

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday Mar 9, 2020, 7:30 to 9:30pm

(01) Roll call: (5 minutes)

Melissa Guevara has resigned from the CC, per her email 3/2 5:46 am.

There are currently 17 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 9:
Victoria Ashley, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel (Alternate Female Co-Co), Colt Gonzales, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton (Female Co-Co), Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Present (15): Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel (Alternate Female Co-Co), James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton (Female Co-Co), Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Laura Wells.

- Quorum was met with 12 out of 17 members present at 7:38 p.m.

Tarik Kanaana (joined at 7:50)

Shannel Pittman (joined at 7:39)

Audra Walton (joined at 7:49)

Absent (2): Victoria Ashley, Colt Gonzales

(02) Roles (2 min)

Facilitator - Mimi, Note Take - Nassim, Time Keeper - Eric, Vibes Watcher - James

(03) Decision: Approval of Agenda – Approved by consensus

(03a) Decision: Approval of Late Items

- Carol proposed a late item (08) - June expressed a blocking concern and asked to go to a vote, need a 2/3 vote to approve adding to the agenda.

Roll call: 15/17 present - 12 Yes, 3 Abstain. Item is added to the agenda.

- Shannel proposed a late item (see Appendix D)

- 6 Yes, 4 No, 5 Abstain. Item is not added to the agenda

(04) Decision: Approval of prior months' Minutes – Approved by consensus

As posted by Mimi Newton on Monday Feb 15th 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 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.

Appendix A - Finance Committee

Appendix B - GPCA-IT Committee

Appendix C - GPCA-CH/GROW Committee

(06) Follow up items:

(06a) GPCA ASL Statement of Purpose: Mica Daniel and Nassim Nouri (3 minutes)

Mica & Nassim – worked with NorCal Center and negotiated them creating the ASL video, we now have the video that has GPCA logo with text and voice overlay with the ASL translation. They could not finalize before the 3/3 election but Mica will work with Secretary of State to add it to their website.

(06b) Discussion item: Spring GA Location and dates: Tarik Kanaana, Shannel Pittman (20 minutes)

Shannel – has reached out to county contacts but has some texting problems, she will make sure recipients are receiving her communications.

Tarik – spoke with Santa Barbara’s County Council but they don’t have resources and the only venue is the expensive SB Univ. Tarik will continue to reach out to counties through Inform list.

Jim: GPCA has the right to use county buildings for our work, a minimum of once a month for free.

Mimi: there is a publicly available list of county building. Doug: the rule now states that ahead of time the org has to show they have a \$1 million liability insurance. Tarik noted that our current insurance does have that limit and it applies to counties too. Eric: SF could possibly host and secure a venue, Tarik noted we should hold GA in SoCal.

Mimi – proposed considering a virtual GA due to the coronavirus outbreak since even the state have asked employees to work from home and canceled major events. June: would be important to have a deadline as to how and if we will hold the GA, so we have time to plan and organize.

(06c) Follow up items from Feb Meeting not included in the agenda, deferred to next call:

- Mica will call the SOS office to see if there are formatting requirements for our Party statement ASL video that they can let her know about for audio posting.
- Mica will follow up on becoming a signatory on the GPCA Bank Account
- Mimi to follow up with Jared about telling the State Auditor we don’t have the information they asked for about who in the GP has applied to the Redistricting Commission.
- Eric will email an action alert for PG&E territory and community choice.

(07) Discussion Item: Roles and Responsibility of CC

Section 4-2 Coordinating Committee (30 minutes) (Mimi, Mica and Nassim)

- Mimi read through the bylaws Article 9; CC Members’ responsibilities.
- Nassim asked for volunteers for specific CC tasks, for example being the keeper and reminder of the strategic plan). New volunteers took on leading CC roles, (see blue additions in CC Roles and Responsibilities section copied below:)

Background re: CC Roles and Responsibilities

Coco’s roles and general elections are at:

https://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/procedures#Article_I:_Co-Coordinator and

Article 4 and 8 of the bylaws at:

<http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>

Section 4-2 Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws.

Article 8. Coordinating Committee (as last amended 4/2/2018)

Section 8-1. Duties and Authority. The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws, including to

8-1.1 Establish draft agendas and select facilitators for General Assembly meetings.

>> (Cocos for CC, GA agenda team (Tarik), approved by CC, need to add "follow up by")

8-1.2 Forward proposals to the Standing General Assembly. (all)

8-1.3 Certify County Council members (as described in 6-6) in counties in which no County Council candidates qualified for the ballot in the preceding direct primary election, or in counties in which all members of the County Council have resigned and/or become disqualified from holding office.

>> (CC does not certify it but receive information from counties)

8-1.4 Determine active County Organizations (as described in 5-1)

>> (GROW – Laura provides that list to the GA agenda team, SoS puts the registered Green numbers up and Tarik will help with this, Mimi will put a proposal together to revise the description)

8-1.5 Appoint members to the Committees of the General Assembly (as described in Article 9) >> (all, once a year close to July)

8-1.6 Appoint a Coordinating Committee Liaison to Committees and Working Groups, who is charged with facilitating communications between that Committee or Working Group and the Coordinating Committee and in the case of certain committees as specified in Article 9, to serve as one of its two Co-Coordinators.

>>(See Action items under agenda item (07) follow up in April meeting)

8-1.7 Request and receive reports from Committees and Working Groups, refer matters to them, and monitor and assist their work.

>>(See Action items under agenda item (07) follow up in April meeting)

8-1.8 Authorize and ratify specific expenditures.

8-1.9 Make statements in the name of the Party.

>> (These are administrative statements to State or SoS, Cocos do these. Other media or spokesperson related statements will go through Media committee)

8-1.10 Retain legal counsel on behalf of the GPCA and make decisions based upon that counsel consistent with the Coordinating Committee's duties under the other provisions of these bylaws. (all)

8-1.11 Propose a Strategic Plan to the General Assembly (as defined in 11-2.)

>> (Tarik will be the keeper of this schedule and will remind CC of pending deadlines)<https://www.cagreens.org/coordinating-committee-minutes-nov-4-2019>

8-1.12 Establish Sub-Committees of the Coordinating Committee as necessary to accomplish these and other tasks of the Coordinating Committee as defined in these Bylaws. (all)

8-1.13 Establish Internal Procedures of the Coordinating Committee as necessary, that are not in conflict with these Bylaws, to facilitate these tasks.

>> (June and James will take lead on updating these)

Section 8-2. Membership

8-2.1 The Coordinating Committee shall be composed of up to 24 voting members, with 12 being female and 12 being of any gender, whether male, female, or non-binary. Six women and six of any gender shall be elected each year to serve staggered, two-year terms.

8-2.2 If a Coordinating Committee member misses three consecutive regular monthly meetings, the individual shall lose their seat and a vacancy shall occur.

- Nassim shared the current list of Committee/WG Liaisons and confirmed terms. Ann reports that Electoral Reform WG has not been meeting due to lack of interest.

Action Item: agenda item for April:

- Reappoint Tarik to Platform Committee

- ERWG to join Campaigns and Candidates WG Discussion item
- Shannel to check on CCWG reports
- Shannel to check on ATDWG – is it active? CC has never received any reports
- Laura to check on Media reports

(o8) Late item: Discussion Item: Proposal: Dialogue Not Expulsion of the Georgia Green Party

Sponsors: Carol Boulidin, Ann Menasche

Background: The Lavender Caucus of the Green Party has issued a statement ([Lavender Greens Statement](#)) calling on the Georgia state party to retract its [Georgia Green Party Endorsement](#) of the [Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights](#) and or face decertification by the national party.

Discussion Item: While we recognize that Greens have different viewpoints on the issue of gender identity and women's sex-based rights, as we do on many issues, we believe that the Green way to resolve such differences is to talk to each other with an openness that seeks, at a minimum, a mutual understanding of alternative points of view and allows all Greens an opportunity to speak and not be silenced.

We are urging all member state parties, caucuses, candidates, and locals of the party to take a step back from any suggestion that state organizations or their members be decertified, sanctioned, or silenced for positions they have adopted, or for concerns which they may have expressed on this important issue. We value a united Green Party—which will be especially important in this difficult election year when we most need to honor our core values of grassroots democracy, decentralization, respect for diversity, and feminism.

To add your name to a statement in support of dialogue vs. expulsion go to: [Dialogue Not Expulsion](#)

Discussions followed.

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, Rusal 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 Rusal 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 Monthly Meeting, Monday 02/17/2020, 7:30- 9 pm

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

Present: David Bond, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton

Absent: Cameron Spitzer

Guests: Nassim Nouri

Quorum 3/4, at 7:34 PM

Discussions and Decisions:

- We will send out an email to counties regarding updated database availability and offer assistance to set-up emailing service/update county pages. Email cannot be sent until we finish parsing out the huge database file.

-There is no reason to request an updated SOS list until after the Primaries/Conventions, people will be shifting their voter reg, and Green numbers may be down currently due to Bernard Sanders' campaign.

- Voter reg campaign put on hold. No one available to do the work.

- IT Meeting Calendar approved for 2020

January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

APPENDIX C

Clearinghouse Committee & GROW Joint Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 2020 7:30 - 9 pm

- Roll Call - CH members/Cocos: Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri, Present: Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri
GROW members: Christine Pepin, Shannel Pitman

- REGISTER GREEN effort for the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2020 (Laura) - GPCA to encourage voters to register Green on Earth Day in late March and April.
 - CH inquiries: calls/emails are recently about voting for Bernie, Nassim is encouraging they switch back to Green after primary, calls requesting information about presidential candidates are referred to website Green in 2020 page.
 - Helping build toward the next GA (Laura) - Shannel will call a few county councils in SoCal to see if they'd consider hosting the next GA.
 - Confirm CH/GROW meeting schedule for 2020 –
- Approved by consensus: 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8 (sent to IT to update website)
- Confirm next second Tuesday call, March. 10th. Confirmed.

APPENDIX D – voted down for being added to the agenda as late item

Proposal: Sign on to the Condemnation of Green Party of Georgia's Bigotry

SPONSOR(S): Shannel Pittman

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: On the 23rd of February the Green Party of Georgia announced that it had voted to sign on to something called the “Declaration of Women’s Sex-Based Rights” (See Reference 1), and while most of us wished that like most things Greens did went ignored, this extremely trans-phobic, anti-feminist, direct contradiction to the Green Party’s Four Pillars and Key Values has gotten attention and combined with the rather unflattering and ballot line threatening behavior of a large majority of the people running for the Presidential nomination in our party, the blow back from mishandling of this could lead to the complete destruction of our party.

While it is not addressed in the text of document that this proposal is asking the state to sign on to, allowing this to stand unchallenged, sends a very clear message to people within this party that reinforces the damaging patriarchal belief that a woman is only as valid as their ability to reproduce, the document straight up states that woman whose children were born any form surrogacy don’t have the right to call themselves mothers! It is an attack of women with fertility problems, those with conditions such as PolyCystic Ovarian Syndrome, as well as women with disabilities for whom traditional labor could prove deal. Additionally, California is one of the few states where the Transgender Panic defense is outlawed as 2014. A close reading of document will show multiple examples of justification for harm based on this notion that trans women are predatory by default, this is the same kind of bigoted justification that got Lesbians committed to asylums in the fifties and lead to beatings and killings of gay teachers assumed to be pedophiles just because they were gay. It is not asking much at least in this opinion to stand in solidarity with the National Lavender Caucus by signing this letter and discussing how we can prevent this from having extreme negative effects on the Green Party of California particularly as we stand in very dangerous voter registration places.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMELINE/RESOURCES:

1. 10 minute discussion and consensus vote on signing on to Lavender’s statement if possible.
2. If possible 20 minute discussion on how to mitigate the damage to the party.

REFERENCES: <https://youtu.be/D8i2WJDnlRU> (The Lavender Caucus Statement As video, text is in the video descriptions)

<https://www.womensdeclaration.com/declaration-womens-sex-based-rights-full-text/> (The Document in question)

<https://lgbtbar.org/programs/advocacy/gay-trans-panic-defense/> More on the Queer Panic Defense