

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday June 3, 2019 7:30 to 9:30pm

(1) Roll call (3 minutes)

There are currently 20 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 11.
Victoria Ashley, Alternate Co-Coordinator, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Maxine Daniel, Co-Coordinator, Emmanuel Estrada, Sanda Everette, Sadie Fulton, Colt Gonzales, Josh Jones, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Shannel Pittman, Erik Rydberg, Laura Wells

Present: Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Maxine Daniel Co-Coordinator, Emmanuel Estrada, Sanda Everette, Sadie Fulton, Colt Gonzales, Josh Jones, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Shannel Pittman, Erik Rydberg, Mimi Newton

15 present, quorum achieved at 7:36

Absent: Victoria Ashley Alternate Co-Coordinator, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Nassim Nouri, Laura Wells

Adam Siegel (resigned on June 2nd)

(02) Roles (2 min)

Facilitator: Mica Daniel
Note taker: Josh Jones
Timekeeper: Eric Brooks

(03) Approval of Agenda

- Eric Brooks point of order: ipso facto Media application by Sid Akbar of Sacramento. In other words, Sid application to Media Committee should be on the agenda. New agenda item 5A (Appendix A).
- Mica added proposal on Plastics; Agenda Item (08) 15min to start.
- Report on the Online Votes, changed to allowing a decision item if we want to.

Agenda amendments above passed by consensus.

(04) Approval of May CC Minutes: (was Appendix A)

June working on adding details, approval moved to next month's July CC meeting.

(05) Approval of 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.

Bylaws Committee – Appendix B
Dues Proposal – Appendix C (send by Josh Jones 6/2/19)

Consensus

(5A) Decision to appoint Sid Akbar to Media Committee.

Brooks: Media committee is 8 members total. If one seat available, then appoint Sid.

Carol: Media Committee is largely female or not?

5A moved to bottom of list to find answers to these questions

(06a) Report online votes

6a. Erik Yahmo Rydberg Re: Endorsing Eco-Socialism Conference (5 minutes)

GPCA Endorsement of Illinois Eco Socialism meeting online vote

It was skipped last time on the CC call, and went to an online vote but seemed non-controversial.

The online vote was moved by consensus back onto the agenda.

Approved by Consensus

(06b) Shannel Pittman Re: GPCA Endorsing HR 2407 (5 minutes)

The online vote received support. There was a question about the technicality of the timing of the online voting so as a precaution the proposal to endorse HR 2407 was put to a decision by the CC during the call.

Approved by Consensus

(06c) Tarik Kanaana Re: Endorsing SB 212 (1 minute) [Electronic Vote]

Submitted May 20, 2019 at 8:56 PM – May 22

Proposal passes. 19-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain

Approved by Consensus

(Revisiting 5A) Decision to appoint Sid Akbar to Media Committee Appointment of Sid Akbar to Media Committee

- Yahmo (Erik) Ahqha: Stand aside concern. Sid has endorsed Bernie Sanders before.

- Shannel: Affirms Sid as a competent media person with prior paid experience.

- Sanda: Media should not personally endorse candidates for president.

- Brooks: It's a plus that Sid is in Sacramento.

Approved by Consensus

(07) Proposal to Honor and Congratulate California Green and Elected School Board Member Marnie Glickman Curtis on Spearheading a Successful Campaign to Change the Name of Marin County's Dixie School District Despite the Ugly Backlash

Sponsor: Mimi Newton

June: Though Counties' local endorsements are outside GPCA's authority, the fact that Mimi who is from Marin County is bringing this to us should mean that Marin is then showing their interest and asking GPCA to do this. June agrees with this proposal.

Shannel: This kind of restorative justice in our platform should be publicized to people around the U.S. to know what Restorative Justice looks like in practice.

Josh: Agree

Eric: Should be in a press release

Sanda: I've seen this at National

Mimi: Marnie didn't hear back from anyone at GPUS. I want to see in general if GPCA supports this, and the best way to support this nationally.

Sanda: Forward this to GPUS national media committee.

Mica: I'm very supportive of this.

Press release promoting this, and additional support, passed by Consensus

(08) Proposal for Endorsement of Plastic Pollution Act SB 54 and AB 1080

Subject: Will the Greens be supporting this petition

To: <liaison@cagreens.org>

<https://www.change.org/p/california-state-senate-pass-the-plastic-pollution-reduction-act/u/24567876>

Sponsor: Mica Daniel

Discussion:

- Tarik: We have been asked to endorse the bills through this.
- James: We will be making the link to this petition available.
- Mica: this should go to the inform list so that Greens all over California can sign it if they want to.
- Eric Brooks: Our GA zero waste is better and contrary than these bills. We oppose plastic bottles, not recycling, not biodegradable plastic.
- James: This is only about the petition, but the bills seem not that great.
- Eric Brooks: Reads the identical CA Assembly and CA Senate Bills requiring plastic recycling and compostable plastics. Zero waste is better.

Proposal withdrawn by Mica

(09) Proposal to include a Green Party of California dues system to fund the necessary activities and fiduciary responsibilities of the GPCA.

Proposal to include a Green Party of California dues system to fund the necessary activities and fiduciary responsibilities of the GPCA.

Sponsor: Josh Jones, Yolo County. Co-coordinator of Fundraising Committee. (30 minutes) The dues system described below was voted on unanimously by GPCA Fundraising Committee, after said Fundraising Committee being advised by the Coordinating Committee of GPCA to look at the dues system of Peace and Freedom Party in CA and the dues systems of other political organizations.

Tarik: I think this forces County Green Parties to pay dues.

Josh: The intent is dues are paid to GPCA. A person can be a member of a County Green Party without paying dues to GPCA

Jim: The document needs to be clear about who is collecting the dues, and a distinction between members of GPCA and GP voters.

Josh: I accept this friendly amendment.

Shannel: In order for our grass roots organization to compete with corporations we need something like dues.

Sanda: I don't like the term Members in-good-standing. Something like Supporting Members is better. It needs to go to a vote on the SGA.

Josh: I support Supporting Members as a friendly amendment.

Eric Brooks: This allows 10 hours per year for Supporting Members, or \$10 per year. And that the County Parties can pay the dues for their Finance Committee will communicate with the GA and SGA committees.

Josh: I accept Finance communicating with GA and SGA friendly amendment.

Tarik: We are bottom up, not top down system.

Shannel: Is this an SGA vote or a vote now?

Eric Brooks: As a bylaws vote it has to go to the SGA. We are finding if this to go to SGA.

Ann: I support this. We had dues in San Diego. GPCA needs dues.

Eric: I'm an anarchist and I support this. This encourages the Counties and Grass Roots people to get engaged.

Tarik stands aside with his concern.

Carol will not stand aside.

Goes to a CC vote

Carol: no

June: not on call any longer.

Eric: yes

Mica: yes

Emmanuel: yes

Sanda: yes

Colt: yes

Josh: yes

Tarik: abstain

Jim yes

Ann: yes

Mimi: abstain

Shannel: yes

Erik: yes

Sadie: yes

11 Yes

2 abstain

1 no

Vote passes.

Dues proposal from Fundraising Committee proceeds to an SGA vote.

Call ended at 9:30pm

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Appendices:

Appendix A

GPCA CC May 6, 2019 – Draft Minutes May 6, 2019 Note-taker, James Lauderdale

Approval deferred to next month, June will make some additions.

Appendix B

GPCA Bylaws Committee

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

Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2019

There was a Bylaws Committee Break-Out Session at the May 2019 General Assembly. See Appendix i, below, for the notes.

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Bylaws Committee recently provided a proposed amendment to current SGA Item No. 183, regarding the Secretary of State Liaison's responsibilities. See Appendix ii, below.

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Appendix i

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Present:

Bylaws Committee: Mimi Newton, Co-Co

California Greens:

Tarik Kanaana, Sonoma County

Judy Pendleton, Tulare County

Shannel Pittman, Los Angeles County

Nicole Raglin, Nevada County, stopped by at the start of the meeting to request to be added to the Bylaws email list serve.

We had a good discussion about a variety of subjects, including the State Party's focus on streamlining the Bylaws - Tarik emphasized the need to retain institutional memory regarding the philosophies behind the way things are done - things are framed the way they are for a reason. In addition, Bylaws can be an important reference for how things are supposed to be done, providing a kind of checklist for all of us as volunteers, to keep our activities consistent, easily foreseeable and transparent.

Commitment on behalf of the Bylaws Committee by the next General Assembly—

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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Appendix ii

Proposal: That the following be added to GPCA Bylaws Article XIV: Liaison to the Secretary of State

14-1 Duties and Authority

14-1.1 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall be authorized to act in accordance with the GPCA Liaison to the California Secretary of State Protocol.

14-1.2. The GPCA Liaison to the California Secretary of State Protocol may be amended by the General Assembly and/or Standing General Assembly by consensus or, failing consensus, by a 2/3rds majority vote.

And, further that the following be adopted as the GPCA Liaison to the California Secretary of State Protocol:

GPCA Liaison to the California Secretary of State Protocol

1. Duties and Authority

1.1 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall respond to all correspondence from the California Secretary of State, as specified by the Green Party section of the California Elections Code, regarding submission of ~~or~~ names by the GPCA for consideration by the Secretary of State in the determination of candidates to be placed on the Green Party presidential preference primary ballot, as specified by the Green Party section of the ~~California~~ California Elections Code. [See California Elections Code Section 6851.5.]

~~14~~ 1.2 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, a copy of the list and any subsequent additions to the list of candidates placed on the Green Party presidential preference primary ballot by the Secretary of State. [See California Elections Code Section 6852.]

~~14~~ 1.3 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall certify to the Secretary of State as specified by the Green Party section of the California Elections Code, the name of each elector nominated, and the elector's residence address, of the electors nominated by the GPCA for President and Vice President. [See California Elections Code Section 6864.]

~~14~~ 1.4 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall ~~communicate~~ communicate to the Secretary of State as specified by the Green Party section of the California Elections Code, changes in the

number of members of any County Council, and shall do so no later than 175 days before the next presidential primary election, as specified by the Green Party section of the California Elections Code. [\[See California Elections Code Section 7903.\]](#)

~~14~~ 1.5 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, the certificate from the Secretary of State as specified by the Green Party section of the California Elections Code, of the number of members of a county council to be elected in each county; and to each county Green Party, the certificate from the Secretary of State of the number of members to be elected for that County Council in that county. [\[See California Elections Code Section 7912.\]](#)

~~14~~ 1.6 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, the certificate from the Secretary of State as specified by the Green Party section of the California Elections Code, stating the final total of votes cast for each candidate for member of county council, including the name, address, and ballot designation of each such candidate, and a specification as to which candidates were declared elected, upon completion of the official canvass. [\[See California Elections Code Section 7922.\]](#)

~~14~~ 1.7 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, the certificate from the Secretary of State as specified by the Green Party section of the California Elections Code, stating who are the elected members of all county councils. [\[See California Elections Code Section 7922.\]](#)

~~14~~ 1.8 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, as specified by the California Elections Code, any correspondence from the Secretary of State regarding length and submission deadlines for Political Party Statements of Purpose, and shall submit to the California Secretary of State, such Statements of Purpose as authorized by the Coordinating ~~Committee~~ [Committee](#) by the deadline required by the Secretary of State.

~~14~~ 1.9 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, any correspondence from the Secretary of State regarding submission deadlines to report GPCA endorsements of statewide candidates; and shall submit to the California Secretary of State, such GPCA endorsements to the Secretary of State, as communicated by the Coordinating ~~Committee~~ [Committee](#) and/or as recorded in decisions of the Standing General Assembly.

~~14~~ 1.10 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, any correspondence from the Secretary of State regarding submission deadlines to report county Green Party endorsements of non-statewide candidates for state and federal office, and shall forward to each individual county Green Party, said correspondence from the Secretary of State and/or any County Registrar of Voters regarding reporting endorsements from that individual county Green Party; and shall submit to the California Secretary of State, such county Green Party endorsements to the Secretary of State, with a copy to the Coordinating Committee, as communicated by the county Green Parties as recorded in the approved minutes of that county Green Party.

14-1.11 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall forward to the Coordinating Committee, any correspondence from the Secretary of State requiring action by the GPCA or its county Green Parties, not otherwise contained herein; and shall respond to the Secretary of State accordingly, including at the direction of the Coordinating Committee.

Appendix C

From: Josh Jones

Subject: [gpca-cc] **Agenda Item: Proposal for Green Party of California dues system**

Date: June 2, 2019 at 12:51:44 PM PDT

To: GPCA Coordinating Committee

Reply-To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org>

Proposal to include a Green Party of California dues system to fund the necessary activities and fiduciary responsibilities of the GPCA.

Sponsor: Josh Jones, Yolo County. Co-coordinator of Fundraising Committee. The dues system described below was voted on unanimously by GPCA Fundraising Committee, after said Fundraising Committee being advised by the Coordinating Committee of GPCA to look at the dues system of Peace and Freedom Party in CA and the dues systems of other political organizations.

Background and purpose: Most political parties and organizations include dues in order to fund their necessary functions and monetary responsibilities to the Secretary of State and other infrastructural costs. Even the Girl Scouts collects dues, as well as parties such as the Socialist Party of the United States, Peace and Freedom, and others. By having a dues system for GPCA we can properly fulfill the funding requests of the various GPCA committees in order to fulfill their agreed upon functions by vote of those committees. In the past, too many times, these requests have been greatly reduced or denied.

Among other things, GPCA must pay for communications, advertising, finances, and Secretary of State fees.

It is becoming ever more clear that the time for the Green Party of California to take center stage is approaching, as we see our party make gains around the world. In order that GPCA take its place strongly upon the current stage of electoral politics we must include dues in our party process. The dues system described below was voted on unanimously by GPCA Fundraising Committee, after said Fundraising Committee being advised by the Coordinating Committee of GPCA to look at the dues system of Peace and Freedom Party in CA and the dues systems of other political organizations.

Proposal: To include a GPCA dues system.

(New text in the below bylaws are underlined text. Any text removed will be noted with strikeout text.)

Article 3. Membership (as last amended 1/18/2013)

Section 3-1 Members

GPCA members are those who are legally registered to vote in California as members of the Green Party and who are members in-good-standing. Members in-good-standing shall be those who have paid dues to GPCA, and agree with the principles of GPCA. County Organizations may also extend GPCA membership to county residents who are not otherwise eligible to register to vote in California, but who affirm in writing the Ten Key Values and the GPCA's purpose, and meet other criteria established by the GPCA and/or the county organization. For such membership to be valid

within the parameters defined in these bylaws, the County Organization must forward minutes to the Coordinating Committee of the meeting at which such membership was extended.

Section 3-2 Decision-Making

Only GPCA members may vote for or serve as General Assembly delegates, or members of GPCA Standing Committees or Working Groups. Only registered Green Party members may serve as members of the Coordinating Committee, Treasurer and/or Liaison to the Secretary of State. Only GPCA members may hold outstanding concerns or vote in party decision-making.

Section 3-3 Dues

Dues shall be paid each calendar year. Dues may be reduced to either \$10 or 10 hours of volunteer work for GPCA upon application by a member showing just cause for such reduction or waiver. Just cause shall include low-income and/or large number of dependents. Regular dues shall be based upon voluntary selection of income level tiers. Dues for tier 1 is under 30k, tier 2 is 30k-40K, tier 3 is 40k-60k, tier 4 is 60k-80k, tier 5 is greater than 80k. Dues for tier 1 shall be \$30 per year, tier 2 shall be \$40 per year, tier 3 shall be \$60 per year, tier 4 shall be \$80 per year, tier 5 shall be \$100 per year.

Article 7. General Assembly (as last amended 3/31/2019)

Section 7-1. Delegates

7-1.1 The General Assembly shall consist of Delegates from active County Organizations.

7-1.2 The total number of delegates and the number of delegates per county shall be the total of two sums:

7-1.2(a) Each active County Organization shall have at least one delegate seat, for a total of 58 if County Organizations are active in all of California's counties.

7-1.2(b) Each active County Organization shall have an additional number of delegates seats out of an additional 100 seats, equal to its percentage of registered Greens from within the county, compared to the total number of registered Greens in all counties, with a minimum of 1% required for one seat, times 100. Delegate counts for active County Organizations shall be tallied annually based upon the most current Secretary of State Report of Registration, and shall be effective from July 1st to the following June 30th. Each active County Organization shall appoint delegates and an appropriate number of alternates to serve as General Assembly delegates for the next year. Each active County Organization may submit a list of their approved Alternate Delegates who can be at the ready to fill in as Delegates if their County's Delegates are not available to utilize up to the total number of that County's allotted Delegate votes for any specific in-person vote.

7-1.3 Delegates shall be familiar with the party's Governing Documents - the Bylaws, the Rules and Procedures and the Fiscal Policy. First time delegates shall participate in the delegate orientation session at each General Assembly. Other delegates are encouraged to do so.

7-1.4 Delegates assume the responsibility to be familiar with the agenda, read materials and where practicable, prepare clarifying questions in advance, and be prepared to participate in all General Assembly sessions. Where practicable, County Organizations are also encouraged to review agenda items and provide advance input to their delegates.

7-1.5 Delegates shall be GPCA members in-good-standing as per Article 3, Section 3-1.

Article 12. Delegates to the Green Party of the United States

Section 12-3 Responsibilities and Expectations

12-3.1 Representing GPCA to the GPUS GPCA delegates shall be members in-good standing as per Article 3, Section 3-1, and shall take part in the discussion and votes upon proposals before the

GPUS NC. Votes shall be submitted to the process established by the GPUS. Delegates shall participate in monthly teleconferences and are encouraged to attend delegation meetings at GPCA General Assemblies and in person meetings of the GPUS NC They are encouraged to serve on GPUS committees. Alternate delegates are encouraged to participate in the same activities as delegates and vote according to the delegation's procedures for alternates.

Approval threshold is 2/3 vote or unanimous.

Implementation timeline:

Following the proposal being approved at the CC meeting on June 3rd, 2019, it should immediately be implemented as per the discussion and the decision, and inclusion in bylaws.

Budgetary Implication:

Most organizations and political parties see greater income as a result of implementing dues.

Unknown increase in income for GPCA responsibilities.

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