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Green Party of Virginia Federal PAC
Application for Recognition from the Federal Election Commission
As a State Party Committee

TO: Federal Elections Commission
Office of General Counsel
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

FROM: Green Party of Virginia
P.O. Box 7316
Falls Church, Virginia 22040

DATE: December 4, 2012

RE: Request for Recognition of Green Party of Virginia Federal PAC, FEC ID
C00526707 as a State Party Committee

The Green Party of Virginia (GPVA) hereby requests from the Federal Elections Commission formal recognition of its federal PAC as a state party committee of the Green Party of the United States.

GPVA is a state party affiliate of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS). Attached is a copy of GPVA's affiliation agreement (Ex. A). The attached letter (Ex. B) from GPUS Secretary Budd Dickinson, 650-773-0438, Budd.Dickinson@gmail.com confirms GPVA's continuing status as a GPUS affiliate.

The following recent GPVA federal candidates each raised \$5,000 or more for the November 6, 2012 election.

President: Jill Stein
Congress, CD 11: Joe F. Galdo, Jr.

FEC ID: C00505800
FEC ID: C00507673

Following are links to election results indicating that the Virginia State Board of Elections placed Jill Stein and Joe F. Galdo, Jr. on the General Election ballot in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2012 as Green Party candidates.

<http://electionresults.virginia.gov/resultsSW.aspx?type=PRE&map=CTY>

<http://electionresults.virginia.gov/resultsSW.aspx?type=CON&map=CTY>

GPVA has a well-developed party structure. In addition to a thirteen member state party Central Committee, GPVA has the following elected statewide officers: two Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Press Secretary, and Webmaster, as outlined in Articles XVI and XIV, respectively of GPVA Bylaws:

<http://www.vagreenparty.org/bylaws.html>

Copies of the GPVA Bylaws (Ex. C) and Platform (Ex. D) are attached. GPVA holds statewide meetings at least semi-annually. Attached are copies of the minutes of all meetings conducted during 2012 (Ex. E).

GPVA maintains a website at <http://www.vagreenparty.org>. The party also maintains several listservs to which all members in good standing are welcome to subscribe, as well as, a mailing list comprising some thirteen hundred Green leaning individuals. These structures enable GPVA to administer the day to day affairs of a statewide political organization.

In addition GPVA has nine active locals geographically dispersed throughout the state of Virginia as follows:

Arlington
Blue Ridge
Charlottesville
Fredericksburg
Hampton Roads
Loudoun
New River Valley
Northern Virginia
Richmond

Membership in GPVA is open to members of GPVA locals and at large members residing in Virginia, excluding persons who serve rival political parties in a leadership capacity. Currently there are about two dozen active state party members.

Please feel free to contact Green Party of Virginia Co-Chairs Audrey Clement at 571-830-8889, aclement65@hotmail.com or Tom Yager at 502-296-1732, greenyager@gmail.com with any questions or concerns regarding this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Clement". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Audrey Clement, Ph.D.
Co-Chair, GPVA
Assistant Treasurer, GPVA Federal PAC

cc: Tom Yager, Co-Chair, GPVA
Kirit Mookerjee, Treasurer, GPVA,
Treasurer, GPVA Federal PAC

Attachments

EX. A



Green Party of Virginia



P.O. Box 161 Batesville VA 22924

OFFICIAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

The Green Party of Virginia

AND

The Green Party of the United States

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED this 18th day of July, 2001 that the Green Party of Virginia (GPVA) agrees to formally affiliate with the Green Party of the United States, and formally agrees to abide by the Bylaws of the Green Party of the United States.

It is understood that the GPVA shall elect delegates from Virginia to represent the GPVA on the Coordinating Committee of the Green Party of the United States. It is also understood that the delegation representing Virginia shall be gender balanced.

It is also agreed that the undersigned GPVA reserves all rights and powers to the GPVA that are not given, through the Bylaws of the Green Party of the United States, to the Green Party of the United States.

It is also agreed that the GPVA will continue to conduct voter registration drives in the State of Virginia.

It is also agreed that the GPVA will use its best efforts to support ballot access for national candidates nominated by the Green Party of the United States and endorsed by the GPVA.

It is also agreed that the GPVA will make its best efforts to conduct a State convention or primary each election year in accordance with Virginia state law.

It is also agreed that the GPVA will solicit contributions for state, local and national Green Party candidates within the structural capabilities of the GPVA.

It is also agreed that the GPVA will make its best efforts to nominate candidates for state, local and federal offices.

It is also agreed that the GPVA shall operate according to the bylaws of the GPVA as filed with the State Board of Elections.



Green Party of Virginia

P.O. Box 161 Batesville VA 22924



The following representatives of the GPVA, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Green Party of Virginia, swear that they are empowered to enter into this affiliation agreement with the Green Party of the United States.

Signed this 18th Day of July, 2001.

**Green Party of Virginia
P.O. Box 161
Batesville VA
22924**

Jana Cutlip, Co-clerk GPVA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jana Cutlip".

Tom Yager, Co-clerk GPVA

EX. B



December 3, 2012

Federal Election Commission
99 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20463

re: Green Party of Virginia affiliation

To whom it may concern:

This letter confirms that the Green Party of Virginia is an affiliate of the Green Party of the United States, and that we support the Green Party of Virginia's request for recognition as a state committee of the Green Party.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Dickinson".

William Dickinson
Secretary
Green Party of the United States
secretary@gp.org



Bylaws of the Green Party of Virginia

Mission

I. Name and Definition

The Greens of Virginia/Green Party of Virginia (also referred to as the GPVA) is an autonomous, independent political party. The GPVA shares kinship, common goals and values with other Green Parties and Green organizations in the U.S.A. and throughout the world through our common adherence to the Ten Key Values.

II. Ten Key Values

The Ten Key Values of the Greens in the U.S.A are:

- Ecological Wisdom
- Social Justice
- Grassroots Democracy
- Nonviolence
- Decentralization
- Community-Based Economics
- Feminism
- Respect for Diversity
- Personal and Global Responsibility
- Future Focus/Sustainability

III. Purpose

- A. Promote throughout Virginia the Ten Key Values of The Greens.
- B. Publicize purpose and issue position statements.
- C. Encourage the development of Green Locals.
- D. Serve as a networking structure so that the Green Locals in Virginia can better communicate, share ideas and experiences, and provide mutual support and fellowship.
- E. Coordinate joint activities among GPVA Locals.
- F. Nominate Green candidates for office, and support these candidates with

contributions of money and labor.

- G. Occasionally endorse independent candidates.
- H. Work to end the two-party duopoly in Virginia and the nation.
- I. Seek to establish and maintain legal party status in Virginia.
- J. Seek to establish a multi-party system based on citizen participation.

IV. Political Practices

- A. The GPVA is accountable to its Green locals and members thereof
- B. The GPVA may designate spokespersons in addition to the Co-Chairs and the Press Secretary.
- C. Chairs, officers, delegates and other representatives of the GPVA shall be recallable at any meeting of the GPVA, by consensus or three-quarters vote.
- D. Chairs, officers, delegates, and representatives will be rotated regularly. An attempt will be made to include new members in these positions.
- E. Representatives and delegates of the GPVA may express personal opinions, but must act and vote within the guidelines agreed on by the GPVA.
- F. The GPVA is committed to encouraging participation by all Virginia residents but in particular members of those groups which tend to be underrepresented: women, racial and economic minorities, and minorities of sexual orientation.
- G. Significant minority opinions within the GPVA will be recorded in the minutes and communicated to other national and regional Green organizations as appropriate.
- H. Meetings and records of finances, membership, and minutes of the GPVA shall be open to inspection by any member of the GPVA in good standing. GPVA meetings may be closed to non-members on a majority vote in personnel or legal matters or if required by law.
- I. A full range of nonviolent strategies and tactics shall be considered permissible and desirable in pursuing Green social change, such as rallies, demonstrations, boycotts, citizens' initiatives, civil disobedience, direct action, building alternative institutions, and/or electoral politics.

V. Other Green Organizations

- A. The GPVA may join or affiliate itself with regional, national, global, etc. Green organizations which share the values of the GPVA.
- B. The GPVA may choose to send delegates to these organizations.
- C. Delegates should represent the policy of the GPVA to the extent possible.
- D. Delegates, where possible, should seek explicit direction previous to representation.
- E. GPVA agrees to endorse and support only those national candidates selected by the Green Party nominating convention, if such candidates exist. Other decisions and rules of other organizations with which GPVA is affiliated or a member of will in no way be considered binding upon the Green Party of Virginia.

Members

VI. Locals of the Green Party of Virginia

A. Definition

1. A Local is a group of three or more Virginia residents who meet together on some regular basis to advance the Ten Key Values.
2. Locals shall be defined geographically.
3. Locals may accept members as they wish, consistent with their own rules.
4. For the purposes of representation in the Green Party of Virginia, a person can claim membership in only one Local at any given time.
5. An at-large local called the Greens of Virginia is available for membership by those Greens in Virginia who are not members of an affiliated Local.

B. Affiliation

1. Locals may request affiliation with the Green Party of Virginia by sending at least one representative to a meeting of the GPVA and affirming their commitment to the Ten Key Values.
2. Requests for affiliation will be considered according to the standard decision-making process of the GPVA.
3. As a requirement for affiliation, each local shall designate the following officers:
 - a. a Treasurer, responsible for all financial transactions
 - b. a Representative to the Interim Committee. Such designees may, but need not necessarily, be the same person.
4. As a requirement for affiliation, each local shall prepare a set of written bylaws.
5. Affiliated locals are referred to herein as "Green Locals."

C. Disaffiliation

1. The GPVA may suspend affiliation of a Green local for valid reasons by a three-fifths vote of the GPVA membership at a business meeting.
2. Valid reasons include but are not limited to:
 - a. actions in contradiction to the Ten Key Values.
 - b. concerted efforts to undermine the stated purposes of the GPVA.
 - c. failure to attend GPVA meetings or otherwise participate in GPVA activities for over a year.
3. Members of the affected local may submit a motion to override the suspension decision at the next GPVA business meeting at which quorum is satisfied, supplying evidence and/or arguments, but may not vote on this or any other matter.
4. If the local's motion to override passes according to the rules for a Major Decision, the affiliation suspension is revoked. Otherwise disaffiliation is permanent.

D. Local Contacts

1. Each Green Local must choose a Local Contact for the GPVA.
2. The Local Contact will be responsible for bringing information from their local to GPVA meetings and for bringing information from those meetings back to their local.

3. The Local Contact will be responsible for ensuring that their local has a democratic and timely procedure for reviewing GPVA decisions. The Local Contact will communicate this decision to a Chair.
4. The Local Contact must ensure that the Co-Chairs have up to date information on how to reach the Local Contact.

VII. Membership

- A. Membership in the Green Party of Virginia is open to all members of Green Locals in Virginia and/or any member holding membership in the Greens of Virginia at-large local, except for officers, official spokespersons, candidate and central committee members of other competing political parties. The GPVA shall determine which political parties are competing.
- B. The GPVA welcomes and embraces all members regardless of age, race, color, gender, spiritual belief, physical challenge, sexual orientation, or national origin.
- C. Members of GPVA are expected to:
 1. uphold the Ten Key Values
 2. be honest and forthright in all dealings
 3. be scrupulous in the handling of GPVA and/or Green Local funds.
- D. Membership Review Process
 1. Charges of violation of the above membership standards may be made by any member or members.
 2. Such charges should be forwarded to one of the Chairs of the GPVA who will confer together.
 3. If either or both Chairs believe that the charges are warranted, or if half of the affiliated locals vote to formulate a committee, they will formulate a fact finding committee of three persons composed of:
 - a. one person chosen by the Chairs
 - b. one person chosen by the accused
 - c. a third person chosen by mutual agreement of the first two committee members.
 4. The fact-finding committee will investigate and prepare a report of the extent of truth of the charges as expeditiously as possible but no later than 90 days after the formation of the committee.
 5. After completing the report, the fact-finding committee will meet with the accused and the accuser to see if a mutually agreeable resolution can be found.
 6. If the dispute cannot be resolved there, then the Chairs or any member of the fact-finding committee will bring the matter, including the written report of the fact-finding committee, to the next meeting of the GPVA. The portion of the GPVA meeting considering the charges should be closed to observers. A three-quarters vote is required to withdraw the membership of the accused where the burden of proof is on those making the charges. However the process ends, the Chairs should file a brief minute giving the names of the accused and the accuser, and stating what, if any, resolution

was reached.

7. If at any time during the above process the Chairs determine that the accused is not making a good-faith attempt to cooperate, they may bring the matter before the next meeting of the GPVA to seek a final resolution. If half of the affiliated locals vote to do so, the matter shall be placed before the next meeting of the GPVA to seek a final resolution.

E. Membership Voting Rights

Each GPVA member, who is registered with the state party for at least one year or is designated to party officers by his/her Local Representative or Alternate as a member in good standing of the Local, is entitled to vote on proposals presented at business meetings. At Large members who wish to exercise voting rights within the first year of joining the party shall be vetted by one of the co-chairs.

Decision Making

VIII. Scope of Decisions

- A. Decisions of the Green Party of Virginia shall be divided into minor and major decisions.
- B. Minor decisions are process, scheduling, and communication decisions such as scheduling GPVA meetings and informal networking.
- C. Major decisions include, but are not limited to:
 1. organizational structure
 2. platform ratification
 3. candidate nomination or endorsement at the state level
 4. formally joining coalitions
 5. financial matters of the GPVA
 6. bylaw changes

IX. Local Review

- A. Major decisions may be reviewed by Green Locals.
- B. Major decisions will stand unless opposed by 25% or more of Green Locals before the next meeting of the GPVA which occurs 31 or more days after receipt of the minutes concerning the decision.
- C. Minor decisions cannot be overturned by Green locals.

X. Meetings and Decision Making

- A. Local Representation
 1. Each Local, through an inclusive democratic process shall designate a Local Representative and one or more Alternates to serve as its principal point of contact with the state party.
 2. The Local shall provide the names and contact information of the Local Representative and Alternates to GPVA Officers along with a copy or

reference to published meeting minutes at which such representation was designated. Notice of changes in representation shall be submitted to the party within 31 days of the change so that the party can publish the change in a timely manner.

3. The names and contact information of the Local Representative and Alternates shall be published to the GPVA website in a timely manner after they are received and validated by GPVA officers.
4. The GPVA strongly encourages its locals to promote gender balance and diversity in the selection of its Local Representative and Alternates.

B. Quorum

1. Quorum consists of:
 - a. At least one of the Chairs or the Treasurer, and
 - b. A Local Representative or Alternate from each of 50% or more of the affiliated Locals.
2. For the purpose of quorum-counting, officers and Local Representatives may be the same person, and one of the Chairs is deemed to be the Local Representative for At Large Greens.
3. Locals which have no Local Representative or Alternate present and have not sent representatives to either of the two preceding business meetings of the GPVA will not be counted for purposes of the 50% quorum requirement.

C. Major Decisions

1. Major decisions shall be made by consensus of those GPVA members present, or if consensus cannot be achieved, a vote of three-fifths voting members present, unless the Bylaws specify a different approval threshold for the decision at hand.
2. Decisions of Green Locals will be considered in the process but do not directly affect consensus or voting.

D. Minor Decisions

1. Minor decisions shall be made by consensus of those GPVA members present, or if consensus cannot be achieved, a simple majority of voting members present for approval.

E. Conduct

1. Participants in meetings of the GPVA are expected to treat each other with gentleness and consideration.
2. Persons who violate this standard may be asked to remain silent and/or leave the meeting.

F. Scheduling

1. The Chairs of the GPVA may call an unscheduled meeting of the GPVA with the concurrence of a majority of the GPVA Local Contacts and GPVA officers. A good-faith effort must be made to publicize this meeting to all GPVA members.
2. A future meeting date or continuance of a meeting may be set at any meeting of the GPVA with the concurrence of a majority of the Local Representatives and GPVA officers, and will be publicized to the Contact

Person for each local.

G. Meeting Agenda

1. The agenda and any proposals to be presented at a GPVA meeting must be distributed to the Local Contacts at least 31 days prior to the meeting.
2. Items which have not been distributed 31 days prior to the meeting may be placed on the agenda by consensus or a majority vote of the Local Representatives and GPVA officers.
3. Bylaw amendments added to the agenda at the meeting will be placed on the agenda for discussion only.

XI. Candidate Nomination and Endorsement Policy

- A. The GPVA may nominate or endorse candidates for local, regional, state, and national offices.
- B. The word "nomination" will be used when the candidate will be publicly identified with the GPVA.
- C. The word "endorsement" will be used in all other cases.
- D. A nomination/endorsement may occur at any official business meeting of the GPVA.
- E. Any nomination/endorsement will be subject to the usual process of review by the locals, unless the proposed nomination or endorsement was specified on an announcement distributed to all affiliated locals at least one month prior to the GPVA business meeting.
- F. A candidate may be proposed for nomination/endorsement by any member of the GPVA or affiliated local.
- G. No candidate will be nominated or endorsed by the GPVA if the nomination or endorsement is opposed by all of the Green Locals in the candidate's electoral district.
- H. It is highly encouraged that candidates who wish to be considered for nomination:
 1. Be an active member of an affiliated local.
 2. Seek the nomination of all locals within their district, and then seek the GPVA nomination.
 3. Attend, or send a letter to, the GPVA meeting at which their nomination will be considered.
- I. Candidates who accept a GPVA nomination for office will be considered official Green candidates. As such, they should:
 1. be a member of a Green organization.
 2. embrace the platform of the GPVA.
 3. identify themselves as "Green candidates."
- J. The GPVA may endorse other candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the GPVA State Platform, provided there is no Green Party - endorsed or nominated candidate in the race.
- K. Locals engaged in electoral activity will be responsible for choosing to nominate or endorse candidates whose districts lie within their general area.
- L. If in a given area there is no local engaged in electoral activity, prospective Green

candidates from that area may request nomination by the GPVA.

- M. If in a given electoral district, there are multiple candidates for a given office or if at least one but not all of the Green Locals in the district oppose a candidate, then a democratic process open to all GPVA members in that district will be used to nominate a single candidate or to not nominate any candidate. If the Locals in that district cannot agree on a democratic process in a timely fashion, then the Co-Chairs of the GPVA will conduct a ballot of GPVA members in that district.
- N. The GPVA will utilize all legal means to prevent self-description as Green or Green Party candidates by persons who have not been approved through the process described above.

XII. Amendments to the By-Laws

- A. Proposals in final form for Amendments to these By-laws must be published to the GPVA membership 31 days prior to the next state meeting.

XIII. Platform Revision Process

- A. The platform of the Green Party of Virginia and all revisions will be approved by the following process:
 1. Platform revisions shall be drafted by a meeting of the Green Party of Virginia or a designated committee.
 2. The recommended changes shall be mailed to each member of the GPVA in a format by which they can indicate approval or disapproval of each new or changed plank.
 3. Ballots will be tallied 30 days after the beginning of the polling process by a person or persons designated by a meeting of the GPVA.
 4. The tally clerk will forward all ballot materials to the Co-Chairs for archiving.
 5. New or changed planks in the platform are approved if the votes in favor are 75% or greater of the total votes for or against that change.
 6. Deletions are approved if supported by more than 50% of the total votes for or against the deletion.
- B. In extraordinary circumstances, the GPVA may amend the platform at any regular meeting.
- C. The Platform and all changes made through the above process shall remain in effect until changed by the same process.
- D. The GPVA, or designated committee, may approve non-content changes to the platform without the need for the above described membership ratification process. Such changes may include:
 1. titles
 2. arrangement of the planks of the platform
 3. grammatical and stylistic changes to the wording of planks
 4. creating and naming various subsets of the platform to be used in cases when the entire platform would be too cumbersome

5. combining planks
6. other similar changes

Officers

XIV. Officers

Qualifications

- A. The Green Party of Virginia shall establish the following positions ("Officers"): two equal positions of Chair, one woman and one man, a Treasurer, a Press Secretary, and a Webmaster.
- B. Each Officer shall be an active member of the GPVA.
- C. Each Officer shall be elected for a term of one year.
- D. Election of an Officer may take place at any business meeting of the GPVA by consensus or by a majority vote of members present.
- E. Officer vacancies may be filled at any business meeting of the GPVA by consensus or by a majority vote of members present or otherwise by a majority vote of the Interim Committee. Any such decision of the Interim Committee must be ratified at the next scheduled business meeting at which quorum is achieved.
- F. Recall of an Officer may take place at any business meeting of the GPVA by consensus or by a three-quarter vote of members present.

Duties

- G. The duties of the Chairs shall be as follows:
 1. Act as contacts and spokespersons for the GPVA.
 2. Schedule two in person GPVA business meetings each year, one in the spring and one in the fall, and any other meetings needed to expedite party business, whether in person or via teleconference. Arrangements for in person meetings shall be coordinated with the hosting local.
 3. Coordinate setting of the agenda for GPVA business meetings.
 4. Arrange for facilitation of GPVA business meetings.
 5. Record the minutes of GPVA business meetings and distribute at least one copy to each local within two weeks of the meeting.
 6. Certify acceptance or rejection of proposals adopted at GPVA business meetings by Green Locals, and notify the locals of the results.
 7. Maintain a list of all current members, contact persons and alternates for all Virginia Green locals.
 8. Other duties as specified by the GPVA.
- H. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:
 1. Receive and disburse all funds of the GPVA and maintain records of all such transactions.
 2. Present a report at each business meeting covering the current financial status of the GPVA and other such information as requested.
 3. Reimburse the Chair(s) for appropriate expenses incurred in the

performance of their duties (i.e. phone, postage, etc.).

4. File financial reports as required or requested by the GPVA and law.
 5. Present the annual budget for approval by GPVA no later than the beginning of the calendar year to which the budget applies.
- I. The duties of the Press Secretary shall be as follows:
1. See that all activities and events of the GPVA receive the maximum amount of favorable publicity that is possible.
 2. Assist the Locals in seeing that all of their activities and events receive the maximum amount of favorable publicity that is possible.
 3. Maintain a database of publications and other media for use in publicizing GPVA activities and events.
 4. Act as spokesperson for the GPVA, in the same manner as the Chairs.
 5. Distribute and follow up all press releases of the GPVA.
 6. Maintain a record of all known media coverage of the GPVA.
 7. The Press Secretary shall follow all written guidelines of the GPVA.
- J. The duties of the Webmaster shall be as follows:
1. Develop and maintain the GPVA website, including but not limited to: posting GPVA meeting agendas and minutes; bylaw and platform updates; newsletters; committee rosters; and officer contact information.
 2. Maintain GPVA listservs.

Committees

XV. Legally Required Committees

- A. As required by local, state, or federal law, the GPVA will create committees and/or organizations that comply with any and all necessary legal requirements for ballot access, elections, fund-raising, voter registration, etc.
- B. These committees and/or organizations will always remain subject to decision making articles of this document, but may be allowed limited autonomy as specified by the GPVA.

XVI. Central Committee

A. Definition

In order to comply with state law, the GPVA shall establish a Central Committee.

B. Composition

1. Each member of the Central Committee must be a member of the GPVA, must be a registered voter, and shall not be a member of another political party.
2. The Central Committee shall consist of one member from each of the eleven Congressional districts and two at-large members.
3. The GPVA Co-Chairs shall assume the at-large seats, unless not lawfully qualified to serve, in which case they shall appoint qualified replacements.
4. The Party Chair shall be a GPVA Co-Chair and shall be affirmed in this

role by the Interim Committee.

5. The Party Secretary shall be the other GPVA Co-Chair.
6. The District seats shall be recruited by the GPVA Co-Chairs and affirmed by the Interim Committee, unless selected in an inclusive, democratic process by the GPVA members of the district.
7. Alternates for the District seats shall be recruited by the GPVA Co-Chairs and affirmed by the Interim Committee, unless selected in an inclusive, democratic process by the GPVA members of the district.
8. If a member leaves the Central Committee, the alternate shall assume the seat.
9. Each District member of the Central Committee shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor has been affirmed by the Interim Committee.
10. The terms of the At Large seats shall be concurrent with the terms of the GPVA Co-Chairs.

C. Responsibilities

1. The GPVA Co-Chair designated as Party Chair shall, in a timely fashion, certify the nominations that have been approved according to GPVA bylaws.
2. Central Committee members shall inform the GPVA Co-Chairs of any changes of their address, legal name, congressional district or voter registration, or of their resignation from the committee.
3. The GPVA Co-Chairs shall ensure that all Central Committee seats are filled at all times.
4. The GPVA Co-Chairs shall communicate any changes in the composition of the Central Committee to the State Board of Elections in a timely fashion.
5. The Central Committee shall have no decision making power.
6. The Central Committee shall receive direction in any legally required decisions from the GPVA at a business meeting, from the Interim Committee, or from the GPVA Officers within the limits of their duties as defined in the GPVA bylaws.

XVII. Interim Committee

A. Definition

The GPVA shall have an Interim Committee, accountable to the GPVA and responsible for making GPVA decisions between GPVA business meetings.

B. Composition

1. Each member of the Interim Committee must be a member of the GPVA.
2. The GPVA Co-Chairs shall be members of the Interim Committee.
3. The GPVA Treasurer shall be a member of the Interim Committee.
4. The GPVA Press Secretary shall be a member of the Interim Committee.
5. Each Local Representative is an ex officio member of the Interim Committee. In the event a Local Representative is unable to participate in an Interim Committee session, the Local or its Representative may designate an Alternate to participate in his/her absence, unless another

Local member has been so designated.

6. One of the Co-Chairs shall be designated as the convenor of the interim committee.
7. The position of convenor may be alternated, as the Co-Chairs choose, upon notification of the other committee members.
8. If the representatives from half of the affiliated Locals with designated representatives to the Interim Committee so request, the convenor shall convene the Interim Committee.
9. If any convenor fails to schedule the convening of the Interim Committee within five days after receiving the request, the requesting representatives may appoint another convenor, who shall be an Interim Committee representative, to serve for the duration of the requested meeting of the Interim Committee.
10. All discussions of the interim committee are open to any member of the GPVA. Any member of the GPVA may participate in discussions unless the committee finds such participation to be disruptive.

C. Responsibilities

1. The convenor shall facilitate discussions of the Interim Committee.
2. The convenor shall certify and record any decisions made by the Interim Committee.
3. The convenor shall make reports to the meetings of the GPVA.
4. The Interim Committee shall conduct the day-to-day business of the GPVA.
5. The Interim Committee shall make decisions on any matters which cannot reasonably be put off until the next meeting of the GPVA.
6. The Interim Committee shall issue statements on behalf of the GPVA concerning current events.
7. The Interim Committee shall hire and oversee the activities of all staff of the GPVA.

D. Decision Making

1. A quorum of the Interim Committee for conducting business shall be the same as that required for GPVA major decisions.
2. The Interim Committee shall strive for consensus in all of its decisions.
3. A good-faith effort shall be made to contact every Interim Committee member on any decision pending before the committee. A specified period of time shall be allowed for discussion. Not less than seventy-two (72) hours shall be allowed for a vote, including at least two full business days.
4. If consensus is not achievable, then the decision making rules for major and minor party decisions outlined in XI.C and XI.D shall apply.
5. All decisions of the Interim Committee are subject to revision by the GPVA at any scheduled meeting.

XVIII. Standing Committees

A. Establishment

The party membership may elect to establish Standing Committees as it may from time to time deem necessary to conduct party business. Existing committees shall function until such time as they are dissolved. Establishment of a committee shall be considered a major party decision.

B. Dissolution

The party membership may elect to dissolve a Standing Committee whose purpose has been accomplished or whose function is no longer needed. Dissolution of a committee shall be considered a major party decision.

C. Records

The rules and archives of all GPVA standing committees shall be publicly accessible.

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The Green Party of Virginia

Platform

Political Vision

The Greens offer an alternative way of thinking about politics. Our agenda focuses on common interests, not special interests, long-term solutions, not quick fixes. The platform of the Green Party of Virginia is built upon the following Ten Key Values of the American Green movement:

Ecological Wisdom

Grassroots Democracy

Social Justice

Nonviolence

Decentralization

Community-based Economics

Feminism

Respect for Diversity

Personal and Global Responsibility

Future Focus and Sustainability.

At the core of our platform are five categories of issues:

Ecological Wisdom

For love of future generations, we consider the long range consequences of current actions. We must address the external costs of production and consumption. Our practices of generating "waste" separate us from natural systems in which degraded matter is decomposed and returned to the web of life as nutrients. We must find ways to address this imbalance and commit ourselves to the rights of clean air, clean water, and clean soil.

We call for the implementation of true cost-pricing or other accountability systems that reveal the long-term and hidden environmental and social costs of products: air and water pollution, deforestation, toxic waste, abuse of labor, risk to health, and countless other ways in which our products and our lives and the life of the earth are interrelated.

Community-based Economics

We will strengthen local communities by encouraging economic self-reliance in all ways practical. As an alternative to an economy owned by either government or gigantic corporations, Greens favor a Jeffersonian economic model with ownership, responsibility, and control spread as widely as possible among Virginians.

Human Rights

Everyone should share in the fruits of our society regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, class, age, or disability. We recognize the intimate connection between our rights as individuals and our responsibilities to our neighbors, our communities, and the entire planet.

Therefore, we oppose all laws that discriminate based on categories and physical and emotional attributes. We believe all humans have a fundamental right to a liveable wage, access to education, and universal health care, with special emphasis on protection of and care for children.

Peace and Nonviolence

We encourage education, investment, and dialogue to find ways to prepare for peace. We examine the causes and effects of violence, from individual acts of violence to institutionalized acts of violence. We must end assaults against individuals, families, nations, and the environment. We call for cooperative ways of interacting to replace the cultural ethics of domination and control. In this way, we can most effectively foster the process of peace.

Democracy and Electoral Reform

Concentration of political power in the hands of too few contributes to social and economic injustice. Virginians must reclaim their right to govern themselves, acknowledging that both the national and Virginia constitutions state that all power is derived from the people. We support

community authority to make decisions that affect the community and promote social and economic justice for all. We support citizen participation in passing legislation, including initiative, referendum, and the right of recall of elected officials.

In order to dilute the power of the two-party system and to promote citizen participation, we call for extensive campaign finance reform and adoption of an alternative system of electing legislative bodies instead of the current "winner-take-all" system. In our Green campaigns, we pledge not to accept campaign contributions of more than \$1000 from any individual and will not accept any contributions from Political Action Committees or lobbyists.

We welcome all Virginians to share the Green vision. Please join us in creating a new politics.

OUTLINE OF PLATFORM PLANKS BY TOPIC

I. Ecological Wisdom

A. Farming

B. Land Use

C. Environmental Protection

Legal Protection

Market Incentives

Waste

Energy

Transportation

Education

II. Community-Based Economics

III. Human Rights

A. Civil Rights & Community Services

B. Worker Rights

C. Economic Justice

D. Health

E. Crime and Law

IV. Peace and Nonviolence

V. Democracy and Electoral Reform

A. Grassroots Democracy

B. Ballot Reform

C. Campaign Reform

I. ECOLOGICAL WISDOM

A. Farming

1. We support organic and biologically sustainable farming and encourage development of farmers' markets, cooperative markets, and education to increase public acceptance of organically and locally produced food.
2. We encourage small-scale family and cooperative farms, polyculture crops, and regional food supplies rather than large-scale, chemically dependent agribusiness.
3. We oppose government incentives that encourage chemical farming over organic farming.
4. We encourage agricultural colleges to include organic and sustainable farming methods in their curriculum.
5. We encourage the expansion of fast-growing, renewable plant sources (e.g. hemp and kenaf) to replace the use of trees and nonrenewable (i.e., petroleum-based) substances for paper, fiber, food, and oil production.
6. We support phasing out factory farming. We oppose inhumane treatment of food animals and the routine use of hormones, antibiotics, and other chemicals associated with factory farming.
7. We support eliminating all government subsidies, including water subsidies, for agribusiness.

B. Land Use

8. We oppose the commercial degradation of public land. Activities that fragment, diminish, or destroy these lands (e.g., old growth timber sales, mining and gas and oil operations, irresponsible road building, harmful recreation, needless game management) should cease.
9. We oppose the construction of the King William reservoir which would inundate 524 acres of valuable wetlands, submerge American Indian archaeological sites, and harm animal and plant life along the Mattaponi River by changing its salinity. We support the use of water conservation measures to eliminate the need for this reservoir.
10. We oppose construction of the Lake Gaston pipeline, which would deprive southwest Virginia of water while subsidizing unmanaged growth in Virginia Beach.

C. Environmental Protection

Legal Protection

11. We support the individual citizen's right to bring legal suit against those who pollute.
12. We oppose any law that restricts Virginia and its localities from passing environmental legislation that provides more protection than federal requirements. In accordance, we oppose any state laws that restrict localities from providing more protection than the Commonwealth.
13. We support requiring local planning commissions and boards of zoning appeals to fully

account for compliance with environmental protection regulations.

14. We support strengthening the Clean Water Act and full compliance with the Clean Air Act.

15. We support strengthening protection of the Chesapeake Bay.

Market Incentives

16. We support market-based solutions and the concept of the "polluter pays" to improve the environment (e.g., "green" taxes, measures to include a product's social and environmental costs in the consumer costs of the product, and cost preferences/discounts for environmentally benign products and services).

17. We support a "bottle bill" (beverage-container deposit legislation).

Waste

18. We support rigorous measures to reduce the amount of hazardous waste generated within and imported into Virginia. We oppose the import, export, and generation of nuclear or toxic waste products resulting from nuclear energy or weapons production.

19. We support collection of a deposit on batteries and other hazardous materials to separate them from the waste stream.

20. We support a moratorium on all landfill permits until studies have been completed on inspection and reporting requirements for solid waste; transportation hazards (road, rail, and water) for moving waste; and impact on local economic development of landfills and their growth.

Energy

21. We support vigorous development of sun-to-electricity technologies and other solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass energy sources.

22. We support the revision of building codes to remove barriers to the use of new energy-efficient technologies and alternative human excrement disposal methods.

23. We support the reinstatement of tax rebates for retrofitting existing homes with passive solar heating.

24. We support removing any obstacles that prevent Virginia utilities from promoting energy efficient technologies.

Transportation

25. We support the expanded use of rail for transportation, recognizing that it is less polluting and more energy efficient than automobile and air transportation.

26. We support development of zero-emission motor vehicles.

27. We support measures to reduce automobile travel, such as expanded public transportation and higher gas taxes.

28. We support requiring all non-automobile funds from the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Act (ISTEA) to be used for non-automobile modes of transportation, instead of highway beautification or HOV lanes.

Education

29. We support inclusion of curriculum in our schools that emphasizes the ecological concerns of the local environment.

II. COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMICS

30. We support changing tax laws to encourage the development of small businesses, worker-owned businesses, and cooperatives.

31. We oppose measures which subsidize large corporate development to the detriment of local communities (e.g., tax breaks, compromised land use regulations, weak enforcement of environmental codes, and subsidized highway construction).

32. We support imposing an appropriate share of costs on commercial property owners who benefit from transportation and other public infrastructure.

33. We oppose using prison construction as a method for stimulating the economy.

34. We recognize uncompensated labor (e.g. volunteerism, domestic work, and childrearing) as contributions to the economy that should be included in standard economic measures. We recognize external costs (e.g. pollution, resource depletion, and loss of open space) as deficits to the economy that should also be included. Statistical reports, accounting, and economic decisions should reflect these values.

III. HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Civil Rights & Community Services

35. We support a guarantee of adequate education, health care, housing, nutrition, and safety for all children.

36. We support the adoption of an amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing equal rights to women.

37. We oppose the criminalization of private sexual acts of consenting adults.

38. We support adequate funding so that physically and mentally challenged citizens can pursue their education and training and reach their highest potential, ideally enabling them to live independently. We should provide residential settings within the community for those who do not need institutional care but who are unable to live independently.

39. We support homelessness prevention programs which allow families to receive temporary assistance before they become homeless.
40. We support community-based services for the homeless and oppose all laws that criminalize homelessness.
41. We support extending the full civil rights afforded to ethnic/religious minorities and women to include gays and lesbians.
42. We support the rights of gays and lesbians to marry, adopt, and receive equal treatment under the law in child custody cases.
43. We support seeking a reversal to the Supreme Court decision that gave corporations the status of persons, thereby permitting the owners and officers to avoid personal responsibility for their acts and allowing corporations to be shielded by the Bill of Rights.
44. We oppose the current shift from public to corporate funding of schools.
45. We support adequate funding for public libraries.

B. Worker Rights

46. We support legislation to strengthen collective bargaining, the right of all workers to organize, and the right to negotiate binding contracts with their employers.
47. We support worker control over pension assets.
48. We support availability of parental leave and workplace-available day care.
49. We support vigorous enforcement of child labor laws.
50. We support extending to migrant labor the protections covering other workers.
51. We support extending to contingent workers (i.e., temporary, leased, and contract workers) and workers receiving welfare the protections covering other workers.
52. We support the strict enforcement of mine safety regulations.

C. Economic Justice

53. We support raising the minimum wage to a liveable wage so that Virginia's families can afford the basic essentials of decent food, housing, and health care.
54. We support the elimination of sales tax on purchases of food.
55. We support the creation of community-based housing trust funds that will grant money to build affordable housing.

D. Health

56. We support a publicly financed, single-payer universal health insurance system with an emphasis on disease prevention and well-being and the inclusion of alternative treatments.
57. We support freedom to make one's own reproductive choices, providing access to birth control education and all contraceptive options.
58. We support access to safe, legal abortions, while seeking solutions to the root causes of unwanted pregnancies.
59. We oppose prohibition of marijuana as a medication.
60. We support the treatment of drug and alcohol addiction as a health problem, not a criminal problem, funded through health insurance.
61. We support a public dialogue to determine the most feasible plan to decriminalize drugs and redirect the funds presently spent on the drug war to education, prevention, and treatment.

E. Crime & Law

62. We support crime prevention programs such as after-school recreation and youth employment initiatives.
63. We support "offender restitution" and "restorative justice" programs.
64. We support "fully-informed juries" that are instructed in their constitutional right to judge the law as well as the case in question.
65. We support judicial discretion in setting sentences for those convicted of crime.
66. We support measures requiring gun owners to be qualified to use firearms safely and held strictly accountable for any illegal use of the firearm.
67. We oppose the "21-day rule" that prevents defendants from introducing new evidence more than 21 days after their original trials.
68. We oppose the death penalty. Dangerous criminals should not be released as long as they pose a threat to society.

IV. PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE

69. We support the teaching and implementation of conflict resolution skills and techniques in all schools.
70. We support prevention programs to deter hate crimes and domestic violence.
71. We support U.S. compliance with international law.
72. We support the elimination of nuclear weapons and land mines.

V. DEMOCRACY AND ELECTORAL REFORM

A. Grassroots Democracy

73. We support the right of citizens to petition to place legislation on the ballot for approval by the voters (initiative), to vote on laws passed by the legislature (referendum), and to recall elected officials from office.

74. We support the repeal of all state laws which restrict local communities from exercising the power or authority to make decisions (e.g., the Dillon Rule).

75. We support increasing citizen participation in elections by reducing the number of required signatures on candidate petitions for statewide office (governor, representative, senator, etc.) to a number that can be reasonably gathered by volunteers rather than paid petitioners.

76. To increase voter participation, we support reforms such as optional mail-in voting, voting on weekends, or making Election Day a state holiday.

77. We support replacing the current "winner-take-all" election system with the use of measures which more adequately represent the concerns of the voters rather than the power of the two major parties. These measures include NOTA (none-of-the-above on all ballots) and a proportional representation system of electing city, county, and state offices (for instance, guaranteeing seats to all parties which garner more than 5 percent of the vote).

B. Ballot Reform

78. We support increasing ballot choices available to voters. We call for changes in the laws that currently restrict access to the ballot for parties other than those of the Democrats and Republicans.

79. We support identifying candidates by party on the ballot in Virginia. We also support permitting a candidate to be identified with more than one party (fusion).

C. Campaign Reform

80. We support real campaign finance reform: spending and contribution limits, restriction of political action committee (PAC) contributions, and moving toward taxpayer supported campaigns.

81. We support creation of significant media forums free to qualified candidates. Both printed and broadcast forums would be structured to publicize campaign finance reports, improve electoral discourse, and broaden electoral choices.

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Minutes of GPVA Business Meeting Via Teleconference on January 5, 2012

Present were: Audrey Clement, Jim Hurysz, Tamar and Tom Yager (Arlington), Charlie Jordan (Blue Ridge), Chris Fink (Fredericksburg), Mike Shushan (Hampton Roads), and Andrew Ragland (At Large). A quorum consisting of at least half of the five locals participating in the two most recent business meetings--Arlington, Fredericksburg, Loudoun and NoVA on 10/1/11 and Arlington, Blue Ridge, Fredericksburg, Loudoun and NoVA on 6/11/11--having been established, the meeting was called to order.

Tom was appointed facilitator, Audrey note taker, Chris timekeeper, and Andrew vibes watcher.

The previously published meeting agenda was amended and agreed to by consensus as follows:

1. Report on GPVA Central Committee and Green Party Presidential electors for Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Conduct of GPVA presidential primary.
3. Appointment of coordinator of GPVA presidential candidate petition drive.
4. Dissemination of presidential candidate nominating petition forms.
5. House Party in Arlington for Jill Stein, on Saturday, January 20.
6. Legislation drafted by the Libertarian Party to reduce statewide and congressional election signature requirements.

1. Report on GPVA Central Committee and Green Party Presidential electors for Commonwealth of Virginia.
Audrey reported that electors for all 11 congressional districts (CDs) and two at large electors have volunteered to appear on the 2012 GPVA presidential nominating petition as follows:

- CD 1, Fink, Christopher
- CD 2, Dowe, Eddie
- CD 3, Burger, Scott
- CD 4, Miller, Richard
- CD 5, Cutlip, Jana
- CD 6, Metraux, Daniel
- CD 7, Delehanty, John
- CD 8, Mookerjee, Kirt
- CD 9, Anderson, Clifford
- CD 10, Taylor, Mary
- CD 11, Hughes, Paul

At Large, Yager, Tamar
At Large, Lowenstern, James

She also reported that on December 2, 2011 the GPVA Interim Committee approved the appointment of a Central Committee of the following members:

Chair, Yager, Thomas
Secretary, Clement, Audrey
CD 1, Fink, Christopher
CD 2, Dowe, Eddie
CD 3, Burger, Scott
CD 4, Miller, Richard
CD 5, Cutlip, Jana
CD 6, Metraux, Daniel
CD 7, Delehanty, John
CD 8, Mookerjee, Kirit
CD 9, Anderson, Clifford
CD 10, Taylor, Mary
CD 11, Hughes, Paul

2. Conduct of GPVA presidential primary.

On a recommendation from Tom that the results of the GPVA presidential preference primary be tabulated by March 10, the date of the next GPVA business meeting, Audrey moved to create a presidential primary subcommittee chaired by Chris Fink to conduct the GPVA presidential preference primary for a two week period beginning Monday, February 20, 2012. The results of the primary will be presented at the March 10 meeting. Charlie raised a blocking concern that the the presidential preference primary will not reflect the true preferences of the voters, because such preferences cannot be captured by the split-vote methodology to be employed. Specifically while it is possible to rank order preferences, it is impossible to quantify preferences by estimating their cardinal utility values.

The motion carried on a vote of 7-1-0.

3. Appointment of coordinator of GPVA presidential candidate petition drive.

There were no volunteers to coordinate the GPVA presidential nominating petition drive. However, on a recommendation from Tom that congressional district level coordinators be appointed, Jim Hurysz volunteered to lead the petitioning effort in CD 8. Charlie raised a blocking concern that district level coordination doesn't make sense in cities like Roanoke and areas like Hampton Roads, which are comprised of more than one CD. He was also concerned that there are no plans to link the planned GPVA presidential ballot access drive with a prospective senatorial ballot access drive. A motion to appoint Jim Hurysz petition coordinator for CD 8 was carried by consensus with 3 stand asides. Andrew then moved to table the appointment of more district level coordinators till the next meeting. The motion carried by consensus.

4. Dissemination of presidential candidate nominating petition forms.

Audrey moved to name Jill Stein as stand-in presidential candidate on the 2012 GPVA presidential nominating petition, subject to her approval, and that Jill name a candidate of her choosing to be the stand-in vice presidential candidate. The motion carried by consensus with 2 stand asides.

5. House Party in Arlington for Jill Stein, on Wednesday, January 18.
Tamar announced that John Reeder is planning a house party for Jill Stein at his home in Arlington on Wednesday, January 18, as Jill will be in the DC area the following weekend to address a Move to Amend rally.

6. Legislation drafted by the Libertarian Party to reduce statewide and congressional election signature requirements.
Audrey announced that Virginia Libertarian Party co-chair Bill Redpath had forwarded to her for comment the attached draft legislation to reduce the signature requirement for statewide and congressional candidates. Redpath indicated that he wants GPVA members to seek the sponsorship of their legislators in the General Assembly. Audrey moved that GPVA support the draft legislation and empower GPVA co-chairs to negotiate improvements to the bill requiring less than 72 hours notice to the GPVA Interim Committee. The motion carried by consensus.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned with the date of the next business meeting having previously been set for Saturday, March 10 in Fredericksburg.

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Dear Greens,

Here are the minutes for the GPVA business meeting on March 10. Thanks to Giannina Ienco for taking notes at the meeting. Please submit corrections ASAP.

Tom Yager
Co-chair, GPVA

Locals present at meeting: Arlington, Blue Ridge, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads, and NOVA.

I. Co-chairs report:

GPVA elected 3 of its members to Soil and Water Conservation Boards in November:

Chris Simmons: Loudoun County
Giannina Ienco: Fredericksburg City
Buck Richards: Warren County

Two other candidates for Soil and Water Conservation Board also received GPVA endorsement:

Kathy Selvage: Wise County
Juanita Sneeuwjagt: Dickenson County

Tom Yager tried to contact Greens in Lexington and Lynchburg to run as write-ins for Soil and Water Conservation Board. Some party members in Lexington expressed interest in rebuilding the Rockbridge Greens.

II. Treasurer's report:

Balance of \$2,041.81 in treasury. Recent receipts of \$486.86 from Rockbridge Greens and \$665.60 from the national Green Party for state sharing funds; another state sharing funds check may be forthcoming. Donations also recently received. Recent expenditures of \$255.72 on

mailing for Presidential primary ballots.

Our domain name needs to be renewed in six months.

Request to reinstate the political action committee (PAC) to promote and directly fund candidates and possibly to pay petitioners for Presidential ballot access drive.

Tom Yager agreed to file paperwork to reinstate the PAC.

PAC could have same treasurer as operating fund but would be separate account.

III. GPUUS representatives reports:

Little activity other than elections and EcoAction Committee mission statement.

Tom Yager, who is co-chair of the Presidential Campaign Support Committee, issued a report on the PCSC's activities. The PCSC helped Presidential candidates meet filing deadlines for primary ballots. It also is compiling information about the dates of state party Presidential preference processes, and trying to promote Presidential preference processes in states without organized Green Parties. The candidates with PCSC recognition are Jill Stein and Roseanne Barr; Kent Mesplay and Harley Mikkelsen had recognition earlier in the 2012 election cycle.

IV. Local reports

Arlington Greens: Held house party for Jill Stein; raised money for her. Don Rouse taped party; will be on Green Hour. Jill Stein is halfway to primary matching funds in Virginia.

Opposed to Colombia Pike trolley, which will have huge impact on affordable housing for minority populations.

Kirit Mookerjee is chair of the County's Tenant-Landlord Commission.

Running candidate for County Board for seventh year in a row; hope to run a full slate of candidates in 2015 election.

Fredericksburg Greens: Elected Giannina Ienco to Soil and Water Conservation Board. Chris Fink looking for someone to serve as coordinator for local.

Hampton Roads: Preservation of historical Fort Monroe and promoting recycling in Portsmouth. Need to get more members involved.

NOVA Greens: Focused on party building. Updated website; need better contact information (esp. email addresses from members).

Involved in Move to Amend, Moveon, and Sustainable Reston. Very active on Facebook and Twitter. Petitioning for Jill Stein.

Blue Ridge Greens: No report.

V. Suspension of Rockbridge Greens' affiliation:

Tabled; Tom announced plans to work on reviving Rockbridge Greens.

VI. Presidential candidate speeches:

Kent Mesplay, Roseanne Barr, and Jill Stein addressed GPVA via Skype about fundraising, the focus of their campaigns, and organizing for ballot access. NOTE: Harley Mikkelsen did not address state party because he has not yet filed with the Federal Elections Commission and cannot legally raise funds

VII. Report on Audrey Clement's campaign:

Audrey is running in the Arlington County Board special election on March 27. She needs poll workers on Election Day.

VIII. Building and renewing GPVA locals:

Tom Yager will follow up with Erika Wolfe from the Stein campaign about putting together a seminar on building and reviving local Green parties.

IX. Presidential petition drive:

GPVA needs to collect 10,000 valid signatures, which requires about 15,000 raw signatures, by August 24 to get ballot access for the Green Presidential nominee. An initial turn-in of 10,000 raw signatures is planned for Memorial Day.

Jill Stein and Howie Hawkins are the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates on the petition.

John Reeder agreed to be statewide coordinator for the petition drive. So far, the District coordinators are: Jim Hurysz (CD 8), Audrey Clement (CD 10), and Joe Galdo (CD 11).

Need list of festivals (Chris Fink will compile), updated brochure about GPVA, and repaired membership link on website.

Erika Wolfe provided contact info for students at George Mason who want to petition; Tom Yager will follow up.

Tom will also follow up with contacting Don Mackler in CD 9.

X. GPVA primary results:

A total of 45 GPVA members voted in the GPVA mail and online Presidential primary. Each voter had 100 points to allocate to candidates on the ballot, to write-ins, or to None of the Above. The candidates on the ballot were Jill Stein, Roseanne Barr, Kent Mesplay, and Harley Mikkelson. Out of the total 4,500 points:

Jill Stein: 3,121.
Roseanne Barr: 553
Kent Mesplay: 234
Harley Mikkelson: 200
None of the Above: 200
Barack Obama: 140
Jello Biafra: 50
Ralph Nader: 1

GPVA has 5 delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention. They were allocated as follows, based proportionally upon on the results of the primary:

Jill Stein: 3.5
Roseanne Barr: 0.5
Kent Mesplay: 0.5
Harley Mikkelson: 0.5

XI. Election of delegates to Presidential Nominating Convention:

There was discussion over whether the item on the agenda was to elect delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention or to discuss the election of delegates.

Charlie Jordan: Ambiguity about wording of agenda; should delay election of delegates and send out invitation to voters in Presidential primary to be delegates.

Tom Yager read from the meeting notice sent out on February 10: "Our next state party business meeting will be on March 10 in

Fredericksburg from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. At the meeting, we will announce the results of our Presidential voting process that will take place from February 20 to March 4, elect delegates to the 2012 Presidential nominating convention, and discuss our petition drive to get our Presidential candidate on the ballot.”

Charlie Jordan decided to block holding the election at the meeting. The vote was 7 in favor of holding the election at the meeting, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.

An election was held by Single Transferrable Vote for delegates and alternates to the Presidential Nominating Convention. The election was announced to all GPVA listservs 31 days before the state party meeting. The following candidates were elected as delegates:

Miriam Gennari
Chris Fink
Mike Shushan
Kirit Mookerjee
Giannina Ienco

The following candidates were elected as alternates:

Charlie Jordan
Sheri Bailey

XII. Press Secretary's report:

Discussion of need for separate meetings for promoting GPVA media presence and to have regular press releases.

Miriam Gennari agreed to schedule a teleconference about media on April 15.

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Minutes of GPVA Business Meeting Via Teleconference on June 10, 2012

Present were: Audrey Clement, Robert Fleming, Jim Hurysz, Kirit Mookerjee, John Reeder, Tamar and Tom Yager (Arlington), Charlie Jordan (Blue Ridge), Giannina Ienco (Fredericksburg) and Joe Galdo (NoVA). Jim Hurysz, and Charlie Jordan left the call during the meeting. Kirit Mookerjee and John Reeder (Arlington) joined late. Joe Galdo (NoVA) joined briefly and then left the call. So for purposes of quorum the following locals were present throughout: Arlington and Fredericksburg. Also present on the call was independent congressional candidate Vivek Jain.

To meet quorum at least half or three (3) of the five locals participating in the two most recent business meetings: Arlington, Blue Ridge, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads on 1/5/12 and Arlington, Blue Ridge, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads and NoVA on 3/10/12 were required to be present. However, since Blue Ridge left the meeting at some point during discussion of the endorsement of Vivek Jain, and NoVA was absent for most of the meeting, quorum was lost during the meeting. Nevertheless since quorum was met at the outset of the meeting, it convened to do business.

Tom was appointed facilitator, Audrey note taker.

The previously published meeting agenda was amended and agreed to by consensus as follows:

1. Nomination of candidate for Arlington County Board.
2. Nomination of candidates for House of Representatives.
3. Discussion of GPVA Presidential petition drive.
4. Proposed amendment to the Bylaws.
5. Discussion of future meeting dates.

1. Nomination of candidate for Arlington County Board.

Audrey Clement, who received the endorsement of the Arlington Green Party at its monthly meeting on June 6, 2012, was nominated by consensus for Arlington County Board.

2. Nomination of candidates for House of Representatives.

Vivek Jain, a recent graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, currently employed as a teaching assistant at VCU and member of Richmond Teachers for Social Justice, announced that he was likely to qualify for the ballot as an independent congressional candidate in CD 7, having obtained 1,700 petition signatures by the June 12, 2012 filing deadline. He sought and received a

GPVA endorsement by consensus.

Joe Galdo, an environmental engineer and former DOE official, who had previously received the NoVA local's endorsement, was nominated by consensus for Congress from CD 11.

3. Discussion of GPVA Presidential petition drive.

GPVA Ballot Access Coordinator John Reeder discussed the enormous difficulties GPVA has faced this year in recruiting petitioners and garnering signatures to put the GPUS presidential candidate on the ballot in Virginia. Various strategies were discussed to remedy the situation.

4. Proposed amendment to the Bylaws.

Audrey proposed to amend GPVA Bylaws Article XI, Candidate Nomination and Endorsement Policy, Section J, which reads:

"J. The GPVA may endorse INDEPENDENT candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the GPVA State Platform."
to read:

"J. The GPVA may endorse OTHER candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the GPVA State Platform."

[changes in CAPS]

5. Discussion of future meeting dates.

Consensus was achieved on the date of the next GPVA business, which was set for the second Saturday in September. The location of the meeting remains to be determined.

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Subject: FINAL: Minutes of GPVA Business Meeting in Front Royal on September 8, 2012
Minutes of GPVA Business Meeting at Warren County Community Center, 538 Villa Avenue, Front Royal, Va., on September 8, 2012.

Present were: Audrey Clement, Jim Hurysz, John Reeder [morning only], Tamar and Tom Yager (Arlington), Charlie Jordan (Blue Ridge), and Chris Simmons (Loudoun). Kirt Mookerjee (Arlington, GPVA Treasurer) called in to provide a Treasurer's report. Also present as an observer was Elizabeth "Betty" Molchany, an attorney from Front Royal and a third party advocate.

Quorum consisting of at least half or three (3) of the five locals participating in the two most recent business meetings: Arlington, Blue Ridge, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads and NoVA on 3/10/12 and Arlington and Fredericksburg on 6/10/12, having been met, the meeting was called to order.

Tom was appointed facilitator, Chris Simmons vibes watcher, and Audrey note taker.

The previously published meeting agenda was amended and agreed on a vote of 5-2-0 as follows:

1. Co-chairs report
2. Press Secretary's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Lunch
5. GPUS delegates report
6. Local reports
7. Proposed bylaws change
8. Proposed listserv policy
9. Discussion of candidates
10. Adjournment

1. Co-chairs report:

Tom and Audrey reported on the success of the GPVA Jill Stein ballot access drive, SBE having reported on 9/4/12 that Jill Stein qualified for the ballot in Virginia. Nevertheless the co-chairs agreed that locals throughout the state need to be activated and/or strengthened so that future ballot access drives don't rely as much on paid petitioners. They also agreed on the need to produce and adhere to a petitioning schedule, so that a last minute rush to qualify for the ballot can be avoided. On criticism of the Jill

Stein campaign, Chris Simmons commented: "Jill's not perfect, but she's on."

2. Press Secretary's report.

There was criticism that press releases are not being vetted, not going to media outlets and not going to the GPVA Discussion list and/or website when issued. A motion by Audrey to instruct the Press Secretary to: a) issue press releases timely; b) to disseminate them to media outlets around the state; and to c) publish them to the GPVA website and Discussion list was adopted by consensus.

3. Kirit reported that there is \$1,635.62 in the GPVA bank account held in Carter Bank and Trust. Audrey reported that there is \$578.61 in the GPVA Federal PAC account held in Wells Fargo Bank and that the PAC is expecting to be reimbursed by the Stein campaign for a \$450 outlay to pay for notaries to witness Jill Stein petitions on August 24. Audrey also reported unreimbursed petitioning expenses incurred by GPVA petitioners as follows:

Audrey Clement: \$806.29
John Reeder: \$553.50
Tom and Tamar Yager: \$181
Total: \$1540.79

A motion by Tamar to reimburse petitioning expenses on a pro rata basis up to \$500 total and to reserve the balance to fund candidates in 2012, as permitted by law was agreed to by consensus.

4. Lunch.

5. GPUS Delegates report.

Tamar reported that the NC is considering a Wisconsin proposal to endorse the Green New Deal, which is the centerpiece of the Jill Stein campaign. Tom reported unity around the GPUS presidential candidate at its nominating convention in Baltimore in July, 2012.

6. Local reports.

Tamar reported that Audrey is running for Arlington County Board and that the Arlington Green Party (AGP) is considering whether to endorse several controversial bond issues. There is also a lot of organizing activity in opposition to the \$250 million Columbia Pike Trolley, the construction of which Arlington County Board recently voted to approve. Charlie reported that interest in politics in Franklin County was sparked by the presidential candidacy of a local resident and Constitution Party candidate, Virgil Goode. Chris Simmons reported that Loudoun Greens have restarted local meetings and are in the process of cleaning up their database.

Jim Hurysz reported that the AGP list is out of date and loaded with Democrats. A motion by Tamar instructing the co-chairs to forward the GPVA mailing list to local contacts for update with a request to send the updates back to the co-chairs was adopted

by consensus.

7. Proposed bylaws change.

A motion by Audrey to amend GPVA Bylaws Article XI, Candidate Nomination and Endorsement Policy, Section J, which reads:

"J. The GPVA may endorse INDEPENDENT candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the GPVA State Platform."

to read:

"J. The GPVA may endorse OTHER candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the GPVA State Platform, provided there is no Green Party endorsed or nominated candidate in the race."

was adopted on a vote of 3-1-2.

8. Proposed listserv policy.

A listserv policy proposed by Audrey was adopted as amended below on a vote of 4-1-1. Chris Simmons was appointed by the co-chairs with no objection to serve as interim Moderator until the next GPVA officer election.

9. Discussion of candidates.

Tom mentioned that there are currently three Greens running for office in Virginia: Jill Stein for President; Joe Galdo for Congress in CD 11; Audrey Clement for Arlington County Board. Also running as an independent write-in congressional candidate in CD 7 is Vivec Jain, whose nominating petition was disqualified by SBE even though he secured 1,700 signatures to meet a quota of 1,000 and has already identified 175 signatures that were illegally disqualified.

Tom indicated that there is a need to produce candidate literature listing both the local candidate and Jill Stein for dissemination in Arlington and Fairfax Counties. There is also a need to purchase the Fairfax County voter list for targeted distribution of literature in CD 11.

10. Adjournment.

It was tentatively agreed that the next meeting of GPVA will be in January, 2013, date and location TBD.

Audrey Clement
Note Taker

GPVA LISTSERV PROTOCOL

Section 1: Listserv Organization

1.1 Definition

List / Listserv / Forum are terms used interchangeably to refer to a group of people (members) who can send emails to a common email address and have those emails disseminated to the other people who are in the group.

1.2 GPVA Listservs

- 1.2(a)** The GPVA maintains various listservs to facilitate party business, including: three general listservs designated as the Announcement, Business, and Discussion lists, as well as, several committee listservs dedicated to committee business, and other listservs as the co-chairs create from time to time.
- 1.2(b)** The Announcement list is a read only listserv that is reserved for use by the co-chairs in disseminating announcements of meetings, events and other important business.
- 1.2(c)** The Business list is reserved for use by the members in corresponding about formal party business.
- 1.2(d)** The Discussion list is reserved for use by the members in corresponding about political matters generally and issues of interest to GPVA.
- 1.2(e)** Subscription to the aforementioned listservs is generally limited to the members of the GPVA.
- 1.2(f)** Subscription to committee listservs is generally limited to the members of GPVA.
- 1.2(g)** Except as otherwise indicated herein, all GPVA members are permitted to post to the general GPVA listservs, and all committee members are permitted to post to the committee listservs.
- 1.2(h)** Private correspondence should not be sent to any official GPVA listserv.

1.3 Listserv Moderator

- 1.3(a)** The GPVA shall elect as Moderator a GPVA member in good standing who is not a co-chair, who shall serve for a term of one year. In the event of resignation or other vacancy, the co-chairs will appoint an interim Moderator to fill the balance of the term.
- 1.3(b)** The Moderator shall provide annual reports to GPVA via the Business list. These reports shall include the number of: informal advisories, official warnings and probations.

Section 2: Listserv Protocol

2.1 Posts Must Be Identified By Author

- 2.1(a)** All list posts should be signed at the bottom of every message to identify the author.

2.2 General Netiquette

- 2.2(a)** In general, when quoting other messages, the person quoted should be properly cited, and extraneous text (including headers, footers, irrelevant messages to the section being responded to when replying to a digest, and the like) should be deleted.
- 2.2(b)** Non-substantive one-word replies should be sent off-list.
- 2.2(c)** Violations of General Netiquette guidelines can result in written informal reminders from the Moderator.
- 2.2(d)** Repeated off topic posting, over posting and other disregard for the purpose of the lists can be grounds for an official warning.

2.3 Verbal Abuse Prohibited

- 2.3(a)** Insults, name-calling, sexist/sexual, racist, homophobic, or otherwise belittling, demeaning or degrading comments will not be tolerated.
- 2.3(b)** Personal, one-on-one arguments are inappropriate and should be taken off list for one-on-one communication.
- 2.3(c)** Hateful, abusive, and threatening language directed at other Green Party members is prohibited.
- 2.3(d)** Unwarranted attacks of an ad hominem nature are prohibited.
- 2.3(e)** Making false and defamatory accusations on the listserv against another list member, a Green Party officer, delegate, candidate, committee, caucus or the Green Party itself that can be clearly and objectively disproven, is prohibited. If such accusations are made unintentionally, a retraction is called for. Failure to retract such allegations can result in an action by the Moderator.
- 2.3(f)** All listserv members are strongly encouraged to bear in mind the official nature of the lists and refrain from the use of obscene or profane language.

Section 3: Enforcement of Listserv Protocol

- 3.1** The Moderator may send informal advisories to posters to encourage protocol compliance. The Moderator must make every attempt to address individual complaints regarding offending posts. This may include contacting the author of the offending post and counseling the author on constructive, neutral, and effective ways to communicate.
- 3.2** List members may file a complaint about a specific post directly with the Moderator. Complaints will not be publicly posted to the listserv. List members are encouraged to send informal complaints privately to offending members to encourage cooperation. If filing a complaint with the Moderator, a list member should include copies of complaints sent directly to the offending member.
- 3.3** After two informal advisories within a six month period, if the Moderator determines that the listserv protocol has been violated a third time by the offending member, an official private warning will be sent to the member by the Moderator. The Moderator will respond to complaints in a uniform fashion and maintain electronic records of all official warnings. Official warnings remain in effect for six months.
- 3.4.** List members who receive a second official warning within six months will be placed on probation, including moderation of

the messages they post. The local representative of the member placed on probation will be notified immediately of this occurrence. The Moderator will review all proposed submissions from the probated member and will only forward those posts that do not violate the listserv protocol. Probation shall be for a term not to exceed three (3) months. Completion of probation clears the record of official warnings.