

Reports from GPCO State Meeting on August 12, 2017, sent by RGV members August 12, 2017

1- The agenda item in which there is a run-down of all the proposals passed by the council during the past year, with an opportunity for the assembled state membership to overturn any proposal, was skipped. It is in the by-laws that the state membership can overturn any proposal passed by the council.

From the by-laws:

4.2.4. All decisions of the Council are subject to review at the next state meeting and may be overturned by a 60% vote.

That item was listed on the agenda, but when they got to that part they skipped it. The membership was not given an opportunity to overturn council decisions, in violation of the by-laws. Screenshot of that part of the agenda is attached. The time slot is 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.

2- GPCO co-chair was asked to give a treasurer's report, as she had appointed herself to be the treasurer. At first she refused and said she would post it on-line. Eventually, she said they had \$500 in the account.

3- The Jefferson County chapter was reinstated as an active chapter by a vote of the membership. Harry Hempy was not reinstated as a member in good standing.

4- Gary Swing received the greatest number of votes for GPCO co-chair, followed by Andrea Merida. Swing confirmed that o-chair Merida offered to make him a national delegate if he will resign as co-chair, and that she offered to let Harry Hempy back into the party if the Caucus to Restore Green Values will withdraw the complaint against her. The by-laws say that the Council can choose a replacement for the national delegate seat if a vacancy occurs.

“The idea that the Caucus to Restore Green Values might withdraw its complaint is a non-starter. Gary is a supporter. One RGV supporter suggested that Gary might choose to remove his name from the list of ‘co-signers’ in order to avoid conflict, if he has too much trouble being co-chair with Andrea. But nobody is inclined to withdraw the complaint.”

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Submitted by RGV, August 13, 2017

1 - Adequate notice of a call for nominations for candidates was given prior to the meeting for election of 2 co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, and 2 national representatives.

There were at least two nominees for each position. Ballots were distributed, properly listing the candidates.

The ballot also listed another, previously unannounced, position: 2 alternate national representatives with Andrea Merida and Karyna Lemus as nominees. This is objectionable on grounds of process violations. The Restore Green Values group would have put up candidates for these positions if the positions had been announced. There were only two candidates for two positions, and both candidates were members of the [Respondents], and one of them was again attempting to hold more than one office in the party.

2- Andrea Merida has been acting as alternate national representative for at least two years and has been voting in place of elected national representative Larry (Lawrence) Dunn for at least a year without notifying GPCO Council of Larry's inactivity on the NC.

3- In a departure from the published afternoon schedule, there was an anti-oppression training session and workshop scheduled for 3 hours or more. The training session took an hour or a little more. The workshop after the training session was intended to be a safe space for discussion, but it was skipped. Immediately after the trainer left, at 3:00 pm, the Chair moved for adjournment and the meeting came to an end.

4- The respondents denied our [RGV] requests to have our proposals voted on at the meeting, giving the excuse of a lack of time. Yet the announced afternoon schedule was vacated in favor of an activity that the co-chairs liked more than discussions of running candidates for public office. When the anti-oppression activity did not take up all of the anticipated time, there was no effort to return to matters of legitimate council business, such as voting on proposals or discussing candidates for public office.

The announced agenda is given below.

OFFICIAL GPCO Forum

Committees and Working Groups => 2017 Annual Meeting Workgroup => Topic started by:

Andrea Mérida Cuéllar on April 17, 2017, 10:01:04 PM

Title: 1st Draft Agenda

Post by: Andrea Mérida Cuéllar on April 17, 2017, 10:01:04 PM

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Sign-in / Credentialing

Pre-registration and on-site credentialing will be administered by the Secretary.

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. Convene Meeting “ State Co-Chairs

Welcome from Local Chapter Host/Logistics

Agenda Review and Adoption

10 am - 10:30 am Credentials Report and Establishment of Quorum

10:30 am - 11 am Chapter Introductions and Reports, Unaffiliated Greens introductions

11 am - 11:15 am Reports from State Party Officers

Report from Statewide Youth Coordinator

Report from Political Director

11:15 - 11:30 am Annual Meeting Review / Proposals adopted by Council
11:30 - 12:30 pm Election of State Officers: 2 Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 National Representatives
12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 - 2 pm Discussion: Whether to Run a Gubernatorial Candidate in 2018
Vote: Will the Green Party of Colorado focus on local and legislative candidacies, instead of the governor's race.
2 pm - 2:30 pm Resolutions and Proposals
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Discussion: Chapters report back on implementation of Section 3.1 of the Bylaws.
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Acknowledge Volunteers
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm Wrap up / Future Business
Local and State Legislature Candidates
4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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