

Green Party of Colorado State Meeting & Nominating Convention Florence, Colorado – May 1, 2010 – Official Minutes

Greens Present (21 - many having carpooled!):

Gary Anderson, Victor Forsythe, Tanya Ishikawa, Greg Marsh, Scott Zulauf (Adams/Jefferson)
Tom Kelly, Daniel Sage, Kirk Young (Arapahoe)
Joanne Roberts (Boulder County)
Scott Foreman, Bob Kinsey, Claire Ryder, Gary Swing, Rachel Terry (Denver)
Kimberley Hills (El Paso County)
Kevin Alumbaugh (Gilpin County)
Eric Fried (Poudre Valley)
Charlie Green, Jerry Morgan, John Myracle, Jim Skinner (Royal Gorge)

Guests (3):

Donna Green - Democrat /gracious hostess; Judy Skinner - Unaffiliated, Frank Atwood - Libertarian

Call to Order - Claire Ryder, GPCO co-chair and meeting facilitator, called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves. Eric Fried, GPCO Secretary, announced that he had verified the Green Party registration of all members present. Per GPCO bylaws 4.1.1., at least 60% of chapters must be present, with at least twice as many greens as chapters, for a quorum to be established. We currently have 8 chapters (Adams/Jefferson, Arapahoe, Denver, Poudre Valley, Royal Gorge, San Miguel, Southwest, Summit); 60% = 4.8 chapters. We have 5 chapters present, and more than 10 members, so we have a quorum. The 3 chapters not present are hereby declared Inactive per bylaw 3.1.1 and will be so notified. The Convention thanked the Royal Gorge Greens for hosting the State Convention and for their gracious efforts to make us comfortable. Suzanne Phipps, owner of the Rialto Theater, explained its important place in the economic and cultural history of Fremont County.

Review of council decisions since 2009 meeting – Kevin Alumbaugh reviewed all the State Council actions, and none were challenged or overturned (report attached).

Treasurer's report – Balance as of 1/1/2010 was \$1915.20. Donations to date have totaled \$48.83, expenses \$275 (\$200 for Kinsey entry into Denver St. Patrick's Day parade, \$75 for ad noticing state convention) for balance of \$1689.03. (Full report attached.) Dan Sage stated he was ready to step down as treasurer, and would like to serve as assistant treasurer, helping transition to Tom Kelly as new treasurer. He also requested we have two co-signers on bank account (agreed upon). Eric Fried moved we take up the treasurer post with voting on officers.

Secretary's Report – Eric Fried noted he had caused notice of the state meeting to be published in a newspaper of general statewide circulation (the Colorado Statesman) at least 15 days before the convention as required by GPCO bylaws 5.4, and had also kept minutes of statewide meetings and updated bylaws as required by state law.

Co-chairs Report – At this point, Claire Ryder is our only co-chair, Tony D'Lallo having resigned, then Dave Chandler having been approved as co-chair only to resign from that position and from the Green Party in the weeks leading up to the meeting. Claire noted she could not speak for Dave or Tony, and urged us to focus on the positive and move forward. She is not seeking another term as co-chair.

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Report from GPCO reps to National Green Party – Our reps have not been active of late, and none are seeking reappointment.

Chapter Reports – reports were made from the 5 active local chapters.

Election of Officers

Treasurer - Tom Kelly was nominated for Treasurer (Daniel Sage resigning). No other nominations. Consensus to appoint Tom Kelly Treasurer.

Secretary – Eric Fried continues (per bylaws 5.7 treasurer/secretary chosen in odd years).

National Representatives to US Green Party – Colorado is delegated three reps. Nominations were Charlie Green, Victor Forsythe, Bob Kinsey. Bob stated he would be too busy until his Senate campaign ended. Tanya Ishikawa offered to be national rep until that time. (Note: this will require her resigning and a council vote to replace her with Bob Kinsey at that time.) No other nominations. Consensus reached to appoint these three as Colorado reps to GPUS.

Co-chairs – Tanya Ishikawa, Adam Taylor of Denver (who was not present at the meeting but who had stated his willingness to serve as co-chair to several other Greens) and Charlie Green were nominated. Consensus was not reached, and a vote was taken (60% vote needed to reach agreement). Tanya and Adam received 19 votes each, Charlie 2 votes. Tanya and Adam were selected as co-chairs, having received at least 60% of the votes of Greens present.

LUNCH BREAK – Daniel Sage left at this point.

Having been elected co-chair, Tanya Ishikawa facilitated the meeting after lunch.

Poudre Valley Green's proposal to endorse HB 4789 – Consensus reached. Attached.

Tom Kelly's Piñon Canyon proposal – Consensus reached with 1 stand-aside. Attached.

Bylaw change on selection of nominating delegates (Sections 4.4.1 and 4.4.2) – by Tom Kelly – “All registered Greens in attendance at an annual state convention are eligible to vote at that convention.” Did not reach consensus. Vote was taken: 12 in favor, 1 opposed. Having achieved at least 60% of the votes of greens present, the bylaws change passed.

Additional bylaw changes – Eric Fried proposed the following procedure in light of Dave Chandler's resignation, and his failure to submit proposed bylaws changes as individual measures to be discussed and voted on: we discuss the parts of the bylaws we wish to consider for changes, appoint a bylaws committee to prepare proposed changes and facilitate open debate by party members on those changes, and amend current bylaw 6.1 to allow bylaws changes in between annual meetings. We agreed to re-evaluate the following bylaws:

2.3 Affiliation of GPCO to GPUS

3.1 & 3.2 – Membership, Locals, Active & Inactive Status

4.1 State Meeting

4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 State Council

5.1 & 5.2 – Co-chairs (or chair and vice-chair), duties and power

A bylaws committee was established, consisting of Eric Fried, Charlie Green, Claire Ryder and Gary Swing.

Specific proposal – Bylaw 6.1 is hereby amended by adding 5 words (change in bold face):

*These bylaws may be amended on a three-fifths vote by members present at a state meeting **or by the***

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state council. Consensus reached on proposed change.

Other Policy Proposals – 2010 Resolutions, after discussion led by Bob Kinsey, we removed any proposals on which we could not reach consensus, and adopted the remaining ones. Attached.

We then adjourned the annual state meeting, and after a break, convened as the 2010 Green Party of Colorado Nominating Convention.

Minutes prepared by GPCO Secretary Eric Fried

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ADDENDUM with 2009-2010 Council Proposals & Results

**GPCO State Council proposals since 2009 state meeting
per Kevin Alumbaugh, council facilitator**

008-09 to conduct a teleconference meeting on Wed., July 15th, at 7:30 pm. Passed by Agreement.

009-09 to approve Tom Kelly for membership in the Bylaws, Rules, Policies, and Procedures (BRPP) committee. Passed by agreement.

010-09 to endorse the 350.org International Day of Climate Control Action on Oct. 24th, 2009. Passed by Agreement.

011-09 for GPCO to adopt a position favoring US withdrawal from Afghanistan. Passed by Agreement.

001-10 to appoint Dave Chandler to fill the GPCO co-chair vacancy. Passed by super majority vote.

002-10 to choose between Evergreen or Florence as the site for the 2010 GPCO state nominating convention. Florence was chosen.

003-10 for the GPCO to participate in the 2010 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade and to contribute \$200.00 from the GPCO treasury towards the \$400.00 entrance fee. Passed by super majority vote.

004-10 to put a bylaw change allowing all registered Greens to vote at GPCO state nominating conventions as the first item considered at the 2010 GPCO state convention. Passed by super majority vote.

005-10 to set the agenda for the GPCO state nominating convention. Failed to pass by super majority vote.

006-10 amended proposal to set agenda for the GPCO state nominating convention. Passed by super majority vote.

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ADDENDUM with Treasurer's Report

GREEN PARTY OF COLORADO	2006	2007	2008	2009	Per 5/1/10					
Beginning Balance	\$1,911.59	\$1,542.47	\$1,307.57	2,818.48	1915.20					
Revenues										
State Meetings										
GPUS Revenue										
Sharing	747.5	780	342.4	0						
Sustainer donations	0	0	0	0						
Local's donations	75	0	1530.35	436.75						
Political committee donations	65	0	0	222.53						
Other individual donations	90	290.03	592.68	92.79	48.83					
Fundraisers	0	670	55	0						
Merchandise sales	0	0	0	0						
Miscellaneous	1.06	0	0	0						
Yearly Total Revenues	978.56	1740.03	2520.43	752.07	48.83					
Subtotal	2,890.15	3282.5	3828	3570.55	1964.03					
Expenses										
Phone/voicemail	187.68	172.04	0	0						
800#	0	0	0	0						
Web hosting	75	0	34.52	0						
Secretary of State fees/ fines	0	0	25	0						
Local chapter support	0	0	0	1530.35						
Checking Acct. fees	0	110.71	0	0						
Envelopes & postage	320	0	0	0						
State Meeting rental fees	100	108.74	0	0						
State Meeting legal notice	65	0	75	0	75					
GPCO promotional materials	0	625	0	0						
National candidate materials	300	0	100	0						
State candidate materials	300	100	400	0						
Voter list fees	0	0	0							
Fundraiser events (booth rentals)	0	0	375	125.00	200.00					

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Yearly Total Expenditures	1,347.68	199.57	1009.52	1655.35	275.00						
ENDING BALANCE	1,542.47	1291.93	2818.48	1915.20	1689.03						

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ADDENDUM with Resolutions

Be it resolved that the Green Party of Colorado endorse Rep. Alan Grayson's "Medicare for All" bill, HR 4789 (see Resolution 25)

By Poudre Valley Green Party

A mere four pages long, the bill would allow any American, regardless of age or income, to buy into the existing Medicare program at cost. Thus, it would not cost the federal government or taxpayers one dime, but would offer a true public health insurance option to all Americans, and by providing real competition with private, for-profit health insurance corporations, HR 4789 would lower rates for all Americans. Unlike the weak, compromised so-called health insurance reform recently passed by Congress that would leave in place the primacy of the for-profit model, HR 4789 would be a significant change that moves America towards a universal, public insurance system.

The Poudre Valley Green Party hereby calls on the Green Party of Colorado to endorse HR 4789, to contact Colorado's elected Senators and Congressional representatives to support this bill, to make our position known through newspapers, blogs and other media, and to raise the issue at candidate forums.

Stop the Piñon Canyon Land Grab by the US Army (See Resolution 21)

By Tom Kelly and Claire Ryder

The Green Party of Colorado supports the property rights of the ranchers and farmers in Southeastern Colorado. And we do not support the US Army's decision to expand their mechanized vehicle maneuver area so that they will be prepared to fight the "wars of the future." If the ranchers and farmers are moved off their land, the surrounding communities will be affected economically. The ecology of the Comanche grasslands will be changed and heritage sites containing the remnants of earlier civilizations and archeological relics will become inaccessible and subject to damage. The U.S. Army's "wars of the future" are wars to control other nations' energy resources for the profit of a few of the world's largest corporations. The future health of the U.S. economy and our environment require that we wean ourselves from dependence on foreign sources of energy and eventually the use of oil altogether. Fighting wars for the control of the last drop of a resource whose use is impacting our global climate is short sighted. The Green Party of Colorado asks the U.S. Army to plan for future peace and not war by pulling its troops home from all over the world and using them as a defensive force that can protect the nation and help communities recover from natural disasters. They should not be using oil as an excuse to destroy communities in Colorado and around the world. Green Party representatives to Congress will vote against the acquisition of the Piñon Canyon land by the U.S. Army.

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Green Party Proposed Resolutions for 2010 Convention (May 1, 2010)

In keeping with the Ten Green Values, the Green Party of Colorado:

1. *Calls for the Abolition of Nuclear weapons, and calls for the de-alerting, decommissioning and irreversible destruction of the 49 Minuteman nuclear armed missiles in Northeast Colorado currently in launch on warning status.*
2. *Calls for an end to the funding of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan including the supplemental \$33 billion funding request now in front of Congress, and the 2011 budget request for another \$160- to \$170 billion for the so-called “war” on terror.*
3. *Calls for capping total USA current military spending at no more than 10% of the federal discretionary budget and redirecting this money to support a healthy and educated US population and foreign relations built on helping all peoples and states to meet human needs in sustainable ways.*
4. *Calls for an end to US military aid to Israel and approving only humanitarian and economic aid to both Israel and Palestine on an equitable basis.*
5. *Calls for an immediate end of Israeli occupation of Palestine including an end of Settlement building and wall building within East Jerusalem and the West Bank and the blockade of the Gaza Strip.*
6. *Calls for public control of the Federal Reserve banking system, moving it under the oversight of the Legislative Branch’s power to “coin money”.*
7. Tabled
8. Tabled
9. *Calls for reinstating the Glass-Steagall Act to separate commercial and investment banking.*
10. *Calls for SEC prohibition of derivative trading and supports the institution of a requirement that all traded investment instruments be based only on real goods and services.*
11. *Calls for repeal of the court legislated "corporate personhood" via Congressional Legislation and/or Constitutional Amendment*
12. Tabled
13. Tabled
14. *Calls for Senator Udall to withdraw his legislation and support for mini-nuclear power plants, as unsafe, terrorist prone, and inherently dangerous with regard to loss of control of nuclear materials and risk of nuclear weapon proliferation.*
15. *Opposes nuclear power proposed as a partial solution to energy security and climate change because of its dangerous unintended consequences, and is not cost effective compared with other forms of sustainable energy production such as wind, geothermal and solar power*
16. *Calls for campaign finance reform, disallowing any contributions to campaigns except by individual persons with a maximum of \$100 per candidate campaign cycle, and with no contributions allowed from corporations, special interest groups, unions, or political action committees.*

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17. *Calls for elections by hand counted, paper ballots only, excluding electronic voting systems that can swallow any tampering of voters wishes.*
18. Tabled
19. Tabled
20. *Calls for the full legalization of marijuana, release of any persons imprisoned for non-violent crimes associated with the this drug, and the end of Federal DEA officer harassment or arrest of persons using or producing the hemp plant in any of its forms.*
21. *Proposal on Pinon Canyon – see attached by Tom Kelly and Claire Ryder*
22. *Urges alterations in the funding of Department of Agriculture support so that Organic Farming is stimulated and large mono culture crops and heavy chemical based corporate agriculture is not subsidized.*
23. Tabled
24. *Commends the Colorado Legislature for its attempts to require the Cotter Mill and any other Uranium mining and milling such as the proposed Paradox valley operation and the in-situ operations proposed in Weld County and Park County to protect the water supply of citizens and the health of laborers in these operations. Calls upon them to reject any new licensing of uranium mining, milling or nuclear fuel cycle activities in the state of Colorado.*
25. *Calls for replacement of the current health care reform with a Single Payer Medicare for All system. – See also Poudre Valley Green Party proposal to endorse H.R. 4789*
26. *Calls for reopening a full investigation into the 9/11 tragedy and accountability for any violations of law involved.*
27. *Calls for and end to the “Patriot Act” invasions of Civil Rights and accountability for any violations of law over ridden.*
28. *Calls for an official acknowledgment that the preemptive war undertaken in Iraq was undertaken illegally based on lies and that any preemptive war is in fact a violation of the sovereignty of nations guaranteed under the United Nations Charter.*
29. *Calls for full participation by the United States in the work of the International Court of Criminal Justice to treat terrorism as a crime against humanity and to grant the full cooperation of the US forces in functioning as a police power to apprehend and bring to justice individuals who fund and carry out acts of terror.*
30. *Commends all citizens who have taken individual action to live responsibly toward the environment by their purchasing and their life style choices.*