

ILLINOIS GREEN PARTY STATE CONVENTION
MARCH 5, 2016
MINUTES
Approved by the ILGP Executive Committee on May 29, 2016

Attendance: Vito Mastrangelo, Rich Whitney, Paula Bradshaw, Walter Pituc, Rob Sherman, Michael Braboy, Blair Campbell, Fina Campbell, Warren Grimsley, George Milkowski, Bruce Samuels, Barbara Maniotis, Scott Summers, Nick Kerker, William Kreml, Jack Ailey, Bob Mueller, Sean O'Toran, Jill Stein, Suzanne von Leuschner, Dale Lehman, David Black, Charles Dieringer, David Guran, Max Suchar, Felice Gaddis, Tianna Hammond, Steve Alesch, Will Reynolds, Michael Dubensky, Wharton Sinkler, Charles Paidock, Katie Armstrong, Verne Peterson, Nancy Wade, Rita Maniotis, Karen Roothan, Julie Samuels, and Zonda Carriel.

Select facilitator: David Black was nominated as facilitator for the internal elections. Vito was approved to facilitate the rest of the meeting.

Agenda: Approved as amended with the proposal by Rich Whitney to opt out of the open primary system and another proposal from the Stein campaign to have the dinner be a Stein campaign fundraiser. Both of these were approved via consensus to be placed at noon for 15 minutes.

Internal Elections: ILGP Officers & GPUS Delegation

Nominations [for ILGP Officers]:

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Chair: Vito nominated himself. Rob Sherman nominated himself∪

Treasurer: Sheldon nominated Jack Ailey, Jack accepted∪

Secretary: Sheldon nominated Rita. She accepted.∪

Vice Chair: Fina Campbell nominated herself∪

Vice Chair: Scott Summers nominated himself∪

Vice Chair: Bruce nominated Julie Samuels. She accepted.∪

Vice Chair: Jack nominated Rich Whitney, he accepted.

David Green's name was removed from the nomination for Treasurer because he does not know that he was nominated.

There were no other nominations from the floor,

Rich proposed that we suspend the rules for all the uncontested nominations. Proposal accepted by acclamation.∪

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Statements were given by the candidates for Chair of the Party.∪

Voting was done by paper ballot: Vito: 21 votes; Rob: 3; No Preference: 0

GPUS Delegates: Nominations:

Fina Campbell∪

Jack Ailey

David Black

Rob Sherman

Suzanne von Leuschner

Bruce Samuels

Alternates:

Paula Bradshaw\l
Rita self-nominated
Sheldon nominated Mary Ann Schafer

Rich proposed that we suspend the rules to elect via acclamation. Approved via consensus.
All nominees were elected via acclamation.

Proposal to petition for 2016 for candidates for President, VP, U.S. Senator, and Comptroller\l
Proposal was approved via consensus

According to the process approved at the last state meeting, the winner of the presidential preference will be placed on the ballot. Jill Stein was the winner of the presidential preference.

Nominees for VP Candidates: \l
Rich Whitney
Julie Samuels
Bill Kreml
Howie Hawkins

Rich Whitney withdrew his name. Vito proposed that we suspend our discussion of the VP candidate until after our social justice panel.
Approved through consensus.

Nominees [for Statewide Office]:\l
Senator: Scott Summers
Comptroller: Rita nominated Tim Curtin and he accepted

Social Justice Panel\l
— Felice Gaddis and Tianna Hammond of the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression spoke about their initiative of CPAC--An all elected Civilian Police Accountability Council.\l
— Max Suchar of the National Lawyers Guild spoke about our gains in activism for social justice.\l
— A question and answer/discussion session followed.\l
— NAARPR has a draft ordinance that they can share.\l
— Stoppolicecrimes.com to sign the petition for CPAC.\l
— If you live in Chicago, call your alderman and urge them to vote for it. They have 3 supporters right now.\l
— Max stressed only give your name and address to police. After that, ask if you are being detained, if not, ask if you are free to go and if the officer says yes, you may go.\l
— Vito suggested that they reach out to the Green Party so that we can support their efforts.

12:07 pm. Agenda resumed from before the panel

Nominees [for VP]:
Julie Samuels
Bill Kreml
Howie Hawkins

Walter Pituc proposed that all the elections be done together.\l
Approved via consensus.
Floor closed for VP nominations.

Nominees for U.S. Senator:

Scott Summers

Michael Dubensky

Nominees for Comptroller:

Charles Dieringer

Wim Curtin

Rita read a statement from Tim Curtin.

The following candidates spoke: Charles Dieringer

Michael Dubensky

Scott Summers

Votes:

VP: Julie 10 Bill 11

[Howie's 2 votes went to Julie via IRV]

U.S. Senator: Michael 3 Scott 18

Comptroller: Charles 2 Tim 19

Chapter Reports:

— David Black is going to restart the Rockford Greens Chapter

— Michael Brayboy, spoke about his candidacy for 3rd Ward Committeeman in Chicago

— Nancy Wade reported that LNL Chapter has written a hyper local platform which includes extended library hours in their local branch. She encouraged other chapters to come up with hyper local platforms for their areas. She also talked about what they have accomplished in the last year including:

> Funding a Candidate for 5th Congressional District

> Organizing participation in the Pride Parade.

> Nancy reported that the Green Party of Chicago also wrote a platform and will be supporting the CPAC ordinance and also 80% reduction of carbon emissions from 2005 levels by 2030.

> Recruited three Ward Committeemen: Christopher Anthony 25th Ward, Verne Peterson 33rd Ward, Nancy Wade 47th Ward, George Milkowski 50th Ward, Antonne Cox 24th Ward.

> Wrote a outst Rahm and Alvarez petition through Nationbuilder and \$20 boosted on Facebook.

> Facebook petition boost brought 40 new contacts to the Chapter.

> Raised \$800 through a Green Party of Chicago fundraiser.

> They plan to help the MWRD candidates. March 19th 1-3 pm Daley Library, 3400 S. Halsted membership meeting.

— Nick Kerker of Peoria reported that the Illinois Single Payer Coalition (of Physicians for a National Health Program) is now listing our Chapter as the contact for a program on single-payer health care, using the presentation that we used at last autumn's state meeting in Peoria.

— Steve Alesch DuPage Greens: planning to petition for statewide slate. They had a successful fundraiser this year. Their next goal is to replace some of the equipment in the office.

— Sean O'Torain reported that he is working on trying to start a DesPlaines Green Party Chapter.

— Charles Dieringer reported that the Chicago Heights Greens has a lot of information on their website that anyone can use, especially on how to test your water.

— Rich Whitney said the Shawnee Greens are working on many issues:

> LaSalle Street Tax--they gave a forum and are getting a website up soon.

- > People in Carbondale are today protesting the budget.\
 - > They have a candidate running in the 115th state rep district.\
 - > They are working on anti-fracking campaign. Rich is on the Steering Committee of SAFE.\
 - > Vito is working on a lawsuit on enforcement of fracking because it was not in the bill.\
 - > They are fighting a parkway.\
 - > They are working on the Clean Energy Plan.\
 - > Rich running Jackson County Board--running uncontested.\
- Rita reported that the West Side Greens are working on getting two environmental questions on 9 Township ballots.

1:45 pm

Ecological Wisdom Panel\

— Will Reynolds, organizer for labor, political campaigns and environmental issues, He is a writer for Huffington Post. He spoke about Obama's "All of the Above" energy strategy.\

— Wharton Sinkler, Citizens Climate Lobby who explained the Carbon Fee and Dividend Plan that the Illinois Green Party has endorsed.

2:50 pm

Candidates: Presidential, Congressional, Local\

George Milkowski, candidate for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District\

Rich Whitney for Jackson County Board\

Warren Grimsley for 5th Congressional District\

Rob Sherman for 5th Congressional District\

Paula Bradshaw for 12th Congressional District\

Bill Kreml for President Jill Stein for President

Proposals

Rich proposed that we table the proposal to opt out of the open primary system to the fall meeting-approved via consensus.

There was a proposal is that the fundraiser dinner would be paid for by The Stein Campaign. Any donations given to the Stein campaign would be given back to the Illinois Green Party. But, also, the Stein Campaign would be eligible for matching funds from the government so the money would be doubled. Proposal was approved via consensus.

Selection of PNC Delegates

Delegates for the convention in Houston were elected.

Jill Stein Delegates:\

Blair Campbell\

Fina Campbell\

Bob Mueller\

Rich Whitney\

Paula Bradshaw\

Jack Ailey\

Julie Samuels\

Bruce Samuels\

Warren Grimsley\

Rita Maniotis\

Karen Roothaan\ Suzanne Von Leuschne\ Sydney Baiman\ Sheldon Schafer

Mary Ann Schafer

Chris Blankenhorn

Vito Mastrangelo

By Proxy:

Steve Alesch

George Milkowski

David Black

Maybe: Sean O'Torain

Bill Kreml Delegate: Scott Summers

Uncommitted: David Guran

Electors for the Statewide and Presidential petition\

Vito proposed that the membership authorize the executive committee to complete the list of electors and finalize the petition. Approved via consensus.

Petitioning\

Vito will start up the petitioning listserv again. He said that the Stein Campaign will help with funding our petition drive coordinator but that she needs a strategic plan before the funds will be released. Dave Sacks had agreed to prepare a plan based on the Stein Campaign template. If he cannot, Vito will start creating the plan.

Rita and Barbara gave a workshop on petitioning.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm

Minutes prepared by ILGP Secretary Rita Maniotis\

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