# Get Money Out – Maryland

## Steering Committee Agenda

June 6, 2013

Organizational Issues

 Approval of Draft By-Laws

 List of Potential Directors

 Scheduling of Inaugural Meeting

Discussion of Priorities

 Listing of possible priorities

1. Work on members of Congress who have not sponsored an amendment
2. Continue to build awareness, especially among Republicans and independents – base building
3. Work on/with Jamie Raskin and other members of Maryland General Assembly to take stronger action:
	1. A formal resolution, or
	2. A call for a constitutional convention
4. Work to increase support of a strong (MTA-style) amendment rather than weaker (Edwards-style) amendments.  Affiliating with Move to Amend would be an option if we select this course of action.
5. Others: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## Minutes

**June 6, 2013**

**Present:**  Joe Adams, Mark Patro, Angud Noor, Hillary Kruh, Sue Garonzik, Joe Garonzik, Charlie Cooper, and Michael Lore (by phone, briefly).

**Invited and Not Present:** Jeff Peacock, Flo Valentine, Deborah Hunsley, Claude Guillemard (sent regrets and a note of continuing interest).

**By-laws:** After discussion, the By-laws were approved unanimously with one amendment. In Section 4 (Board Meetings), paragraph (e), the following sentence was deleted: “There shall be no proxy voting.” We decided to develop a policy allowing for specified alternate directors to vote (for example, a spouse of a director who is actively involved).

**Directors:**  We decided that current meeting would be considered the Inaugural Meeting as referenced in the By-laws. The following expressed a commitment to serve and were elected to be directors:

Charlie Cooper, President

Joe Adams

Hillary Kruh

Angud Noor

Mark Patro

We will contact Michael Lore, who has served on the Steering Committee, to see whether he would like to serve as a Director as he was not on the line when these decisions were made.

**Action Priorities:**  There was a long discussion of possible goals for a campaign, on the kinds of organizing techniques that could grow the organization, and on assembling the resources needed to sustain the level of activity required for success. Joe Adams suggested an additional possible priority:

Campaign for local elections public financing in Baltimore City.

There was consensus that we favor the Move To Amend language, and there was some support for affiliating with them. As the discussion developed, item 1 (pressure members of Congress to support amendment resolutions) and item 4 (affiliate with Move To Amend) were linked as one item. There are other Move To Amend affiliates in Maryland including one in Frederick.

Joe Adams argued forcefully that Congress is corrupt and so captured by corporate interests that it is a mistake to get embroiled in all the subtleties of the differences among amendments. Various members spoke in favor of continuing to work on Congress, and these two alternatives became the focus of the discussion. As the conversation developed, however, the advantages of working within the Maryland General Assembly gained added emphasis. A vote was taken between the two alternatives, and this latter alternative was favored by a vote of 4 to 2 with 1 abstention.

**Action Steps:**

* *Charlie will contact Michael Lore to see whether he wants to serve as Director.*
* *We need to research the Constitutional Convention idea as to the history of its use, the legal procedure, and what others (including Wolf-Pac) are doing on the state and national levels to pursue this objective. Joe will kick this off.*
* *We need a work plan. Charlie will draft an outline.*