

MINUTES GREEN PARTY OF HAWAII STATE PARTY CONVENTION

MARCH 16, 2008

HONOLULU, OAHU, HAWAII

Meeting chaired collectively by Greens present in person: Mary Stone, Shaun Stenshol, Jim Brewer, Renee Ing, Julie Jacobson, Claire Mortimer, Janice Bappe, and Ira Rohter

Meeting called to order at 10:35 AM

Currently 127 GPH members in good standing, according to Membership Chair
8 Greens in attendance in person + 20 additional absentee ballots = 28
Quorum is 13, therefore quorum was achieved.

Poem by Kimie Sadoyama read by Mary Stone

Introductions by discussion of Key Green Values

Consensus process reviewed

Agenda approved by consensus with addition of discussion of future plans for GPH

Mary read out loud the Minutes of the 2007 GPH State Party Convention, and they were approved by consensus

Julie presented the Treasurer's Report: \$2,451 in account as of today, including donations and dues payments received with absentee ballots. All financial paperwork for the past year was passed around the room, including reports to the state.

Election of Party Officers, Delegates and Alternates to the National Committee and the Presidential Selection Convention:

Donald Wessels withdrew his nomination for Membership Chair.

Renee Ing was nominated from the floor for Membership Chair by Jim Brewer.

Jim pointed out that Article 4, Section 4.8(9) needs to be deleted from the By-Laws. [Will need to submit by-law change to the membership next year for a vote]

Ira Rohter counted ballots, then Janice Bappe counted the ballots to verify.

Results are attached at the end of the minutes.

Preferential Vote of Presidential Candidates:

Ballots counted by Ira Rohter, then again by Janice Bappe, then verified by all Greens present. Final tabulation of results signed by all Greens present.

Consensus to "Request that Carol Bain review the presidential ballots and apply the same Fair Vote process as was applied in 2004 to determine the number of delegates for each candidate in each round."

The following policy was approved by consensus:

GREEN PARTY OF HAWAII POLICY REGARDING
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SELECTION

The results of the vote of the membership of the Green Party of Hawaii are binding on the delegates elected to represent the Green Party of Hawaii at the national Green Party United States Presidential Candidate Selection Convention.

This policy is in accordance with the Key Green Value of Grassroots Democracy.

Based on the results of the preferential vote of Hawaii Greens, instructions regarding how delegates must vote in the first, second, and subsequent rounds of voting at the national convention will be determined and communicated to all delegates who will attend the national convention.

When a delegate is elected, accepts the responsibility, and commits to attending the national GPUS presidential convention, she/he must also pledge to abide by the results of the vote of the GPH membership and faithfully represent those voting results at the national convention.

Instructions to the Delegates will be finalized after Carol Bain completes the analysis. Instructions will be sent out by email to all party officers and all delegates.

Petition Campaign to Regain Ballot Status

Approximately 400 signatures gathered by Hawaii Greens to date, far short of the goal. Only 18 days to the final deadline of April 3.

National GPUS is willing to help. Mary and Claire have spoken with Brent McMillan in the national office.

Claire spoke with Brian Bittner, Chair of the GPUS Ballot Access Committee. Recently finished petition campaign in Arizona. Two outstanding volunteers from Illinois and Texas gathered 100 signatures a day, Claire has their names and phone numbers. Professional signature gathering company in San Francisco has worked for state Green parties in the past.

Ballot Access Committee meets tomorrow, will inform Claire how much money GPUS can commit to assist Hawaii.

Shaun shared his experience gathering signatures to get Nader on the ballot: Door-to-door signature collection yields the highest validation rate, approximately 80%.

Consensus decisions made to:

1. Authorize Claire to call the Greens in Illinois and Texas ASAP to explore the possibility of coming to Hawaii to help. Depends on how much Access Committee can offer toward airfare. Ira has offered free lodging and use of his second car. Claire has offered a free stay at her house in Kauai after April 3 to anyone who gathers more than 400 signatures.
2. If neither of the Greens mentioned above can come, then Claire is authorized to call the Greens in Arizona who organized the petition campaign in Arizona for other possible volunteers, or contact the professionals in San Francisco to ask how much they would charge.

Results of those discussions and the decision from the Ballot Access Committee will be communicated by email so that decisions can be made and action taken ASAP.

Shaun informed us that he has accepted a position with the Nader campaign to get a new party, the Independent Party, on the ballot. State attorney has informed him that he may not gather signatures for both parties at the same time. If the petition campaign for the Independent Party is successful, he will serve as State Chair of the Independent Party. In that case, he would not be able to serve as State Co-Chair of the Green Party.

GPH Election results were announced and confirmed (attached below)

Unable to review accomplishments of the past year or plans for the future due to time restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Submitted by Claire Mortimer

RESULTS OF ELECTION
2008 ANNUAL CONVENTION GREEN PARTY of HAWAII

State Co-Chairs (2)	<u>22</u> Jim Brewer* <u>6</u> Nikhilananda <u>11</u> Shaun Stenshol <u>12</u> Mary Stone*
Secretary / Recorder	<u>17</u> Claire Mortimer* <u>9</u> Pamela Wolf
Treasurer	<u>24</u> Julie Jacobson*
Membership Chair	<u>19</u> Donald Wessels (withdrew) <u>3</u> Renee Ing* <u>1</u> Nikhilananda

Delegates to National Committee of Green Party US (2)

19 Julie Jacobson*
15 Claire Mortimer*
8 Nikhilananda
7 Shaun Stenshol

Alternate Delegates to National Committee of GPUS (2)

16 Jim Brewer*
6 Nikhilananda
6 Shaun Stenshol
12 Mary Stone*
7 Jeff Turner

Presidential Candidate Selection Convention Delegates (8)

21 Jim Brewer*
19 Renee Ing*
21 Bob Jacobson*
18 Julie Jacobson*
17 Claire Mortimer*
10 Nikhilananda
18 Kimie Sadoyama*
13 Shaun Stenshol*
15 Mary Stone*
11 Donald Wessels, Jr.
2 Pamela Wolf

Alternate Presidential Selection Convention Delegates (8)

17 Jim Brewer*
18 Renee Ing*
16 Bob Jacobson*
19 Julie Jacobson*
17 Claire Mortimer*
8 Nikhilananda
16 Kimie Sadoyama*
14 Shaun Stenshol*
13 Mary Stone*
10 Jeff Turner
8 Donald Wessels, Jr.
2 Pamela Wolf
1 Ira Rohter

* Elected

Therefore, the newly elected officers and delegates of the Green Party of Hawaii are as follows:

State Co-Chairs: Jim Brewer, Mary Stone

Secretary / Recorder: Claire Mortimer

Treasurer: Julie Jacobson

Membership Chair: Renee Ing

Delegates to National Committee: Julie Jacobson, Claire Mortimer

Alternate Delegates to NC: Jim Brewer, Mary Stone

Delegates to Presidential Candidate Selection Convention:

Jim Brewer	Renee Ing
Bob Jacobson	Julie Jacobson
Claire Mortimer	Kimie Sadoyama
Shaun Stenshol	Mary Stone

Alternate Delegates to Presidential Candidate Convention:

Jim Brewer	Renee Ing
Bob Jacobson	Julie Jacobson
Claire Mortimer	Kimie Sadoyama
Shaun Stenshol	Mary Stone

GREEN PARTY OF HAWAII PREFERENTIAL VOTING RESULTS

GREEN PARTY US PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE NOMINEES

	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Jesse Johnson	0	3	2
Cynthia McKinney	9	8	1
Kent Mesplay	0	2	0
Ralph Nader	12	2	2
Kat Swift	0	2	3
No Candidate	0	2	0
Nikhilananda	0	1	0
Ira Rohter	0	0	1

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