green Party candidates in California. (10 mins)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: California Green Diana Brown (Los Angeles) was recently working with a presidential candidate and learned that the Missouri Greens have set up a process whereby candidates submit the filing fee to the State Green Party for reimbursement. As

part of Missouri's process, the State Party submits a receipt to the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. The Missouri Green Party also has a dues system. Diana requested that this idea be discussed by the CC.

Proposal: The CC should establish a small team of CC members to reach out to Diana, and then evaluate and report back to the rest of the CC [preferably by no later than the March CC Meeting] with recommendations regarding the possibility of establishing a filing fee reimbursement process for Green Party candidates in California.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: 2-5 volunteers to work together to develop recommendations - preferably by the March 2020 CC Meeting.

References: Missouri Green Party Bylaws at: <https://www.missourigreenparty.org/bylaws>

Questions/comments:

James: there are 2 different proposals; one about reimbursements and another about a dues system), if we don't have a system of donating to campaign then we have to establish that before being able to reimburse filing fees. Re dues James is in favor but we'll need to discuss such significant issue with a detailed proposal.

- Nassim agreed, it would be great to reimburse candidates but depending on our fundraising plans, budget and how many candidates are filing we need to plan for such an expense.

Regarding a dues system discussion; we have already had a lot of discussions on that and had a vote by CC on this, although it was not submitted to the GA for ratification.

- Mica mentioned that we have in past provided some funds to candidates but we need to plan for raising these funds.

- Mimi: is a sustainer and would hope we all are and will be happy to have that discussion again.

- Tarik: we had been offering support to candidates in the past but it was a lot of work for them to get \$75 so was not worth the effort.

- June and Laura were on the team that managed the process of providing support for this effort, but we did not have enough volunteers to follow up on the paper work required for offering financial support to the candidates. We need whoever is interested in working on this to participate in the CCWG to invigorate that team and accomplish this or other tasks that really belong in that WG as opposed to the CC. June will need to see who will step up to volunteer before supporting this proposal or rather find systematic ways of participating in the ongoing work of CCWG among other responsibilities.

- No one volunteered to join this effort

- Mimi withdrew the proposal.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Finance/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes, December 21, 2019 at 6 – 7pm

December Finance/Budget Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 21, 2019 6:00 – 7:00 pm

(1) Roll call: Mica Daniel, Ruscal Cayangyang, Frank Lambert Victoria Ashley unable to be on the call. On the East Coast asked us to proceed without her.

2. Review of Last Month's Minutes (postponed til next meeting)

3 Agenda Review

4. General Assembly - Budget Discussion The budget projection for the GA was able to stay within \$2,000.

Total expenditures \$1966.18

Total income including Clearinghouse \$2447

Here's current balances as posted by Ruscal on December 21,2019 at 5:53pm

Travis Credit Union state acct 10,033.00

Travis Credit Union federal acct: 1,600.00

Main PayPal 0.00

Old PayPal 98.31

Monthly Expenses:

\$90.00 Liquid Web Wired Tree

\$10.45 Call Centric

December 2019 GA Income:

PayPal online registration \$1,801

In person registration \$490

Clearinghouse sales \$156

December 2019 GA Expenses:

Reimburse Terrance Tovar for meeting food costs \$800

Reimburse Richard Green for Invoice 99427 seats rental \$118

Meeting Site Rental The Revue \$1,000

Copy and Laser Berkeley 40 copies budget \$48.18

5. Discussion: IT concerns of having enough space to store the data from the SOS registration.

The list consists of 56 thousands registered green voters with emails addresses. Our capacity is only 26,000. What will it cost to get them the capacity they need? Is it already in their budget? It seems that Victoria may have the information on Nationbuilder pricing and also Nassim.

Action Item: Mica will check with Nassim and also make Victoria aware of the discussion.

6. Next meeting; Ruscal has multiple filing in the month of January with due dates starting on the 23rd of January. He is requesting a meeting on the 3rd Saturday, January 18, 2019 at 6:00 – 7:00pm. We can all make it ...but will run this by Victoria. It would move our meeting a week earlier.

APPENDIX B

GPCA-IT Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes (December)

- Monday 12/16/19, 7:30- 9 pm, meeting called to order at 7:41 pm

Members present: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Audra Walton, CC Liaison' (MC), Nassim Nouri (SC)

Absent: Colt Gonzales (SJ), Cameron Spitzer (SC)

Quorum 3/5 - No guests

Discussions and Issues:

- IT is working on parsing the database from the SOS office and working on a plan to merge or access the database.

- Monday 01/20/20, 7:30 - 9 pm