

OFFICIAL GPCO Forum

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Title: **REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Sean Friend on July 12, 2017, 09:18:40 PM**

This is Proposal 009-17: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY

Please read the proposal and keep comments on the topic of the proposal only. This proposal is moderated, and the GPCO Code of Conduct will apply (located here: <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=28.0>).

Per Section 3.3 of the GPCO Bylaws, “3.3 The right of participation of an individual in the Green Party of Colorado can be revoked by a Green local using its own criteria or by a 75% vote of the members at a Green Party of Colorado state meeting. Revocation of the rights of participation must be based on failure of the individual to adhere to the purpose and methods of the Green Party of Colorado. Any individual must be informed of the potential revocation of their rights of participation at least three weeks prior to the vote and have a chance to speak in his or her defense at the meeting when the vote is held.”

There are currently 11 active voting chapters in the Green Party of Colorado. Adoption of this proposal requires an AGREE of at least 75% of all votes cast and also requires a minimum quorum of at least one response from eight chapters.

Active Chapters
Adams County
Arapahoe County
Denver
Douglas County
Greater Boulder
Pikes Peak
Poudre Valley
Mesa
San Miguel
Longmont
Ouray

SPECIAL NOTE: To comport with the three-week notice period specified in the bylaws, this proposal will be held in “Proposal Drafting” until July 26, 2017, and afterward will be moved to “Agreement Seeking” for a one-week vote, ending August 2, 2017 at 12 midnight.

1. Basic Info

Date proposed: July 12, 2017 (Agreement seeking will begin two weeks after posting in “Proposal Drafting” on the Official GPCO Forum)

Name of the sponsor(s): Denver Green Party, Adams County Green Party, Arapahoe Green Party

2. Title: **REVOKE RIGHT OF HARRY HEMPY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREEN PARTY OF COLORADO**

3. Text of the actual Proposal: The state council of the Green Party of Colorado hereby suspends the rules regarding revocation of rights of participation at a state meeting (GPCO Bylaws, Section 3.3) and moves to enact this proposal within the state council. As of the date of consensus or successful vote of this proposal, the right of Harry Hempy to participate in the events, activities, internet- and social media-based portals and operations, online or otherwise, of the Green Party of Colorado are hereby revoked. Should any local choose to appoint Harry Hempy to the state council, his participation on any GPCO forum or voting portal will be blocked, and that local should appoint another delegate or forfeit one delegate vote on the state council. Harry Hempy is henceforth declared not in good standing with the Green Party of Colorado, and an active local chapter in good standing may submit a proposal for his reinstatement after a period of three years from the date of this proposal's ratification.

4. Justification/Goals: The GPCO bylaws call out grounds for such a proposal in section 3.3 of the bylaws, "(r)evocation of the rights of participation must be based on failure of the individual to adhere to the purpose and methods of the Green Party of Colorado."

Harry Hempy returned to the Green Party on October 2, 2016, after resigning from his position as Greater Boulder Green Party's co-chair, in order to caucus for Bernie Sanders and to primary Jared Polis in the Democratic Party. His return has been marked with debate after debate, often on trivial matters, causing unnecessary strife on the state council forums. He has been reminded of the council forum's code of conduct regarding profanity and combative tone on several occasions. Some council members point to the strife in the council forums as the reason why they no longer engage with enthusiasm.

Harry Hempy has misrepresented information or his own role on various occasions, demonstrating a failure to "adhere to the methods of the Green Party of Colorado," as follows: On June 14, 2017, Harry Hempy submitted a grievance in collaboration with Judy Harrington to the GPUS Steering Committee, which listed the names of Arn Menconi and Scott Olson as co-signers. An email Harry sent to Arn Menconi and Scott Olson on June 15, 2017, asking them to support the grievance, shows that their names were listed without their approval because they received the email on the day AFTER Hempy and Harrington submitted the grievance. Scott Olson has been a registered Democrat since July 2015. The grievance asks GPUS to de-affiliate the GPCO.

In an attempt to circumvent the democratic election of delegates already scheduled for the August state meeting, on June 18, 2017, Harry Hempy emailed Green Party of the Pikes Peak Region Treasurer Bob Kinsey and Chair Karyna Lemus to recommend that they submit a proposal to Council nominating a temporary alternate delegate to the GPUS Annual Meeting since National Convention delegate Bob Kinsey is unable to attend due to an injury. There is no need to nominate another delegate because of the following:

Delegates are not required to be physically present at the National Convention and can vote online if needed

Colorado already has an appointed alternate delegate, Andrea Merida, so there is no need to appoint anyone else until the upcoming State Convention when new GPUS delegates will be elected. Link to Colorado Green Party forum discussion where Andrea was originally elected delegate: <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=217.0>

Harry Hempy has already stated that his purpose for trying to send other Colorado Greens is to ensure that Andrea Merida doesn't "attempt to avoid personal accountability to actions," a clear attempt to cause disruption at the national meeting.

On February 9, 2017, Harry Hempy submitted a proposal for holding the state meeting in Grand Junction, misrepresenting that Andy Hamilton (Mesa co-chair) suggested holding the meeting there.

Also on February 9, 2017, Harry Hempy submitted a proposal that included Bob Kinsey (Pikes Peak) as a co-sponsor, though Bob asserted he had not co-sponsored the proposal.

On June 11, 2017, Harry Hempy misrepresented his role in the GPCO by attempting to speak on behalf of the Denver Green Party and the Adams County Green Party regarding the membership

status of persons living within their party boundaries, and subvert the role of the co-chairs to speak on behalf of GPCO, to the Annual Meeting Committee of the GPUS.

Section 2.3 of the bylaws, under "Purpose," states, "The Green Party of Colorado (GPCO) is the affiliate of the Green Party of the United States for the State of Colorado." Harry Hempy has listed himself as a co-author of the grievance against GPCO's accreditation with GPUS and is acting as one of the organizers of this initiative. This action is a direct threat to the very existence of the GPCO and is therefore grossly counter to the purpose of the GPCO.

It should be noted that Hempy has ignored the democratic remedies delineated in the bylaws, which allow for submission of proposals to the state council to overturn decisions made by the co-chairs via a 60% affirmative vote. The stated purpose of the grievance was to ask GPUS to overrule the GPCO bylaws and remove the democratically elected leadership of the GPCO. The bylaws are clear that the state council may remove an officer via a proposal that is submitted to the council, and an affirmative vote of 75% must be reached. As the leader of the grievance proponents, Hempy has never pursued that avenue and instead attempted to retaliate for their own lack of effectiveness in changing the tenor of the state party by pursuing de-accreditation of the GPCO with the GPUS.

5. Pros and Cons: It is to the benefit of every state council member to collaborate in an environment with robust discussion and courteous disagreement; however, the proposal sponsors recognize that this outcome may cause the Greater Boulder Green Party to change its leadership, if not its council delegates. Recruiting new Green participation for such ends must also be regarded as a pro, however, and the sponsors stand at the ready to assist.

6. Alternatives to the proposal:

7. References: Section 3.3 of the GPCO bylaws, attached screen shots,
<http://restoregreenvalues.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/boulderdsa/posts/1033106493431316>,
<https://web.archive.org/web/20161005115845/http://harryhempy.com/>

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrew Hamilton** on **July 12, 2017, 10:23:53 PM**

Agree.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Susan Hall** on **July 13, 2017, 02:38:10 PM**

Of Course NOT!

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Larry Dunn** on **July 13, 2017, 04:53:55 PM**

Agree.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** on **July 13, 2017, 04:57:18 PM**

Team, as an FYI, you don't have to actually vote here. We will be moving this proposal to Agreement Seeking in a couple weeks, and there you can cast your votes.

Per the bylaws, Harry gets three weeks' notice, as well as a chance to defend himself, which he has been asked to do here.

Due process.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrew Hamilton** on **July 14, 2017, 05:03:19 PM**

My apologies.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 16, 2017, 12:35:21 PM**

I acknowledge receipt of notification the charges in this proposal sent by Secretary Sean Friend on July 12, 2017.

I welcome this proposal because it provides an opportunity to speak to GPCO Council, on the record. Andrea Merida has tried to silence me on numerous occasions dating back to the winter of 2014-2015 using covert methods that violate GPCO Bylaws, ignore and misinterpret GPCO Guidelines and Procedures, and demonstrate her general contempt of the values of the Green Party.

Thank you to the Green Party chapters in Adams County, Arapahoe County, and Denver County for sponsoring this proposal and affording me due process by respecting the three-week period guaranteed by GPCO Bylaws for a person faced with revocation of membership to prepare a defense.

As Sean requested, I will respond to all charges contained in this proposal on or before July 25, 2017 on this forum.

Harry Hempy
GPCO Member

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy on July 19, 2017, 12:46:48 AM**

The sponsors of this proposal claim: (#1)

Quote

On June 14, 2017, Harry Hempy submitted a grievance in collaboration with Judy Harrington to the GPUS Steering Committee, which listed the names of Arn Menconi and Scott Olson as co-signers. An email Harry sent to Arn Menconi and Scott Olson on June 15, 2017, asking them to support the grievance, shows that their names were listed without their approval because they received the email on the day AFTER Hempy and Harrington submitted the grievance.

The file "Harrington email.JPG", attached to this proposal, makes it clear that I, Harry Hempy, did not submit the grievance, an appeal to the GPUS Accreditation Committee for intervention in the conduct of the GPCO Steering Committee, to the GPUS Steering Committee.

It is true that the grievance listed Arn Menconi and Scott Olson as co-signers without their approval. I was very slow to ask Arn and Scott whether or not they would co-sponsor the appeal and I accept full responsibility for the erroneous inclusion of Arn and Scott's names in the grievance.

But, in my defense, I did not intend to "misrepresent information", as alleged in this proposal. I was not aware that the grievance had already been submitted when I wrote Arn and Scott on June 15.

My inbox email had become swamped, beginning June 13, with emails regarding:

- Andrea Merida's announcement on June 13 declaring Jefferson County and Platte Valley chapters inactive,
- Veronique Bellamy's post on June 13 that she was "working on some enhancements to the GPCO website which should make it much more straightforward to vote" (thus announcing that the Forum was being moved to the GPCO website), and
- the "hijacking" of the forum, as Andrea put it, on June 14, when Veronique, or perhaps Andrea, took a copy of the Forum from gpcO.fullydefiant.com and put it on the GPCO website (thus putting the Forum and Council's ability to function under control of the Website Committee).

When I caught up on my mail a few days later (I'm not sure which day) and read the grievance as

submitted to the GPUS Accreditation Committee, with Arn and Scott listed as co-signers, I notified the Caucus to Restore Green Values that their names needed to be removed. They are no longer listed as co-signers.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** on **July 19, 2017, 12:55:24 AM**

How did the GPUS Accreditation Committee become aware that this action was in progress?

Were you one of the people who spoke to the Accreditation Committee?

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 19, 2017, 02:25:01 PM**

Quote

How did the GPUS Accreditation Committee become aware that this action was in progress?

That would be a question for the Accreditation Committee.

Quote

Were you one of the people who spoke to the Accreditation Committee?

I've never spoken with anybody on the Accreditation Committee.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Sean Friend** on **July 19, 2017, 02:43:09 PM**

Harry, we have seen emails and posts on this forum that demonstrate your involvement in the attempt to remove GPCO officers and/or accreditation. Even if you were not the individual that actually sent the email, you were clearly involved in organizing and lobbying. Are you claiming here that you were not involved in submitting the grievance to the national Steering Committee and Accreditation Committee?

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** on **July 19, 2017, 02:51:07 PM**

Or gathering evidence? Or preparing justifications?

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 21, 2017, 06:15:57 PM**

The sponsors of this proposal claim: (#2)

Quote

Harry Hempy has already stated that his purpose for trying to send other Colorado Greens is to ensure that Andrea Merida doesn't "attempt to avoid personal accountability to actions," a clear attempt to cause disruption at the national meeting.

I do not remember making any such statement in regard sending temporary delegates to the annual meeting.

Please provide a reference.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** on **July 21, 2017, 06:24:34 PM**

Check your emails. It's taken directly from one you sent.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **josh james** on **July 21, 2017, 08:51:05 PM**

Harry, I believe that the purpose of this draft proposal is a REVOCATION OF your RIGHTS OF

PARTICIPATION in the Green Party of Colorado for 3 years, not your membership.

Quote

Thank you to the Green Party chapters in Adams County, Arapahoe County, and Denver County for sponsoring this proposal and affording me due process by respecting the three-week period guaranteed by GPCO Bylaws for a person **faced with revocation of membership** to prepare a defense.

Just thought that should be made clear.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 22, 2017, 09:39:34 PM**

Thanks, Josh. Good catch.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 23, 2017, 02:12:30 AM**

Further regarding the sponsors' claim that:

Quote

Harry Hempy has already stated that his purpose for trying to send other Colorado Greens is to ensure that Andrea Merida doesn't "attempt to avoid personal accountability to actions," a clear attempt to cause disruption at the national meeting.

I found the email Andrea is referencing and see that the quoted text in this claim is incorrect.

I wrote an email with the subject, *Diversity Waivers for Charmaine (Shark) Barros and Damian Gonzales*, to the GPUS Annual Meeting Committee and the GPUS Steering Committee on June 11, 2017. The relevant text is:

Quote

Finally the letter allegedly written by GPCO Co-chair Dave Bell and GPCO Secretary Sean Friend is a devious attempt by GPUS and GPCO Co-chair Andrea Merida to avoid personal accountability for actions. Dave and Sean did not write the letter. Andrea wrote the letter and sent it to Dave and Sean and to sign and send.

The sponsors of this proposal (Denver, Adams, and Arapahoe chapters) need to either amend the proposal with the correct quote and a reference to the email *Diversity Waivers for Charmaine (Shark) Barros and Damian Gonzales* or drop this claim.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** on **July 23, 2017, 04:15:35 PM**

If you think that

Quote

"Finally the letter allegedly written by GPCO Co-chair Dave Bell and GPCO Secretary Sean Friend is a devious attempt by GPUS and GPCO Co-chair Andrea Merida to avoid personal accountability for actions. Dave and Sean did not write the letter. Andrea wrote the letter and sent it to Dave and Sean and to sign and send"

is a better illustration of your intent, I'm sure the sponsors can update that actual language when

the proposal is formally submitted. Would you like to include proof of your assertion in that language, to assist your case?

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 24, 2017, 06:10:38 AM**

Thanks for offering to amend the proposal with an accurate quote.

The amended proposal must also reference the source of the quote, i.e., a reference to the email *Diversity Waivers for Charmaine (Shark) Barros and Damian Gonzales*, dated June 11, 2017.

Proof of the assertion

Quote

Finally the letter allegedly written by GPCO Co-chair Dave Bell and GPCO Secretary Sean Friend is a devious attempt by GPUS and GPCO Co-chair Andrea Merida to avoid personal accountability for actions. Dave and Sean did not write the letter. Andrea wrote the letter and sent it to Dave and Sean and to sign and send

is in that email.

If you can't find your copy of the email, I'm sure Damian Gonzales, from Adams County, can supply it.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Véronique Bellamy** on **July 24, 2017, 10:01:04 PM**

Tragically, I must agree with this proposal and hope it goes before a vote soon.

I say tragically, as during the short period I was running for governor this year, I really did hope to learn a lot from Harry Hempy as he was the previous gubernatorial candidate. Unfortunately, though, I feel that Harry's example is a detriment to our party and not in keeping with the 10KV.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 24, 2017, 10:22:04 PM**

The sponsors of this proposal claim: (#3)

Quote

On June 11, 2017, Harry Hempy misrepresented his role in the GPCO by attempting to speak on behalf of the Denver Green Party and the Adams County Green Party regarding the membership status of persons living within their party boundaries, and subvert the role of the co-chairs to speak on behalf of GPCO, to the Annual Meeting Committee of the GPUS.

This claim refers to my email, dated June 11, 2017, with the subject, *Diversity Waivers for Charmaine (Shark) Barros and Damian Gonzales*, to the GPUS Annual Meeting Committee and the GPUS Steering Committee on June 11, 2017.

When the sponsors add a reference to that email in the proposal, Council will be able to see I in no way misrepresented my role in the GPCO.

If the sponsors choose not to release that email, this claim is unfounded and should be removed from the proposal.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy** on **July 25, 2017, 10:29:00 AM**

The sponsors of this proposal claim: (#4)

Quote

On February 9, 2017, Harry Hempy submitted a proposal for holding the state meeting in Grand Junction, misrepresenting that Andy Hamilton (Mesa co-chair) suggested holding the meeting there.

Also on February 9, 2017, Harry Hempy submitted a proposal that included Bob Kinsey (Pikes Peak) as a co-sponsor, though Bob asserted he had not co-sponsored the proposal.

I tried to submit a proposal to establish the date and location of the 2017 GPCO Annual Meeting on February 9, twice on February 12, and on February 16. Andrea Merida, acting as Council Facilitator, refused the proposal each time. Andrea's primary objections were (1) the proposed **date of the meeting**, May 6, 2017, would make her term as co-chair less than 24 calendar months, (2) the proposal mentioned **Andy Hamilton**, Mesa chapter co-chair, and (3) **co-sponsor requirements** in GPCO Procedures and Guidelines section 3.5.3 were not met.

This is the proposal in question, to hold the annual meeting in Grand Junction on May 6, with May 13 and May 20 as alternative dates:

Quote

1. Date Proposed: 02/16/17

2. Title: Set Date and Location of 2017 GPCO Annual Meeting

Sponsors: Harry Hempy, Judy Harrington, Kevin Alumbaugh, Scott Lupo, Tom Hall, Carolyn Bninski

3. Text: As a result of discussion of the History of GPCO Annual Meeting Dates and Locations at <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=308.0> Council hereby sets the date of 2017 GPCO Annual meeting to be May 6, 2017 and the location to be Grand Junction, Colorado.

4. Background: From Dec. 3, 2016 to Jan 20, 2017 several members of GPCO discussed the location and date of the 2017 GPCO Annual Meeting. Conclusions from that discussion are as follows:

Location: Preference is for a location with an active chapter. Grand Junction was suggested as a western slope location with a new chapter. Mesa Greens would be happy to host, per Andrew Hamilton.

Date: Strong preference is for May. Snow was a concern for March and April.

Term of Office: The end date of the terms of current officers was discussed, without a resolution. This question will need to be the subject of a vote at the annual meeting if it is not resolved earlier.

You can read the full conversation in the topic History of GPCO Annual Meeting Dates and Locations at <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=308.0>

5. Goals/Justification: The purpose of the odd-year annual meeting is to adopt plans and elect officers for the 2018 election cycle. Republicans, Democrats, and Libertarians are all having their annual meetings in March.

The goal of this proposal is for the Green Party of Colorado to plan and organize for the 2018 election cycle sooner (18 months before the 2018 general election), rather than later.

(1) Date of the meeting:

Andrea has unalterably maintained she is entitled to a 24-month term of office. Last fall Andrea publicly announced the 2017 meeting would be in August, without consulting Council. Andrea argued she annual meeting could not be held before August because she was entitled to a 24-month term as co-chair.

[Quote from: Andrea Mérida Cuéllar on December 03, 2016, 08:59:20 PM](#)

It will be in August or September. There can be separate meeting to take care of any nominations for office, but we co-chairs and other officers were elected on August 29, 2015, and the co-chair positions are for two years.

Failure to hold the annual meeting early in the 2018 election cycle, to appease Andrea, has delayed efforts to organize for the election cycle and hurt the state party

(2) Andy Hamilton:

The proposal does not represent that Andy Hamilton suggested holding the meeting in Grand Junction. The suggestion that the meeting be held in Grand Junction came from the Poudre Valley chapter. See History of GPCO Annual Meeting Dates and Locations at <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=308.0>

Andy, speaking for Mesa County Greens, did say his chapter would be “happy to host” the annual meeting in Grand Junction. Here is my correspondence with Andy about hosting:

Quote

2017 Annual Meeting - Location?

« Sent to: Andrew Hamilton on: February 02, 2017, 09:57:17 AM »

Andy,

From Dec. 3 to Jan 20 GPCO discussed the location and date of the 2017 GPCO Annual Meeting in the topic History of GPCO Annual Meeting Dates and Locations at <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=308.0>

Conclusions from that discussion were as follows:

Location: Preference is for a location with an active chapter. Grand Junction was suggested as a western slope location with a new chapter.

Date: Strong preference is for May. Snow was a concern for March and April.

Transition of Officers: Ideas for transitioning gradually from current party officers to 2017/2018 officers to satisfy Andrea Merida's claim to a 24-month term were discussed, without a conclusion.

The Annual Meeting will need a room for at least 50 people with a large monitor or a projection screen, wi-fi internet access, chairs, tables, etc. The chapter could supply a breakfast snack and make arrangements for meals. All expenses would be reimbursed by the state party.

Would the Mesa chapter be up for (or down with) hosting the Annual Meeting?

Harry Hempy

Harry Hempy
Greater Boulder Green Party

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: GPCO Annual Meeting

Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2017 10:08:13 -0700

From: Andy Hamilton <hamtron5000@gmail.com>

To: harryhempy@gmail.com

Hi Harry,

Yes, the Mesa County chapter is happy to host. We will be in touch as the date gets closer.

Thanks,

-Andy

Re: (No subject)

« Sent to: Harry Hempy on: February 06, 2017, 05:26:11 PM »

Hi Harry,

I've spoken with the state co-chairs about this, and apparently this is not their plan for holding the annual meeting. If that changes, please let me know, as we would be happy to host should that occasion arise.

-Andy

(3) Co-sponsor Requirements:

GPCO Procedures and Guidelines section 3.5.3 defines co-sponsor requirements for proposals to Council. Andrea rejected the proposal to hold the annual meeting in May by making up a new co-sponsor new rule that proposals could only be sponsored by chapters or state party officers.; a misinterpretation of section 3.5.3, intentional or otherwise.

Regarding Bob Kinsey being listed as a co-sponsor: I believe there was miscommunication between Bob and myself, but I cannot remember the details. I removed Bob's name as a co-sponsor when I heard (from Andrea) that Bob did not care to co-sponsor.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy on July 25, 2017, 10:12:46 PM**

The sponsors of this proposal claim: (#5)

Quote

In an attempt to circumvent the democratic election of delegates already scheduled for the August state meeting, on June 18, 2017, Harry Hempy emailed Green Party of the Pikes Peak Region Treasurer Bob Kinsey and Chair Karyna Lemus to recommend that they submit a proposal to Council nominating a temporary alternate delegate to the GPUS Annual Meeting since National Convention delegate Bob Kinsey is unable to attend due to an injury. There is no need to nominate another delegate because of the following:

Delegates are not required to be physically present at the National Convention and can vote online if needed

Colorado already has an appointed alternate delegate, Andrea Merida, so there is no need to appoint anyone else until the upcoming State Convention when new GPUS delegates will be elected.

This claim arises from a proposal (<http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=345.0>) to send two temporary representatives to the GPUS annual meeting in New Jersey, July 13-16, 2017.

The claim that my email to Pikes Peak was “an attempt to circumvent the democratic election of delegates” is patently false. Sending a temporary representative to the national meeting for four days has no effect on the election of national committee delegates at the GPCO Annual Meeting.

Notwithstanding the sponsors' claim that “there is no need to nominate another delegate”, GPCO Bylaws section 5.3.4 directs Council to choose temporary representatives who can travel to national meeting and “make every effort to ensure that representation of the GPCO is not determined by financial resources, or lack thereof.”

Finally, Andrea Merida could not be Bob Kinsey's alternate. I don't think Andrea has told anybody, but she has been voting as Larry Dunn's alternate for many months.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Jason Justice on July 25, 2017, 10:48:52 PM**

Mr Hempy, I have a few of questions for you.

Why does your group, Restore Green Values, feel it's appropriate to run background checks on Andrea, me, and members of our family?

Why was it appropriate for you to send Charmaine Barros to the National Convention as a delegate from Colorado when no quorum was achieved in her selection. You talk about democracy, but your "vote" was undemocratic and not even held on the official forum.

And why would you choose her, when she made physical threats to our duly elected state co-chair on Facebook. You saw them, your group is well aware of them. Non-violence is a key value. We most importantly make a clear distinction between self-defense and aggression. So isn't Ms Barros saying "I'm going to get her in the street. She may have Army training but I was trained in the streets" a clear violation of non-violence? So were you looking to facilitate a violent confrontation between two women of color?

This is very troubling on many levels. It appears you are putting your personal stereotypes into play on a racial, misogynistic, and class level. A white man trying to instigate a "gang fight" between two women of color to further a political agenda is highly problematic.

What was the motive of going through all of this trouble? What were you trying to achieve?

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy on July 25, 2017, 11:24:52 PM**

The sponsors of this proposal claim: (#6):

Quote

Harry Hempy returned to the Green Party on October 2, 2016, after resigning from his position as Greater Boulder Green Party's co-chair, in order to caucus for Bernie Sanders and to primary Jared Polis in the Democratic Party. His return has been marked with debate after debate, often on trivial matters, causing unnecessary strife on the state council forums. He has been reminded of the council forum's code of conduct regarding profanity and combative tone on several occasions.

You gotta be joking!

I started by second stint on Council in late 2016 and made my first post on October 22, 2016. The

GPCO Forum was already in turmoil.

Andrea, Sean and Dave had already submitted a proposal (<http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=289.0>) on September 22, 2016 to kick Bill Bartlett out of office in retaliation for Bill's proposal (<http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=285.0>) on August 31, 2016 to endorse ColoradoCare Amendment 69.

I did use a bad word, one time, on the Forum in the sentence, "That's bullshit, Andrea." See <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=308.msg1555#msg1555> , posted December 5, 2016.

Andrea reminded me of this indiscretion twice. First on February 9, 2017 at 02:50:57 PM in reply to the topic Elephant in the Room #1- ColoradoCare (attached). The second reminder was on February 9, 2017 at 02:51:07 in reply to Elephant in the Room #2 – MY GIRL Meme (attached)

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy on July 25, 2017, 11:31:13 PM**

The time for proposal drafting has come to an end. I believe I have addressed all claims in the proposal.

I will answer the questions Council has asked in this topic in agreement seeking during the next few days.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Jason Justice on July 26, 2017, 10:20:55 AM**

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This is very troubling on many levels. It appears you are putting your personal stereotypes into play on a racial, misogynistic, and class level. A white man trying to instigate a "gang fight" between two women of color to further a political agenda is highly problematic.

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Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar on July 26, 2017, 07:36:01 PM**

Harry, Jason is asking you some direct questions. Please answer him.

We are going to give the sponsors a little time to deliberate on whether your answers have been sufficient in addressing the charges, and then we'll post afterward.

Please do respond to Jason's questions. Denver is a co-sponsor.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Jason Justice on July 26, 2017, 07:44:20 PM**

Just in case you missed the question, here it is again.

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Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy on July 27, 2017, 10:22:03 AM**

Sean,

Please move this post to Agreement Seeking ASAP. The schedule for this proposal calls for moving it to the Agreement Seeking board now.

I need to answer several questions that were asked during proposal drafting.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Jason Justice on July 27, 2017, 10:41:00 AM**

Why not answer my question now? Instead of burying it in a blizzard of obfuscation?

And PS, Sean Friend has a full time job and two small children. Just because you snap your fingers doesn't mean that the officers of this state party are the help. They will get to it in due course.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar on July 27, 2017, 11:28:07 AM**

Harry, after conferring with the sponsors, they are disinclined to remove any of the charges from the list. We will proceed to Agreement Seeking with the proposal intact. Stand by.

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Post by: **Sean Friend on July 27, 2017, 11:28:16 AM**

I'm also not the council facilitator, so I won't be moving the proposal. Andrea stated last night that she was giving the sponsors time to consider your responses. I'm sure voting will begin shortly.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Harry Hempy on July 27, 2017, 12:10:19 PM**

So who IS facilitating this proposal?

Council has been trying to get a straight answer ever since Robert Worthey asked the question six months ago (January 24, 2017) in Forum General Discussion:

Quote

Where are we on the selection of a new council facilitator, as I've been told that Ms. Hoover stepped down from that position a couple months ago????

Are there any hopefuls/potentials? Will we be waiting until the 2017 Annual Meeting to select a new facilitator? Who will act as facilitator until then?

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** on **July 27, 2017, 12:17:29 PM**

You already know I am acting council facilitator, Harry.

By the way, hasn't Robert Worthey moved to Florida?

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Jason Justice** on **July 27, 2017, 03:01:31 PM**

Answer my question Mr Hempy.

Title: **Re: REVOCATION OF RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION FROM HARRY HEMPY**

Post by: **Andrea Mérida Cuéllar** on **July 27, 2017, 03:02:50 PM**

Ok, folks. I'm going to lock this thread to new comments. Agreement seeking on this proposal is now in session, and the record shows that Harry is refusing to answer further questions.

Thank you.

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