

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday May 6, 2019 7:30 to 9:30pm

(01) Roll Call: (3 min)

There are currently 21 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 Mica 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, Adam Siegel, Laura Wells

Present (15): Victoria Ashley, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel,
Sadie Fulton, Colt Gonzales, Josh Jones, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Shannel
Pittman Erik Rydberg, Laura Wells

Present later (+3): Sanda Everette (joined couldn't connect and was patched in), Mimi Newton came on
at 7:42, Carol Bouldin came on at 8:00 pm.

Absent (3): Adam Siegel, Emmanuel Estrada, Anne Menasche, (absent by notification)

Quorum of 18 out of 21 with addition of Carol and Mimi

(02) Roles: (2 min)

Facilitator: Maxine, Note Taker: James, Time Keeper: Josh, Vibes: Shannel

(03) Approval of Agenda:

Draft #4 sent out at 7:02pm May 6, 2019 from Maxine Daniel.

Late items attached:

- Tarik in re GA Agenda
- Tarik in re Letter to SoS concerning SB 505
- Josh in re State Party Dues
- Erik Rydberg in re Eco-socialism Conference
- Mimi in re Honoring Green Activist Marnie Glickman for renaming Marin school district

Discussion.

Approved by consensus.

(04) Approval of CC Minutes of April 1, 2019 as provided by Mimi - Appendix A

Discussion. No concerns. Affirmations.

Approved by consensus.

(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 reports for inclusion into the meeting minutes

Reports from Working Groups and Committees:

Clearinghouse & GROW combined meeting - Appendix B

CCWG - Appendix C

Finance Committee - Appendix D

Bylaws Committee - Appendix E

Discussion. No concerns.

Approved by consensus.

(06) Proposal Decision: Nomination and recommendation of Ruscal Cayangyang for the 2019-2021 Treasurer's term for confirmation at the May 18-19 2019 General Assembly (10minutes)

Sponsor: Mica Daniel Finance Comm.

Background and Purpose: Under GPCA Bylaws, the Coordinating Committee nominates for Treasurer and the General Assembly affirms the nomination. The term of the current GPCA Treasurer is expiring and Ruscal Cayangyang, has indicated his willingness to serve another term as GPCA Treasurer. This proposal is for the Coordinating Committee to nominate Ruscal Cayangyang for the FY2019-2021 term of Treasurer, and recommend his confirmation to the May18-19 2019 Alameda County General Assembly held in San Francisco

References: http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2016-07-03#Section_4-6_Treasurer

Clarification: That this item if passed would serve as the recommendation to place this item on the agenda of the May GA in San Francisco, and that further it would be the recommendation of the CC to favorably support the reappointment.

Discussion:

Affirmation from Josh supporting the reappointment and to mark the exceptional work done by Ruscal in this very difficult job which has very few other interested parties. Noted that Ruscal, while reluctant to reapply, understood the necessity of having the job filled, but requested that a search be made for a replacement in a year if passed.

Affirmation by Sadie of the work done by Ruscal, and note made of the very difficult circumstances and sacrifices required of Ruscal to tackle the job.

Affirmation by Colt that Ruscal has been professional and responsive.

Concerns expressed by Sanda.

Erik and Shannel expressed concerns based on work performed by Ruscal for outside clients that were Democrats.

Shannel would stand aside.

Sanda and Erik would not stand aside.

Josh pointed out that Jevonka Beckles, the Democratic Candidate for whom Ruscal worked, was a client, who paid Ruscal for consultation work on her campaign. Ruscal is a professional CPA and may have clients who are not Greens.

Goes to Vote:

Yes:12 (Victoria, June, Eric B, Mica, Sadie, Colt, Josh, Tarik, James, Mimi, Nassim, Laura)

No:4, (Doug, Sanda, Shannel, Erik)

Abstain:1 (Marla)

Proposal passed by 75% of those constituting the quorum at this point in the agenda.
Carol Bouldin dialed on toward the end of the discussion and did not vote.

(o7) Laura Wells - Application to be reappointed as a member of the Media Committee of the Green Party of California

EXPERIENCE:

Since I became a Green Party activist in 1992, when the GPCA began, I have run as a candidate, served as a media spokesperson and publication editor, and served on several internal committees at the local and state levels. Nationally, I have served on the U.S. Green Party media team. This experience has given me a lot of practice communicating the values and policies of the Greens. As to biographical information, I live in Oakland, and have worked for financial concerns, non-profits, unions, and the county. I've also been a Latin American activist focusing particularly on Venezuela as the biggest "threat of a good example" with its improved healthcare, education, housing, and participatory democracy.

VISION FOR THE GPCA MEDIA COMMITTEE:

I would like to see the Media Committee produce:

- more frequent, high quality, effective news releases;
- social media posts that draw the public toward voting for and registering with the Greens; and
- publications for use in voter registration, fundraising, and campaigns around the state (in coordination with other committees and working groups).

My larger vision for the GPCA is that as the two-party system breaks up, that we build the capacity to be the "new party" so many people want. Right now, the Green Party is the strongest independent corporate-free party with good California and American values, and it can play a big role as the electoral arm of the social movements.

Laura Wells
Alameda County

- Discussion: Would answer any questions.
- Question as to how many Media Committee communications were issued in the last year and - Laura responded that there had been approximately 6.
- Laura indicated that if reappointed her goal would be to develop a quicker process for evaluating, correcting, adding or otherwise amending statements to be distributed.

Eric Brooks expressed concern but was willing to stand aside.

Approved by consensus.

(o8) Nassim Nouri - Application to the GPCA Clearinghouse Committee

Dear CC,
Please consider my application below for the GPCA Clearinghouse Committee,
Thank you,

Nassim Nouri - I am applying to the Clearinghouse Committee with the main goal of facilitating internal and external communications, and for improving and expanding the support GPCA provides to our county chapters.

My vision for the Green Party is for us to grow into more than an electoral alternative. We need to take our rightful place as the moral imperative in our government. To reach this goal we need to engage all those who have been driven out of participating in politics, effectively communicate our platform, values, potential and pride in being Greens, the party for, by, and of the people.

Relevant Experience: I have served on the IT, CC and Clearinghouse Committees for various periods over the past 2 years. I have served on the Clearinghouse since May 2017 and have been the Co-Coordinator for most of my term. In that period, CH has updated and redesigned the GPCA literature package, created a Spanish version of our trifold, printed and distributed over 9,000 trifolds and cards, provided tabling kits for counties, designed and distributed GPCA t-shirts and buttons. CH has also sent over 30 email blasts to our database contacts with over 500,000 contacts reached. Over the past 2 years CH directed about 100 volunteers to their county parties and addressed many inquiries through our email and phone contacts.

Utilizing my experience in marketing and communications, working in the biotech and medical research fields, I plan to continue working on communication projects for Clearinghouse Committee, including to create relevant and inspiring collateral packages that proudly reflect our platform and values, establish a monthly GPCA electronic newsletter, facilitate communication with county parties, help counties save resources through building a resource e-library of graphics and literature, and continue integrating the work of Clearinghouse with GROW to build a strong Communication and Outreach Team.

Discussion: Will answer any questions. No questions.

Approved by consensus.

(09) Maxine Mica Daniel Re appointment to Clearinghouse Committee

I have been a Clearinghouse Committee Member since 2015. It has been a wonderful experience to have been a small part of seeing this committee functional again. I would like to reapply for a 3rd term on the Clearinghouse Committee. Thank you for your consideration.
Mica Daniel

Discussion: No questions.

Approved by consensus.

(10) Decision Item: Reappoint the existing SGA Vote Administrators and Alternate SGA Vote Administrators; and revise the IT Protocol, subject to endorsement of the revisions by the IT Committee, to streamline the process for SGA Vote Administrator Elections/Appointments

Sponsors: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: Section 5-1.2 of the IT Protocol includes provisions for the CC to elect SGA Vote Administrators in each odd numbered year in accordance with a process that's supposed to begin in mid-April:

5-1.2 All nominees must be Green Party members and be recommended to the Coordinating Committee by their County Council to be eligible. A call for SGA Vote Administrator applicants shall be sent to the GPCA Inform, GPCA Forum and SGA Votes Email lists by the IT Committee at the direction of the Coordinating Committee, within the first 15 days of April of each odd-numbered year. For 2017 only, the call for SGA Vote Administrator applicants and alternates shall be sent within three (3) calendar days after adoption of this provision.)

Proposal: Reappoint the existing SGA Vote Administrators Nicole Raglin, Brian Good, and Victoria Ashley and Alternate SGA Vote Administrators Lauren Mauricio and Josh Jones; and revise the IT Protocol, subject to endorsement of the revisions by the IT Committee, to streamline the process for electing these critical folks as set forth below under "PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE FOR IT PROTOCOL."

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Upon passage of the proposal by the CC: (1) the SGA Vote Administrators and Alternate Vote Administrators will be advised of their respective reappointments and thanked for their continuing service to the Party; and (2) the revised IT Protocol language will be transmitted to the IT Committee with a request to endorse or otherwise respond to the proposed revised IT Protocol language prior to the next CC meeting.

References: GPCA IT Protocol at Article V. Electronic Vote Administration, at <http://www.cagreens.org/it-protocol>.

PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE FOR IT PROTOCOL

All proposed changes are UNDERLINED.

Plus, proposed additions are in BOLD and deletions are in ITALICS.

[Formatting was removed for these minutes as they were copied into plain text to facilitate inclusion in the minutes. REFER TO EMAIL OF DRAFT AGENDA #4 for formatted text.]

Article V. Electronic Vote Administration

Section 5-1 Standing General Assembly (SGA) Vote Administrators

5-1.1 The Coordinating Committee shall elect a minimum of five nominees (with gender balance and from 5 different counties), subject to 3/5 approval by the Coordinating Committee [DELETE: using ranked choice online voting in accordance with 7-2.4(a) of the GPCA bylaws, with the three highest ranked serving] [ADD: to serve] as SGA Vote Administrators to serve simultaneous two-year terms [DELETE: ; and the next two ranked individuals to serve] [ADD: and] as Alternate SGA Vote Administrators for the same term. Terms shall run from June 1 to May 31 beginning in odd-numbered years. [DELETE: (For 2017 only, the CC will vote to approve the SGA Vote Administrators and alternates within one month after the adoption of this provision, by an online ranked choice vote.)]

5-1.2 All nominees must be Green Party members [DELETE: and be recommended to the Coordinating Committee by their County Council] to be eligible. [DELETE: A call for SGA Vote

Administrator applicants shall be sent to the GPCA Inform, GPCA Forum and SGA Votes Email lists by the IT Committee at the direction of the Coordinating Committee, within the first 15 days of April of each odd-numbered year. For 2017 only, the call for SGA Vote Administrator applicants and alternates shall be sent within three (3) calendar days after adoption of this provision.))

5-1.3 In the event that an SGA Vote Administrator or Alternate seat is not filled by [DELETE: rank choice] [ADD: an in-person] vote, the Coordinating Committee shall conduct an on-line vote to fill the seat(s) in accordance with Article IV of the Coordinating Committee's Internal Procedures.

5-1.4 In the event of an SGA Vote Administrator mid-term vacancy, an Alternate of the same gender, if possible, shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If both alternates are the same gender, the Coordinating Committee shall select one at either their next regular meeting or by an online vote.

5-1.5 The Coordinating Committee shall conduct nominations and [DELETE: on-line votes] [ADD: vote] to fill regular vacancies for [ADD: either SGA Vote Administrators or Alternate SGA Vote Administrators and] mid-term vacancies of Alternate seat(s) in a gender-balanced manner, and shall call for applicants to fill [ADD: regular vacancies — or] mid-term vacancies of Alternate seats [ADD: — as soon as is practical.] [DELETE: within three (3) calendar days after becoming aware of the vacated seat(s).]

5-1.6 SGA Vote Administrators may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the SGA. The vote will be placed in the SGA voting queue with expedited process with a two week discussion and one week voting period upon request to the Coordinating Committee by six different SGA delegates from at least four different counties.

5-1.7 Where there is disagreement between SGA Vote Administrators, or a dispute has been filed, over management of SGA voting procedures or results, the threshold for SGA Vote Administrator decision-making shall be 2/3 and no fewer than two Vote Administrators in agreement for resolving the disagreement. If a Vote Administrator is not available an Alternate Administrator shall participate in the decision making in his or her place with the Alternate who shall participate being chosen at random. Quorum for all decisions shall be two.

5-1.8 Vote Administrator management of SGA voting procedures or results may be disputed by any six GPCA delegates, officers, and/or Vote Administrators from at least four different counties by filing a notice of the dispute to the Coordinating Committee, which shall immediately email the notice to the SGA Votes Email list. Vote Administrators shall decide on the dispute within two weeks after the notice of the dispute is filed. A decision by the Vote Administrators over such a dispute may be appealed by any six Green Party California delegates, officers and/or Vote Administrators from at least four different counties by filing a notice of the appeal to the Coordinating Committee. Such appeals shall be noticed by the Coordinating Committee and be voted on within one full month by the SGA, with at least one week allocated for discussion and at least one week allocated for voting by the SGA.

Discussion:

- Concerns arose as to the role of the Vote Administrators in the omission of an item for the SGA agenda, and it was determined that the Administrators had no role in the process at discussion.
- Amendment offered by Eric Brooks was not accepted.
- Carol Bouldin and Eric Brooks had concerns, stood-aside and declined inclusion of concerns.

Approved by consensus

(11) DRAFT Agenda for May GA

Decision Item: Approval of updated GA agenda (requested time: 10 minutes)

Tarik Kanaana via lists.cagreens.org

The only change I made was to replace the Ranked choice voting presentation (Sonoma County) with two Platform plank amendments at 9:05 on Sunday morning

Draft agenda of the May 2019 General Assembly, San Francisco, May 18-19, 2019

Saturday, May 18th

8:00 am Breakfast, registration

Facilitators: TBD

9:00 am Opening, delegate orientation, announcement of Standing Committee vacancies

9:25 am Quorum Count

9:30 am Agenda approval

9:45 am Confirmation of Jared Laiti as the Liaison to the Secretary of State. (Coordinating Committee)

10:00 am Presentation: Coordinating Committee candidates for FY 2019-2021 make statements

10:30 am Presentation: GPUS Delegation delegate and alternate candidates for FY 2019-2021 make statements

10:55 am Discussion: Preparing Politically for 2020. (San Diego County)

Presenter: Rick Greenblatt.

The Green Party at every level (national, state, and local) will face serious challenges as we approach the 2020 election season. In addition to the usual issues we face as a small party in a fundamentally flawed and undemocratic electoral system, there will be special challenges in 2020, including the likelihood that Trump will run again and that the Democrats will advance some as-yet-unknown version of the Green New Deal. We need to prepare ourselves not only organizationally, but also politically if we have a realistic expectation of coming out of 2020 stronger than we came in. The discussion will be motivated by the presenter as a set of questions that we need to consider, including, for example:

- What are our most important objectives for 2020?
- How can we develop a strategic perspective to help guide us in successfully realizing these goals?
- What should be the principal aspects of such a perspective?
- How does ecosocialism fit into our perspective?
- What are the major strengths that we can bring forward to advance this perspective?
- What are the major obstacles that we will face in realizing this perspective; how can we work to overcome them?

11:55 am Announcements

12:00 pm Lunch

Facilitators: TBD

1:00 pm Reconvene

1:05 pm Discussion: Growing the party by running candidates. (GROW)

Presenters: Anthony Krzywicki and Laura Wells.

The question is always asked on how do we continue to grow as a party and what can we do? In our experience, the most effective way to do this is to make sure we have candidates carrying a strong Green message within their campaign platform. We will talk about how each county could hold themselves accountable to running candidates for various offices.

2:00 pm Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (CCWG, ERWG, Bylaws, ATDWG)
3:15 pm Reconvene, Quorum count (if any confirmations are to be done in next session)
3:20 pm Confirmation: Standing Committee and Working Group Co-Coordinators
3:30 pm Training Workshops by the Activist Training & Dev WG. Two concurrent trainings:

- I: Public Speaking
- II: Using Social Media

5:00 pm Reconvene
5:05 pm Proposal: Approval of Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place (Coordinating Committee)
5:20 Announcements
5:30 pm Dinner on your own (host committee providing recommendations), GPUS Delegation meeting during dinner
7:30 pm Evening Gathering

Sunday, May 19

8:00 am Breakfast, registration

Facilitators:

9:00 am Convene, Quorum count
9:05 am Decision: Platform Amendments. (Platform Committee)
-- Proposal: Platform Plank: Recycling plank.
-- Proposal: Platform Plank: Toxic Wastes plank.

9:50 am Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (Media, Green Issues, Platform, IT)

11:05 am Reconvene

11:10 am Discussion: Talent Scouting. A presentation and discussion led by the Activist Training and Development Working Group.

11:55 am Announcements

12:00 pm Lunch

Facilitators: TBD

1:00 pm Reconvene

1:05 pm Two concurrent sessions:

- I. Women's Caucus meeting.
- II. Organizing around Improved Medicare for All. Presenter: Barry Hermanson

1:50 pm Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (Finance, GROW, Clearinghouse, Fundraising)

3:00 pm Training Workshops by the Activist Training & Dev WG

Two concurrent trainings:

- I: Candidate Campaigns and Building the Green Party
- II: Effective Communication

4:30 pm Closing session

Sadie Fulton via lists.cagreens.org to GPCA

Hi Tarik & CC,

The ATDWG would like to amend our workshops & roll them together

So the first session will *only* be the effective communication session, and the second will be "The total campaign package" - ie the other three training sessions all rolled into one.

The discussion on talent scouting can stay as it is.

Let me know if you need this laid out in a different format.

Thanks, Sadie

Discussion: Tarik noted that the Agenda was without a place for the approval of the SB 505 letter to the Secretary of State.

[This is a separate item below.]

Tarik also noted that this agenda is without a place for the item noted in a letter from the GPLAC, concerning inclusion in the Bylaws of delimited duties for the Liaison to the Secretary of State.

Discussion: The CC affirmed authorizing Tarik to make the necessary changes that he saw fit to the Agenda. The final Agenda could be adjusted on the Friday meeting before the GA.

No concerns.

Approved by consensus.

(12) Decision: Opposition to SB 505 (15 minutes)

Subject: Opposing SB505

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana

Background and Purpose: SB 505 is a presidential primary ballot access bill under consideration by the California State Legislature. SB 505 has already passed the State Senate as emergency legislation and is now headed to the State Assembly, and would go into effect in time to affect the March 3, 2020 California primary. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB505

SB 505 could significantly negatively impact the ability of candidates seeking the Green Party presidential nomination from appearing on the California Green primary ballot.

Proposal: The CC shall approve and send the following letter opposing SB 505 unless it is amended.

-----Begin letter-----

Subject: SB 505 Presidential primary elections

To: Scott Matsumoto, Consultant Senate Standing Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments and Tiffany Mok, Deputy Secretary, Legislative Affairs at California Secretary of State
From: Coordinating Committee, Green Party of California

Dear Scott Matsumoto and Tiffany Mok,

This is to express a position of 'opposition unless amended' to SB 505 by the Green Party of California.

As written and as approved by the State Senate on April 25, 2019 SB 505 Presidential primary elections (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB505) ignores the scale and nature of the campaigns of candidates seeking the presidential nomination of smaller parties like the Greens, by applying criteria and thresholds that fit only the scale and nature of the campaigns of major party candidates.

As a result, SB 505 could have several negative impacts:

- Make it difficult if not impossible for candidates seeking the Green Party of the United States presidential nomination from appearing on the Green Party of California presidential primary ballot;
- Disempower Green Party of California members from casting their preferences in the Green Party of California presidential primary;

- Weaken the Green Party of California by taking away an important reason to be registered Green in California, i.e. to be able to vote in the Green primary; and
- Undermine the Green Party of the United States' national presidential nomination process.

To address these issues, the Green Party of the California believes SB 505 must be amended to provide realistic options to access the presidential primary ballot for candidates seeking the presidential nominations of smaller parties like the Green Party. Any legislation that did not provide for this would merit legal challenge.

Fortunately we understand that discussions are underway in the Secretary of State's office and the State Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee to address these concerns. We look forward to hearing potential resolutions from you that would enable us to support this bill.

Sincerely
Coordinating Committee, Green Party of California

CC: Darren Chesin, Chief Consultant, CA Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.

Ethan Jones, Chief Consultant, CA State Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting

Discussion: No Concerns.

Affirmed by consensus.

(12-A) Withdrawn

[Concerns expressed in letter from Mike Feinstein to the CC were addressed by approving the letter detailed on Item 12]

(13) Decision Item: Should California explore the possibility of hosting the 2020 Presidential Nominating Convention?

Sponsor: Sadie Fulton (15 minutes)

There is a growing buzz around GPCA about whether we should explore hosting 2020's PNC, and this needs to be looked at.

To clarify, this is *not* to decide fully *that* we want to host the PNC, but to decide whether this is even an option we would like to explore.

If we were to proceed, how would we do so - should the CC set up a working group on the issue? Who would be on such a working group?

Also, there's the question of where in California we would seek to host the PNC. Tamar Yager of the national ANM committee expressed that the two top concerns are affordability of accommodation (both for the events and the dormitories), and proximity to an airport with strong national connections. Everywhere, but especially in California, these two considerations are inversely correlated.

Discussion:

- National conversation underway as to the location of the Nominating Convention for 2020 Presidential election.

- Sadie felt that at a minimum we should submit a letter of consideration and have a full discussion about the feasibility at a future date, but that any letter was best sent from the CC.
- Josh indicated that holding it in Davis might be reasonable as it fit the environmental profile. He had checked with the UC Davis and determined that they could provide beds at \$70 per night.
- Sanda indicated that this was prohibitive and would not be suitable.
- Others expressed concern that we simply don't have the finances or other resources to pull off something like this; that the Sacramento Airport was not remotely feasible as a proximate commute and that Davis was probably not a reasonable venue.
- June suggested withdraw the item and submit it later for reconsideration. Sadie did not accept the suggestion.
- Alternative suggestion was made and Sadie agreed: that a subcommittee of the CC take the matter under advisement and explore our options. Subcommittee volunteers: Josh, Tarik, Sanda, and Shannel agreed to meet and explore options and report back

CC Affirmed this path by consensus.

----- **(14) Proposal for GPCA Yearly Dues: Decision**

Sponsor: Josh Jones Fundraising Committee (15 minutes)

This is a proposal from Fundraising Committee to form a dues system for GPCA, so that we can reliably fund our state party in a basic way.

It's reasonable to think that anyone committed to the Green Party of California, the largest Green Party in the United States, would be happy to pay at least some money for yearly dues, hardship being \$5 per year. It is also reasonable that people are surprised the GPCA does not currently collect dues, and that many report they would take our party more seriously if we did collect dues.

That said, collecting dues is less about convincing new people of our seriousness, and more about ensuring funding for the base level of our state party operations.

This method of collecting yearly dues for GPCA was unanimously voted for in the affirmative by the Fundraising Committee.

The Fundraising Committee members would like GPCA Coordinating Committee to accept this method of base level funding for our state party, and to vote yes to approve.

Thank you,
Josh Jones
Fundraising Committee Co-Coordinator

Green Party of California (GPCA)
Membership

Thank you for supporting Green Party of California! Your membership will build the power we need to face the challenges ahead. Your dues will help assist candidates and pay for monthly Nationbuilder website fees, bank account fees, costs of printed materials, and banner. As a member, you will be eligible to join committees and a tree will be planted in your name. GPCA will always be volunteer led, all membership fees go directly to promote the party's activities.

Standard \$30 - Hardship/Student \$5 / 5 hrs - Green Love \$60 (\$5/mo) - Green Pride \$100

I would like to Sponsor \$30 standard memberships

Other Pre-order - Tabling Kit \$35, GPCA T-shirt \$20, Plant a fruit tree in your name Free

Green Pride includes a free tote bag, 25% discount on GPCA events, and mention in quarterly newsletter.

Green Love includes a 25% discount on GPCA events and mention in quarterly newsletter.

Standard & Student/Hardship include mention in quarterly newsletter.

Google Doc of Dues sheet, made by Diana Brown for Fundraising Committee.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ii_6j7pXYyh6X-5-fARlgNsH1F56sA5mwzWoIKBmNHE/mobilebasic

Discussion:

Josh explained the origin of the graph that accompanied the agenda item [items contained in the graph are immediately above]. Josh explained the value of the item "Plant a Tree in Your Name".

He underlined the crushing need for finances to be taken seriously and strongly urged the adoptions of the Proposal.

Several CC members felt that the wording of the "membership dues" would fall afoul of California ballot law, in that it appeared we were charging people to register and vote.

Josh explained that this was not the intent of the proposals language, but merely indicated that we were proposing that in order to be a voting member of an internal committee we could require the paying membership status.

Erik Rydberg outlined that every serious socialist group in the US charges dues including the Peace and Freedom Party, and that it was ridiculous for us not to follow suit.

June and Sanda raised concerns and suggested this would best be decided at the GA.

Blocking concerns were expressed so the proposal went to a vote.

Vote:

Abstain: 6 (Victoria, Marla, Carol, June, James, Laura)

Yes: 7 (Eric B, Mica, Sadie, Colt, Josh, Shannel, Erik R)

No: 5 (Doug, Sanda, Tarik, Mimi, Nassim)

Proposal failed consensus.

- The over riding consensus on the CC was that we need to get to this point but that this particular proposal was too flawed to accomplish the goal.

Meeting Ended at 9:30pm

Points: The remaining items were referred (at the discretion of the proposers) to an online vote.

(15) Proposal from Erik Rydberg to Endorse the Eco-Socialism Conference;

- (16) Proposal from June Brashares to Rotate NoteTaking Role Among All CC Members;
(17) Proposal from Nassim Nouri (Discussion): Get verbal reports from Committee and Working Group CC liaisons and Review Role of CC liaisons;
(18) Proposal from Mimi Newton 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.
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Appendices

Appendix A. Minutes of CC meeting April 1, 2019 - Approved

Appendix B. GPCA - Monthly CH & GROW Joint Monthly Call

April 9, 2019, 7:30pm

1- Amend or affirm agenda - Affirmed

2- Attendance: Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara), Anthony Krzywicki (Ventura), Mica Daniel (San Joaquin), Christine Pepin (Santa Clara), Richard Gomez (Fresno)

3- Roles: Facilitator: Anthony Note taker: Nassim Time keeper: all

4 - Review last month's action items

Done — Nassim will send a draft a description of communication plan (newsletter) to GROW. Sent 3/30 10:50 am - Will discuss in item 8 - (Appendix I)

Done — Nassim will share a draft of the CH suggested bylaws changes. with GROW to get input. Sent 3/12 9 pm - (Appendix II)

Anthony asked for confirmation of the CH & GROW joining, does it mean GROW is dissolved? Nassim suggested the teams continue to keep their identity but now CH has simply moved its monthly call to coincide with GROW. The two teams will continue to do joint calls and work on projects together to see how it works out. All agreed.

**Nassim will contact bylaws and ask when the next roll up for amendment is scheduled, so if the teams decided to join we will have time to draft a new joint description.

5 - GA presentations & preparation CH/GROW

A. Recruiting candidates presentation (Anthony)

Anthony reported he wanted to have a presentation at GA about growing the party through running candidates. Richard can help with the presentation as well. Nassim thought it's a great idea to make it interactive. Activist training WG workshop may already be planning one, will look up GA agenda. Maybe it can be complementary and paired with each other. Draft agenda approved last week: <https://www.cagreens.org/agenda-may-2019-general-assembly>

** Anthony will connect with CCWG; June and Shannel. He had contacted June to form a join presentation. but has not heard back

B. Recordings of people on "Why I am Green" (Nassim)

We had this on our agenda last GA but had no time to line people up and get 1-minute videos on why people are Green.

** Nassim will ask Audra if she will be at the GA and record the videos

C. Preparation of GA collateral (Nassim)

** Mica and Nassim will go through the CH inventory to collate and prepare collateral/ literature/ t-shirts. CH would like to have a professionally printed GPCA banner so that may happen time permitting if local funds could be found, as CH does not have a 2019 budget yet.

6 - Translation of literature (Nassim)

CH would like to have electronic version of translated GPCA trifold in many languages so counties can print them online.

Santa Clara has a new Korean member who might take on a translation. Chinese translating volunteers have disappeared so we need new Chinese translators.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: translation help needed.

7 - Requested literature update – a flyer on GP caucuses

Anthony asked for thoughts and update on Shannel's previous suggestion for a flyer on GP caucuses. Nassim mentioned we need to ask GPUS for a flyer on GPUS caucuses, if that's what they are. Are these GPCA or GPUS caucuses?

Richard mentioned he is involved with GPUS Lantix Caucus, they are all GPUS and not CA.

**Richard will send Nassim the times/days that GPUS caucuses meet so she can forward to IT to update our calendar.

Nassim mentioned there are 10 'CA' caucuses listed on the GPCA website. We need to remove these pages if they are not active and do not meet or if they are simply getting forwarded to the GPUS.

The CC gets no reports from any 'CA' caucuses, so we are not sure they are active, they maybe defunct as many links on these pages are dead - <https://www.cagreens.org/caucuses>

** Richard will contact the emails listed on these 10 CA caucuses to find out:

Do they meet? Are they active? Do they get any inquiries through the GPCA webpages? Do they direct people to GPUS caucuses? If so, can IT remove the pages and direct viewers to GPUS?

8 - Newsletter - call for volunteers and topics – See (Appendix I)

See Nassim's draft description of CH Communication Plan including the Newsletter

Nassim described the goals and content, all agreed with proposal.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we need content to fill a library of usable materials by those who like to research, author and create content of any kind for a newsletter.

9 - New action items

- Nassim to contact bylaws and ask when the next bylaws amendment roll up is.
- Anthony to connect with CCWG to form a join GA presentation on recruiting candidates
- Nassim to ask Audra if she will be at the GA and record the videos
- Mica and Nassim to inventory and prep CH collateral for GA and arrange transport
- Nassim to send call for volunteers for translation and newsletter work
- Richard to send Nassim the times/days that GPUS caucuses meet so she can forward to IT to update our calendar.
- Richard to contact the emails listed for the 10 CA caucuses to find details.

10 - Next monthly call 5/14 7:30pm

Appendix C.
Report CCWG Meeting March 24, 2019

Notes from Campaigns and Candidates WG 3/24/19 7:30pm

Roles: Facilitator: Shannel Pittman, Notetaker _____

CCWG members in attendance: Shannel Pittman, June Brashares, Richard Gomez,
(did not have quorum)

1. Introductions, Announcements Amendments to the Agenda --

Since it was just Shannel and June on the call at the start, they decided to not necessarily do complete agenda

2. County Happenings (15 Minutes) [What projects are being worked on by Greens in your County, Whose Running or appoint to local office and what do they need?]

3. Known Electoral State/Federal Campaign Brief (~10 Minutes) Shannel--

Sid Akbar is running for Assembly District 9 in Sac County, haven't have time to catch up with him to see what his campaign needs yet.

Shannel reported on activity in Los Angeles County:

Cesar Flores running for special election for CA Senate D33 (12 candidates) vote is soon but using this election to build name recognition will be running again in 2020.

For slate in 2020 which will include -

- Juan Verdin – CA State Assembly District 51 for 2020
- Dr. Rodolfo Cortes Barragan—Congressional District 40
- Cesar Flores for CA State Senate 33

Yet Identified Candidates for CA State Assembly District 53 (Vernon, HP), CA Assembly District 58 ,(Downey, Paramount, Bellflower) CA Assembly District 59 (HP, Walnut Park, Florence Graham) , CA State Assembly District 63, CA State Senate District 24 (East Los, Commerce, the LA to the left it), CA State Senate District 30 (The otherside of the 110, Westmont, Inglewood, Ladara Heights, Culver City), and CA State Senate District 32 (East Los, Commerce, Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood) for a complete slate in CD40 and CD34.

LA County other activity includes plans for an upcoming Green New Deal forum Start with _____ Friday, tentative July 20 start S.E. LA, starting in Southeast LA to address environmental justice, forum to be bi-lingual, mainly in Spanish language

Shannel reported there is also interest in connecting what Green officials are doing to relevant issues. Would like to connect to efforts Marnie Glickman is doing on School Board.

Aidan is willing to conduct interview with Marnie from youth caucus perspective, that could then be spread through other Green media.

4. Discussion about how CCWG should participate in GA. Do we need time at GA for CCWG session for candidates to present their plans and talk about strategy of running slates & which campaigns to prioritize? Time needs to be reserved on GA Agenda before deadline. Training working group is going to present training including a candidate training. Need coordination with Training working

Group, especially who in Training Group is working on candidate training for GA.

Question as to where people can stay for SF GA? Need to get the word out about how many people want to come to GA that need help with housing and try to generate offers of home-stays in region.

Timing for 2020 elections. DEADLINES COMING SOON. Need to be aware of deadlines and requirements to be a candidate (including to simply be eligible to be a candidate for your local GP County Council). Find out ASAP the deadlines and requirements to get on the ballot & to run for election in March 2020 Primary. The Signature in Lieu period for the March 2020 Primary is SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 THRU November 6th, 2019

Richard has new phone -----

4. Bills on the Radar – written report submitted by Shannel in the advance agenda:

AB-392-This Police Use of Force law change is supposed by the family of Stephon Clark and would alter the rules of engagement for California Police officers to limit use of deadly force by allowing the use of true DE-escalation tactics. Unlike another bill also in the legislator, this one was not written by the Police officers

Union. http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB392

AB1076- From the bill text: “This bill would, commencing January 1, 2021, require the Department of Justice, on a weekly basis, to review the records in the state summary criminal history information database and to identify persons who are eligible for relief by having their arrest records, or their criminal conviction records, withheld from disclosure. The bill would require the department to grant relief to an eligible person, without requiring a petition or motion.” This bill seems to align with the notion of restorative justice in our platform, I thought you might like to learn more about

it. http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1076

SB 233- This bill would decriminalize possession of condoms as evidence of a crime, but more importantly it would prevent people who were victims of major crimes such as sexual assault or kidnapping from being arrested because they had condoms on their person. This would make it safer for people who are in the margins to report should they be harmed because they wouldn't have fear arrest and loss of shelter or livelihood, thus preventing more people from being hurt. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB233

Meeting adjourned before 8:30pm

Next Meeting April 28th

Appendix D.

April Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 25th, 2019, 8 – 9:00 pm

Present: Victoria Ashley – Liaison, Co-co, Ruscal Cayangyang – Treasurer, Maxine (Mica) Daniel – Co-co

Absent: Quinton Crawford, Frank Lambert, Bob Marsh

1. Agenda approval

Approved by consensus of those present

2. Review of Last Month's Minutes

Approved by consensus of those present

3. Updates / Treasurer Report

- Travis Credit Union state acct: \$5,076.40
- Travis Credit Union federal acct: \$1,600.00
- One United acct: \$0 – Transferred to Travis
- PayPal: \$3,845.40
- Barnett PayPal: \$734.65

Fines status

- No change

Upcoming expenses

- Nationbuilder – Now at \$188.

Discussion – Switching to the annual plan - \$1800/yr, which is \$150/mo. Switching to the annual plan would save us around \$38/mo, or a total of \$456 for the year. Our current plan has up to 55k names and 11k email addresses. Last month Mica suggested we talk to IT/Nassim about it. Vic contacted Nassim, who noted that June might be a good time to move to the annual plan, since there are several other things that they are working on at the moment (i.e., updating the DB in the next couple of weeks with the new contact list Ruscal got us).

Approved by consensus of those present to go to annual plan in June.

4. May/June General Assembly

The next GA will be in SF at the Redstone Building on May 18/19. The agenda should include the affirmation of the CC's nomination of Ruscal to continue as Treasurer for the next term.

5. California Progressive Alliance

Ruscal discussed the CPA conference in SLO he attended last month.

6. Paypal Letter

Victoria will complete the letter and Mica will sign it.

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23rd, 2019

Appendix E.

Bylaws Committee

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

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: May 6, 2019
Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Attendees - Present: Gloria Purcell; Mimi Newton (Quorum present.)

Absent: Adam Siegel

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting:

MAY 2019 - There will be a Bylaws Committee Break-Out Session at the May 2019 General

Assembly.

JUNE 2019 - Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

- Members of the Committee have been discussing the Bylaws Committee's mandate, roles etc. in the GPCA Bylaws and deliberating appropriate changes. These discussions are continuing.
- Members of the Committee have been discussing proposed Bylaws Amendments regarding --

A. Reserving all rights of the designation "Green Party of California " to the organization in the form of the State Party's Coordinating Committee and to be used or conferred only under its' By Laws. (Appendix i). The Committee will be providing comments to James Lauderdale regarding the proposal.

B. Bylaws Amendment: GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State (Appendix ii). The Committee is reviewing the proposal and should have comments, if any, shortly.

C. Additional Bylaws Committee discussions regarding the following items are ongoing: (1) Changing the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group to a committee; (2) Removing the mandate for Working Group co-co's to update their webpages with members names; (3) Removing the Working Group membership requirements; (4) Changing membership requirements for committees such that an applicant's first contact would be with the committee, not the CC, (people should first volunteer for a Committee or WG for 3 months then submit their application to the CC); (5) Re-evaluate the role of the Media Committee in the selection of the Party Spokespersons; and (6) Re-evaluate provisions regarding County Councils, should language be changed to refer to four years terms, elected in presidential primaries.

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Appendix i

TO: By Laws Committee

FROM: James Lauderdale GPCC member.

PURPOSE: To reserve all rights of the designation "Green Party of California " to the organization in the form of the State Party's Coordinating Committee and to be used or conferred only under its' By Laws.

PROPOSED: Change is Bolded.

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization is the Green Party of California (GPCA).

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.

The Coordinating Committee shall retain all authority for its duties and responsibilities under these bylaws. The Coordinating Committee may choose to delegate authority, including authorizing agents for specific tasks. However, use of the name "Green Party of California" shall remain the province of the Green Part of California through its Coordinating Committee. The use of the term "Green Party" may not be delegated except to verified County Councils, and may not be used in the name of Active Green Locals or any other organization.

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Appendix ii

January 21, 2019 email to the Bylaws Committee from Mike Feinstein, GPLAC:

Subject: Bylaws Amendment: GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State

Sponsor: Green Party of Los Angeles County

Background: Although the position of GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State is in GPCA Bylaws - as well as in the California State Elections Code

(https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB477) - there is not Article in the GPCA Bylaws specifying the duties and responsibilities of the position of Liaison.

This proposal would address this by doing three things:

(1) Adding into the GPCA Bylaws all duties and responsibilities of the Liaison as specified by the California Elections Code, so that it is clear within GPCA Bylaws what those duties and responsibilities (14-1.1 to 14-1.8);

(2) Adding into the GPCA Bylaws responsibility for the Liaison to communicate with the Coordinating Committee and the county parties in order to ensure that endorsed candidacies by the GPCA and county Green Parties are reported to county registrar of voters as specified by the California Elections Code (14-1.9 to 14-1.10)

(3) Adding into the GPCA Bylaws responsibility for the Liaison to communicate with the Coordinating Committee any correspondence from the Secretary of State requiring action by the GPCA or its county Green Parties.

The intent of the GPLAC is for this Bylaws Amendment to be considered at the next Standing General Assembly.

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 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 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 Elections Code.

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.

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.

14-1.4 The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall 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

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

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.

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.

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 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 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.

Implementation: Immediately upon passage, with updates to GPCA Bylaws and to GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State webpages

Resources: No financial resources required

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Mike Feinstein

Secretary, GPLAC

CC: Ajay Rai, Julia Russell, Co-Coordiators, GPLAC

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