

GPCA POST-PLenary REPORT

Fullerton / Orange County Plenary, Dec. 6-7, 2003

The Coordinating Committee wishes to thank everyone for attending the general assembly in Fullerton. We also want to give a hardy 'thanks' to the hosting committee and to the CC for a difficult job well done. The facilities were great and the Plenary well organized and productive. A Summary of Decisions made at the Plenary can be found at the end of this report.

Complete minutes of Plenaries and Working Group and Standing Committee meetings will be found on our website at: http://www.greens.org/plenary/archives/agendas/03129Min_OC.txt.
(Note that the common GPCA login/password are required to view the minutes until they are approved at the next plenary.)

NEXT PLENARIES

Due to the demands of the 2004 presidential election cycle, we will have two general assemblies in fairly close succession. We also have the national Presidential Nominating Convention this summer. Here's the dates:

General Assembly - **March 27-28** in **San Francisco**

The CC will meet Fri. night, the 26th.

Due date for agenda packet submittals is **Jan. 30**.

Plenary delegate lists must be received from all counties by **Sunday, March 21**.

General Assembly - **June 5-6** in **Sacramento**

The CC will meet Fri. night, the 4th.

Due date for agenda packet submittals is **Apr. 9**.

Plenary delegate lists must be received from all counties by **Sunday, May 30**.

Nominating Convention - **June 23-28** in **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Committee coordinators: The June general assembly will have to deal with a lot of issues regarding the nominating convention. As such, there will likely be limited time for proposals.

Our Treasurer, Mike Wyman would like to remind Locals to pay counties their monthly dues. Remember that we no longer have the income tax check-off that used to fund 75% of our budget. Dues are the greater of either A) 10% of the month's gross margin (Revenue - Costs = Gross Margin); or B) \$5.00 per month.

SUBMITTING AGENDA ITEMS

All items for the agenda must be received by the agenda committee at least 60 days prior to the general assembly, since the goal for sending out the agenda packet is 45 days prior to the assembly. The agenda committee is an ad-hoc group of Coordinating Committee (CC) members responsible for organizing the next general assembly.

If you have an item you would like included in the agenda packet for the next general assembly (plenary not gathering), please follow these guidelines for agenda packet submittals:

PROPOSALS

Plan in advance! A proposal that requires an official vote of the Party must first be submitted to the working group (WG) or committee that is likely to deal with that particular issue. WGs and committees are responsible for sponsoring proposals, so they will work with the originator in preparing the presentation. Be advised that it is the WG's responsibility to determine if the proposal is ready to be presented. When the proposal is ready, it is sent to the agenda committee for inclusion in the agenda packet and scheduling of time.

Sometimes a proposal does not seem appropriate for an existing working group or committee. In those cases, send it to the CC through your regional representative, but we would like to keep this to a minimum. Proposals should be written in the established proposal format. A sample of the format is included.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Simple, straight-forward proposals -- such as endorsing a worthy green cause -- may be put on the "consent calendar." This is a list of easily-approved proposals that will be put before the plenary as one, inclusive item. At the plenary, if anyone feels a particular issue in the list needs discussion, it will be pulled from the calendar and assigned to an appropriate WG or Committee.

It is up to the agenda committee and the CC to determine if a proposal fits the consent calendar criteria, and it can be pulled from the calendar by any concern at the plenary, so be judicious about what you submit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a limited amount of space in the agenda packet (due to cost constraints) so announcements are not usually included. The agenda does include a general announcement period for people to make brief announcement to the plenary session. Email submittals are preferred. We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines. This helps us keep the Green Party running more smoothly.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

- San Diego Minutes Ratified.
- Sacramento Minutes reserved, Peggy Lewis to revise them.
- Bylaws from prior General Assemblies (per Agenda) approved by consensus.
- Hutchings Endorsement approved by consensus.
- At-Large Election -- Chuck Reutter elected to position specified in Agenda Packet pursuant to IRV voting.
- Consensus Exercise Notes to be attached as an addendum, for educational purposes only. The exercise does not reflect a decision, real or implied. Approved by a 80%+ vote.
- Bylaws Amendment providing for Endorsement Rules approved by consensus.
- Endorsement Procedure re ballot measures approved by consensus.
- Modified Endorsement Process Requiring Polling of the Counties and Expiring March 1, 2003 approved by consensus.
- GPUS bylaws, except delegate selection process (paragraphs ____) approved by consensus.

PROCEDURAL POINTS & REVISIONS

- Hutchings Endorsement pulled from Consent Calendar.
- The Consensus Exercise is only an exercise, no decision, real or implied.
- Hutchings Endorsement issues resolved and returned to consent calendar.
- Modified Endorsement Process brought to the floor for the Sunday afternoon session.

DEFERRED TO MARCH

- Ratification of Sacramento March 2003 General Assembly minutes (http://www.cagreens.org/plenary/archives/minutes/0305Min_Sac.rtf)

PROPOSALS NOT PASSED

- Endorsement Procedure re candidates

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GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA - PROPOSAL FORMAT

(May be found on-line at <http://cagreens.org/cc/internal/admin/PropFormat.rtf>)

PRESENTER: (group, Local or individual)

CONTACT: (name, address, phone number, email)

SUBJECT: (10 words or less)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

(100 words or less; include relationship, reasons and/or justification to the GPCA.)

PROPOSAL: (200 words or less)

COMMITTEE DECISION

(Report if the proposal had consensus of the committee, and/or what concerns where expressed)

TIMELINE:

RESOURCES:

(personnel, number and frequency of meetings, projected work hours, finances, etc.)

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