

State Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting of 24 November 2002

Location: Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, Schwartz Room
Time: Started: 1:00 PM
Adjourned: 5:40 PM
Facilitation: Mark O'Lalor, Kate Harris

Participants

Name	Town/Region	Role(s) [Arrive/Depart]
Adam Sacks	Lexington/Middlesex	Observer (Membership)
Anthony Lorenzen	Leominster/Worcester	Delegate
Aimee L. Smith	Cambridge/Middlesex	Delegate (Vibes Watcher)
Betty H. Zisk	Burlington/Middlesex	Delegate
Daniel Corrigan	Harwich/Barnstable	Observer (Treasurer)
Daniel Melnechuk	Waltham/Middlesex	Delegate
David Agnew	South Chatham/Cape	Delegate (Stacker)
Gary Hicks	Boston/Suffolk	Delegate (Rainbow/Co-chair)
Gil Obler	Somerville/Middlesex	Delegate (USGP/Fundraising)
Grace C. Ross	Somerville/Middlesex	Delegate (Co-chair)
Kate Harris	South Hadley/Hampshire	Observer (Co-Facilitator)
Lin Pierson	Beverly/Essex	Delegate
Mark Laserte	Worcester/Worcester	Delegate
Mark O'Lalor	Concord/Middlesex	Delegate (Co-Facilitator)
Martina Robinson	Belchertown/Hampshire	Delegate
Patsy Coyle	South Yarmouth/Cape	Delegate
Paul Wernick	Watertown/Middlesex	Delegate
Sara Markwith-Padgett	Pittsfield/Berkshire	Delegate (Minutes)
Sara Willig	Cambridge/Middlesex	Delegate
Scott McGinley	Hadley/Hampshire	Delegate
Shaun Delaney	Pittsfield/Berkshire	Delegate (Stacker)

- 1:00 PM **Meeting begins** (quorum present)
- 1:05 PM **Standing Rules** ("bootstrap")
Pick facilitators, vibes watcher, stacker, and note taker appointed
DECISION:
Co-facilitators: Mark O'Lalor, Kate Harris
Vibes: Aimee L. Smith
Stacker: Shaun Delaney
Minutes: Sara Markwith-Padgett
Approved by consensus.
- 1:06 PM **Basic rules for meeting discussed and decided upon.**
DECISION:
"We are on new ground here".
Therefore, it was agreed that Dan Corrigan would be allowed to speak in rebuttal/defense after the proposal is presented, after each clarifying question, as well as during the debate portion of meeting. The consensus process was explained with reference to the MGP consensus-seeking document, with sections written on board.
Approved by consensus.
- 1:15 PM **Proposal presentation**
Grace presented the proposal (agenda items A, B, and C):
A. Proposal from Grace and Gary and others to recall Dan Corrigan as treasurer of the Massachusetts Green Party
B. If said recall should pass, election of a new treasurer
C. Consideration of whether or not to offer Dan Corrigan a position on the Administrative Committee as Cape Regional Diversity Representative at least until the regular election of Diversity Representatives.
- 1:25 PM **Restart Proposal**
We decided to begin again with Grace and the proposal due to numerous intervening questions.
- 1:35 PM **VIBES:** Break
Reading on conflict and consensus process
- 1:40 PM **Rebuttal**
Dan Corrigan presented his rebuttal and defense.

- 1:50 PM **Clarifying questions**
 A series of clarifying questions were asked by:
 Lin Pierson Tony Lorenzen
 Sara Willig Martina Robinson
 Scott McGinley Shaun Delaney
 Patsy Coyle Lin Pierson
 Gary Hicks David Agnew
 and then addressed by Grace and Dan Corrigan.
- 4:00 PM **Clarifying questions period ends**
- 4:10 PM **Proposal Discussion begins**
 Betty Zisk leads a discussion on whether a compromise is possible.
- 4:45 PM **Call for consensus** (Anthony Lorenzen)
 4 delegates with blocking concerns
 David Agnew: Explained his first blocking concern
 Discussion of whether this concern could be addressed,
 The rest of the concerns were never heard due to determination
 that David's concern could not be resolved.
- 5:00 PM **Move to vote on Agenda Item A: Recall**
DECISION:
 13 votes for proposal
 4 votes against proposal
 1 abstaining vote
 The proposal to recall Dan Corrigan as MGP treasurer
 passed by 76% (66.667% needed).
- 5:20 PM **Agenda item C: Regional Diversity Seat**
 Dan Corrigan was asked, as per agenda item C of the recall
 proposal, whether or not he would accept a position as a Regional
 Diversity Representative (from the Cape) on the Administrative
 Committee until the next election.
DECISION:
 Dan Corrigan declined.
- 5:25 PM **Agenda item B: New Treasurer**
 Daniel Melnechuk stepped forward and discussed his qualifications.
DECISION:
 The State Committee delegation decided to appoint
 Daniel Melnechuk as interim treasurer until the next
 meeting to leave open the possibility of others running
 Passed by consensus.
- 5:40 PM **Meeting Adjourned**