

State Committee Meeting Minutes 11 January 2003

Location: Hitchcock Center for the Environment, Amherst MA
Time: Started: 10:50 AM
 Adjourned: 5:15 PM
Facilitation: Aimee Smith, Mark O'Lalor

Participants

Name	Town/Region	Role(s) [Arrive/Depart]
Aimee L. Smith	Cambridge/Middlesex	Delegate (Co-Facilitator)
Anthony Lorenzen	Leominster/Worcester	Delegate
Daniel Melnechuk	Waltham/Middlesex	Delegate (Treasurer)
Gil Obler	Somerville/Middlesex	Delegate (Fundraising/USGP)
Jack Swindlehurst	Pittsfield/Berkshire	Observer (Procedures)
Jim Bosman	Northampton/Hampshire	Delegate (Minutes)
John Pepi	Williamsburg/Hampshire	Delegate
Keith Wright	Greenfield/Franklin	Delegate
Lara Valigorsky		Observer (Candidate Development)
Larry Klay	Great Barrington/Berkshire	Observer (Secretary)
Marguerite McMillen	Northampton/Hampshire	Delegate
Mark Laserte	Worcester/Worcester	Delegate
Mark O'Lalor	Concord/Middlesex	Delegate (Co-Facilitator)
Martina Robinson	Belchertown/Hampshire	Delegate (Timekeeper)
Molli Perry		Observer
Rich Zitola		Observer (IRV Presentation)
Rob Crowner		Observer
Rudy Perkins		Observer (Peace)
Sara Willig	Cambridge/Middlesex	Delegate (Stacker)
Scott McGinley	Hadley/Hampshire	Delegate
Shaun Delaney	Pittsfield/Berkshire	Delegate [arr. 12:00] (External Relations)
Stevan Bartone	Easthampton/Hampshire	Delegate (Housing)
T.C. Callowell		Observer
Vanessa Bliss	Greenfield/Franklin	Delegate
Vince O'Connor		Observer (Candidate Development)

- 10:50 AM **Meeting begins** (quorum present)
Standing Rules ("bootstrap") Pick facilitators for meeting
DECISION:
Aimee Smith & Mark O'Lalor
Chosen (by consensus)
- 11:00 AM **Standing Rules Agenda #1**
Review of 21 Sept 2002 and 24 Nov 2002 State Committee meeting minutes
DECISION:
Adopted (by consensus)
- 11:20 AM **Standing Rules Agenda #2**
Time & place for next StateCom meeting
DECISION:
Sunday 30 March 2003 at 10:00 AM
1st choice: Cape Cod
2nd choice: Worcester area
Aimee Smith to coordinate with locals
Adopted (by consensus)
- 11:30 AM **Standing Rules Agenda #3**
Reports
Co-chair Report (Grace Ross and Gary Hicks)
Not present
- Treasurer Report** (Dan Melnechuk)
Reviewed 11-page handout report
MGP may be fined \$550 for late filing in July 2002
There are now 8800 registered Greens in MA
- Fundraising Report** (Gil Obler)
Committee has not met since August.
Pat Keaney hired as a development consultant (commissioned fundraiser).
Fundraising goals: Double monthly sustainers to \$500/month by June 2003, and increase to \$1000/month by end of 2003.
- Communications Report** (Patrick Keaney)
Not present
- Membership Report** (Adam Sacks)
Not present but sent an 11-point summary of committee work.
Next meeting is in early February.

Secretary Report (Larry Klay)
Provided a 7-point summary of his work.

Candidate Development Committee Report
Lara Valigorsky and Vince O'Connor presented a 4-page report.

Technology Committee Report (Gil Obler)
Presented a 5-point summary report.

12:30 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #4**
Ranking proposals

Standing Rules Proposal (Dan Melnechuk & Gil Obler)
Waive the standing rules for this meeting to allow late proposals to be considered.

DECISION:
Adopted (by consensus)

Lunch Proposal

DECISION:
Agreed to stuff newsletter mailer at lunch while listening to and discussing cost of war presentation (Proposal G).

List of proposals and text was presented and sponsors made brief outlines of proposals

1:00 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #10** (moved up)
Dan Melnechuk was appointed by consensus to the position of Interim Treasurer (until next convention)
Vanessa Bliss was appointed by consensus to the position of female GPUS representative.

1:15 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #11** (moved up)
Choose facilitators for next meeting
Dan Melnechuk and Sara Willig were chosen by consensus.

1:30 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #5**
Budget-Related Matters
Dan Melnechuk commented on the Treasurer's report.
Monthly expenses are very low and money is coming in regularly. Straw Poll/Newsletter/Quarterly Appeal mailer should pay for itself.

1:45 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #6**
Urgent Matters
Dan Melnechuk drew attention to one item in his report regarding gaining official state party status with the FEC.

2:00 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #7**
Old Business

It was agreed that members of the membership committee and state committee should be actively working to identify potential diversity representatives.

2:05 PM **Lunch Break**

During an extended lunch break those present discussed the cost of war presentation (Proposal G) and stuffed 4,000 newsletters.

3:30 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #8**
Expedited Proposals

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that each proposal would be given five minutes. If no decision could be reached in that time, no additional time would be added and the proposal would be bumped to the Regular Round.

Rank	Letter	Title	Sponsors
1	P	Housing/Land-Use	Bartone, Willig, Smith
2	K	Fix bylaws' references to current working committees	Melnechuk, Hicks
3	H	Sign onto petition about Amer Jubran	Smith, Willig, Obler, Zisk.
4	G	The cost of war for Mass, and the Green alternatives	Rudy Perkins, Miller's River Greens, Pepi.
5	J	Adjust database access policy	Melnechuk, Obler
6	I	Resubmit proposal on USGP gender equity and alternates	Obler, Ross, Smith
7	B	Creating listserv usage guidelines	Pepi , Delaney
8	O	Creation of a mediation committee	Delaney, Klay
9	L	Continuing resolution (interim) budget	Melnechuk, Ross, Obler
10	E	Statewide MGP campaign for Instant Runoff Voting	Pepi, Delaney, Lorenzen, Laserte

Proposal letters in **bold** indicate proposal was accepted.

1. **P.** Transform the Affordable Housing working committee into the Affordable Housing and Land-use Committee. Accepted by consensus contingent on Rainbow Coalition approval. Obler will seek this approval.
2. **K.** Fix bylaws references to current working committees. Accepted by consensus.
3. **H.** Sign onto Amer Jubran petition. This gentleman is being held under the presumption of guilt. ACLU and National Lawyers Guild support him. Accepted by consensus.
4. **G.** The cost of war and the Green alternatives. A lengthy discussion was held on this during lunch. It was agreed by consensus that Rudy Perkins will submit any anti-war literature he generates bearing the MGP name to Adcom for approval.
5. **J.** Adjust database access policy. Some modifications were accepted but the proposal had to be bumped to the Regular Round because the 5 minutes ran out. Modified text: Policy 4.D. Last sentence: The charges are automatically waived for candidates endorsed by the State Committee or the State Convention and can also be waived by a decision of the Administrative Committee.
6. **I.** USGP Gender equity and alternates. What were the concerns? Bumped to Regular Round.
7. **B.** Creating listserv usage guidelines. Accepted as modified but formation of Ad Hoc committee bumped to Regular Round. Modified text: The State Com will form an ad-hoc committee, asked to convene as soon as possible, to form guidelines for proper use of StateCom email lists. These guidelines will be submitted to the StateCom by the Spring 2003 StateCom meeting, for review by our consensus seeking process and upon approval, be adopted as policy.
8. **O.** Creation of Mediation Committee. Consensus was reached on most of this proposal but there were remaining concerns including concerning what happens if the Mediation Committee chairs are party to a conflict. Bumped to Regular Round.
9. **L.** Continuing resolution (interim) budget. Accepted by consensus.
10. **E.** Instant Runoff Voting. Agreed by consensus to endorse 3 bills filed on December 4th relative to IRV, AND, to endorse the efforts of the non-partisan organization MassIRV.

4:30 PM **Standing Rules Agenda #9**
Regular Proposals

The Ranks below refer to the overall ranks that were given to all proposals. Some proposals were already addressed successfully in the Expedited Round, so there are holes in the Ranks below.

Rank	Letter	Title	Sponsors
2	C	Structurally rationalize State Committee leadership	Pepi, McMillen, Delaney
4	D	Initiate bi-monthly statecom meetings and set schedule	Pepi, Delaney
5	N	Accountant	Bartone,
6	A	Outlines of Working Committees	Delaney, Bosman
8	I	USGP gender equity and alternates	Obler, Ross, Smith
10	F	Bylaws changes	Adam Sacks, Mark Laserte
11	J	Adjust database access policy	Melnechuk, Obler
12	B	Formation of Adhoc Committee for creating listserv guidelines	Pepi , Delaney
14	O	Creation of Mediation Committee	Delaney, Klay

C. Structurally rationalize State Committee leadership.

Obler alternative version posted on the website. Main concerns were regarding State Committee vs. State Convention roles and responsibilities.

Robinson left at 4:30.

Lorenzen left at 5:00.

Swindlehurst left at 5:10.

Further discussion on this proposal was postponed until after the completion of the Green-Rainbow initiative.

It was agreed that unresolved proposals should be taken to email voting or they should be re-submitted at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 p.m. due to loss of quorum.

5:15 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

PROPOSALS NOT ADDRESSED

Proposal A: Outlines of Working Committees

Proposal B: Formation of Adhoc Committee for creating listserv guidelines

Proposal C: Structurally rationalize State Committee leadership

Proposal D: Initiate bi-monthly statecom meetings and set schedule

Proposal F: Bylaws changes

Proposal I: USGP gender equity and alternates

Proposal J: Adjust database access policy

Proposal N: Accountant