

# Minutes - Spring 2018 Membership Meeting

**Saturday, March 25th**

*Budlong Woods Branch, Chicago Public Library, 5630 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL*

9:00am - 9:30am: Library opens; setup

9:30am - 9:45am: Programming begins. Introductions & agenda.

**No proposals to amend agenda. Proposed agenda approved by consensus.**

9:45am - 12:00pm: Proposed Bylaws changes - discussion & voting

1. Bylaws 2018-04: Membership Steward - **Adopted by Consensus (Co-Chair version)**
2. Bylaws 2018-01: Member Dues - **Adopted by Consensus**
3. Bylaws 2018-02: Prohibition on Certain Funding Sources - **Adopted by Consensus**
4. Bylaws 2018-05: Bylaws Committee Authority - **Adopted by Consensus**
5. Bylaws 2018-06: Revised Bylaws Procedure - **Amended Version Adopted by Vote, 18 for, 4 against.**
  - a. Proposed amendment: remove "emergency" option - **Approved by Consensus**
  - b. Proposed amendment: reduce 30-day window to 10-day window - **Approved by Consensus, Standaside Concern (AJ Reed) that some members may not have regular internet access and may not see 10-day notifications.**
6. Proposal from floor (Kimball Ladien) to suspend rules (newly adopted 10-day notification period) and hear multiple proposed Bylaws revisions from Kimball Ladien. **Blocking Concern, Michael Harrington: proposals should be evaluated by Bylaws Committee prior to consideration at a Membership Meeting. Blocked by Vote, 1 for (Kimball Ladien), and all others present against.**

12:00pm - 1:15pm: Lunch Break

1:15pm - 1:30pm: Return from lunch; Featured Presentation introduction

1:30pm - 2:30pm: Featured Presentation: Troy LaRaviere

2:30pm - 3:00pm: Officer & GPUS Delegation Elections: Explanation of positions & voting; nominations from the floor.

## **Final Nominations:**

- 1) Membership Steward
  - a) AJ Reed
  
- 2) Secretary
  - a) Geoffrey Cabbage
  
- 3) Treasurer
  - a) Caroline Williams
  
- 4) Co-Chair
  - a) Dominick Palella
  - b) Brian Reardon
  - c) Rich Whitney
  - d) Ethan Winnett
  - e) Chris Blankenhorn
  - f) Bruce Samuels
  
- 5) GPUS Delegate
  - a) Chris Blankenhorn
  - b) Geoffrey Cabbage
  - c) David Black
  - d) Ryan Thomas
  - e) Gini Lester
  - f) Aaron Goldberg
  - g) AJ Reed
  - h) Jack Ailey
  - i) Holly Scholz
  
- 6) GPUS Alternate
  - a) Sheldon Schafer
  - b) Rita Maniotis
  - c) Mary Jane (MJ) Oviatt
  - d) Kimball Ladien

3:00pm - 4:30pm: Officer Elections: Candidate speeches & Q&A

4:30pm - 5:00pm: Voting tabulation & cleanup

## **Election Results:**

**Membership Steward:** AJ Reed, unopposed (Approved by Consensus)

**Treasurer:** Caroline Williams, unopposed (Approved by Consensus)

**Secretary:** Geoffrey Cubbage, unopposed (Approved by Consensus)

**Co-Chair, IRV w/Droop Threshold & “None of the Remaining” option:**

- 1) Rich Whitney (1st round balloting)
- 2) Chris Blankenhorn (2nd round balloting)
- 3) Ethan Winnett (2nd round balloting)
- 4) Brian Reardon (3rd round balloting)

**GPUS Delegate, IRV w/Droop Threshold & “None of the Remaining” option:**

- 1) Chris Blankenhorn (1st round balloting)
- 2) Geoffrey Cubbage (1st round balloting)
- 3) Holly Scholz (1st round balloting)
- 4) Gini Lester (2nd round balloting)
- 5) Aaron Goldberg (2nd round balloting)
- 6) David Black (3rd round balloting)
- 7) AJ Reed (3rd round balloting)
- 8) Jack Ailey (3rd round balloting)
- 9) NOTR (4th round balloting)
- 10) Not Elected: Ryan Thomas

**GPUS Alternate, IRV w/Droop Threshold & “None of the Remaining” option:**

- 1) Sheldon Schafer (1st round balloting)
- 2) Mary Jane (MJ) Oviatt (1st round balloting)
- 3) Rita Maniotis (2nd round balloting)
- 4) NOTR (3rd round balloting)
- 5) Not Elected: Kimball Ladien

### **Dinner**

*Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant, 2423 N. Lincoln Ave*

### **Sunday, March 25th**

Centro Autónomo de Albany Park, 3460 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL

9:45am - 10:00am: Space opens & setup; approval of agenda

**Proposals to amend agenda:**

- 1) Proposed by Kimball Ladien: Add discussion of reaching out to Bernie Sanders with Kimball Ladien secret equation. **Blocking concern, Geoffrey Cubbage: The ILGP has**

**already examined and voted not to pursue Kimball Ladien's various equation-related proposals, and additionally does not pursue access to Bernie Sanders or any other Democrat Party candidates. Blocked by Vote, 1 for (Kimball Ladien), and all others present against.**

- 2) Proposed by Kimball Ladien: Add discussion of reaching out to Troy LaRaviere with Kimball Ladien secret equation. **Blocking concern, Michael Harrington: Not interested at this time. Blocked by Vote, 1 for (Kimball Ladien), and all others present against.**
- 3) Proposed by Kimball Ladien: Add discussion of established status in 5th Congressional District. **Blocking concern, Rich Whitney: This has already been discussed within the party, and we are aware of and familiar with the relevant election laws. Blocked by Vote, 1 for (Kimball Ladien), and all others present against.**
- 4) Proposed by Sheldon Schafer: Add discussion of Fall Meeting location & scheduling. **Approved by Consensus**

10:00am - 10:30am: Platform revisions, based on markup text submitted by Platform Committee. Revisions approved by consensus, excepting:

- Language specific to Move to Amend - Proposal to strike specific organization references and end sentence at "...accomplish these goals." **Approved by Consensus**
- Language on China's consumption of ethanol - Proposal to send back to Platform Committee for clarification/detail of purpose. **Approved by Consensus**
- Language regarding state standards similar to Common Core - Proposal to strike "seemingly more benign." **Approved by Consensus**
- Proposal to correct use of "anthropomorphic" to "anthropocentric" where used. **Approved by Consensus.**
- Proposal to standardize cited figure for military budget, using most recent available data. **Approved by consensus.**
- Language on criminal justice - Proposal to replace "the person with black skin" to "people of color." **Approved by consensus.**
- Proposal to change uses of "gender nonbinary" to "nonbinary and gendernonconforming" throughout. **Approved by consensus.**

- Language on NSA spying - Proposal to strike sentence beginning “Even though...” and add “warrantless” after “(NSA), and to add “...and other communications” to list of NSA spying areas. **Approved by Consensus.**
- Language regarding digital currency - Proposal to add “...and other emerging technologies” to sentence calling for state exploration of blockchain uses. **Approved by Consensus.**
- Language on Peotone airport - Proposal to make rooftop rainwater language a separate paragraph, and add “reroute, conserve, or reuse” to description of required rainwater management. **Approved by Consensus.**
- Language on “Future Focus” in 10 Key Values section - Proposal to replace with new language from the Platform Committee (was not in markup version, but provided by Sheldon Schafer from the PlatComm email thread). **Approved by Consensus.**

### **New Language Proposal regarding Decriminalization of Sex Work:**

To be added to Section R: Crime and Criminal Justice, following the sentence ending in “...wage standards of all workers” and before the sentence beginning in “Finally, when people...”

“The Green Party calls for the decriminalization of voluntary sex work under state and federal laws in the United States. Criminalization, including “Nordic model” laws that penalize purchasers rather than purveyors, force the sex industry underground, enabling the exploitation of sex workers by clients, traffickers, and law enforcement alike. Decriminalization is the model recommended by a wide range of human rights and sex worker advocacy groups, and in New Zealand (where decriminalization was enacted in 2003) has led to increased health and safety among sex workers and their clients. It is the position of the Green Party that sex work should be treated under existing labor laws, including the right of sex workers to unionize.”

### **Approved by Consensus**

11:30am - 1:00pm: Plenary session for upcoming party business (voting on any outstanding candidacy requests for recognition/nomination, setting of dues if adopted, etc.)

### **Discussion of Dues Implementation**

Preliminary Proposal: Annual dues of \$60 base level, \$12 low-income level, and \$120 sponsorship level.

Proposed amendment: Allow the option of monthly sustaining membership (rather than annual) at \$10/month or more. **Accepted following discussion.**

Proposed implementation: rollout ASAP; aim for dues-paying membership by end of June

**Approved by Consensus with Proposed Additions**

**Discussion of Diversity in Membership**

Proposal to task Exec with producing a written plan & assigning implementation as needed.

**Approved by Consensus.**

1:00pm - 2:00pm: Organizer & party leadership training/workshop (online tools, growth strategy, etc.