Attendees

SEC members:
Aaron Renaud
Wes Gaige
Laura Palmer
katija gruene
Antonio Diaz

Observers:
George Reiter
Nancy Gaige
Janice Richards
Alfred Molison
Alison Bittick
Joy Videechareon
Jay Sims
Bernadine Williams
Roy Stanley

First call was sabotaged by a caller who joined and conferenced in an Amish conference line. Call was abandoned and restarted.

Review and approve agenda

- Approve pending minutes:
  https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bJqWrlRwitg0-CbdNkF_iVHa78cfoWNdHe9bS6bQHko/edit - no objections accepted by consensus

- Approve state convention and meeting minutes
  https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WpodADPMVjnpT-rWMz3xBPqaFa6-T642W85704dlzh4/edit?usp=drivesdk - minutes are not finished, need sunday to be fleshed out and filled out, missing some information that needs to be added. Postponement of approval for these issues to be resolved.

- Finance & Fundraising - October report provided, preliminary budget, possible merchandise revenue - as a matter of course, everyone needs to be asked to become a sustainer
  - Funding for the office: $317 to get office current - proposal for SEC to cover that cost. Antonio initially objected to financially supporting the office. It was reasserted that the office was started as a joint effort between the state party and the local party, is available for all affiliated county parties to use when in Austin, and the SEC has previously voted to support the office financially where the local party falls short on fundraising (Ref vote
No objections raised when question posed again to pay Travis County Green Party $317 to catch up on December bills. Passed by consensus

- **Resource review - literature & marketing assets:**
  Updated resource page: [http://www.txgreens.org/resources](http://www.txgreens.org/resources)
  Considering setting up a Cafe Press store like this to provide merchandise: (needs tax number) [http://www.cafepress.com/greenpartyoftexas](http://www.cafepress.com/greenpartyoftexas)
  Jay Sims and Aaron Renaud will research various online printing service for t-shirts, mugs, hats, etc. for our next call to decide which one to use. Add to January agenda to decide on a company to use. They will post what they find on the #marketing channel on our Slack team.

- **Confirm Working Retreat dates of Feb. 18 & 19 - one January meeting for planning - consensus on dates and using Jan Meeting to plan**

- **Occupy Inauguration will happen 1/20; Greens should prominently participate if possible - also more generally community connection, MLK Day too** - please support your local events. 1/10 is the first day of the legislature and there will be a march and rally that day in Austin

- **Date & location for Annual State Meeting (June 10-11? - 120 days is Feb. 17, 45 days is April 26, 25 days is May 16)** - two co-chair applicants thus far (Wes Gaige, Roy Carl Stanley), status of SEC at large positions (one applicant thus far - Aaron Renaud)
  - Call for locations - Does your county want to host the state meeting? Find a location where 100 people can meet, food, and housing for the delegates. If interested contact Laura Palmer [valkyrie@calicodmp.com](mailto:valkyrie@calicodmp.com)
  - Suggested locations in Denton/Collin/Dallas area and CD8 (central east texas)
  - Date needs to be before the Annual National Meeting which is likely to be in July

- **Committee reports - continue jumpstart of committees via slack**
  - **Legislature** - [link to Trello board](#) for the Legislative Committee will link you to the Slack team and the coalition board. The conference calls are every other week and are recorded. Straight-Ticket bill filed and may get some traction this year. A group out of DC is turning focus to TX ballot access laws after success in PA, the Electoral Reform Coalition will be working with them on this bill.
  - **IT** - no updates at this point
  - **Candidate development** - Chris Slate expressed interest in being a candidate. Adam Reposa is running in the HD46 special election (Travis County) endorsed by the local. Houston endorsed a candidate in a Dec special election won her race. Travis Co is still looking into whether a second green school board member was elected - Debbie Russell was re-elected in Del Valle I.S.D. and another claimed to be a Green who won.
  - **Outreach/Media** - December blast draft set for Tuesday 6am release 12/19. Jay Sims is working on a PodCast for the party. Slack channel #media.

- **Vacancy on SEC At-Large** - one member has not participated since right after the election - Ona Marie Hendricks. Wes has reached out to her through various means, email/phone/fb, etc. Aaron has also tried to contact her in the past. No objection from SEC members to open up Ona Marie’s seat to a more active member. On January agenda to fill the vacancy.
Aaron left call 9:13p. Quorum lost. Discussion continued.

- Return to committee reports
  - **Membership Development** - Galveston and Brazoria working on progressing on organizing. Kauffman and Wichita Counties are in the early stages - Wes has been in conversations with these two.
  - **National delegates** - reminder that NC delegates will be elected at the state meeting in 2017, budget amendments are being discussed, mostly discussions about recount

- Rapid Action Network - George Reiter - left call before topic came up
  - Janice had some information so there was some discussion.
  - Suggestions to refer rather than replicate efforts of other groups, e.g., IceOutofAustin is working on rapid response for deportations. The resources needed to focus on creating a RAN for myriad issues is outside of our ability, but we could develop a referral network to these existing and forming action networks.
  - SEC and CoChairs are in a position to respond rapidly currently if they are all actively engaged and steering the party
  - The idea of these seems to be more locally oriented and the counties can take on such efforts if they so choose. The state can publish the information if the counties provide it

- **Set next SEC mtg: Jan 15, 7:30p** - will be setting up a new number for future calls.
  - Agenda items to carry over
    - Filling Vacancy on SEC - one At-Large
    - Planning of Feb SEC working retreat in Austin
    - Decide on which online merch provider to use
    - Finalize & approve 2016 ASM minutes
    - Revisit 2017 ASM date & location determinations

Adjourn 9:32pm