

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Via Zoom

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 8 CC committee members (David Bond, June Brashares, Barry Hermanson, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, and Laura Wells). This means quorum is a simple majority of 5.

Present: James Lauderdale, June Brashares, Nicole Raglin, Laura Wells, Karen Nyhus, Nassim Nouri. Have quorum at 7:50pm (6 of 8). Also present: Mica Daniel, Justin Richardson (Treasurer). David Bond joined at 8:02pm, Barry Hermanson joined at 8:50pm

(2) Roles (4 minutes):

Roles for the this CC Call:

Facilitator: Mica, Note Taker: Karen, Time Keeper: Nicole, Vibes Watcher: June

Roles for November's CC Call: Facilitator: Karen, Note Taker: TBD, Time Keeper: James
Vibes Watcher: TBD

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

Karen withdrew her previously proposed items which had been listed on the draft agenda as items 7, 9 & 10 (10 was a duplicate of 9)

- withdrawn Item 7 - Appendix F (Elect new Co-Cos for the CC: wait)
- withdrawn Item 9 - Appendix G (Preparing for new SGA: delegates/alts)

(3a) Late items:

- Decision Item: CC workplan and budget request
- Basecamp check in

Approved (added) by consensus.

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 minutes)

Minutes as posted to the CC by June Brashares on 9/14/21 at 8:26 am.

Approved by consensus.

(5) Consent Items (5 minutes)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consented 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 in the meeting minutes:

Clearinghouse/GROW Committee	Appendix A
Media Committee Meeting Notes	Appendix B
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Approved by consensus.

(6). Review of Voting Results and Action Items (15 mins):

UPDATES ON CC VOTING Since the Last CC Call (5 mins)

— **48-Hour CC Votes & Results:**

- 48 HOUR VOTE - PROPOSAL TO CERTIFY GREEN PARTY OF YOLO COUNTY - THE VOTING PERIOD STARTED 9/17/21 at 10:54 pm and ENDED at 10:55 pm on 9/19/21. Full Text of the Proposal is at APPENDIX H.

Results: The tally of online votes for this proposal were -

YES votes: 7 (Laura Wells, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, James Lauderdale, Barry Hermanson, David Bond, June Brashares)

No votes: None

Not voting: 1

The proposal to certify the Green Party of Yolo County was approved.

- ACTION ITEM: James will send a letter to Registrar of Voters within 30 days of Sept. 19 confirming that the CC has certified Yolo County.

- Note: Template for such a letter is available on BaseCamp (CC project).

— **SGA Voting Results (published 10/1 ~6:10pm):**

- Item # 223 - Bylaws Amendment: To Remove "No Other Candidate" from Bylaws Sections 7-2.4, 8-4.1 and 8-4.3 -- *did not meet 66% threshold (failed)*
- Item # 224 - Bylaws Amendment: To Change Thresholds from 2/3 to 60% (3/5) in Bylaws Sections 6-4.1, 6-5.2, 7-2.3, 7-4, 8-5.1, and 13-2.1. - - *did not meet 66% threshold (failed)*
- Item # 225 - Bylaws Amendment: To Change Article 12 of the GPCA Bylaws: Delegates to the Green Party of the United States - met 66% threshold -- *Approved.*

(7) CC Workplan and Budget Request: the Budget Committee (Justin Richardson, Maxine Daniels and Karen Nyhus) gave the CC an update and requested input on expenses the CC would like to include in its budget request.

Proposed: CC will submit a budget request \$20/month for BaseCamp (\$240 total), \$250 for membership in Healthy California Now, \$200 for Zoom costs at meetings including GAs, and \$200 to hire someone to train our facilitators and vibes-watchers on handling disruptive conduct in our meetings. Passed by consensus.

Committee will continue to request budget numbers, narratives and workplans.

Next meeting of the Budget Committee is Oct. 7, 7 pm.

(8) Discussion Item - Preparing for new CC members

Sponsor: Karen. Time requested: (10 mins.)

With GPCA elections pending, we should think about orienting new members.

Karen posted a document to BaseCamp with some draft items to review with new CC members.

Document was left up for others to contribute to.

(9) Basecamp check-in

Karen presented briefly on developments in BaseCamp and referred people to a document she posted there with more information.

(10) Confirm next CC meeting.

Next meeting confirmed for **November 1, 2021.**

APPENDICES

Appendix A. Clearinghouse/GROW Meeting Minutes, Sept. 14, 2021, 7-9 pm

1. Attendees: GROW members present: Rick Greenblatt, Barry Hermanson, Richard Gomez, Mimi Newton. Clearinghouse cocos Present: Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri
2. Roles: facilitator & notes: Nassim
3. Announcements and member's activities:
 - Rick: there will be a women's reproductive rights action on Oct 2nd in reponses to recent TX ruling. GPSD will be participating, and this maybe a nationwide action? Rick will send info to CH.
 - Barry: California Nurses Association (CNA) is organizing an action against CVS which has been funding anti-single Payer lobbying organizations, he'll send info to the group. Healthy California Now campaign has not yet endorsed AB1400 and have not been organizing for any actions. Barry is working on getting an article out for Bayview newspaper on funding mechanisms for AB1400 and will share a draft soon.
4. Clearinghouse Report (Nassim):
 - CH is sending out eblasts once a month, last one on Sept 8th included GPCA press release on SGA Recall election vote and a few other segments, and had 16-18% open rate.
 - CH has received and responded to ~11 inquiries about the recall and GPCA's position.
 - CH can re-start the campaign to ship small inventory of t-shirts for \$25 donations. Barry volunteered to manage the shipping.
5. Candidates and Elections
 - Richard noted the email from Greg Jan on recommendations for candidate endorsements sent to SGA.
 - Rick noted there is a candidate in SD county (non-Green) for statewide race for Superintendent of Board of Instructions.
6. Strategic Discussions
 - Rick brought up the need for a vision and strategic planning for GPCA. Is GROW the right place to have this discussion? There was general agreement that it was.
 - Discussions ensued on how do we address the issue of growing the party?
 - Nassim: one main challenge in growing GPCA is that we must address is the internal disruptions and hostilities by a hand full of people that cause long time Greens/volunteers to leave party building or leave the party entirely. We see the same challenges at the national level.
 - Richard: we must go on and try to get our message out, despite the opposition we see externally.
 - Mica: we have no choice but to forward. But everyday we are being governed and represented by Dems and Reps so we need to engage our electeds and tell them what we expect of them.
7. Next CH/GROW meeting is scheduled for Oct 12th.

Appendix B. Media Committee Meeting notes - September 20, 2021, 2:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Laura Wells, (Co-coordinator, NOTETAKER), Thomas Leavitt (member)
ABSENT: Susan Lamont (now former member), Nassim Nouri (volunteer), Christine Pepin (volunteer)

AGENDA:

(1) Planning media release on California unemployment fiascos. Thomas will shorten, aiming for around 600 words, less is better.

(2) Discussed Work Plan and Budget Request for 2022

A. Budget Request of \$300 for marketing or ads to amplify getting the word out to the public, online or elsewhere.

B. Work plan to include

- Monthly meetings
- Increase number of committee members and spokespeople
- Media Releases - every month or two
- Publish OpEds and Statements in addition to Media Releases
- Create “helpsheet” one-pager(s) to explain the basics of Releases, OpEds and Statements
- Social Media - regular Facebook and Twitter postings
 - - to include info from media releases, clearinghouse email blast “newsletters”
- Cover 2022 statewide campaigns
- Consider blogosphere and podcasts

(3) Noted that member Susan Lamont has not been able to attend 3 meetings in a row, and so has become a former member. Re-application is always an option, as is continuing to volunteer.

NEXT MEETING: Third Monday, October 18, 2021, 2-3pm.

Appendix C. SEPTEMBER BYLAWS MINUTES

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – September 2021

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: SEPTEMBER 26 2021

Submitted By: Mimi Newton on behalf of James Lauderdale, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Sunday, September 19, 2021. (Via Zoom)

Present: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting: Sunday OCTOBER 10 2021 (via telephone)

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

(1) RECOMMENDATION OF NO BUDGET REQUEST. Submit to Budget and Finance for October SGA.

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

(1) Discussion and endorsement of Proposal for Bylaws to bring a session to the Next GA to follow up on a proposal submitted to the CC by Nicole Raglin. Nicole Raglin had proposed consideration of a reformation of the SGA voting process. The July 2021 CC minutes have the following record of this item:

(9) Agenda Item:

Agenda item: Discussion /Proposal:

The path forward for future SGA Votes, and possible ways to improve the process (5 -10 minutes - Possibly more if a robust discussion follows)

Sponsor: Nicole Raglin, CC Member

Background and purpose: The SGA Voting process has been continually called into question by a vocal minority. Protocols by the delegation are not always followed, there have been chronic violations of decorum and attempts to undermine the work that is done by others to present items for voting and those who worked to make the vote possible.

Proposal: The Coordinating Committee immediately begins the process to review the Bylaws that address the SGA, which are overly complicated and begin to reform the voting process with current SGA admins.

[Nicole proposed a discussion to move the SGA to a Zoom format as is the case for the GA. That the CC undertake the discussion.

[Passed by Consensus.]

James Lauderdale
[email address omitted]

Appendix D. SCSC Monthly Meetings

Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates SubCommittee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: Oct. 3, 2021

Submitted By: Greg Jan

Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 30, 7 pm

Present: Committee members Steve Breedlove (Butte), Greg Jan, facilitator (Alameda), and Jared Laiti (Sacramento)

Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 14, 7 pm

Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:

1. We are continuing to meet approximately monthly with the Peace and Freedom Party (about "splitting the statewide races" next year so we won't "take votes from each other"). P&F has now identified candidates for US Senate and Insurance Commissioner (who previously ran for those seats), as well as for State Treasurer -- and we have candidates for Secretary of State, Controller and Attorney General. (Pleaser also see the last item in this section, below). Also, with the Peace and Freedom Party, we'll likely be using the name "Left Unity" for our "joint slate".
2. As previously reported, to help increase the likelihood that Green candidate(s) in at least one of the statewide races will be able to get 2% or more of the vote (the minimum needed to maintain our ballot status), we've contacted six Californians with relatively high name-recognition (Erin Brockovich, Angela Davis, Danny Glover, Jello Biafra, Dave Anthony, and Matt Gonzalez) to consider running for Governor, but only Dave Anthony and Matt Gonzalez replied -- they were both flattered, but declined. We have also contacted indigenous environmental activists Pennie Opal Plant and Isabella Zizi (Izzy), who both declined, and former SF Mayoral candidate Francisco Herrera, and Keith McHenry of Food Not Bombs, both of whom did not reply. In addition, we also contacted 6 environmental groups, but none of them replied either. But just a few days ago we heard back from a potential candidate who wants to discuss running for Governor with us, so we'll be having a Zoom meeting with him this coming Tuesday -- and if he does decide to run, we'll of course let you know as soon as that's confirmed. However, if he declines, then we'll likely contact a few more activists, and perhaps a few more "big names" too, etc.
3. The IT committee sent out our email message to individual Greens back in April, asking for suggestions of statewide candidates, and also inviting people to volunteer and donate for the statewide candidate campaigns. We've now received perhaps \$500 in donations and a couple of Greens whom we're in touch with volunteered to help out when the campaign begins.
4. We've submitted info for the SGA vote on endorsing the 6 statewide "Left Unity" candidates, and as soon as that's official, then we can start working with them on their campaigns, especially to help prepare for the start of December signature-gathering and to help raise money for candidate statements, etc. Unfortunately, some SGA delegates have posted messages arguing against endorsing some or all of the candidates, so hopefully you'all can help post messages, so we can get our statewide candidates endorsed! (The vote ends on Sunday, 10/10).

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

- (1) We're continuing to go through lists of previous Green candidates and activists to identify good statewide candidate prospects, especially for Governor.
- (2) We will also be working on a "Needs Assessment", which will list various "needs" for the GPCA to undertake in order to have the best campaign possible for our statewide candidates. However, our top priority right now is to identify a Governor (& Lt. Governor) candidate(s).
- (3) As we have been, we are planning to continue meeting every other week, on Thursday evenings

----- **Appendix E. IT Minutes**

GPCA-IT met briefly on 9/27/21 on Discord from 7:00 - 7:45PM

GPCA-IT members: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Audra Walton, CC Liaison' (MC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC) We discussed: 1.) New Communication Platform(s) vs Listserves

1) We are really excited about the rollout of the Discord Server as our new communication platform. The IT Committee has met primarily inside of the Discord server, "Meeting Room" (as opposed to zoom, bluejeans, or skype) for our meetings and we are wondering if anyone else has had an opportunity to explore this platform and would you be willing to give feedback?

This is a useful quick read article about how to [manage email notifications](#) - and a really [thorough explainer video](#) that is timed stamped so you won't have to sit through stuff that might not interest or benefit you. As always - I'm available via text and email (facebook is best) to show anyone around Discord. One of my favorite features is the ability for anyone to share their screen - without having to go through the gymnastics of switching hosts/co-hosting. I'd love to know what your favorite features are. 2) Website - Re-Design: We are actively looking for/recruiting design help. Website design meeting forthcoming.

3) Nationbuilder - GP Registrant Importing: David will import data into nation builder | 80,000 before thanksgiving

----- **Appendix F. (withdrawn) - Decision Item - Elect New Co-Co's for the CC (withdrawn until Nov. meeting)**

Sponsor: Karen. Time requested: (20 mins.)

Proposal: elect new Co-Cos for the CC (to talk to SoS liaison, communicate w/Reg of Voters in counties, etc.): temporary term through 12/31/2021.

----- **Appendix G. (withdrawn) - Discussion Item - Preparing for new GA/SGA delegates and alternates**

Sponsor: Karen. Time requested: (10 mins.)

Sonoma County is electing our dels/alts. People in our county -- really smart people -- have been serving and yet are confused, especially by the firehose of email mixed in if one is playing multiple roles, not to mention toxic content.

We need some kind of basic orientation to SGA/GA, with less jargon, perhaps bylaws skeleton, graphic of structure (we have stuff like that already developed). Can we piggy-back on CC orientation? Is there something we can send out to counties to help them better prepare their delegate and alternates?

Hypothetical discussion while piloting BaseCamp:

What would it take to move e.g., SGA election discussions online to BaseCamp? Technically, I think it would just require that we:

- (a) invite SGA delegates and alternates to the GA/SGA project; making sure people get signed up;
- (b) post (as CC) the item up for a vote and make sure everyone gets notified (perhaps sending an email to confirm, especially the first time);
- (c) explain to delegates and alternates that discussion happens by commenting on the post;
- (d) explain that voting will still happen via OpaVote (per our bylaws).

Do we first have to get the SGA to vote to approve this procedural change? Can we offer it?
-- Karen Nyhus Sonoma County GP Council GP CA CC member

Appendix H. Yolo County Certification

Subject/Title: 48 HOUR VOTE - PROPOSAL TO CERTIFY GREEN PARTY OF YOLO COUNTY
**VOTING PERIOD STARTS NOW and continues through Saturday,
ENDING at 10:55pm on Sunday Sept 19, 2021.**

For quorum this needs votes from at least 5 of the current 8 CC members (David Bond, June Brashares, Barry Hermanson, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, Laura Wells).

PLEASE VOTE by replying to this email with your vote of "Yes", "No", or "Abstain".

Sponsor: June Brashares

Background and Purpose: Green Party member Bob Scofield of Yolo County sent the email below asking for the CC to recognize and certify the newly organized County Organization **Green Party of Yolo County (GPYC)**. This presents the need for the CC to make this time-sensitive decision that cannot wait until the next CC meeting. The GPYC has chosen 2 delegates to the SGA/GA and would like to be recognized asap to be able to participate in the upcoming SGA that will begin the voting period on Monday, Sept 20 at 12:01am.

Proposal: Recognize the Green Party of Yolo County (see information in the email below and attached).

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

At the conclusion of the voting period, June will tally the online votes and post the results to the CC email list, listing who votes yes, no, or abstained on the proposal. This on-line vote requires a majority of members for quorum and a majority of yes plus no votes for approval. If approved, the SGA Admins are to be notified to inform the status of the Yolo delegates so that they might be enabled to vote in the SGA for the voting period to start at 12:01am on Monday Sept 20th.

The Agenda preparer for the next CC meeting is to include all the online proposal details and the results conducted in the last month in the agenda for the next CC meeting.

References:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bob Scofield** >

Date: Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 10:47 PM

Subject: Yolo County Application With Corrected Minutes

To: <applications@cagreens.org>, June Brashares

Cc: Bob Scofield, Connor Gorman, Greg Jan Mike Cordova
[email addresses omitted]

Dear Coordinating Committee,

This is Yolo County's application to be recognized by the Green Party of California. Attached are the Yolo County Green Party's bylaws and the corrected minutes of our organizing meeting.

Mike Cordova and Connor Gorman are appointed SGA/GA delegates.
Bob Scofield

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County Council Members are:

- 1) Mike Cordova,
- 2) Connor Gorman
- 3) Bob Scofield

[contact info omitted]