GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2019 7:30pm - 9:30pm

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(1) Roll call and Welcome New CC members: (5 minutes)
There are currently 20 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 11.
Victoria Ashley (Female Alternate Co-coordinator), Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Maxine Mica Daniel (Female Co-coordinator), Sadie Fulton, Colt Gonzales, Melissa Guevara, Josh Jones, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Present: Victoria Ashley (Female Alternate Co-coordinator), Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Maxine Mica Daniel (Female Co-coordinator), Melissa Guevara, Sadie Fulton, Colt Gonzales, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Absent: Carol Bouldin, Josh Jones, Shannel Pittman,

17 present quorum at 7:40
* Sanda emailed at 7:43 to inform CC that she is no longer on the CC and should be removed from the roll call list. Note taker corrected roll call and quorum accordingly.

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(02) Roles (2 min)
<u>Facilitator - Tarik, Note Taker – Nassim, Time Keeper – Eric, Vibes Watcher - Mica</u>

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(03) Decision: Approval of Agenda
Proposal: Approve the Agenda Draft #1 (5 minutes) sent by Mica at 1:58 pm July 2nd, 2019
- Laura added an item see item after item (09)
- Mimi sent in Bylaws June report late to include in Appendix
- Tarik sent in Platform June report today to include in Appendix

Approved by consensus

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(04) Decision: Approval of prior months Minutes (4 minutes)

Proposal: Approve minutes of May 6, 2019 CC Mtg. James Lauderdale, Notetaker.
June and Nassim have some corrections and formatting issues and will update.
Approval was deferred to next month.

Proposal: Approval of minutes of June 3, 2019 CC Mtg. Josh Jones, Notetaker Appendix A.
Nassim mentioned the notes were not taken on the existing agenda so the agenda item titles, format and some details are missing. She will add and resend.
Approval was deferred to next month.

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(05) Consent Items:

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 minute.

Committee June Reports:
- Clearinghouse Committee and Grassroots Organizing Working Group (GROW) did not meet in June.

Appendix B - IT Committee
Appendix C - Finance Committee
Appendix D - Media Committee
Appendix E - Platform Committee submitted late
Appendix F - Bylaws Committee submitted late

Approved by consensus

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(06) Welcome and Orientation for new members (20 minutes) Nassim Nouri

- **Meeting time and day** – First Monday of each month, unless otherwise consented to by the CC, see calendar on homepage of website.
- **Process**: CC uses consensus (modified) process, it is helpful to serve on another committee to understand the challenges and be able to communicate and serve as liaison on the CC. For comments, say your name and get on stack. Agendas are sent by CC cocos within a week prior to the call, liaisons to committees send in their report prior to the call (ideally one week ahead) so CC members can review. We ask that everyone participate in taking notes, we need to use the final agenda send to write the notes in so no information and submissions are lost.
- Laura: It is useful to say your full name when you call stack, "Laura Wells, stack", also wait for a pause to call stack and don't interrupt the speaker. At that time facilitator may call for others to join stack.
- June: added more process information, if members miss three meetings in a row they will fall off the membership. When joining the call members must be on the call for at least an hour to be counted as present There is a hard stop at 9:30 pm after which no decisions can be made, but discussions may continue.

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(07) Discussion: Report backs and Action item review (All: 10 min)

7a. Media Committee Action Item – Draft news release on Marnie Glickman
- Mimi has written a statement and spoken with Marnie about it to get updates. Mimi will look for someone to work on this with her. There are recent developments.
- Mica asked if someone reached out to Media Committee at the state level? Mimi said she decided not to do that.

7b. Fundraising Committee Action Item – Provide final language for the due's proposal including three amendments
- Josh not on the call, Eric reported that Fundraising will be working with the Bylaws and Finance committees to work on the final language to go to the SGA. Mica asked for the final language incorporating the three amendments Fundraising agreed to for the last CC vote to be submitted to the CC. Eric will ask the Fundraising committee to put together and send to CC.

7c. IT Committee Action Item - Update the website with new elections results and amendments.
- Nassim has submitted request to IT updates will be done soon. Process: IT creates a ticket for each request of work coming to IT, all committees and working groups can submit a request for any action or decisions committees make that requires IT work to:

gpca-it@lists.cagreens.org, or to Nassim and Nicole Raglin.

7d. CC Subcommittee on assessing CA to host the next ANM report – Tarik Josh, Sadie
Tarik reported that the group met and concluded that hosting ANM is not recommended at this time considering the deadline for proposal has past and the fact that GPCA currently does not have the bandwidth to support hosting the ANM.

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(08) Discussion: GPUS's new delegate apportionment for states and caucuses. (time requested: 10 min)
Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana
Background: A proposed apportionment table will go into the discussion period on Monday 7/1. This will change the number of delegates GPCA sends to the GPUS National Committee from 25 to 17. If or when this happens we will have to decide how to proceed and how to go about changing the number of delegates. I will give more information on this as soon as it becomes available to me.

Tarik explained that the voting period by GPUS delegates is July 15-21. And we have 60 days to respond to that. They proposers used a
- Jim: can we see the outcome of the ranked choice voting on the last GPUS delegation, Tarik will forward the email with that information.
- Nassim and Sadie asked how the current delegate numbers were arrived at, Tarik will forward the link that describe the process.
- Concerns were raised by Sadie, Tarik that the reduction will have a negative impact on CA representation. Others agreed.

CC suggested the GPUS Delegation have a discussion and send a proposal to CC.

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(09) Decision: Proposal: Appoint Coordinating Committee Liaisons for those committees that do not currently have liaisons (10 minutes)

Sponsor: Nassim Nouri
Background and Purpose: The goal is to appoint Coordinating Committee Liaisons for those that have termed out. The CC Liaison terms for the working groups listed below have ended.
Proposal: The CC appoint the nominees listed above. Nominees are:
IT – Colt or Audra
Media - Laura (currently acting liaison for media)
Implementation/requirements: time requested is 10 minutes.

Nassim submitted the nominations
- Tarik mentioned that the liaison for all committees is a non-voting position, June disagreed and suggested the criteria is not the same across the board. The ambiguity is referred to in the Bylaws. Generally, the Liaison is as one of the co-coordinators and will communicate issues between the CC and their committees.

Laura did not accept the nomination but agreed to stay on as acting liaison until one is appointed.

Audra accepted the nomination and is appointed by consensus as the CC liaison for the IT Committee

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Added late item placed before item (10)
SUBJECT/TITLE: Discussion item: Getting County Council elections to appear on the official primary ballots in March 2020. (10 minutes)

CO-SPONSOR(S): Laura Wells, Alameda County, Co-coordinator of Grassroots Organizing Working Group

PURPOSE: To increase Green Party visibility in the counties by appearing on the official ballot; for counties to gain experience with the ROV and the election process; and for Greens to gain experience becoming ballot-qualified candidates.

BACKGROUND:
In the June 2016 primary there were three counties - SF, Alameda and Sonoma - in which there were "Members of Green Party County Councils who received votes at the Presidential Primary Election" according to this SOS document: https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/pdf/2016/july/16241em.pdf

DRAFT PROCESS:
(1) Note that since "Top Two" became effective, only presidential primaries allow for elections of political party officials, since only those elections have different ballots depending on one's voter registration.
(2) Counties need to determine how many total County Council seats they have. References are the county's bylaws, and GPCA Bylaws, http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/03-31-2019, Article 6-1 County Council Members.
(3) More candidates must officially qualify than there are seats available per official records; the Registrar of Voters (ROV) will only run a "contested election."
- If counties can't find enough people to actually serve on the County Council, they could have some just run to help get the race on the ballot, and then they can resign after being elected.
(4) Gather at least 20 valid signatures of Greens in their county on their county's forms, although that number might be different for different counties.
- Alameda County, for example, organizes a "signing party" and usually can get 25 or more signatures for all candidates, all at once.
- Other methods include inviting friends to register Green in order to support you by signing your papers.
(5) Submit the signed forms to the ROV by their deadline.

DISCUSSION: The CC will review and improve the draft process that counties need to follow to appear on the ballot, and identify possible county contacts for that process.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMELINE/RESOURCES:
Agenda time requested is 10 minutes.
Grassroots Organizing Working Group will follow up on this project.

REFERENCES: Included within the descriptions above.

CC generally agreed to have GROW and CH create a guide to share with the counties.

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(10) Moved down to become item (11)
Discussion: Verbal reports from Committee and Working Group CC liaisons. (time requested: 20 minutes) deferred to end of meeting
Sponsor: Nassim Nouri
Background: Among GPCA Bylaws' list of Coordinating Committee responsibilities is to request and receive monthly reports from Committees and Working Groups. This is to ensure the CC is aware of the work committees/WG are doing and can assist and facilitate that work. However the CC is not routinely receiving monthly reports from some of the ~ 10 active Committees and Working Groups. Each CC liaison to present a verbal 2-3 minutes report to the CC and to share updates and top challenges in doing their work.
ByLaws: Mimi, CH: Nassim, Fundraising: Josh, GROW: Laura, IT: Colt, Media: ?, ERWG: Ann, Green Issues WG: ?, ATWG: Sadie, Finance: Vic, Platform: Tarik,

References: Article 8 of GPCA Bylaws: http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/03-31-2019
And Article V of the Coordinating Committee Internal
http://cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/procedures#Article_V_Liaisons_to_Standing_Committees_and_Working_Groups%20s

- Nassim suggested to open the discussion to those committees & working groups who want to share any challenges or have not sent in their reports.

- Victoria asked about how to lower the budget for GAs
The SF GA food cost was very high so she wondered if in the future going out for lunch to outside restaurants would have reduced costs. Nassim said even with a light GA agenda we still ran out of time and had to run announcement and comments through lunch.

- Ann mentioned the ERWG typically has nothing to report, they have not been meeting as there are no volunteers to joining in, except Eric and Ann, she will get an update from Eric on the GA ERWG breakout.

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12) Announcement: Mica Daniel (5 minutes)
We will be selecting new Co-coordinators for the CC at our August 5, 2019 meeting.
Please submit your nominations prior to the meeting.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A.
Draft CC Meeting minutes of June 3rd, 2019 were pending updates and corrections.

Draft CC Meeting minutes of May 6th, 2019 were also pending updates and corrections.

Appendix B. GPCA-IT Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday June 17 2019, 7:30- 9 pm
Next teleconference: Monday July 15, 2018, 7:30- 9 pm

1- Roll call: GPCA-IT members: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Colt Gonzales (SJ), Audra Walton (MC), Nassim Nouri 'acting CC Liaison' (SC)Members present: Colt, Nicole, Audra, David, - Quorum Members absent: Nassim Guests: Diana

2- Roles: Facilitator: David Note taker: Nicole Timekeeper: Nicole Vibes: Audra
*Discussion (d), Decision (D), Information (I) **Action Items*
3- Approve or amend the agenda (3 min) (dD) Approved
4- Approve last month's Meeting Minutes (2 min) (dD) GA breakout notes by David were reviewed on the call, **Action all committed to review details in the next week and share any corrections.
5. Work Plan Revised in February, focus is on new website, get off list serv.

6. Current Tickets: Access to IT Folder. Nicole sending link to Ticket Spreadsheet. David B. will add work that he has done and Nicole will commit to finding the things that she has done and log them.
7. Listservs: David has checked out C Panel and he believes he can download list serv communication. Wants to filter by year and back up the downloads. 128 GB thumb drive to save communications.
Nicole: When I look at list serv. Back ups are only June 2018 to October 2018 for SGA
**Action: David will look into it and figure it out the back ups: Some visible List Servs, CAG Greens, CAG Wiki, Counties: Monterey, Santa Clara Drupal DB
Nicole: Is kicked off of general list serv (Forum)
**Action: Will work on adding Nicole back in and David through the Cpanel
12 GB and found back-ups named Soft Oculus, only go to 2015.

8. NationBuilder Clean-up / update

NB contact list update - to be done by David
Request from Clearinghouse - Pls keep all the manually added contacts being done by CH
Do not remove anyone that has not interacted with GPCA through blasts Keep the total contacts loaded to NB below 15K emailables to limit costs
**Action: David will get with Sadie regarding clean-up. Emailables to 15K.
**Action: Nicole will add David to NB and find out if Sadie should still have access.
**Action: David will check with Sadie, did she download back-ups, where are they stored?

9. SOS Database
Is there a service where we can search a database?
Audra: is there a way to just add the most recent.
Move SOS list from Jared (?) or Ruscal - David can put it in SQL and sort it.
**Action: Nicole will check in about who has the database and forward info David.
**Action: David will figure out how to put it online with access for authorized people.
No decision on storage, pending further discussion.

10. Drupal Update
Drupal website updates - being done by Nicole Update IT page with new co-cos (Done) Update GA minutes for Sacramento (Done)
Update Greens in office page - (Greens in office: still needs to be done pending info from CCWG)

11. New Website
**Action: Colt will finish Pdfs to send Nassim – question about taking out personal info. Needed to be removed so it is not repeated to the public. Vendor info. Colt will talk to Nassim.
**Action: Nicole will do Pdfs. and catch up.
**Action: Nicole will get May Meeting Minutes

12. Other items: David will put quick communications into slack and will sent May meeting minutes into slack. Not all have access and David access is limited, admin is Diana.
**Action: David will have Diana make IT the admin for its slack

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Appendix C. June Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 27th, 2018, 8 – 9:00 pm
Dial-in Number: (515) 604-9861
Access Code: 616301*

<u>Present</u>: Victoria Ashley – Liaison, Co-co, Ruscal Cayangyang – Treasurer, Maxine (Mica) Daniel – Co-co, Josh Jones

1. **Agenda approval-** *Approved by consensus*
2. **Review of Last Month's Minutes -** *Approved by consensus*
3. **Updates / Treasurer Report**
   - Travis Credit Union state acct: $2,111.70
   - Travis Credit Union federal acct: $1,600.00
   - PayPal: $6,834.25
   - Barnett PayPal: $800.19

Fines status
- No change

Upcoming expenses
- Nationbuilder

Have we now switched to the annual plan ($1800/yr @ $150/mo)?
Ruscal will go ahead and do the move to the annual plan.

4. May General Assembly - *Joint Finance and Fundraising breakout meeting at the GA discussed sending a GPCA email.*
The GA was held at the Redstone Building in San Francisco on May 18/19. Expenses for food and venue amounted to $2098.26 (food) + $500 (venue) = $2598.26. My figures on income from the GA are: $510 from GA in person registration, $2592 from GA online registration and $587 from Clearinghouse sales = $3689.00 total. ***That would put the net at around $1090.***

5. Paypal Letter- *Ruscal confirmed he will upload the Paypal Letter to gain control over the former account.*

6. Dues - *Brief discussion of having Supporting Members who would pay a recurring donation. Some would be doing hours of work. There will be logistics that will need to be discussed in the future on this item.*

7. GPCA Campaign Emails - *What is the frequency of emails from the Fundraising Committee? FC needs to send out a fundraising letter and an email.*

8. Recruiting volunteers - *Ruscal and Josh also talked about finding more volunteers to help: 1) gather and enter finance data from Nationbuilder, and, 2) enter the online data for regular state filings. Someone needs to look at the NB data for the past several months to do the online filing. Mica will check around.*

9. Next Meeting: ***Thursday, July 25th, 2019***

Appendix D. Media Committee Conference Call

6/25/19, 4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm
PRESENT: Diana Brown (co-coordinator, FACILITATOR), Yahmo Ahqa, Sid Akbar (NOTES), Mike Gonzales (TIMEKEEPER), Laura Wells (Spokesperson & Acting CC Liaison for reporting)
ABSENT Michael Gaboury, Susan Lamont, Wes Rolley, James Young

MEDIA RELEASES - LIST and DRAFTER
- **Public Banking** is advancing in CA, there is a PB activist and Green candidate Jake from Santa Clara County - Mike will write
- **Immigration** - Diana will write in both English and Spanish
- **Ranked Choice Voting**, recent advances in Maine, covered by national GP - tabled until next meeting
- **Venezuela** is no longer in the news - tabled

RESEARCH SPANISH MEDIA OUTLETS: Yahmo, Laura, and Sid

PRODUCING AND POSTING ARTICLES & VIDEOS
- Sid wants to produce articles and videos, like AJ, Vox, Now This.
- IT needs to be contacted to post media, video and press releases.
- Media Committee will need their own page.
- YouTube page is easier to access
- Mike and Sid will create branding, intro and outro page.
- Diana will check to make sure we can post video, even on YouTube.
- Create Graphics and Memes to recruit people, as well as for candidates, Yahmo has produced graphics with facts and data.
- Emphasize underground and indie media if network media ignore us, e.g. Greyzone good outlet for press releases

NEXT MEETING - July 23, fourth Tuesday, 7:30pm

Appendix E. Platform Committee Report

On Jul 1, 2019, at 2:35 PM, Tarik Kanaana wrote:

The Platform Committee does not have regular meetings but, rather, meets continuously via the list-serve in considering platform plank language since teleconferences are not good for such discussions. The Platform Committee holds in-person meetings at the GAs.

Last Platform Committee took place at the SF/Alameda GA on 5/18. (notes and attendance below)
Next planned meeting will take place at the next GA.

Notes from the SF/Alameda GA on 5/18 meeting:
We had our Platcom breakout session with Peggy Koteen, Tarik Kanaana, Jan Arnold, Randy Hicks, Pamela, and a new FABULOUS bright smart articulate woman named Susan (friend of Susan Chunco).

Please add all to the platcom email listserve.
Susan Lamont, Randy Hicks, Pam Spevack
I'm sure Jan is already on the list. Is Pam or Randy already on too?
Susan Lamont will be asking the cc to add her as a voting member. I applaud that move.

I will send you the revised copy of the planks in the next 2 days.
A couple suggestions for writing the planks in the future is to put footnotes instead of websites within the planks since websites can change, for instance www.dtsc.ca.gov

Suggestion that instead of using Toxic Waste it should be called Harmful Toxins (as opposed to toxins that may help the body sometimes as cures)
Pam would like us to include organic foods in the future, like we suggest plant-based diets. The bullet point might read: Shift as much as possible to organic foods to eliminate the toxicity impacts from the enormous amounts of pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides used to grow foods.

We did not get to talk about future planks.

Appendix F. Bylaws Committee Report

On Jul 1, 2019, at 2:04 PM, Mimi Newton <mimi.newton@gmail.com> wrote:

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – June 2019

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: July 1, 2019
Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co ByLaws Committee
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Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:
Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Absent: Mimi Newton
Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting:
Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm
CALL-IN NUMBER: (515) 606-5173, access code: 753142

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:
LA County's revised proposed amendment to SGA Item No. 183, regarding the Secretary of State Liaison's responsibilities was adopted during the most recent SGA Vote. Revisions were based on the Bylaws' Committee's recommendations during the SGA Discussion period. The Bylaws Committee will communicate with the IT Committee about ensuring that the latest version of the Bylaws, as amended, and the newly created Secretary Of State Liaison Protocol, are posted online to the GPCA website.

The Bylaws Committee (Mimi) will remain otherwise conscious of the commitments made by the Committee at the spring 2019 General Assembly, namely:
1. Work with the IT Committee to post updated, searchable version of the Bylaws, including a searchable table of contents;
2. Work with the IT Committee to post haikus with Bylaws; and
3. Create a power point to better explain the Bylaws in terms that are easily understandable

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