

Minutes for 2012 Annual Colorado Green Party State Meeting & Nominating Convention

Held at the Third Street Center, 520 South 3rd Street, Carbondale CO
Saturday, March 31, 2012- Called to Order: 9:15 a.m.

1. Proposal to accept Steve Schechter of Gunnison as an independent State Convention voting member (no Gunnison local, inability at that moment to verify current status of Green Party registration) - approved by consensus
2. Quorum determination/role call:
 - Adams County/JeffCo: 4 voting members present
 - Arapahoe Greens 1 “
 - Denver Greens 5 “
 - Greater Boulder Greens 4 “
 - Poudre Valley Greens 4 “
 - Royal Gorge Greens * 0 “
 - San Miguel Greens 2 “
 - Southwest Greens * 0 “

*= declared inactive due to non-attendance at State Meeting

Quorum declared by State Secretary (over 60% of active chapters present, at least twice as many greens in attendance as chapters)

3. Individual Introductions: 31 meeting attendees introduced themselves, 26 Colorado Greens, 1 Illinois Green (Roseann Barr campaign liaison), 1 Colorado Libertarian (liaison to Colorado Greens), 3 other guests
4. New Chapter Approvals:
 - Pikes Peak Greens: Approved by consensus, with expectation of submission of bylaws within one week (submitted during meeting electronically)
 - Douglas County Greens: Approved by consensus, bylaws were submitted and OK'd by Secretary, Chris Allen spoke on behalf of the new chapter
5. Agenda Approval: Accepted by consensus with minor time-related alterations
6. Chapter Updates- conducted
7. Bylaw Amendment 4.5.4- passed by online voting prior to State Meeting, not discussed at State Meeting
8. State and local candidate nominations:
 - Art Goodtimes: Running for San Miguel County Commissioner
Nominated by consensus

- Susan Hall: Running for US Congress in District 2
Nominated by consensus
- Misha Luzov: Running for US Congress in District 5
Nominated by consensus
- Karyna Lemus: Running for El Paso County Commissioner
Nominated by consensus
- Steve Saint: Running for El Paso County Commissioner
Nominated by consensus (update: nomination declined)
- Steve Schechter: Running for Gunnison County Commissioner
Nominated by consensus
- Victor Forsythe: Running for Colorado House in District 5
Nominated by consensus
- Gary Swing: Running for US Congress in District 1
Nominated by consensus

9. Lunch Break/ Reconvened at 1:15 pm

10. Presidential Nomination Discussion:

- Ken Mesplay- via Skype
- Roseanne Barr- via Skype
- Jill Stein- via Skype

1st Vote: 20 for Jill Stein, 3 for Roseanne Barr, 3 for Kent Mesplay
 2nd and final Vote: 18 for Jill Stein = 5 delegates
 4 votes for Roseanne Barr = 1 delegate
 4 votes for Ken Mesplay = 1 delegate

Delegates to National Convention: Ryan Jones, Bob Kinsey, Gary Swing, Misha Luzov, possibly Kim Kinsey (two more delegates TBD)

Presidential Electors to 2012 Electoral College: Michael Haughey, Daniel Sage, Christopher Allen, Steven Schechter, Tanya Ishikawa, Robert Kinsey, Eric Fried, Art Goodtimes, Bill Bartlett

11. Secretary Report by Eric Fried

- All legally required duties of Secretary have been executed

12. National Green Party Representatives Report by Victor Forsythe and Ryan Jones

- Ryan attended 2011 USGP meeting in New York in 2011 and plans to attend 2012 National Convention in Maryland in 2012

13. Plan for 2013 state meeting in Norwood, CO in June or July (or possibly in Telluride in May?)- host will be San Miguel Greens.

14. Website Committee Report by Tanya Ishikawa
15. Co-Chair report by Bill Bartlett
 - Transition to GPCO Forum framework
16. Treasurer's Report by Dan Sage (see attached budget summary)
 - Fundraising essentially moribund- national contributions urged
 - Current GPCO Account balance: \$2,483.18 (after a clean meeting room)
17. Proposal: To donate \$100 to each of 8 candidates from account
Passed by consensus
18. Proposal: To change bylaw 4.2.2. The Council will meet AND MAKE DECISIONS BETWEEN STATE MEETINGS BY MEANS DETERMINED BY COUNCIL.
Passed by consensus
19. Proposal: To conduct Council business from this date (March 31, 2012) on the GPCO Forum (i.e. close down the current listserv)
Passed by consensus
20. Proposal: To re-elect Bill Bartlett and Art Goodtimes as Co-Chairs to 1 year terms
Passed by consensus
21. Review of Council Activity since last meeting: completed - no comments or motions to overturn any actions
22. Proposal: Creation of SOS Clarification Task Force to research possible conflicts between GPCO bylaws and state law. Members are Susan Hall (Boulder), Michael Haughey (Adams/Jefferson), Ryan Jones (Denver) and Bill Bartlett (Poudre Valley). (Task Force to report to Co-chairs within 2 months).
Passed by consensus.
23. Proposal: Sell Charlotte Squire's Book *Ten Ways to Chillax and have Fun As you live Your Green Dreams* on the GPCO website and receive 50% of sales as a donation (as long as it's not corporate-tied – Eric Fried will verify no issues with any revenues received vs. campaign finance rules)
Passed by consensus
24. Demonstration of GPCO Forum (live) by Bill Bartlett
25. **Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.** – all other action proposals/resolutions deferred to Forum

Minutes taken by John Wontrobski (San Miguel) and approved by Eric Fried (Secretary)