

PGP Spring Convention, Saturday May 21, 2016

Location: Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd at Monroe, Corvallis OR 97330

The convention began at approximately 10:30 am.

In attendance: Alan Zundel, John Thielking, Randy Prince, Seth Wooley, Tim Dehne, Bobbi Hall, George Hutchinson, Larry Weymouth, Suzia Aufderheide, Charles Newlin, Alex Polikoff, and Emma Lugo. Teria Tetz Hall, a recent transplant from California, came with Randy Prince as an observer. Joe Rowe and Scott Green arrived shortly after 11 am, and Mike Beilstein and Blair Bobier around 12:30. Jeffrey Goodwin, an Independent Party candidate for the Oregon legislature, also arrived late in the morning.

George facilitated the convention, Alan took minutes and Tim kept notes as a backup. Each member gave a brief self-introduction. The agenda was reviewed and agreed to.

10:50: Alan's proposal to reduce size of State Coordinating Committee from seven to five members was taken up. Larry proposed retaining four members as the number needed for a quorum; this amendment passed by consensus. The proposal to reduce the SCC then passed unanimously. Alan proposed that the reduction in the SCC be accomplished by attrition: as members resign or their terms expire they would not be replaced until the size of the SCC drops below five. This also passed by consensus.

11:05: Initiatives:

1. George presented an update on the Community Rights initiative.
2. Several members contributed to an update on the Health Care for All initiative and legislation actions related to it.
3. Seth presented on two campaign finance reform initiatives, one for Multnomah County and one statewide. Emma moved to endorse both, Alex seconded, passed by consensus.
4. Seth also spoke on the No Fake Emergencies initiative. Alan moved to endorse, Alex seconded, passed by consensus.
5. Alan presented on the Benton County Ranked Choice Voting initiative. Charles moved to endorse, Scott seconded, passed by consensus.

12:15: Delegate selection for national convention. There was an extensive discussion of the method we would use for delegate selection and assignment to Presidential candidates. Eventually the members agreed by consensus to use a form of single-transferable voting. A few members gave statements in support of or on behalf of various Presidential candidates. Members then voted with ranked choice balloting.

1:15: Convention adjourned for lunch.

2:35: Afternoon session began. Blair and Bobbi were no longer present. Ed Hemmingson arrived sometime in the afternoon and left before the convention closed. Delbert McComb arrived about 4 pm. Randy, Teria, and Emma left shortly after 4:15.

Seth announced the results of the balloting: 2 delegates allocated to Jill Stein, 1 allocated to Sedinam Moywasifza Curry, and 1 uncommitted.

2:45: Candidate nominations:

Jeffrey Goodwin, Independent Party nominee for Oregon House District 17, made a statement asking for the PGP nomination as a fusion candidate. Several members asked questions. Vote was taken: 11-4 against nomination.

Eric Navikas for U.S. Senate. Emma made a statement in favor of the nomination and there was discussion. Vote was taken: 13-1 in favor of nomination.

Alan Zundel for Oregon Secretary of State. Alan made a statement. Unanimous vote in favor of nomination.

Michael Meo for U.S. House District 3. Neither Michael nor a spokesperson was present. Unanimous vote to table the request for nomination.

Mike Beilstein for U.S. House District 4. Mike made a statement. Unanimous vote in favor of nomination.

Alex Polikoff for Oregon House District 23. Alex made a statement. Unanimous vote in favor of nomination.

Joe Rowe for Oregon House District 44. Joe made a statement. Unanimous vote in favor of nomination.

Tim Dehne for Benton County Commission. Tim made a statement. Unanimous vote in favor of nomination.

There were no reports from chapters on nominations for non-partisan offices.

4:30: Scheduling of next convention, and decision of whether to hold another nominating convention this year, were deferred to State Coordinating Committee by consensus.

Adjournment approximately 4:35.

Minutes submitted by Alan Zundel, State Secretary of Pacific Green Party, May 27, 2016.