

SEC Conference Call - Aug. 15, 2022

8:30 PM

Attending: Matt Bauman, Nancy Gaige, Hunter Crow, David Prout, Alfred Molison, trey legall

8:35 Quorum is met.

8:36 Hunter says he has received the voter files for verification.

8:37 Approval of July's minutes

(the group takes a moment to review them)Approval of July's minutes

Hunter calls for consensus to approve.

Alfred Molison approves.

8:40 No objections, secretary will post to site.

Hunter calls for alterations to the agenda.

There are none.

8:41 State Meeting planning.

Matt says bylaws aren't supposed to be changed before November's elections, but the time after that is typically busy.

Hunter explains our bylaws regarding alterations.

8:43 Nancy says the deadline for bylaw submissions is 100 days. 120?

Hunter says that if we transition to a primary-nominating party, the bylaws would need to be revised.

Hunter finds & reads Bylaws Section VII -

The State Meeting shall have the authority to consider the adoption of bylaws for the Green Party of Texas. Any proposed amendments must be submitted to the State Executive Committee at least 45 days prior to the Meeting. The SEC will inform all county parties, as widely as practicable, 120 days prior to the meeting of this pending deadline.

The State Executive Committee shall be charged with disseminating all proposed amendments to all County Co-Chairs within a week after the delegate submission deadline. The Meeting shall seek consensus on each amendment separately. In the event consensus cannot be reached, a 2/3 vote is required for adoption of the amendment.

Amendments to the bylaws shall only be allowed at state meetings in odd-numbered years.

8:46 Discussion of newsletter

[silence]

8:47 Matt finds has calculated 120 days - Dec. 13th

Hunter suggests postponing any bylaw amendments to the following State Meeting.

Alfred asks about this. Hunter elaborates; temporary rules could be created.

Nancy asks how much notice should be given for State Meetings.

Hunter quotes the above bylaw section - 45 days.

8:52 Hunter says some people have expressed a preference for an in-person meeting.

Nancy details some of the added planning that would be needed for that.

Hunter says Delilah & her campaign might help with that.

November seems like the preferred month, but no concrete date is set.

8:55 David asks what would happen in the meeting, if no amendments can be done.

Hunter & Matt answer - platform amendments, resolutions, approval of committee nominations &/or affiliation decisions.

9:00 trey asks if a decision was made re: in-person/virtual meeting

Hunter said there was some support for in-person, no objections

9:02 David suggests an accreditation committee verify eligibility for SM participation.

Hunter has received documents for April's delegates.

David points out that any attendees who weren't delegates should be reviewed.

9:08 Matt asks if David is ok with leading the state's accred. comm.

He is willing to co-lead, will work to find others to help.

9:10 Hunter lists some people who may want to participate in the meeting.

9:12 Matt suggests waiting until the registration period is over to verify eligibility.

9:13 David asks how people feel about in-person vs. virtual.

Hunter answers. David asks if Hunter will commit to finding a location.

Hunter says Delilah & her campaign team may be willing.

David points out the environmental impact of an in-person meeting.

9:16 Alfred asks about selecting a date. Hunter says it will be discussed in Slack.

9:17 **Newsletter**

David suggests [whoever wants to] write a draft

& share with SEC in Slack for approval.

Hunter says Alison may have been working on a draft.

9:19 **Treasurer's Report**

Nancy still has not been authorized to access the account.

Site asked her to verify with Alfred's phone number.

She says Laura recommended allowing \$1,000 for in-person meetings.

Nation Builder payment of \$1,300-1,400 is due next week.

She authorizes Alfred to pay using the Party's bank card.

Gaige suggests Alfred enter the card information to Nation Builder.

Alfred will be free Tuesday, for a call.

Nancy gives him her mobile number; Alfred will text the details.

She will speak with PNC to straighten things out.

Nancy asks Matt for a copy of the authorization letter that was sent to Alfred.

He will visit her within the week.

9:28 Hunter updates the group on **National Committee actions**.

Elder Caucus accreditation is being discussed.

AccredComm has advised against (criteria not met)

A platform amendment regarding the Electoral College

Secretary Kristen Cobbs will resign.

Replacement will serve 1yr to complete her term.

Hunter invites candidates for this position.

9:33 **Old Business**

Hunter confirms that all GPTX candidates were confirmed eligible.

9:35 **Safe & Fair Elections Pledge**

[some discussion]

9:43 David reads the 4 points of the pledge.

9:45 No blocking objections, it will be endorsed.

9:46 Hunter speaks about an email he got from an elections administrator.

He will forward it to sec @ txgreens.org

9:48 Hunter asks for **volunteers to facilitate** September's call.

David nominates trey. No blocking objections.

trey asks what all that entails.

9:50 Matt explains briefly.

After a pause, he says discussion can continue in Slack, etc.

9:51 It is agreed that the next meeting will be **Sept. 19**

Hunter calls for consensus to adjourn. No objections. Meeting ends.

Video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J7YUhNnR10hKstg5oQMprYKVDLRaFbO9/view?usp=sharing>