

Green Party Notes for ASM 2019

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Saturday, June 8th

Attendees: Andrew Ferguson, Wesson Gage, Nancy Gage, Matthew Bauman, Alfred Molison, Janis Richards, Laura Palmer, Donald Palmer, Jeff Reese, Alán Alán Apurim, Anisa Faruqi, Mary Hendricks, Emily Nghiem, Nancy Saibara-Naritomi, Alma Williams, Bernadine Williams, Jay Wilson, Diane Wood, Travis Cristal, David Prout, William E. Stout Jr., Adrian DeJong, Christa Shelter, Hal Ridley, Kevin McCormick

- I. The State of the Party
 - a. Wesson Gage
 - i. Without ballot access, has helped our state as the Green Party.
 - ii. The governor has an opportunity to sign the bill. It will become law that we will have ballot access.
 - b. Wesson called for the confirmation of Janis Richards as Co-Chair of the Green Party Texas.
 - i. 17 for
3 against
4 abstentions
Motion – Passed
- II. Nominations for co-chair
 - a. Alfred was nominated by Diane
 - b. Bill was nominated by Janis
 - c. Jay – Nominate Alan Alan as a candidate for co-chair
- III. Wesson – If Alfred is elected, we need to nominate for treasurer
 - a. Alfred – Nominate Don Palmer
- IV. Nominations for secretary
 - a. Wesson – Next office is secretary, any other nominations for secretary than listed on the agenda. There were no other nominations.
- V. Nominations for At-large positions
 - a. Wesson – At large positions on the list.
 - b. Laura – Two nominations for David Collins and Don Cook.
 - c. Janis – Nominate Hal
 - d. Alan Alan – Nominate himself as SEC Officer At Large
 - e. Bill – David Prout nominated

- VI. Wesson – Nominations for Delegates to the National Committee – We have nine delegates to the national committee, we are likely to be needing 11 rather than 9. There is a committee that assigns state delegates to the national committee which is the Tabulation Committee. There is no limit on the alternates. They participate online in a listserv. They make votes to change platform and by-laws of the National Committee. They are the governing party of the GP of the US.
- Laura – I have participated in the last two year period. Would like to self-nominate as a delegate.
 - Wesson – We have Wesson, Travis, & Diane . We need 5 more.
 - Alfred, Nancy Gaige, Hal, Matt, and Emily were nominated.
- VII. Alfred, AAA, Matt, & Don made short pitches for why they should be elected.

SEC at large positions –

Diane, Kevin, Laura, David Prout, Alán Alán Apurim, Emily, Travis, Laura, & Nancy Gaige present short statements
Wesson and Hal would like to step down from their positions as At Large

- Adjourned at 12:16 for lunch.

Resumed at 1:25

I. Bylaws

1. Amend GPTX Bylaws re membership; SEC

Section 3: Membership is open to any person who supports the Party and who is in general agreement with the following 10 Key Values: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Feminist Values, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus. Membership is open to any person who supports the Party (a) is in general agreement with the following 10 Key Values: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Feminist Values, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus, and

~~(b) is eligible to be a registered voter or eligible to vote a limited ballot at the time of affiliating and takes the following oath: "I swear that I have not voted in a primary election or participated in a convention of another party during this voting year. I hereby affiliate myself with the Green Party of Texas Party". (c) Membership shall be renewed for each voting year as required by Texas Election Code, Chapter 162, Section 162.010.~~

Kevin – Part B changes B to:

Commits to participate in good faith and cooperate with conflict resolution procedures with published procedures.

There were no objections. The motion passed to accept the change to Part B, Section 3.

Section 4

Section 4: Membership with an affiliated county party or local party group shall be no more restrictive than the requirements for membership with the GPTX, except that county parties may limit voting privileges to those members who have achieved a minimum level of participation decided by the County parties, consistent with the Texas Election Code (Chapter 162).

An “active” member is a member who, within the nine months prior to the active member requirement, has done one or more of the following: (a) attended a meeting of a local group or an affiliated county or regional organization for which minutes were recorded; (b) submitted a written article for publication on the party website or newsletter; (c) participated in an electoral activity such as voter registration, data compilation, or activities in an electoral campaign; (d) participated in a committee, caucus, or other group organized under these by-laws; or (e) participated in an electoral activity of the national Green Party U.S..

The qualification as an “active” member shall be determined with a view to encouraging engagement with the Party and assurance of continued active participation by the member.

With no objections, we agree to removing Section 3 to another place. We will not have to have a Section 3 since the reference to the State Code is already mentioned in the bylaws. Section 4 is now Section 3.

We decided to put “applicable laws, regulations, or the Ten Key Values.”

Voted and approved to move Section 4 to become Section 3.

Kevin – Section 3. Part B. is opened to discussion

(b) is eligible to be a registered voter or eligible to vote a limited ballot at the time of affiliating and takes the following oath: "I swear that I have not voted in a primary election or participated in a convention of another party during this voting year. I hereby affiliate myself with the Green Party of Texas Party".

Consensus- Take out these words, “The determination that continued affiliation of such Organization is not in the best interests of the GPTX

Add to Section 3 ii. The SEC has the authority to de-affiliate organizations that consistently do any of the following: and refuse to seek correction or facilitation to restore good standing.

Voted to extend to 6 p.m. to continue bylaws.

Bylaw - Article II: Party Organization

Vote on Article II: Party Organization

We need to have 2/3 vote.

-10 in favor

-10 opposed

-3 abstentions

-Motion failed.

More discussion was requested by Bernadine. Emily wanted to have the bylaw modified more.

Bernadine and Emily want to work more on this amendment to the bylaws.

The SEC will be entrusted to change the format of the Part 4. Caucuses. Motion passed.

Kevin – Proposed Amendment

Regional Coordinators should be nominated by 3 separate county parties and appointed by the SEC.

Blocking objection to be deleted. Vote on whether it can be deleted or remain the same.

Favor of Deletion – 5

Opposed to Deletion – 11

Motion fails and the language remains.

Proposal for a new amendment

Vote on Kevin's amendment to alter A, then B, C, and D will remain the same.

Motion to adjourn.

Favor – 12

Opposed - 4

Sunday June 9th – ASM Cont'd.

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Meeting began at 9:30. Ballots were passed out and explained by Wesson.

Volunteered to count votes

1. Nancy S.
2. Anisa
3. Emily

4. Jeff
5. Laura

Wesson asked others to sign up for the National Committees at the front table.

These are in the order of the requests for the GPUS Committee Assignments Requests

Travis Christal

- Ballot Access Committee
- Financial Committee
- Fundraising Committee

Diane Wood

- Outreach Committee (Withdrawal from Eco-Action)

Walter Horton

- Eco-action Committee

Alma Williams

- Animal Rights and Diversity

Hal Ridley

- Green Pages Editorial

Nancy Saibara-Naritomi

- Media

Emily Nghiem

- Media
- Platform and Presidential Candidate Support

Bernadine Williams

- Animal Rights
- Dispute Resolution
- International
- Diversity

Our guest, Dario Hunter, a Presidential Candidate from New Jersey, outlined his action plan.

This was followed by a Q&A.

Video call from Howie Hawkins: a message followed by Q&A covered these issues:

1. Education Reform and supporting public education instead of charter schools.
2. 100% Renewable Energy
3. Green Jobs
4. Community Revitalization and Environmental Reform
5. Justice for Earth and People
6. Access to quality Food and Housing
7. Take capitalism out of education
8. People of Color Community Reform and Justice
9. Single Payer Healthcare
10. Freedom for Colonialism
11. Wage Equality
12. Land Ownership Equality and Gentrification
13. Immigrant Mistreatment
14. Women's Rights to her Body
15. Voices of the Oppressed and Liberation
16. Palestinian Rights

Election Results

Co-Chair – Alfred Molison

Secretary – Matthew Bauman

Treasurer – Don Palmer

At Large SEC Alan-Alan Apurim, David Prout, Don Cook, Diane Wood, Kevin McCormick

All candidates for the National Committee Delegation were approved:

Wesson Gaige, Travis Christal, Diane Wood, Laura Palmer, Alfred Molison, Hal Ridley, Nancy Gaige, Matt Bauman, Emily Nghiem

Kevin asked for us to review Section 3 – Regional Coordinators, and delete the portion A. The regional coordinator be nominated by 3 separate party counties. They can have as many co-coordinators as deemed necessary. Part A is retained and deleted the last part.

Vote – No objections. It passes.

Emily presented the bylaw amendment to Section 3. Change to Party Organization

“The State Council composed of 2 elected delegates from each active county will work as a team to ensure democratic participation and inclusion in GPTX and effective collaboration between local and state levels.”

In favor – 12

Opposed – 4

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.