

Green Party of Michigan State Membership Meeting and Nominating Convention
Traverse City * May 22-23, 2004

Saturday, May 22

9:00 - 9:15am Welcome and introductions [9:33am]

Lou N says good morning; hopes everyone enjoys the site and the area

thanks to TBWG for hosting – esp Tom Mair, Tom Shea, John Porter; calls up Tom Shea for welcome

Tom Shea

also people from UpNorth Greens and Emmet Greens

chose this location property owned by Ottawa & Chippewa bands – they supported Ralph & Winona in 2000

this party is about individuals, not individual corporations

here to become candidates and elected officials; one step to that is to be appointed by an elected official

or can run for a non-partisan office (like Jason Glover); N'westMC is supportive of his candidacy

Lou N suggests a round of self-introductions (even though a larger group than normal)

9:15 - 10:00am Officers' reports & discussions; SCC reports [9:40]

Lou N as Meeting Manager – we've had our 4 qly meetings, plan to continue to do so

need a volunteer local to host the August meeting

Randym (Clearinghouse Co-ordinator) has report in packet

most calls are for cab company; 67 pieces of mail; discussions with Locals Liaison & Membership Secretary

Pete S (Locals Liaison)

report *not* in packet . . . copy places all closed (if you want a copy, ask after)

named officers, 30 members on the SCC (so 20 is quorum)

same locals as last time – a bit of a problem starting new locals; he's sent some packets out, but no fruit borne yet

some update on database project (he's put in over 300 hours on it)

wants to contact all the people in the database (400 of 1,400 he's contacted are NG)

breakdown of people going to GPUS convention as delegates or alternates (18 alternates)

at one point, we were faced with no women alternates . . . but we've found plenty now

one of the little oddities . . . 10 of 50 are Capricorns, and 8 were among the first to respond (only 2 Libras)

three spikes in birthdays . . .

anyone interested in starting a local?

Jason Seagraves working with RWunsch peace group to form a local

Pete S suggests contacting Robbie Kull as well

JALP notes possibility of working with BANCO for Berrien Co local

there's a local-forming kit . . . includes basics such as:

how to decide by consensus, how to get an EIN to form a county committee, how to write a news release, AWOG

anything on how to announce a meeting and get people to come?

no, but if you have ideas Pete will include it gratefully and cite you

JALP ([Media Committee &] Elections Co-ordinator)

[among other things, rules adopted "as is" by consensus after a few questions]

Marc (Chair)

has been fielding lots of questions from media, especially after Ralph Nader; staying out of [. . .]

after that, following his usual round of public inquiries

he liked in particular a recent forum (which became informal) at MSU[?] on spreading

he's also been on a few radio shows . . . some people are very interested in our plans for local races

logistical work has dropped off in the last 6-7 months

Adrianna & he bought their first house a while back; it's become a time-consuming project

[JALP jumps back in to note Jim M passed on info about BOE campaign training sessions]

Ted H (Treasurer)

printed report & notes on closing outbound local calls on phone (8.92¢ per call), etc.

odd Web-site contract (Pete S thinks it's UM-Dearborn Student Greens site that somehow got linked to us)

one piece of mail was for Green Candidates Fund (Adrianna is treasurer of that, and he gave it to her)

we can run half-page ad in Sunday Detroit *News* for a paltry \$12,000 . . . he wants to do it before the election

Jessie Olson notes eBay bought PayPal, but last several months of donations haven't shown up in Ted's report

Harley asks has GPUS sent us money? yes, but no committee number; now we've got it, and it's in the book

Casey Paine (Membership Secretary)

report handed out; “pretty weird” that only 24 on-line info requests this quarter (down from 51 & 60)
not sure why so many outdated/unrenewed memberships
she’s talked with Pete S, Lynn M, Randym; they’re going to meet to discuss this problem
also plans to reach out to locals
brought a current membership list, invites everyone to check their info (& renew if they’re due or overdue)
any phone contacts for unrenewed members? yes, and we’re starting that now
Sylvia appreciates energy/enthusiasm/diligence
what happened to discussion about recurring membership? (people more likely to give if for a specific project)
you can direct where your money goes . . . in general, it goes to administrative expenses
she’s from Maine – it’s different here; most states
Dems do have membership fees – and PAC money, too . . .
maybe we should have non-voting/non-active for-free membership
Candace says in 10th CD, we had 231 voters for Doug Campbell, but no 3rd member until a few months ago
lots of outdoor events coming up; we should reach out, be willing to invite people . . . carry membership forms

Adrianna (Recordkeeper)

more the exception than the rule that she gives a report, but wants to this time
realized this time that we don’t have many observers on the SCC listserv at the moment
so many don’t know what SCC’s been doing day-to-day
officers are workhorses (JALP, Pete S, David Palmer)
lots of discussion, not always a lot of agreement, but we reach consensus (sometimes) and make decisions
we’ve actually gotten people voting to make (contested) decisions . . . she thinks that’s really good
reminds everyone they can sign on to SCC as an observer
(then contact your local rep or an officer if you have something to say)

Lou N asks for any committee-chair reports

Pete S mentions Finance Working Group (not exactly a committee), invites GPMI members to join
important to have budget, know where \$\$ is going; he’d also like to have \$\$ to send people to nat’l meetings, etc.
we also need to talk about fundraising – if we got 1/6 of Susan Fawcett’s voters to give, we’d be awash in money
Art M on AWOOG (not exactly a report)
we’re going to publish after this meeting, to give [. . .]
like to print 10,000 copies of this issue – need to get a fair amount of money pledged in advance
it’ll cost \$2,000-2,200 depending on how many photographs are in it
JALP put in \$300 at the start; now putting in \$100 more for photograph fund
Lou N, Bill & Mary O, Marc & Adrianna, Des & Candace too
[Ray Z offers old AWOOGs as examples, too]
Jim W pledges \$25 from GP of K’zoo

David P (CSSC)

3 positions still open; it’d be nice to have them filled by “ladies” . . . we’ll be meeting for lunch or dinner
candidates should get support from parties; if you’re running for Congress, you need a wide batch of support people

Lynn Meadows re: Silent Auction

started with an idea from Alan Kaufman to help sponsor international Greens to GPUS convention
lots of stuff – including many books, 3 pieces of original art . . . bidding starts now, finishes noon tomorrow

Marc as rep for National Representatives

lots of logistical work involved with Milwaukee; there’s a money drain at the national level
tied in some respects to issues . . . program brought up by Black Caucus . . .
sometimes CC work can be very interesting . . . but you don’t have to be a CC rep to serve on a national committee
if you’re interested, come see Marc anytime

Alan Kaufman, rep to International Committee

a few developments since his recent postings
we’ll have the foreign minister from Vanuatu at GPUS . . . also members of Parliaments (and European Parliament)
here in MI we’ll be hosting Ane Aadlund (sp?), one of founders of Norwegian Greens
we’re particularly lucky to have her come – Norway’s on the cusp of withdrawing from “coalition of the willing”
her appearance might be the first of a Norwegian politician in the US after or as they withdraw
we can tour her with events across the state along the way to GPUS; she’ll be a featured presenter in Milwaukee
we need to raise a bunch of money . . . the biggest lake in Norway is polluted with fire-retardant chemicals

Steve Herrick (2nd MI member on IC) helped form Green Party in Nicaragua
and GPMI contributed to getting them to Central American meeting
their President coming with Ingrid Betancourt's husband
if we don't see this as an opportunity and an obligation, we're missing the boat
how much is a bunch? \$500 for Salazar/[Betancourt]; maybe \$1,000 for Ane
Pete has resigned . . . Alan K (with authority of IC) thanks him for his service
wants to encourage this body to elect someone else to make up our full complement again
it'd be really good to nominate a woman
[can't pass the hat at a convention in session]

10:00 - 10:45am Officer & National Representative elections [11:03]

Lou N any current officers not wanting to stay in office?

Pete simply can't travel to the locals; can someone else be Locals Liaison?

Lou N proposes "slate" of current officers; no blocking concerns, 1 question – has anyone heard from officers not here?

Adrianna nominates David Palmer for Locals Liaison

he's out; comes back, says "sure" . . . time spread out, wants to help Congressional candidates

has MS, so time limited to health; if he has to step down, he'll give fair notice

Lou N asks those not standing for office to talk with officers about helping with some things

Lynn M asks about "co-"officers; some discussion of regional assistant Locals Liaisons

Casey P suggests meeting here and/or after to discuss who's actually doing what, coming back to next SMM with plan

Marc asks if people reluctant to nominate selves because they don't know what officers do; yes, so 45-second intros

Marc: run around talking about GPMI to whoever asks; public face of the party (was originally just as req'd by law)
is gas money available? we've never done it, but it's not out of realm (we have given travel \$\$ to nat'l meetings)

Lou N: tasked with arranging the 4 quarterly meetings

JALP: co-ordinate elections . . . get info to candidates, candidates to the party, etc.

Pete: keep track of locals, help build them (mentions local-forming kit)

he'll keep working on the database project; also keeps track of who's on SCC & what quorum is

Casey Paine: keeps track of membership (gets forms from Ted), adds new members to database, sends out renewals
also responds to on-line requests for information . . . Jason G asks is there an info kit?

Adrianna: recordkeeper/secretary (slash because we had to meet state law requirements)

traditionally recordkeeper takes notes (JALP takes minutes)

legally keeps financial records; in reality, she has oldest records; newest are with treasurer (was Marc, now Ted)

some officers haven't told you the additional stuff they've taken on; for her:

getting people to identify their skills . . . peacekeeper on the SCC list

we want people who are gung-ho to do their stated jobs and take on more tasks

Ted H: treasurer for 8 months; he's been a real S.O.B. when it comes to keeping track of the money

after his stickling, the March FEC report was turned in two days *early*

he'd like to have an assistant who, down the line, would know how and where and when things have to be done
probably knows more than anyone else about what's going on – he sees all the bills

once you've done it, it becomes fairly routine . . . just time-consuming

Lou N describes Randym's work as Clearinghouse Co-ordinator from his report

Marc back up as a national rep . . . the task is e-mail, and sometimes a considerable load of it

he's been trying to stress that the GPUS Central Committee should do something

not just leave it to the 5-person Steering Committee

Alan K for International Committee

meets monthly or so, primarily but not exclusively via phone conference; most work done by members via e-mail

helped co-ordinate anti-FTAA protests in Miami, peace protests, etc.; also prepares related platform planks

from time to time, IC members get to travel

Craig (to stir things up a little) nominates JoAnne Beemon for Chair

she's honored, but really over her head at the moment; will help any way she can

(but would have to think about whether helping by letting her name be known as chair of party)

she would be willing to be a second spokesperson for the party if she can work with Marc

David P nominates Lou for "ceremonial" position of Chair

he'd like to stay as Meeting Manager

Pete nominates himself for IC again, since nobody else is up for it

Tom Shea nominates Susan Odgers to IC with the condition that he help her; Pete withdraws in her favor

It's 11:36; Lou suggests just going straight to lunch break and deferring the [finalization of elections]

<10:45 - 11:00am BREAK [11:10]

11:00 - 11:45am Proposal to allow the delegation to the Presidential Nominating Convention to caucus>

11:45am-1:00pm LUNCH

before resuming business, we hear from tribal singers' group (Medicine Lodge Singers[? Odawa?]) [1:15pm]

(they sang for previous TC meeting [downtown])

they sang an honor song and a veterans' song

Chii Megwetch! (Thank you very much!)

1:00 - 2:45pm Public Forum with Jim Olson: The future gradient of water law, toward water justice [1:31pm]

Lou N introduces Jim M, who introduces Jim Olson

he'll try to cover the subject in about 50 minutes so there's time for questions

it's an honor to talk about water

Michigan comes from a Native word (not sure which tribe/language) meaning "great waters"

he left "left" and "right" behind in the 1980s; his philosophy is built more on work than on politics

though most of his work is on the left, privatization of water may touch Rs more than Ds

but that doesn't mean Greens or the many voices around the world are ignoring the issues

giving voice to the water gives voice to the future of humankind

he's supporting candidates who stand up for water

currently the voice is that of the controlled news media (media arm of Néstlé)

doesn't believe the Granholm administration really supports the water (compromise)

speaking for the water has to happen at all levels

Michigan's legal structure is weak if not non-existent;

Federal also non-existent except for Water Resources Development Act . . . and GrtLks govs are only enforcers

Engler gave voice to Néstlé's interests by saying their water was a consumption, not a diversion

(ignoring who drinks it)

tribes tried to invoke WRDA, but didn't have legal standing in Federal court

when AG Granholm was running for Gov, MCWC pushed her to decide whether or not diversion violated WRDA

she wrote Gov & Legislature saying it is a diversion and export of water, and you must apply WRDA

[so she's on record . . . but she also supported lifting the injunction Judge Root had put on Néstlé]

Judge Root was fairest he's ever seen

found that pumping & diversion was a violation of Michigan common law, so no new laws/rules needed

it's the heritage of our country & culture . . . the principles our nation was founded on

after all the hearings, etc., Judge Root found

this system of water is formed by two large chugging springs (sapphire-blue 80-foot springs)

4 wells went in upstream from that

every gallon pumped out was a gallon less in the springs, to the streams, to the river & Lake Michigan

the big deal is that, if we're going to share this water, even this small amount must be honored

would reduce the flow for almost a mile by 28%

company said that doesn't matter, swamps & beaver dams will hold it back

but the reality is that 28% of the original water was missing

company's model overstated inputs and understated outputs

computers dialed to the most favorable, most nearly unreasonable

Judge Root found their primary expert was a company man

lake level would be lowered 2-6", stream up to 2" . . . pumping in perpetuity would lower levels thus, too

if you need 4" for fish to spawn, they may not get to do it. . . .

here is the law:

in the mid-1800s, Justice Cooley said, "Water is a movable thing and by its nature runs in common."

water is only important legally when it's in or on the ground

about a decade later, *Dumont v. Kellogg* decided to say people have right to use the water in common

as long as they don't injure anyone else's use

sharing and reasonable use exist among those who live in the watershed

diverting out of the watershed is illegal

in 2003, company's lawyers argued that putting pipe *next* to stream is different from putting it in stream

they wanted to shift legal standard from no diversion of flow to up to the level of significant harm

the future gradient of water would tilt toward groundwater . . . [get this right]

this principle is wrong, it is a lie – it is a legal lie

we're hoping the Court of Appeals will understand it, as Judge Root did

that's why it's not a partisan issue

so the judge rules to shut down the four wells . . . but the company is busy in Lansing . . .

and, not long after, “an emergency appeal has been filed” . . . you have until 10am to file a brief since when does the Court of Appeals hear anything in 12 hours? usually you get 7 days
DEQ said it had no choice but to support the call for an injunction
to their credit, they had a genuine debate
the problem in Michigan is that we’re not talking enough about the law we have – Judge Root’s ruling
the focus now is on Gov G’s proposed Legacy Act
he supports the concept of the act, but not what it forgets
the law looks at withdrawal and impact, regardless of use – and that’s needed
we’re going to have conflicts, and we need a law like this to handle them
but it doesn’t address who owns the water (says public trust” *but* . . .)
says nothing about what about diversions going on now
the bill defines “diversion” as a transfer of water out of the watershed and into another watershed
outside the Great Lakes basin . . . so it doesn’t cover bottling water
and they’re amending the Great Lakes Preservation Act (which Néstlé/Ice Mountain violates)
anything 100 million gallons or more per year needs a permit
and the bill has some pretty good standards but the definition ignores [. . .]
he heard it first at a conference in U of Toledo[?] from Néstlé’s hired-gun lawyer
“Annex 2001 is coming down, and we need a new definition” – his basically matched the bill
we need to get involved at the state legislative level
under US system, state law controls water (not Federal so much) . . . a good thing, but. . . .
there’s so much special-interest influence that a public voice is needed
due to term limits, a society enamored of deregulation, etc.
and the reality that the business of making laws is the business of compromise (not good nor bad)
what we’re lacking is the uprising of the citizen
preaching to the choir with Greens . . . but need more than just Greens (or Ds or Rs)
things happening so fast, we’re going to lose – too much pressure at the top
with support, Gov G & director Steve Chester can do it . . . but they need the backing
talking now about getting the job done on water diversion
that’s not on the table . . . if you mention it to people there, they get it!
topic shifts to status of Annex 2001 – the agreement Gov G signed in July 2001
to regulate process of deciding whether finding that water diversion under WRDA should be approved
what’s in there is pretty good
but this coming summer, it’ll be debated (and the goal is to have it approved) by the US Congress
the reason for the Water Legacy Act is:
in the Great Lakes Charter, all the states promised to pass comprehensive water laws
Gov G has at least introduced it . . . but the Legislature probably won’t pass it
because it focuses too much on internal competitions and not enough on external water diversions
outside state, but more really outside the watershed/basin
internal uses include necessary ones like agriculture (Néstlé talks about water in canned vegetables)
one standard says only significant adverse impacts would be stopped
sounds like Néstlé’s “significant injury” argument . . .
we need to let Gov G know that’s not acceptable
it would violate Michigan common law as recognized in Judge Root’s decision
the other standard is the “improvement” standard:
an improvement to the waters or the . . .
going back to the air-bubble argument (trading pollution rights)
turns integrity of water into a compensation-of-loss system
those standards are in place, ready to be negotiated/improved
in 1985, governors rightfully said we need something in place
he’s not isolationist . . . there are a whole host of social-justice issues involved
but it can’t happen without the consent of the governed
next: the concept of “public trust”
MI Sup Ct decided a case last week about access to beaches
the decision was not as bad as the newspapers painted it
in 1837, MI became a state & took title to the water (the same way all NW Ordinance states did)
that means we can decide where navigability starts and ends
the bottomlands under all the Great Lakes also belong to the states
Feds retain only “navigational servitude”
in 1892, a railroad company in S Chicago worked a deal with the IL Legislature; next Leg canceled it
Sup Ct nullified the deed
those rights are a public trust, and can’t be taken away without destroying statehood

also means the state must manage it to preserve people's rights
subsistence (drinking water & food); navigation; fishing; swimming/bathing; recreation
this is also involved in the MCWC case; Judge Root ruled against them but only because he felt he had to
MI law has a commercial-log test (if one floats, it's navigable)
terrible mid-1980s MI Sup Ct decision . . . we couldn't float a 20' log there . . .
1852 [. . .] it's a dynamic doctrine to meet the needs of the time
MCWC has cross-appealed to Ct of Appeals (Root encouraged it)
would be allowing people to do indirectly upstream what they can't do downstream[?]
only one state did this right – Hawaii (and it took a Constitutional amendment)
under the public-trust doctrine, water couldn't be sold without the Legislature authorizing it
and not unless it promotes a primary public purpose
economics is important, but not a primary public purpose
and couldn't impair the public trust
AND even if all those were met, you'd have to give fair compensation to the people
the public-trust doctrine does not appear in Annex 2001 or the IGC report
the public structures most crucial to water rights
he gets emotional about this, because it couldn't be more important – couldn't be a bigger failure
last thing I want to say about common law
it's our best line of defense against privatization through corporatization under international treaties
the Federal government can't breach that without violating statehood
so in conclusion, vote for water!
give thanks, share, waste little (and we do waste it by moving it from place to place)
remember the words of Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska:
“A drop of water fell on my hand, drawn from the Ganges and the Nile.”
we hope people can say the same of the Great Lakes – and that's the only water diverted from them
I hope in the future we're not all [. . .]
water is not a resource – that's an economic term . . . water is a commons

Qs: Craig H . . . to clarify common law re: bottling

“it's not a direct watershed-to-watershed transfer” is the argument

Kurt W: sad that we're importing garbage and exporting water . . .

you said you chose common law because it was more stable; is there any more legal action you can take?

the appeal isn't decided yet; we won the case! – but we need to make sure it stays won

one piece of agenda is to deal with these standard Qs, make sure Legislature, Courts don't undo the commons

Federalism, free markets don't have to do with that – but we need to make sure conservatives know that

Donald Abdul Roberts: could you explain position on using Fed/state citizen-lawsuit laws?

USEPA law covers only pollution, not volume

MIEPA statute allows citizens to sue if an action would “pollute, impair, or destroy” the water resource

they used that, & Judge Root agreed it covered water and wetlands

judges have to review it *de novo* (whatever the agency says)

also need to have attorney fees added back into that law

used to be included even if you didn't win, but showed a public interest

[?]: Néstlé has a bottled-water plant in Otsego Co; how do you deal with groundwater diversions?

our case focused on common law (lost on groundwater count)

Néstlé hiding under umbrella of industrial groups . . . but they're being foolish

if water levels go down, mixing rules would mean pollution levels higher

Paul F: picket at Highland Park City Council M 5pm (privatization of water on the agenda)

urges anyone within commuting distance to show up

Matt A: do you think starting a recall petition against the Gov for not doing her duty would get her attention?

it would – but would that help? better to work to get her to change her mind . . . maybe we need both

Karen S: when you say Gov G's worried about being balanced, what would a Gov not worried have done?

she could have stood up and said no . . . should have . . . I'm not advocating balance

he thinks Gov would have gotten R support by standing up to Néstlé (giving them cover)

the Highland Park water issue is not environmental . . . ultimately it's about freedom & democracy

Ellis B: didn't hear you say the word “commodity” – inadvertent?

completely

Chuck J: Technosand wants to dig sand out of dunes, it'll affect Rodgers Creek

DEQ official had apparently decided the issue already . . . anything we can do about such folks?

he's been doing this since 1971, the situation hasn't changed . . . confront & educate, over & over

[]: should riparian transfers become law, would we assume Chicago & Erie Canals would be unaffected?

that's a matter of Federal law . . .

could public people now say NG? but the canals would probably pass the public-purpose test
Holly: a lot of emphasis on how we go about this through legal means . . .
lest we forget, among our targets are our neighbors – we need to talk the issue up to them
there’s an absence of a culture of appreciation for what this water means to us; not part of the public debate
we don’t understand how interconnected we are as human beings,
how much access we have to safe public drinking water, etc.

JALP: not an official AG’s opinion?

no, but rare formal proceeding consulting former AGs and with testimony

AG’s opinions are not binding anyway, except on her department

JoAnne: we have several river groups in our town anyway

[Néstlé is in about 2 dozen places – anywhere there’s good water]

do you have some simple talking points?

groups face needing to get grants & otherwise get along

Judge Root agreed that everyone faces a learning curve

she’s talked with Chester several times; the people he hears from are folks who want him to lighten up on the law
yes – we do have to get heavy and vocal on this

the only voices from the environmental community – [. . .]

they’re doing good stuff, but not covering the broader public-trust issues

MCWC is doing it, and feels a big public coalition is needed [Sweetwater, too]

they’re the only folks doing this without being constrained

George C: what excuse did Court of Appeals give for shortening filing time? and what [. . .]

no excuse; they bought the company’s argument that they’d have to fire/lay off people if injunction went in
their own affidavits showed there was no emergency

claims on appeal & cross-claims all perfected . . .we’ll [. . .]

JALP: could you use mixing causing higher concentration of pollution to bring a citizen lawsuit?

if you had that kind of case, you could

DAR: NW Ordinance created NW Territory, common law adopted from colonies; could that help elsewhere?

yes

Kurt: any kind of guidelines that we could get for writing to Congresspeople, etc?

MCWC has bullet/[talking] points on Web site, he thinks; if not, let’s get together & create them

Lou notes Web sites: MCWC www.savemewater.org Sweetwater Alliance www.waterissweet.org

2:45 - 3:00pm BREAK [3:02]

Lynn M re: co-ordinating [travel to Milwaukee for GPUS convention]

send her name, address, when they want to go, whether they can drive, car, etc

we’re also checking bus/train/ferry

David P adds gp.org has discount codes for Amtrak, Midwest Air, USAir

Ellis Boal: isn’t the boat the best for people living in the middle of the state? – leaves Ludington from 8am

Karen S: from Muskegon, \$85 RT per person, car \$100 and something

3:00 - 4:30pm Proposals regarding the GPUS Presidential Nominee [3:20]

Ray Z to stack; Lou N explains stacking

Proposal to allow the delegation to the Presidential Nominating Convention to caucus? [from am]

Pete explains his proposal, moderates discussion of it

if GPUS doesn’t choose a nominee, our caucus there would be able to choose a ticket for MI

our affiliation with GPUS prohibits our running a candidate against GPUS nominee (but not “endorsee”)

he thinks we all know what we’re talking about – Nader as endorsee (has said he won’t accept GPUS nomination)

discussion

Bob []: could we get taken off the ballot?

if we run a candidate against the GPUS candidate, we’d lose affiliation

we wouldn’t lose ballot status – a candidate would have to get about 20,000 votes

Art: would members of delegation stand up? . . . lots of overlap

James W: point of correction . . . haven’t seen a quote that Nader has said he’d accept individual state nomination[s]

he’d like measure to pass if it [. . .]

Pete S will entertain amendments to say only if no candidate and no endorsement, but he’d prefer just if no cand

Harley: hopes Pete S wouldn’t amend it; it’s important that we **do** run a candidate

that caucus would still have the freedom to do what it wanted

Paul F: if proposal amended it would address most of his objections . . . but

as written, it's undemocratic and he finds it insulting

as rules are written, GPUS convention would have to say no candidate & then pass a resolution endorsing Nader

whether you agree or not with that perspective, Pete's proposal would let caucus nullify that

somewhat upset that a proposal he brought to Napoleon SMM is now being used against its intent

then, the issue was opposing "anyone but Bush" – we never said anything about this . . .

he thinks the official GPMI position at the end of GPUS's convention should be what the GPUS majority decides

anything else is thumbing our nose at the national convention

Pete S starts to respond – Paul F, Ellis B object

Adrianna: it could impact ballot access in up to 12 other states if no national candidate

and other states might not be able to do this

Ken: GPMI has twice resolved to run, but also to run full out . . . if no candidate from GPUS, can't run full out

JALP: VP question – and did everyone get the responses from [. . .]

it was decided that Mesplay's statement is [. . .]

Lou N: whether deliberate or incidental, he sees some of this language as aimed against Nader

if endorsement is added, he'd support the proposal

Marc: chaired the committee that wrote the rules (wasn't their original purpose)

he was frequently among the minority . . .

doesn't like that we are frequently pushed into the position of "no nominee"

it's a supercandidate, can't be pushed off

but that made it into the rules, so . . .

endorsement means nothing to the MI Secretary of State

to the Reform Party, endorsement means nomination (not in MI, where Buchananites hold the ballot access)

but Nader responded by saying he wasn't sure he was willing to take

Marc's not willing to leave the ballot line up to the whim of one person

Ted H: only if there's no nominee?

Pete says asked and answered; he's willing to consider adding endorsement, but [. . .]

then do we need to decide something so far before it might take place?

yes, we do need to – we have to file the next day after the convention, and any 2-party candidate has 3 days

Ted has completely reversed his support for Nader since he met with Kerry; "incredibly suspect" of that

Ellis B: can anyone predict what will happen in Milwaukee? (he thinks we should be bound by decision there)

need to consider that the Green Party will live after Nader

does feel caucus should be empowered to decide without another SMM

Pete S: he'll say it one more time; not here to press a case for or against any candidate, just wants a candidate

somebody might not want our ballot line (or might not decide, or might not attend the convention)

he contacted all the candidates, even JoAnne & Harley . . . Sheila Bilyeu

if GPUS doesn't nominate or endorse, and we're bound by whatever they decide, we're bound

he's willing to strike the NOTA sentence, add language to allow VP pick if Pres doesn't

George C: about the Nader-Kerry meeting, maybe Kerry will learn something

if we want to avoid the problem of making a decision at the convention, we could adjourn this session to after

about the 12 other states . . . this proposal doesn't really affect that issue; those states could do that themselves

he has no question that, if Ralph had to choose between Green & Reform columns, he'd choose us

might not choose us over the Independent campaign he's been forced into

Kurt: was a bound delegate to vote for "no nominee"

but if it's true that 12 states could face losing ballot access and nominating their own candidates

he sees a lot of disunity, scattering . . . that's not what we need to do

so he's going back to the Tamarack Greens and explain why he can't do that

we need one candidate, picked at the convention (willing to make that a proposal after Pete S's)

Karen S: at the last SMM, we approved a male-female stacking process . . . where is it?

we should go with what the national party decides

we're identified with Ralph Nader, like it or not; if we endorse Nader, that's the best way to promote our values

we're supposed to be the anti-party party

[Ray Z starts considering gender balance]

Chuck J: if we don't run a Pres cand, he doesn't see the use of having a Green Party

JoAnne: this whole thing, believe it or not, almost makes me speechless – we are talking about Ralph Nader

she just really respects someone who is a straight talker, but she feels she's on a slippery slope

when Camejo was here, he [. . .]

but for Nader to cause this chasm – it's painful . . . I don't understand how he could do this

for those people who really support Nader, she guesses she'd say they need to talk to Ralph

if he won't talk to them, [what does that mean?]

Marianne W: knows unity is important but if we don't choose a candidate on the national level, doesn't seem unified if she has to tell newbies at K'zoo meeting we're running nobody

Paul F: this is really a debate about democracy . . .

he'll live with a majority result in Milwaukee against nominating anyone, or against endorsing Nader but this proposal [. . .]

his position isn't "no nominee"; that's just how he'd have to vote the first time the way the rules are worded he can't live with . . .

whatever people think about Nader, they shouldn't be telling him his position; we can offer Nader the nomination

Jim Wilber: he's mad at Ralph Nader!

one of our Ten Key Values is decentralization – we don't have to walk in lockstep with the national party at the same time, Marc has said endorsement is worth nothing to SOS . . . but what's it worth to this party? if we [. . .]

he's willing to go with it if GPUS endorses Ralph Nader – worth as much as "Green Party/Vote Here"

proposes amending the language to say "if GPUS doesn't nominate or endorse, we'll nominate or endorse"

Rebekah M: this proposal is important and something we should consider

delegates could still decide to run no candidate; this is good for checks and balances, holds onto GPMI's values

Ken M: glad Pete S has agreed to remove the NOTA line

he'd also like to replace IRV with our usual convention nominating process (consensus or 2/3 vote)

Karen S: people have said Nader betrayed us by not staying with us . . .

but she thinks we need to look at our own responsibility, make changes

including starting the process earlier [cf D & R Presidential primaries]

Ellis B: he's going to support the motion – we should give the caucus discretion to decide in Milwaukee

he's an alternate, will have a voice but no vote; convention could end in confusion

JALP: he has the [. . .]

Pete S: didn't think about voting; perfectly willing to use same process as we do to nominate

just thought to encourage IRV, but it isn't required

also, John Porter points out "confirmed" could lead to thoughts Pete S meant to dump Nader – so strike that in the best of all possible worlds, George's idea would work . . .

Marc: he has to tell UAW & Sierra Club **Monday** who our candidates are about the other proposed friendly amendment (endorsement)

Pete S expects a strong floor fight from Anybody-But-Bushers, even some Anybody-But-Ralphers

the idea we could come out of Milwaukee without anyone . . .

and as James W said, he wants somebody to talk about [. . .]

in the interests of the ability to make a sound decision in Milwaukee, he guesses he'd accept "endorse or select"

read through the amended proposal, and went through discussion/clarification of a ton of what-ifs

Jason S notes IRV could be used to determine a 2/3 majority

Art M reminds that, if there is a caucus, alternates also would get a vote

Ted H has a blocking concern – can't understand what Nader's doing

Lou N doesn't see how Ted's views on Nader's actions form a blocking concern on this proposal

Pete S asks if Ted can put it in Ten Key Values format; he can't

vote:	yes	35
	no	7
	abstain	5

<JALP notes his proposal on back of Media Cmte report; OK to defer to tomorrow>

proposal to support Ralph Nader

submitted by Margaret Guttshall (but she's not here so Adrianna is facilitating)

Ray asks if this would mean telling our delegates to support Nader; Adrianna says yes, for unbound delegates

Adrianna pauses to say she's really proud of us for how we got through the first proposal

that wasn't a bloodbath; she hopes this won't be either

there's a certain kind of unity – we're all working to promote our shared Ten Key Values and a lot of changes our party is at a dangerous point – it could implode; she's really committed to that not happening

Paul F rises to say Margaret told him she wanted to promote a discussion of what Nader means

Alan K doesn't feel that's proper – if Margaret were here, she could discuss it . . . okay, okay, says Paul F

discussion

Jim M: the Green Party is a principled party, listens to all voices

the thing that makes him most proud of the Green Party is that we act on what we believe
but we need some self-respect . . .

we have a procedure and policy, and it'd be unprincipled to throw that away just to endorse Nader

Paul F: won't be upset however this vote comes out

thinks Nader has already had a significant impact on the political debate

the political situation is different now than it was 6 months ago

if we nominate someone else now, half the people we'd have attracted will vote Kerry out of fear

half will vote Nader because of what he's been said [. . .]

if Nader got double digits, it'd promote third parties in the [future]

Jane J: well-put, but she disagrees; doesn't think Nader is going to boost Green solidarity; thinks he's been divisive

also thinks vote on caucus just now precludes our passing this

Ellis B: agrees with Jane J, moves to refer this motion to that caucus

Adrianna: [defers]

Alan K: whether or not the previous motion was passed (he voted against),

it's not good to endorse before we go to a convention – would overrule long-standing process

if we were to do this, it wouldn't make sense

voted no last time because he wasn't sure it would be legal

he's most concerned with having a national candidate to build a party, recruit members, etc.

“Ralph isn't going to do that”

if there were a deadlock, it were clear that no [. . .]

but it's just not a reasonable decision to make this time; he's considering making a blocking concern

Adrianna: leaving aside what could be said positively and negatively about Nader . . .

she's looking forward to what happens the next four years, or later, when Nader's not here

GPUS only has pre-determined ballot access in 23 states; Nader would still have lots of work to do

how would endorsing Nader affect the goals, the vision we have for our country in the long term?

for example, let's say Nader got 5% of the vote . . . he would qualify for matching funds, but not us

he could speak to our values in a lot of ways, but not necessarily help us

she sees the Green Party as the hope for the future

Chuck J: said before what's the point of being the Green Party if . . .

now he says what's the point of going to Milwaukee if he [. . .]

JoAnne: [skips]

Marc: it's killing me to see this happen . . .

half the national committee was sitting around his house last fall considering scenarios

but not this one, and it's one of the worst-case scenarios

Lou Dobbs talking to a Kerry campaigner and asking “what about the Green Party?” . . . O'Reilly doing the same

if we had a unified national strategy, we'd be cleaning up –

but the man we're most identified with has done his best to distance himself from us

he said in 2001 he didn't want Nader to be the nominee because he didn't want us to be the Nader Party in 2008

maybe Nader backed off to see if we would grow . . . Marc doesn't know . . . he has no malice about this

he's seen Nader being stubborn . . . and 99% of the time, stubborn Nader has been right –

this time, he's wrong and it's doing damage to the great thing we built four years ago

Karen [?]: been involved in the Green Movement, still hasn't joined the Green Party

good to have a newbie, a common person, like her here

this has been a stimulating process

from her point of view, it has been shocking to see the whole situation with Nader

grudgingly she has to say –

she had mixed feelings about Nader entering the race last time; now she's feeling 2000 wasn't Nader's fault

but she's angry that “he's not even claiming you” . . . agrees with Jim Moreno

it's unfortunate – he's a really good man and he has great ideas, but . . . it looks like a quagmire

David N: wants to expand on Adrianna & Marc – what he's been saying for a while

we met two guys in February who've been traveling the country seeking the nomination

why should we throw away their hard work to go with Nader (who isn't a Green, as they are)?

why would someone run for us if we chuck them away whenever someone better known pops up?

everyone here should put themselves in Cobb's and Mesplay's shoes; if we pass this, [we'll stop the growth]

JoAnne: in these times, democracy is in danger due to laissez-faire corporatism killing our planet, killing other races

more than ever, we need a leader who will talk about human values, and earth values

people all over this country know that

it's a great, great moment on the stage – the R & D candidates aren't talking about real issues

if Newt Gingrich would talk about the real issues, she'd support him

the real question for us is how we can work the system around the spoiling; she hasn't heard that from Nader

it's time for a leader . . .

Ted H: this endorsement might conflict with national rules, & our previous vote would local delegates support that or follow what the locals voted?

can't find any of our Ten Key Values embodied in Nader's actions/treatment

Ken M: hopes it can all be worked out and GPUS & Nader can work together, but this is premature

Lou N: doesn't think this proposal seeks violating

this is the only proposal for this section of the agenda (about Presidential candidates)

Nader's the best candidate, as he was in 1996 and 2000

his running as an independent could give us an out on the "spoiler" issue

Nobody But Nader beats Anybody But Bush

George C: an hour's worth of notes

if Nader gets 5% and we're not with him, we'll lose

Cobb & Mesplay are nobodies; the media won't pay attention to them – or our issues unless we're with Ralph

Bob: we hold these truths to be very evident – I wasn't born yesterday

a man's handshake and his word were his bond . . . he too is totally perplexed and annoyed about Nader

he believes the Green Party can sell the Green Way – stand for something or you'll fall for anything

JALP: we do have the ongoing straw poll as another agenda item for directing the unbound delegates

Pete S says doing it out [. . .]

that's the idea, but not the reality

Karen seconds motion to defer the proposal to the caucus

Lou N asks for consensus

James W raises grassroots-democracy concerns: decide this now; the proposal would make Nader a super-candidate

Ken M says it should go to the next SMM

now there's a proposal/amendment/motion to table (from Ellis B)

Harley: can we amend if Margaret not here?

the amendment was to table instead

Marc's idea: simple shows of hands

more people want to table it than to vote on it now (2/3 for tabling, 50-50 to vote now)

tabled it, but no preference for to the caucus or to the next SMM

so it's tabled indefinitely (which could be until tomorrow)

Sunday, May 23

9:30 - 9:45am Opening and Agenda Review

talking up silent auction; JoAnne with two songs

9:45 - 10:30am Nominating Session – local offices [9:58]

inspiring speech by Marc Reichardt

who'd have thought our biggest concern about the water was whether people have a right to it? . . .

enough! . . . you are City Hall . . . Iraqi who recognized that CPA briefings were "beautiful music but no lyrics" . . .

we all have a vision of what the Green Party can be – but we cannot/must not have tunnel vision of what it must be

make sure everyone has a copy of the rules – under the candidate list (backside is caucus list)

caucuses

Benzie Co defunct

Ellis B says Charlevoix Co has a twp candidate, wants to hold a caucus – so they'll nominate JoAnne there, too

Jim Moreno (running for re-election to Mt. Pleasant City Commission)

was thinking of running for County Commission, but decided issues at city level were more Green (3-year term)

may even try to get selected mayor (people have been asking him to stay, and when would he become mayor?)

politics is like computers . . . the more connected we are, the more powerful we are

two seats up (possibly three – current mayor is trying to move up, so is another commissioner)

Keith Agdanowski (Ypsilanti City Council) – not here

Jason Glover (NW Michigan College)

hoping to get on to represent the arts budget, prevent more cuts

another issue: campus has lots of natural beauty, let [. . .]

and making sure students know they can be removed from military recruiting lists

started his own art publication

two seats, six-year term . . . don't know how many other candidates; everyone turns in petitions

Tom Mair notes only GTravCo people can vote – 14,000 votes took the top seat in 2000 (33,000 total Pres votes)

have you faced any prejudice as a young candidate?

actually, President's office was pretty excited about it (ditto for Dem club)

he'll check it out further at Board meeting tomorrow

Matt Abel (W Bloomfield Twp Trustee)

if you have a sign from the old campaign, get ready to use it – we like to recycle

partisan race, every 4 years – 4 trustee seats; paper thinks scene is set

also a partisan Parks & Recreation Commission he could run for

issues: raise money for bonds for wind/solar/alt-energy systems; increase mass transit (only a few buses); promote

recycling, maybe some community composting; he's also thinking of starting a vegetarian fast-food office

GPPI ought to have a permanent office in the area

Ken M asked to go back for agenda review (Marc was thinking of going thru all local candidates first, but okay)

Antigone Klima – not here

John Porter wants us to endorse the non-partisan candidates (for future delegations)

JALP moves that we endorse Jim M & Jason G; support Keith A, Matt A, & Antigone K

consensus

back to the rules

question about time limits . . . consensus on 5 minutes for speaking [Adrianna], 5 more for Q & A [Eric]

Ken M asks where state reps fall in the agenda order; probably with "statewide"

consensus

Jessie Olson (Van Buren County commissioner)

in college (back in late 1970s), she was very radical; then in the army (actually voted for Reagan the first time)

later voted for Democrats and griped a lot, gave \$\$ to causes she actually supported like Greens

just recently, she met VBCGP rep Chuck

wife Tabitha (married only in Portland, by Wiccan priestess after 36-hour drive) . . . she's supportive

thought about running at state level (interested in making laws), but after talking with Chuck and friends . . .

right now there's me and 5 Rs vying for their nomination

moved back to the town she was born in (after about 25 years)

people are friendly to her face, but she's not the son of a Republican incumbent (seats often kept in the family)

Chuck has agreed to work on her campaign for public relations; Tabitha handles the finances

Qs etc

Jim M points out being from there is important

Linda M notes veteran, too – another constituency

Paul F asks what would be the top 2-3 themes of her campaign

the biggest issues are environmental . . . when she left, VBCo was beautiful; now . . .

Sherman's Dairy was homegrown corn to cows to milk & ice cream; now owned by corporation

Casey Paine asks about the last paragraph of her statement

she's not going to pull a candidate thing and backpedal . . . but opinion has modified a bit

written on the eve of a particularly vicious Bush attack on the environment

the person who has modified my opinion somewhat was Michael Moore – saw him speak about . . .

I understand that the Green Party did what it had to do

doesn't blame Nader exclusively – plenty of other causes, including Gore & Democrats

still blames Nader somewhat – that is my opinion – but not the Green Party; she wouldn't support Nader

Ken Berggren (Co Commr/Macomb Co – District 4) <not here>

Donald Abdul Roberts (Sheriff/Washtenaw Co)

friend Kyle convinced him he should run as a Green; so far all he's done is talk it up a bit

for the resources that are available, progressives don't do anything

worked for Wooden Spoon, but that got kicked out . . .

hoping to raise issues – and consolidate them so we have something concrete after the election

Q&A

Jessie: used to live in Ann Arbor, thought it progressive in some areas but with much racism & very \$\$-oriented

you hit the nail on the head

[]): could you talk about plan to build more jails in Washtenaw?

before they built new homeless shelter, they invited homeless from all around to come to town

now building another jail or an addition, so inflating figures by re-arresting people 2-3 times on same warrant

Paul F: havin been arrested before would probably disqualify you for R or D nomination

how does it affect your campaign?

an asset – it makes me not part of the status quo; only thing I see [. . .]

Bill O: please comment on non-violent crimes, like drug possession . . .

in Washtenaw Co, it used to be \$25 – now it's \$125 and probation if they can get you on it
issues are being “money-wised”

if you go into the County Jail for any reason, you owe \$22 within 18 hours if you don't have it at the time

JoAnne: daughter got busted, zoomed into system; you pay for everything – thousands of dollars
we learned prisons are an industry . . .

it'd be helpful to get your message down to three things, but what you're saying is absolutely right
it's a war on the poor

in 1979 he was sentenced for breaking & entering, because he was blackballed from previous activities

League of Revolutionary Black Workers & DRUM

prison system is training monsters to cut loose on the public

he's proud of some citizens who FOIA-ed prisoner records/accounts: ordering freakish magazines, etc.

also they're letting out people who have excellent records for selling drugs, violent crimes, etc.

his crime involved no money, no violence, but he couldn't get out

he saw two who'd gone in for murder get let out and came back in for murder again before he got out

JoAnne Bier-Beemon (Drain Commr/Charlevoix County)

water is life – and every person is entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

we are fat, we are old, some of us aren't very smart, etc., etc. but we all deserve those three

the measure of a society is how much the least have

every single child should have piano lessons, should learn to dance – the world is abundant

the Green Party offers a message of hope

when the world is a world where we can experience security, then everyone will be in the great big lobby of enough

and *then* we can go in to the hall of plenty

we're told we have to fear, and fight, and compete

but with what's inside us we know that we need to protect everyone

it starts with water, and food, and housing – and we can do it

wherever two or more are gathered in the name of love . . . there's a great, great power in that

there's a great awakening now in the world

we're fighting a Wal-Mart in Charlevoix (Ellis is really involved)

Ellis sits with businesspeople who drive SUVs taller than her with bumper stickers saying “Sportsmen for Bush”

they get along with him (“it's our town, not Wal-Mart's”)

we need to re-frame the discussion – shared understanding of responsibility

the very last thing she want to say

my little mother is 83 years old; [she/I was going . . .]

found a little note . . . “be scared to death – do what you have to do”

she dares us to stand up & speak . . . there's a light at the end of the tunnel – and it's Green

Robbie Kull (St Rep/District 056 [Monroe Co])

signed up in February with the County Clerk (who had no clue . . . petitions, \$100)

about 6-7 others running (including a Libertarian)

doesn't think Monroe Co knows there's a Green Party (maybe Nader – & they don't like him, either)

registering people in front of supermarket

Monroe for Peace & Justice endorsed him

biographical info: graduated from Jefferson HS next week; born in Monroe, 18 – not [. . .]

top three issues

fund education more (in our schools, budget cuts everywhere)

localize the economy more (more downtown area, less Wal-Mart etc.)

environmental quality (N-plant on Lake Erie)

too young? – can run at 18, to win & vote on the floor must be 21 – running to build the party

suggest you address the age limit, also talk about systemic barriers to college students voting

member of the ACLU – maybe they could help, too; family and close friends are biggest supporters

opposition? one R wants computers out of the library; Libertarian is out there

one D was recalled from the school board, back on, also started a charter school

the other D is a schoolteacher, as is one of the main Rs

Art Myatt (St Rep/District 027 [Oakland Co])

did this before, hope he learned enough to do it right this time – have 100 yard signs in garage just looking for lawns
mention universal health care first, IRV next . . .

and proportioning electors to the votes eliminates “battleground states” without changing Constitution
all sorts of issues to talk about, but with the resources we have . . .

got 4% last time, not likely he’ll win this time . . .

so important to track supporters, bring them into party or action on issues

Q&A

George C: what did you learn from the last campaign, what would you change

wasn’t prepared with things for volunteers to do; this time, he’ll start by looking for vols, giving them tasks

Pete P: if elected, would you propose repealing Act 112 that prohibits teacher strikes

Paul F: usually think of UHC as a national issue

UHC started in Canada with one of the western provinces; why not have Michigan be first in US
what’s a Green alternative to salt on the roads?

sand, plowing the roads, public transportation, brewery by-products to de-ice bridges etc.

some require a lot more money de-icing (and a lot less repairing roads)

Ray Z mentions notice of alt-fuel/hybrid vehicles show-off here Tuesday

prisons are certainly a responsibility . . . & Abu Jackson as big a disgrace as Abu Ghraib

if prisons have a purpose, it would have to be to rehabilitate criminals

half of folks in there he wouldn’t consider criminals . . .

he’d hold hearings across the state (with or without Ds & Rs) on what to do about it

Alan K blocks Rev. Happy

Ken M says Happy planned to be here (riding motorcycle & tenting)

but doesn’t expect convention to nominate without him here

suggests instead Rebekah Mikkelson . . . she says okay

pro-choice? yes

age? 22

background?: involved with Greens since 2000; worked for peace; when in HS, advocated vegetarian school lunches
would you be willing to propose raising taxes to pay for education & health care?

yes, some things are important to fund

Pete S recommends both Wayne Co St Rep candidates

Matt A has concerns about Cain

filed in wrong district last time (Lou N mentioned he’d had an expired voter-registration card then)

his other name is “Professor Hemp” . . . he may be less Green on other issues

Sylvia echoes Matt’s concerns

Paul F proposes just passing him on (Matt A suggests doing that generally)

[] notes he’s not a GPMI member

Ted H asks if all candidates are members with dues paid up

Casey notes it’s not required; Jane agrees, but it would be a plus if they are

consensus on blocking nominations without memberships

Kurt asks why **not** a requirement; Marc says it’s a long story (and he’s not being funny)

3 announcements: suggestion that all women here could lunch together

Lynn M for one more reminder about the silent auction

there is a buffet lunch down at the casino (\$2.99 with info form, \$7.95 if none)

<10:30 - 10:45am BREAK

10:45 - 11:45am Nominating Session – statewide offices>

11:45am-1:00pm LUNCH [12:04]

10:45 - 11:45am Nominating Session – statewide offices [1:49]

1:00 - 1:45pm Nominating Session – national offices

Sylvia Inwood sings “Hungry Blues”

Ben Burgis (MSU Board of Trustees)

ex-con, in for about half an hour two weeks ago (disorderly conduct at a peace demonstration)

bio info: checked “other” and wrote in “Green” when registering in PA

involved in Campbell, Ziarno, LaFay campaigns in 2000

issues:

living wage

[] (15 minutes of controversy when Wolfensohn was commencement speaker)

war in Iraq an atrocity to be resisted – sever links between campus & military (kick out ROTC)

Q&A

how're you gonna win?

a certain degree of realism would be helpful . . . but certainly I am *running* to win

and, unlike the Ds & Rs, I'm actually going to campaign – gotten more press than even incumbents

Jim M: wasn't there a sitting trustee who was sympathetic to protests vs. Condoleezza Rice at commencement?

you mean Colleen McNamara . . . not up for re-election; refused to go inside, which is great, but . . .

but the Board did unanimously approve Macpherson's leave to go to Iraq

why did the *State News* run an op-ed against him?

because he was a third-party candidate and couldn't win (not attacking positions, saying unqualified)

before ROTC, all officers went to West Point; ROTC made officer corps more democratic; why kick 'em out?

not actually in Board's power to do . . . but the issue gets down to what the US military is and what it's about
new statewide HS newsletter "Through the Wire" about kicking recruiters off campus

Art M: recommendation for antique coal-burning power plant at MSU?

he always admired mainstream politicians who could come back with a smooth answer to any question

he's sure he'd agree with whatever [the party's position would be?]

Nat Damren (U-M Board of Regents) – Marc among others can vouch for him . . .

Pete Ponzetti (State Board of Education)

as Karen Shelley said, St Bd of Ed should be a bully pulpit for what education should be

opportunity for everyone, not advancement for a few; time to support teachers, advocate for teacher contracts

chance to get 5% and major-party status

Marc speaks for Nat

Lou N reads from Margaret Guttshall's belated questionnaire response for WSU Board of Governors

consensus on all 4 statewide candidates

Tom Mair raises question of making sure candidates say whether or not they are members

it is (or can be) free . . . so membership should be seen as party-building move

<on to US Reps>

1:45 - 2:00pm BREAK

Mike Madias not here, and he'd be nominated in Wayne County anyway . . .

Jason Seagraves (7th District)

history of his race, of the district, etc. . . . Constitution Party has moved in now; interesting 4-way race

wife said it best . . . meeting Dems felt like meeting with parents' friends; with Greens, feels like among our friends

Q&A: how do you feel about biodiesel as a possible issue for farmers?

even Hillsdale is worried about factory farms . . .

Jason feels he's a little weak on ecological policies for a Green – stronger on grassroots democracy

MI Farm Bureau is a [. . .]

Jim M adds farmland preservation; how about windfarming?

Art M suggests a slogan: if we can't afford a living wage, how in Hell can we afford millionaires?

it's not tax checks, it's the money we don't see

James Wilber for Randy MacPhee

he's just joining the Green Party; running supporting three issues:

a for-profit industry supporting human suffering can't be endured anymore . . . universal health care

corporate influence: campaign funding, selling to children in our schools, corporate ownership of airwaves, etc.

national security . . . and how Rs & Ds have done nothing but put us & US servicefolk at risk

entire military policy since end of WWII

Harley Mikkelson

David Newland

Alan K asks can David N's nomination be sent to locals in the district

consensus on all 4 Congressional candidates

open for nominations/discussion from the floor

Happy congratulates Rebekah on her nomination; she'd have a better chance
thinks his campaign before was a good example of winning by empowering people with his views
hopes people can use the reality of him vs. the icon/stereotype; he'd like to run for sheriff

Harley would be happy to have Happy running with him **consensus** for support
[Marc?] suggests Tom Mair; he notes he's barred from running for partisan office

2:00 - 2:45pm Presidential Nomination Delegation Direction

consensus/wide margin of approval for using straw-poll results as advice (not requirement) for unbound delegates
maybe a preference for directing bound candidates after 1st round?
. . . after a long discussion, we agree that things have changed so much that nobody's bound anymore

Lou N asks for 3 minutes statement and Q&A, not 5

Marianne W suggests just drop Q&A; discussion contracted to 3 minutes with Q&A waiveable

JALP for JoAnne Beemon

she'd be a marvelous candidate (beyond desirability of a Midwest candidate)

Pete S asks if she'd be a VP candidate with any of the others on the list; yes

Pete S will speak (briefly) for Sheila Bilyeu – she's withdrawn

Jane J for Peter Camejo

she knows him . . . there is a possibility that he could be persuaded to run

Dean Meyerson for David Cobb

talked about issues, various definitions of ["safe-states"] strategy; various questions

James W speaks for Paul Glover

Ellis B reads Kent Mesplay's statement

Harley Mikkelson for Harley Mikkelson

he'd support JoAnne or himself; if anyone votes for him, they'd be released immediately (uncommitted)

Marc for Carol Miller (AWOG statement)

Paul Felton for Ralph Nader – also faces lots of questions

Linda Myatt speaks on Lorna Salzman (AWOG statement) – on her mailing list

James W for NOTA, no candidate, uncommitted – "there are some people who . . ."

<u>straw vote</u>		Glover	0	Salzman	0
Bilyeu	0	Mesplay	0	NOTA	0
Beemon	6 / 45 = 13.33%	Mikkelson	1 / 45 = 2.22%	no candidate	0
Camejo	0	Miller	0	uncommitted	6 / 45 = 13.33%
Cobb	22 / 45 = 48.89%	Nader	10 / 45 = 22.22%		

2:45 - 3:00pm BREAK

3:00 - 3:45pm Selection of electors

Ellis Boal	9330 Boyne City Road	Charlevoix, MI 49720	
Jason Glover	2516 Crossing Circle A-203	Traverse City, MI 49684	231-932-7837
Adrianna Buonarroti	2091 Stratton Court	Ann Arbor, MI 48108	
Arthur W. Myatt	50 Woodward Heights Blvd.	Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069-1247	
Linda Manning Myatt	50 Woodward Heights Blvd.	Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069-1247	
Jane Jarlsberg	327 Eastern Ave. SE	Grand Rapids, MI 49503	
Candace Caveny	5718 Davison Road	Lapeer, MI 48446-2724	
Carl Archambeau	112 Bouck Street	Grand Ledge, MI 48837	
Kurt Wheelock	150 Island Lake Road	Chelsea, MI 48118	
Lynn Meadows	150 Island Lake Road	Chelsea, MI 48118	
Ken Mathenia	232 High Street	Grand Blanc, MI 48439	
David Palmer	118 E. Forest Ave., Apt. 2	Ypsilanti, MI 48198	
Lou Novak	18662 Fairfield	Detroit, MI 48221	
George Corsetti	3512 Courville	Detroit, MI 48224	
Jessica Seagraves	200 Hidden River Drive	Adrian, MI 49221	
JoAnne Bier Beemon	204 Clinton Street	Charlevoix, MI 49720	
Casey Paine	118 E. Forest Ave., Apt. 2	Ypsilanti, MI 48198	

3:45 - 4:00pm Closing

resolution to oppose MCRI passes by acclamation

END [about 5pm]