11/13/16 SEC Teleconference

Laura Palmer, Harris
Katija Gruene, Travis
Wesson Gaige, Denton
David Wager, Harris
Remington Alessi, Harris
Janice Richards, Brazoria
Nancy Gaige, Denton
Mary Gourdoux, El Paso
Kevin McCormick, Dallas
Alison Bittick, Denton
George Reiter, Harris (7:45p)
Bernadine Williams, Harris (7:49p)

Quorum Convened at 7:35p

Review & approve agenda items

Approve September minutes
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1CN4C-vakPD3YX5VvMDvRFJyKQZ8z8Wc5YypXLyiq0Q4 still needs budget attachment
Minutes 10/23 minutes
https://docs.google.com/document/d/11lmMl2-ZXeIGvQCyfXFRVa6r7vWcdUSmGu4Fq1RbM/edit?usp=sharing
Move approving these to online approval via email

Election debriefing
Lost ballot access, but had good voter turnout - 3x for PotUS (2012) and RRC (2014), Libertarians will not be petitioning, but there is a group planning to announce a new party forming called the Equity Party.
Be nice to take a break, but have people interested and need to keep things moving
David Wager (after speaking with Martina Salinas) - call all candidates thank them and get any feedback, and if they want to run again, make sure we have a youtube page - load our videos including greenwatch TV, results by precinct, paid person canvassing to talk to ppl seeking donations, really learning how to use FB better to boost messages and using NB to do so, precinct convention attendance increase can make petition drive easier
Janice - just under 80million registered voters nationwide did not vote - some way to determine demographics for this population and how to reach them - will look into getting precinct level data in Harris
Kevin - what we know about the reliability of the electronic voting machine returns?
kat response - Bev Harris from BlackBoxVoting released fractional algorithm she believes is being used to manipulate the results, and we have been informed by Vote Rescue in Austin that the state lege plans to gut the electronic voting laws in texas to remove the image capture for recount provision, which is our only recourse for verification

Wes - vote totals by precinct - can be downloaded from county election websites and can be gotten in electronic form for a fee

Janice - tax assessor and county clerk to run on these issues (county commissioners control the machines used) - while setting up our areas to implement citizen oversight

Kevin - guy in Dallas twohatspublishing on youtube - example of creating branding for the party via videos

Have a youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR4V1apXk3IN9UFSSqb2aTcA

kat - Legislative Session starts Jan 10th, plan to meet with Vote Rescue, Libertarian Party, and Independent Texans to solidify our electoral reforms for the next session. Plan to talk with the Equity Party about why the GP is not in line with their values/goals, think we should put out a survey with questions for people about why they don’t see the Green Party as a viable alternative/new party - why people want yet another new party. (Janice interested in Legislative Watch)

Party infrastructure
Temp county Chairs - expectations, timelines, guidelines - can hold two roles? e.g., county chair and regional coordinator. The hope would be that you are at a minimum publicly posting the meetings on both the state party website calendar and the county party fb page, email blast the meeting announcements - and keeping in contact with the state party and keep up with new people coming in through the website.

Publicizing conventions and bring voters to us - marketing and pushing SoS and counties to publicize how to participate instead of miseducating poll workers at the Primaries and not posting any info at all for non-primary parties.

Nationbuilder implementation worked out

Marketing
Better graphics and tools for counties to use for promotion

Working retreat and State Party Annual State Meeting
Candidate development
Nationbuilder training

Petition Gathering Questions
Number of attendees at the Precinct Conventions reduces the number of signatures needed. If we have 47,182 attendees, we do not have to petition for ballot access. One cannot vote in the Primaries of the D or R parties and attend our conventions or sign the petition. One can only sign one petition for one party to get ballot access.

Cannot start until day after the second Tuesday in March 2018 (Day 1) and runs for 75 days, which usually ends during Memorial day weekend, so it is usually the Tuesday after that holiday that they are turned in.

Precincts are defined by the county. Need to verify the consolidation part is still allowed by state law. Locations of conventions determined by the county parties. Managing flow of attendees at conventions if increased attendance as desired.

Pledge to sign the petition - attend a Precinct Convention - up on website.

Look at offices from 2014 to see races will be up for election in 2018 - Senate, all US Reps, most Statewide seats, all State Reps, half State Senate, half state Judicial, etc. City Council, Mayor, School and Community College Boards, and water Board will be up for election in most counties in 2017. If you have credible candidates, run!

Will have to get 5% in a statewide race in 2018 to stay on in 2020.

Next SEC meeting
We talked about moving to Friday nights because two SEC members are not available on Sundays - only concern is exhaustion factor being end of week. Monthly meetings are too long apart - perhaps do biweekly and alternate Fri and Sun nights. Will put question to the whole SEC via email to try to get some consensus.

Next meeting scheduled Nov 20, 730pm same number & code
Agenda items:
  Legislature
  meeting dates and places for Working Retreat and ASM
  Campaign Solutions/Hugh Esco situation