

## **Green Party of Michigan Autumn State Quarterly Meeting Schedule – November 17-18**

### **Saturday, November 17: 10 am - 4:45 pm**

10 - 10:30 am: Registration, breakfast, meeting convenes.

10:30 am - 12:45 pm: First business session.

#### **10:35 Welcome and introductions by Kevin Henehan:**

Doug Campbell, meeting manager

Paul Emery, facilitator

Art Myatt, timekeeper

Craig Harvey, stacker

Paul Felton invited participation in Labor Greens.

Richa [GPKC (note – that's his only name)] led Creative Response to Conflict (CRC) introductions exercise to start off the session.  
two-by-two: one answering 4 Qs (name, where from, hope for out of this mtg, and something surprising); the other listening

#### **11:05 Kevin went through the info in the packets (some Kent County-specific):**

Kevin read Suggested Consensus Procedure –

Craig clarifies #1 (start with a Q & A stack, **then** a discussion stack)

questions include: Diane – how much time for each discussion? let's set for each as we go

Craig – why consensus not mentioned?

check: anybody unsure of voting-rights status? (consensus on Nowaks and Richa)

Carter – what difference between “no” and cast “abstain”? (none in effect, some in intent/purpose)

consensus 11:25

turned over to Doug Campbell

#### **committee/officer reports:**

party mgr (DC): Feb SQM not sited yet (Dearborn was going to do it, but not firmed up – anybody want it?); 2/12-13 May in Dryden (nearby W Oakland Watershed Greens to host at activist camp) – wknd after Mother's Day  
August in Lansing – is nominating convention too – we're now a continuing party, so rules are different  
3rd thru 6th  
Christy Nowak raises question about locals  
November wrap-up after Election Day (11/9-10 . . . )

treasurer (Marc Reichardt): we have (about) \$2,000 in bank; still outstanding debt (from petition drive) of about \$8,200 (½ done!)  
hopes to make \$\$ out of this mtg as at Wyandotte, cut another check to Craig to pay more off  
thanks to Craig!  
offers to show anyone details  
42% of revenue from membership dues  
Goods for Greens stuff gotten for this mtg is now sitting in Memphis  
mailings from Dawn  
now a direct donations page (for 1-shot and/or recurring donations) thru [www.migreens.org](http://www.migreens.org)  
[Kevin passed around sheets for sign-up for this. . . .]

membership (Marc for Dawn Wolfe): at last count, 574 paid members in state – 18 or 19 locals (Mt Pleasant Greens a bit dormant)  
Kevin asked if he'd talked to Darren (count was about 25 before):  
this is a count of groups in contact with Darren and/or Marc – NOTE: Darren's sick. . . .  
Doug Campbell adds: Detroit Green Party has filed (not Metro Detroit)  
NWWCG not recognized as of a few days ago

committee mgr + chair (Paul Emery): as the former, he moderates some e-mail lists  
names SCC members here: Linda, Lou, Doug, Marc, jalp  
some not here: Ray in SAfr, Dawn conflict, Adrianna probably studying  
only one **needng** to be replaced is Darren as Locals Liaison  
Craig says Dawn wanted help with Co-ordinator work (cf. Membership Chair)

Platform Committee (Art Myatt): mentions assisted-suicide ballot (already in packet)

report from national reps (Juscha): busy year – GPMI disaffiliated from GPUSA last SQM  
Marc has been rep to ASGP → GPUS for 1½ yrs, Juscha elected in August  
now some proportioning by population, so we'll have 4 votes as of February  
we've been voting on a lot of things – including how to vote, fundraising activities,  
accepting Progressive Party of MO as affiliate  
asks for comments on whether force is ever justified in self-defense  
next nat'l mtg Aug 2002 in Philly  
she's on Presidential Exploratory Committee for 2004 – looking for serious choice  
conference on democratic responses to the crisis [what took the place of anti-WTO mtgs]  
Marc adds re: "very active" IL Greens; he can put anyone who wants in contact with them,  
so they could work with them as he's been wkg with OH Greens on joint issues  
FEC has recognized GPUS as national committee for Greens  
cf. Web site [www.gpus.org](http://www.gpus.org)  
brought *Green Pages* (nat'l newsltr)  
Linda asks if this time candidate should be a member of the party (Juscha says that's a factor)  
Craig asks re: Green Alliance and NO mtg. (like what GPUSA would've been under Unity)  
[kind of like a caucus – Marc hates the name – meeting 1/18-20? (MLK Day wkd)]  
Ellis Boal asks about relationship to German Greens + minister supporting sending of troops  
[Juscha discusses Joschka Fischer situation . . .  
Gmn party split into two, 4 Pillars-backers and pragmatists; no formal relationship]  
[Marc adds there's a party strong in EGmy (PDS, incl former Communists, young folks)  
attkg Greens for abandoning their values; cited Nader as example of good candidate]

11:58 BREAK

12:15 Back in business session (but first, going over prices of stuff on the tables, etc.).

## PROPOSALS

#1 Voting Procedures [jalp]  
(long discussion – ultimate decision [for now] was to adopt as is [for now = this mtg] & refer to By-Laws Cmte  
also, jalp & Kevin to consult during lunch . . . maybe they can come up with a compromise  
[By-Laws Cmte mtg during lunch])

## LUNCH

1:43 Back in business – a bit late, so Kevin asked for (& got) consensus to give workshop full 45 minutes  
need to take everything down today (& put it back up tomorrow), so Kevin got consensus for knocking off an extra 15 minutes early  
Results of By-Laws Committee "caucus": Craig Harvey agreed to chair cmte  
cmte considering my proposal and Kevin's – both on hold for now (w'drawn for today)

## WORKSHOP: Strategies for Green locals (presenters from around the state). [Ellis Boal]

somewhat in the nature of a local report  
reviewed history of Up North Greens & Beemon campaign (cf. analysis report – also on [www.upnorthgreenparty.org](http://www.upnorthgreenparty.org))  
almost nobody came to the debate but hard-core Greens, the GOP hard-core, and the Petoskey *News-Review*  
lots of volunteers at the polls  
other activities – "kite-in", letters to editors (including one based on GPMI stmt), opposing city council round-robin/mall devmt/etc.  
local has members from several counties [officially registered as for Charlevoix County]  
Shirley Gibson campaign – not a Green (or member of any party), but she's on our listserv (& now on Charlevoix City Council!)  
views I got were that it was OK to back her because: (a) non-partisan election; (b) non-party candidate  
got "unappointed" from Plng Commission by mayor – active vs:

McDonald's, snowmobiles, Round Lk marina expansion/floating piers  
local Greens vetted her: pro-gun, pro-death penalty, also strongly pro-environment; couldn't endorse without full membership  
no official support, and candidate didn't ask for specific help  
clear choice for the largely working-class 3rd Ward: pro-business vs. pro-environment  
questions in paper, LWV-sponsored forum (Greens considered doing it themselves, but some candidates might not have come)  
when he drove by the polls, nobody handing out literature at polls (such laws not enforced much in Detroit area, where he's from)  
Gibson won with 56% of vote (of a low turnout – about 170 votes)  
organization of UpNorth Greens: two co-chairs, some other officers, etc (but titles don't seem too important)  
our view of by-laws: should be simple, to the point, passed, and forgotten  
how do we conduct mtgs?: I suppose we use Robert's Rules, but mainly:  
we assemble agenda at start of meeting and work through it  
(don't go back over issues already discussed)  
then at end, "criticism/self-criticism"  
supposed to be evaluating the meeting – process, not content (not always this way)  
last winter, tried consensus style for three months –  
rotated chairs until consensus that previous chairing (by him) was okay  
don't think the word "blocking concerns" is heard at meetings  
another of our activities is stormwater issues – Drain Commissioner on committee trying to amend stormwater control ordinance  
they want to eliminate greenbelt language

questions: GPKC's experience on non-endorsement of non-partisan candidates (have to be aware of "internal" conditions)  
[JoAnne: conflict between 11 consensus-backers and 2 Robert's-Rulers . . .]  
1,000 points of light are now 10 really busy senior citizens –]  
we need to bring them in (& run them for offices!)]  
we're making issues (e.g., stormwater) – before, everybody spouted the GOP line]  
we're going to start replacing County Commissioners]  
[Ellis: twp chair considering bolting from GOP and running as a Green for County Commission]

how did you get 500 people flying kites? we should be doing more of that kind of fun activity:  
[contacted lots of groups, described it as a Green Party Earth Day event . . . some groups didn't play (too bad!)]  
how did you build those connections?  
[in Charlevoix County, we've been building environmental coalitions for years –  
and everyone wanted to do something fun on that day]  
[Ellis remembers!: I wanted to call it the Green Party of God]  
how many signatures did you need to get? [42; other guy had 28; required: 25]

[Kevin notes that Ellis won't be here for brainstorming tomorrow, but Mike Nowak and Jim Moreno will.]

2:30 - 4:15 pm: 2nd business session. 1 floating 15-minute break is scheduled.

#2A Platform: Correct II/4j – UDHR [jalp]

#2B By-Laws: Add III-2D on Status of Locals [jalp]

Some discussion.

Consensus on both, after change to #2A to add "the principles laid out in" between "supports" & "the" in line 1.

Kevin suggested moving #4 ahead (Paul Felton has a deadline to be elsewhere).

#4 Resolution – anti-war [Paul Felton]

Discussion; adopted some changes of wording:

\* add "and foreign students, and people assumed to be so" to item 6

\* replace "the most important issue in our country" with "a critical issue in our country today" in item 7

[Rejected changes to #4 that would have accepted some infringements on civil liberties.]

[Rejected additions to #3.]

Consensus.

#3A Resolution Supporting B Lee & other et alia [jalp] paired with:

#5 resolution supporting B Lee [Doug Campbell]

#5 discussed first; concerns about its being viewed as an endorsement, questions about why it's important.

Changes accepted by proposer: fill in the second ellipsis of paragraph 2 with the full Constitutional language  
drop last paragraph of preamble AND second paragraph of resolution

Consensus.

#3A discussed; some of same concerns and questions.

Changes accepted by proposer: change 1st line to “. . . applauds the actions of all elected officials putting. . . .”  
delete mention of Michigan US Reps in 3rd point (all of them were Democrats)

Consensus.

#3B Resolution Supporting Planned Parenthood [jalp]

#3C Resolution Supporting HB5237 [jalp]

Deferred until tomorrow, for lack of time.

#3D Resolution Urging Release of NORC Study

Dropped as outdated; jalp asked for help re-drafting to urge election reform based on study results.

#3E Resolution Supporting Protests Against SOA/WHISC

Consensus. [<1 minute — a record!]

#6 Platform: Assisted Suicide [Platform Cmte]

Discussion of balloting method – Paul Emery explains why no 3 listed as a choice mark on the ballot.

Discussion of the differences between the two proposals.

Votes will be accepted through the end of today’s session.

3:471 short CRC break is scheduled for roughly 4:00 “Stand up if”

## **BREAK**

4:07 Back to business.

Joe D. here, so we’re moving it up to do it now (Kevin & Doug have had other proposals considered already today).

#9 By-Laws: Proportional Diversity [Joe Ditzhazy]

Discussion. (Proportions, not quotas; striving/goals, not absolute requirement.)

Consensus to send to By-Laws Committee for wording.

Kevin defers (tired); Doug suggests taking up #8 (Dues) as more independent of Kevin’s proposals.

#8 By-Laws: Dues [Doug Campbell]

Joe D. suggests bottom category of \$10/yr (instead of \$5/yr now, \$2/mo proposed). Friendly amendment: \$1/mo.

Proposal to strike 2nd sentence below list (treasurer’s judgment). Accepted as friendly amendment.

Discussion of levels, etc.

Complete taking it up tomorrow.

Adjourned for the day 4:31pm; clean-up.

## **leftover business for Sunday:**

#8

#3B, #3C

#7A1, 2, 3, 4

#7B

announce results on #6

select Locals Liaison

There is nothing organized for an informal get-together/after-party, as was originally on the schedule for 8-12.

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**Sunday, November 18: 10 am - 4:45 pm**

10 - 11:00 am: Reconvene, breakfast, leftover business from Saturday.

Reconvened at 10:15am.

Doug Campbell, meeting manager  
Marc Reichardt, facilitator  
Art Myatt, timekeeper  
Peter P. Ponzetti III, stacker

Appointment of Locals Liaison: Ken Young ultimately volunteered (with Juscha & Kevin's help).

#8 By-Laws: Dues [Doug Campbell] (continued)

Much continued discussion. Withdrawn and sent to a brainstorming session.

#7A3 By-Laws: Complaints Against/Removal of Officers [Kevin Henehan]

Discussion: Nothing said about discussion/conciliation first. [sent to By-Laws Committee]

How get anyone but the participants to a special meeting? Even this one is bad.

Consensus on passing this as is **and** on sending the issue to the By-Laws Committee for re-evaluation and possible revision.

#7A1 By-Laws: Requirements to Form a Local (petition either 10KV or 4P) [Kevin Henehan]

Discussion. Withdrawn.

Further discussion of 4P vis-à-vis 10KV. Sent to brainstorming session.

[Juscha announces founding of a Women's Caucus, including defining feminism. (Men always welcome.)]

**11:19am** **Workshop:** The Mayor's Justice 2000 Task Force and the Radiant Justice report (Richa & co-presenter Tom Cary)  
how they got involved . . . what they did to let justice define itself (environmental justice, transportation justice, etc.)  
process – including visioning process . . .

“who do we want to survey?” (& how to be sure to survey those suffering most from injustice) . . .

16-page report

results were an education even in areas they thought they knew something about

e.g., Diving While Black (knew of the concept, hadn't heard the initials)

90% of those surveyed were below median income

worked for a year after the surveys to propose solutions to City Commission (more “what can I do today?”-oriented)

final report took in the survey results, combined them with own knowledge, and passed the synthesis on to Commission

balanced between telling the truth to power and working with the Mayor [supporting in talk but. . .] & Commission

[read a ¶ of the intro section “Why the City?” – going over concrete things the city can do (some non-traditional)]

Feb 2000 too late to get into 2000 Strategic Plan – in time for [January] process 2001

even then, not too successful . . . some structural problems, they were told . . . some proposals did get in, though:

city as official supporter of Circle of Peace[?]

community advocates (from *Better, Not Bigger* by Eben Fodor) – got some part-time folks with HUD money

advocated for a lot of economic changes – got flak for them – e.g., sharply progressive income tax:

(*GR Press*, letters accused them of being Socialists – but Socialists said they were too naive))

attempted to look at the larger picture in funding neighborhood-based projects; building support for ballot initiatives:

neighborhood associations[?]

more extensive discussion of 9/11(our goal is to get 100+ organizations to sign on to supporting justice before war)

Kevin adds history of how the report became the community-issues platform of GPKC (re-edited after Richa re-joined GPKC)  
it's in the packet (adopted March 2001)

questions: Craig – how did Tom / W MI Env Action Council get involved in this? (mostly Tom as individual)

Lou – how did Task Force get appointed? (recommendations by them & local Commissioner, volunteers)

(composition of Task Force – 5 M, 7 F; 9 W, 3 B; not including some who left after wkg/before signing)

Roger – wonders what would have happened if you'd had more mainstream stakeholders as part of the Task Force

Jim Moreno – thanks; used this in my Mt. Pleasant campaign (thank Kevin for trimming out most radical stuff)

also mentioned Diversity Group (from Parents of Students of Color)

(also supported by Institute for Global Education – may post report and survey [& more] on Web site:  
www.iserv.net/~ige [after that, /radiantjustice.html or some such?])

\_\_\_ – West Side not well represented . . . also concerns about paid staff not from Grand Rapids, not living the issues  
Gerard – got needle exchange, didn't get prostitution zone (we have them, just not officially. . . .)  
Jim Moreno – informal settings can help exchanges between folks that wouldn't ordinarily meet  
our group connected with police chief after asking about police-prosecutors-schools

[Candace Kellums?] – talked about 4-session “People’s Law School” program in Flint

Announcements: Student Greens caucusing over lunch.  
Women’s Caucus subject of later break-out session. (Definition of feminism next meeting.)  
Craig: Michigan [March for] Election Reform Coalition.

## **BREAK – 15 minutes**

**12:39pm:** Full-group brainstorm – topic(s) TBA. Complete process: brainstorm, categorization, prioritization. The objective of this time is to produce a number of Action Plans in rough form.

First topic: Fundraising / candidate recruitment & support / electoral & activist strategy

[JoAnne via Juscha: hit people up to donate when they're most outgoing/generous –  
brother had a new baby; 10th anniversary; etc.  
list it in AWOG]

[jalp: another make-your-own-fundraiser/special-event . . . cf. Rev. Fred Phelps  
do this ourselves, e.g. \$\$ for gov whenever a gov candidate's in your town / \$\$ for CFR]

[Roger: need budget to explain what we need fundraiser for]

[Jim Moreno: concerts – attractive/fun, bands often donate services, like synergy]

[Jodie: building on JA-J . . . having info in database would make it easier]  
(Juscha putting it out there as a fundraiser, building a culture of thinking this way – thinking of 7th Gen now)

[Craig: selling bits of space in AWOG for things people want to see out there . . . quotes, annmcs, “classifieds”]  
[spkrs like Julia Butterfly Hill, co-ordinated better statewide]  
(Carter: or in-state spkrs' bureau)

[Roger – Thanksgiving . . . ; if everyone contributes \$25 it'll retire the debt]

[Jodie – get clubs involved, too (cf AIDS drag show)  
(Kevin – Dems put on big show at Orbit Room)  
(Roger – Green rave)

[Richa – will money to the party (Doug: & then send the tactical team?)]

[Matt – sell AWOG ad space for Green businesses etc., or a page of dedications, or . . . ]  
(jalp – cf. *Mother Jones* and Foundation sponsoring its investigative reporting)  
(Art – any foundations willing to give us money? . . .)

[Christena – auctions of art, services, etc.]  
(Matt – standing space on eBay)  
(\_\_\_ – celebrity auctions?)  
(Ken Y – could do in ptrnshp with other groups in your area)

[Juscha – bring in national party people (Dean \_\_\_) to do training, etc. – there are funds for that . . .  
likewise, could do similar for student groups – she's working on that already]

[Gerard – local currency? with possible tax to go to GPMI]

[Tom? – endowment drive? (jalp – combine with debt retirement?)]

[Juscha – student groups can get activity funding; make sure they're using that available source]  
(Kevin – most universities, if you say you're starting something up, will give you a budget  
[e.g., GVSU – independent wkly *Rant* had \$4,200 last yr; worked with Progressive Alliance<?>])

[Matt Abel – possible to get one big donor to cover the whole debt . . . don't overlook the possibility  
remember also the MSU Greens debt]

[K'zoo asked for \$3,000 from those maxed out to Nader; one woman in Cincy gave \$3,000  
(Kevin – does local philanthropist Peter Wege[?] give money for political activities?)]

[Jodie – target non-profit organizations, progressive corporations, etc. – ask for payroll deductions]  
(Tom – look at EarthShare as partner for this)

[\_\_\_ – GPMI has talented artists, etc; set up Christmas sale as fundraising event]  
(Kevin/Matt – could build into traveling art fair or presence at existing fairs)

[Craig – personalized T-shirts (e.g., initial colored-in “Mother Earth” shirts)]

(Doug – American Apparel [LA] does made-in-LA living-wage  
(Christena – Josh Theroux suggested energy-efficient light bulbs [selling at Green House, but not well])  
(Juscha mentions bulk organic T-shirts/etc. source in Ann Arbor)  
(Kevin – used T-shirts as fundraising/membership inducements)  
[Art – we’ve segued into how we spend money to raise money; *Green Pages* has no union bug  
might be possible to hold meetings at halls of progressive unions, maybe even for less]  
(agreed, but unions in Grand Rapids don’t approve of Greens . . . we did try to find a useful source)  
[Kevin – should have a big push for Web-/Internet-based membership/donation – more  
also Powell’s partnership giving benefits ]  
[Doug – let’s put up a 107MW windfarm in Ludington area and sell Green power]  
[Richa – hold a fair and charge admission]

Time used up . . .

**1:15 - 2:00 pm:** Lunch. Music 1:00 - 1:30.

**2:10pm** Back to business.

Announce results of vote on #6 – A 17, B 7, no plank 8; after re-distributing votes for B, A 22, no plank 9, no vote 1.  
Proposal A passes with just under 71% (22 of the remaining 31 votes after 1 vote could not be re-distributed).

Continuing with brainstorming; next area: electoral and activist strategy / candidate recruitment and support.

Started with brief presentations from Jim Moreno & Mike Nowak.

Jim: his personal history of activism (from McCarthy for President in WI primary to running for Mt Pleasant City Council)  
and how he ran – he did use the GPKC local-issues platform  
did find out he has a lot of support in the community; he’ll start serving in January  
(did he run at-large or in a district? at-large)  
(did he run as a Green, even if it was a non-partisan race? yes, mentioned it in his speeches)

Mike: see also Christie’s article in AWOG – half the council elected every year, rotating terms  
she’d gotten about 9% / 900 votes in 2000; gave us an idea of where we might be strong  
this time he ran in 4th Ward against an incumbent R woman (like other Ann Arbor Rs, not evil, just misguided)  
people tend not to know who their Council members are, he thinks  
his issues: bike-riding, restoring IRV, reaching out to community members/neighborhoods  
committee of 6 (took a lot of effort to run a campaign in a middle-sized city like Ann Arbor)  
one lesson: it would be hard to run 5 candidates at once unless we had a lot more volunteers/staff  
raised \$6-700 (some from second letter to area Greens: adopt-a-yard-sign); spent about \$900  
scheduled candidate forums, but papers didn’t publicize them; did a bike rally (speakers on cable-access)  
Christie’s candidacy in 2000 meant the establishment knew there could be Green candidates  
invited by LWV, cable-access folks, etc.  
other lessons: we should have reached out to friendly groups for endorsements  
can’t count on Dems to come out and vote for us if they don’t have a candidate  
(Q: Flint Greens had candidate for Davison City Council – ran into problem notarizing petitions on 4/15 deadline  
[EASTER SUNDAY!]; be sure to find out what the requirements are . . . did you need notarizing?)  
needed letter from our caucus saying this was the party’s candidate . . . and needed THAT notarized

To brainstorming. . . (Roger as writing-down recorder)

[Art – Toronto Green mayoral candidate had bike rallies:  
made wooden frames the footprint of a car – so every bike takes up the room of a car  
if they yell at you “why are you taking up so much room?”, you can ask back to them]  
[Carter – noticed during Mike’s campaign you can get lots of support from universities but not always votes]  
(do campus registration drive a month ahead of time) (but still problems . . . driver’s license, residency, etc.)  
[Ken Y – target absentee voters (and do it early)]  
[Tim – candidates need to organize in advance to run in advance]  
[Jodie – target people as candidates who can really be affected by the Green Party & its values]  
(Juscha – can’t expect local activists to come to the Green Party; tell them “you ARE a Green . . . join us”)  
[Mike – even in Ann Arbor, few people even know what the Green Party is, what it stands for]

[Art – if your campaign deals at all with what’s wrong with health-care system, contact disability activists different from a candidate standing up and saying it . . . also true on getting activists on other issues to speak guess this is a specific

[Roger – seems local races are more winnable . . . though it also seems they’re more difficult]  
(Doug – ask me again next November!)  
this is a good way to inform people about the Green Party

[\_\_\_ – build name recognition . . . have candidates run again]

[jalp – 5 candidates in local races can co-ordinate, not be 5x as expensive/difficult]  
(Art – did that in Detroit; all names on literature, all candidates pass out all the literature)

[Juscha – didn’t know Jim was running until day after he won . . . make an SCC member Candidates Liaison?  
it’s a learning process, and we should b]

[Craig – mentions Drolet proposal as making it easier to run a full slate (& not worry about “principal candidate”)  
2000 U of M Regent candidate got more votes than Nader]  
if we do run a gubernatorial candidate, we should run

[Richa – outreach and coalition-building in homeless community; also Hispanic community]  
(Juscha – when you do things with other groups, don’t be in your face but make sure they know you’re a Green media didn’t know there was a Green component of the peace movement)  
(\_\_\_\_ – sometimes LWV doesn’t let Greens in; Michael Moore helped Flint have a voter-registration forum)  
(Jim – some HS tchrs give credit for campaign work)  
(Doug – and some that don’t might if asked)  
(Rebecca – you can download a voter-registration form and give it to them)

[\_\_\_\_\_ – don’t want to run for office, wouldn’t serve if leading . . .  
but do we want a full slate even of folks like me who aren’t going to campaign?]  
(Linda – bad idea if folks don’t run as if they want to win)  
(Juscha – key is not running folks we wouldn’t be proud to support or say is a Green)  
nobody who won’t just open his mouth and speak on  
(Matt – we do need candidates for people to vote for, or what good is it to ask them to support Greens)  
{Roger – don’t tell the press you can’t win}  
(if you’re willing to put in a few hours’ work, could file for governor, have a contested race, draw attention)

[Matt – we could be THE opposition to nasties where there is no other big party:  
e.g., find environmentalists to run against 0-voting-record candidates  
also, all township and county offices are partisan elections

[Juscha – candidates are there, they just aren’t being approached – challenge everyone to go out & find someone  
be creative, think about who you’d like to see in office X – or any office – and ask at least 3 by Feb mtg]

[Craig – IRV needs to be part of platform of any candidate running against a D]

[Art – need as many county committees as possible, wherever we have members]  
(jalp – kit for founding county committee as for locals?)  
(Kevin – was gonna do; sounds like a job for Candidates Liaison)

[Ken Y – look at people in appointed positions (as candidates), and look at the positions as an intro to local govt]

[Ken Y – re: local activist strategy, get support when local issues need state-level action (e.g., Perrier):  
also a way of upscaling local issues]

[Matt – target one particular issue and its attendant local offices statewide, e.g. Drain Commissioner]

[Art – look at organizing by Congressional district]

[Matt – need campaign organizing timeline, with required dates and our suggestions – work backward]  
(Linda – you have to register ahead of time to  
(Matt – reapportionment shaking things up; some opportunities [e.g., KKilpatrick MI Leg seat, etc])  
(Doug – special election allows us to concentrate efforts

[Marc – a note of grand strategy: US politics runs more by PR, less by word-of-mouth than in European countries  
do we want to stick to this model? in my experience we can’t run a serious campaign starting in August  
could set up the winter SQM as an in-house initial screening process  
or we could emulate the European word-of-mouth model . . . more work/time, less money  
(Carter – we could do the nomination before August)

[Juscha – let’s go to what Matt said, with a timeline . . . ]  
(jalp – party organization can’t take sides if multiple candidates for one seat)  
(Matt – can’t add afterward . . . one reason not to be too early)  
(Marc – nominees can start running openly now; can’t take the risk of losing ballot status)

[Matt – can we talk about gubernatorial strategies? does it matter if Bonior’s the D candidate?]

Kevin proposes creating working groups/committees for each of the two brainstormed topics to study, etc  
reach goals/timelines/etc by next SQM

Fundraising – logical nucleus is Marc Reichardt, chair; other volunteers?

Jim Moreno

Dawn Wolfe (probably . . . though not here today)

Christena Smith

[AWOG editor: Linda will handle the AWOG side, but not in ]

Lou Novak? (Art nominates – that’ll teach him to leave early)

Electoral strategy – Mike Nowak, chair

Matt Abel (if he can get off By-Laws & Platform Committees)

Alan Kaufman (absent, but nominated by Linda & Doug)

Peter P. Ponzetti III

Tim Birch

jalp

Juscha Vannier

Rebecca Morgan

Mike Robbins

Matt Abel brought greetings from Wild Greens . . . they say “Wow, man.” – they want to host May SQM.

**3:15pm** Mini-business session (last business of the day):

#3C Resolution Supporting HB5237 [jalp]

#3B Resolution Supporting Planned Parenthood [jalp]

Consensus on both.

#7A2 By-Laws: Voting Rights; Status as Delegates to National Meetings [Kevin Henchan]  
Withdrawn.

#7B By-Laws: Voting Rights [Doug Campbell]  
Kevin asked this be withdrawn too; Doug

#7A4 By-Laws: Endorsements

**3:25 pm** Small-group breakout sessions, topics TBA.

Election strategies / governor’s race.

Election reform.

Women’s Caucus.

4:15 pm: Wrap-up, evaluation, dismissal, and closing circle.

**4:34pm** **ADJOURNED**