<u>GPMI State Membership Meeting</u> April 13-14, 2013 * International Institute; 111 E. Kirby, Detroit

| 9:00 am Registration | |
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| | [10:03] |
| Fred V welcomes everyone – this meeting is for us several officers' reports are in the packet | |
| 10:05 am Credentials Report | [xx:xx] |
| Lou N says we have 16 registered members here today + 2 who renewed but aren't here 6 of them weren't on the list (including Jennifer) checking of who got notice cards for the SMM everyone here is accredited | |
| (make it 17m as Richard K comes in) [later, so did George C] | |
| 10:10 am Officers' Reports | [10:09] |
| Fred V reviews his intro remarks as a recap of his report | |
| everybody's running against emergency manager (including Bobby J, says Lloyd C) | |
| maybe we can use Facebook as a way to bring discussion in | |
| Lloyd C reports as Locals Liaison little has occurred – partly because he's also been watching the phones, etc. usually, people calling wanted to find a meeting near them Art & Matt took over tracking the phone line MIGreens.org has many inactive locals & contact people listed – needs to be updated, accurate, and reliable he suggests focusing on existing locals & grouping them regionally (& maybe having SMMs in should have locals across the state, especially in college towns defunct Occupy movement has hurt need to take direct action in addition to running candidates – work on issues, build coalitions; resist becoming a political | al club |
| Harley as Membership Secretary says he's done a rotten job this year | |
| but he's tried to get names & e-mails of people who get to meetings, at least also, Fred sent him a list of (about 120) Jill Stein contributors; he e-mailed all of them who weren't likely to be here got 20 replies overall – if they agreed they supported the 4 Pillars, he counted them as members Lloyd asked what kind of responses Harley got – he was just asking if they met the basic requirement of supporting 4P or 1 Candace asked if he could share the lists; maybe some are in groups she also belongs to | 0KV |
| Art M as Vice-Chair of Herding Cats (on SCC list) he's not going to repeat too much from his written report of what we did accomplish but we've only managed to accomplish items on which we got consensus – not working well any time there's an objection & we have had like 22 of 23 members on the Riseup list participating in a vote last year; now only 10~11 take part, not a quor he doesn't know why this is happening, but it's happening – that's why he's proposing to change quorum count to 10 (# of of Jennifer asks how we'd count the quorum – just 10 people voting, not necessarily all or any officers Richard K says not all e-mails come through on the Riseup group for some reason – no problems with other groups, so it must be due to Riseup Art M mentions the back-up he does a week late to the Yahoo SCC list Celeste G [Derek's wife] asks how to join the Yahoo SCC list – anyone can sign up to monitor (ah, that' | um |

Lou N mentions the half-sheet treasurer's report

two admin expenditures shown – office phone & \$500 fine from SOS due to late filing (not waived this time as in past years) looking back at last June's report, the total balance was \$6,300 or so – maybe we need to spend more of our money Lloyd thanks him for all he's done . . . was there a deposit on the phone line? JALP asks what report was late? the year-end report

GPMI is registered as a party political committee

Art M says there's one report missing because our Clearinghouse Co-ordinator passed on so if anyone wants to say something about Lynn M, this might be a good time also, we don't have anyone in Ann Arbor to pick up the mail – we may have lots of mail piling up there we may need to change that system

JALP mentions the statewide-race issue touched on in his report

Julia W & Richard K are both concerned about the suggestion/hint/quasi-offer JALP mentioned Scotty B had made last fall Julia W thinks if we now don't have a 2014 SOS candidate, it would look like we're agreeing also, governor is going to be big next year – and we may be Nader-ized big time if we focus there

Lloyd adds, since Lynn's name was mentioned, that he misses her a lot . . . her memorial was held at the botanical gardens in Ann Arbor – they were quite appropriate Fred V was going to mention the possibility of a moment of silence

| 10:45 am Nomination & Election of O | fficers | | | [10:37] |
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| the elected officers for 2012: | | | | |
| Chair | Fred Vitale and Matt de Heus | | | |
| Vice-Chair/SCC Whip & VC/Committee Manager | Art Myatt | | | |
| Treasurer | Lou Novak | | | |
| Recordkeeper[/Secretary] | [Margaret Guttshall] | | | |
| Locals Liaison | Lloyd Clarke | | | |
| Elections Co-ordinator | JALP | | | |
| Membership Secretary | Harley Mikkelson | | | |
| Meeting Manager | Fred Vitale | | | |
| Clearinghouse Co-ordinator | [Lynn Meadows] | | | |
| National Reps [6] | Doug Campbell | Alternates: | Margaret Guttshall | |
| | Linda Cree | | Richard Kuszmar | |
| | Priscilla Dziubek | | Jennifer La Pietra | |
| | Derek Grigsby | | Harley Mikkelson | |
| | Linda Manning Myatt | | Fred Vitale | |
| | Lou Novak | | | |
| Treasurer: | | | | |
| Art M nominates Lou N if he'll accept he will | l | | | |
| Recordkeeper[/Secretary]: | | | | |
| Margaret G has served to have someone to sig | n papers; Fred says she'll re-up | | | |
| Meeting Manager: | | | | |
| Fred V will re-up contingent on more plans | | | | |
| Locals Liaison: | | | | |
| Lloyd C would like to give the opportunity to sor | neone else | | | |
| Derek G asks for an explanation of what this job | | | | |
| Art M has a comment – what the by-laws say al | | gistered/active (| Greens at least | |
| if we're combining offices, maybe we could | | • | | |
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so LL would know if enough official members are in a local, which members are in which locals, etc.

Richard K asks if we should make the by-laws change

Art M wants tomorrow to be a face-to-face discussion about changes

Jennifer notes we already have some people with multiple offices; JALP adds by-laws say we try to unburden them each SMM Fred V says we need to work under existing by-laws first, then change them

Clearinghouse Co-ordinator:

Richard K is willing to do it if we move the mailing address out of Ann Arbor to a metro-Detroit-area PO box

JALP asks what the mail pick-up process is now; Lou N suggests contacting Libby Hunter

Art M did it several years ago; thinks he remembers there's a realtor's lockbox where the key is; if we know the combo, great! we can get the mail, answer the phone, pick up old musty files, etc

Jennifer asks if we'd have to change our official mailing address - Fred says yes, but over time . . .

we'll still have to get the mail in Ann Arbor

once we get a new PO box or whatever, someone in Ann Arbor will have to file a change-of-address form, etc

Priscilla raises the issue of what changing happens

Celeste thinks they'll forward for 6 months, but not for some mail

Membership Secretary:

Candace nominates Lloyd [and Lloyd nominates her back]

he says the driving's easy, but the computer work is hard for him

Lou N says there is computer work – not necessarily Internet-based, but. . . .

we want a more active relationship with our member database

Candace says maybe Jeremy could help

Richard K suggests going old school – use index cards, unify renewal dates

the lists are old . . .

Fred V invites people to look at the membership list – if someone's not there, put their names on

Fred V nominates himself for this, too

Chair:

Fred V would be happy to have someone else

JALP notes it can be helpful to have chair & sec'y together – couples? several mentioned (including JALP & Jennifer) Candace points out the near-problem of getting documents to Lansing

but JALP adds that caucuses and conventions can appoint their own chairs & secretaries

Derek [?] discusses the other things a chair does – go around the state, speak out, etc

Richard K is concerned about over-burdening Fred V with multiple offices, some of which could be full-time jobs Lloyd nominates Harley because he's dependable

Fred V suggests deferring finalization of officer elections & going over the question of capacity - later

Vice-Chair/Committee Manager:

Vice-Chair/SCC Whip:

Art M is in both of them now; we're all willing to keep them together

Elections Co-ordinator:

Jennifer nominates JALP; several seconds (Candace suggests need for detail-oriented person with legal knowledge)

National Reps [6] & Alternates [up to 6]

Art M says Linda M doesn't want to be a national rep (or an alternate) again Priscilla nominates Jennifer to take Linda M's place as a rep; she says okay Fred V steps down as an alternate, so do Richard K & Harley; Candace is willing to step up

re-affirm all members of GPUS committees

Eric Leonard (sp?) & Derek G in the Black Caucus

International Committee Platform Committee: Doug C & Linda C

Art M says Linda C withdrew from the Eco-Action Committee; SCC couldn't get a quorum for her proposed replacement

Presidential Campaign Support Committee: Harley's on it, but it's probably not very active for the next few years

Fred V suggests re-affirming all GPUS committee members & national reps/alternates

Harley asks if national reps vote at national meetings? no, says Fred; they're delegates (whoever can go when there's a mtg)

[*CONSENSUS* on this?]

| | break | [11:11 |
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| | back in action | [11:37 |
| before lunch] | Green Party Growth – Opportunities & Capacity (start) | [11:3 ⁻ |
| | ource of frustration in GPMI is not being able to take advantage of opportunities | 1 |
| • | s to try SWOT analysis (which will at least get us all up walking around from sheet to sheet): | |
| | & Weaknesses of the organization internally (compared to similar groups – not Ds, for example, says Fred |) |
| - | ities & Threats externally | / |
| | is for Capacity – what we can do for our party | |
| | dace asks if we put our names on this one at least; maybe so) | |
| ``` | to that for the next 45 minutes or so | |
| | ks how we'll get the comments into the minutes | |
| - | V says he can take them home and read them into his voice-recognition computer] | |
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| Fred V has sent of | f two people (Lou N &) to find out if we can eat at the DIA cafeteria | |
| | er that we can do some announcements and get into resolutions from what we just wrote | |
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| noon~1:00pm | Lunch | [12:0 |
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| [continued] | Green Party Growth – Concluding Resolutions | [1:1 |
| first, announceme | nts; then, officer elections; then we'll finish this off | |
| Art M put in that w | e have plenty of "movement" stuff to participate in, preferably wearing GPMI identification | |
| | of anti-nuclear events are coming up (all generally in the Detroit area) | |
| - | ut the anti-fracking initiative petition | |
| | 'MI to "renew" its endorsement of last year's Constitutional-amendment petition | |
| | on would also put people's health/etc as top priority/policy | |
| | kes it a formal motion – & also suggests donating \$100 (presuming it's legal) | |
| | NSENSUS* | |
| Richard K says Oc | cupy Detroit activists are meeting with old-time activists | |
| Central UMC | | |
| monthly potlu | cks; next one is 4/25 – we've been asked to co-sponsor it with other | |
| • • | is agreeing to inform our members & have them bring folks | |
| • | also send a representative (to help set topics for potlucks) & maybe give a presentation on the Green Party | |
| | nating Cheri Honkala gave us lots of credibility with some left folks who had seen us as just another distract | |
| Lloyd C (?) se | • • • • | |
| • • • • | SENSUS* – and we'll designate a representative | |
| Candace says the | re's a peace march in Huntington Woods every July 4 | |
| she'll send no | | |
| Eric B announces | has a U-M Greens Facebook page – wants more "likes" (to get more metrics on who's visiting) | |
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JALP nudges Fred V to announce that Bobby J is here - our candidate in the special election for the 27th State Senate District seat Candace stands up for him (his foot is broken) and speaks for him goes over the reasons for the special election, etc (Gleason wanted a new D incumbent to have a better chance in 2014) we had Cary Neuville-Justice in the smaller 51st State House district last year we want to capitalize on the support Cary got - and Bobby lives in the district, so he was eligible and we can pick up some supporters of Woodrow Stanley (who lost to Jim Ananich in the D special primary) Bobby J doesn't know what else to say . . . e-mail is gobobbygogreens@yahoo.com - no Website Richard K asks how active his campaign is one radio interview done, another one can't air before the election Candace is contacting Flint Journal, WNEM-5, etc points out that if Ananich wins, his State House seat will be vacated any literature, canvassing neighborhoods, bumper stickers? not much time for that - meeting with union groups, neighborhood associations, etc. time left to put an ad in the Flint Journal? not really Eric B: what about a "ground game" with yard signs, etc? Candace says this is really step 1 of a 2-step game (see Ananich next time) would he like some general "Green Party" signs as an in-kind donation? she says they'll accept \$25 *CONSENSUS* Julia W talks about Cindy Sheehan's "Tour de Peace" cross-country bicycle it's a strictly anti-war event, and on that [non-partisan] basis at least we can agree biking into Ann Arbor on June 5 - some people are interested in having GPMI present/endorsing/etc. Richard K isn't a particular fan of CSheehan - lost respect for her when she blasted the Greens in California George C asks what she said about the Green Party; Richard can't Candace notes that Greens are essentially off the [general] ballot in CA thanks to top-two primaries Eric B notes Cynthia McKinney is in it, too *CONSENSUS* Fred V goes through the Strengths many of them seem to deal with what we stand for some others have to do with working with local groups & communities both of these are things we have been working on in the past vote totals - overall/general trend upwards (mostly) ballot access (added - Fred V: no budget debt/deficit; Eric B: anti-war & pro-marijuana) Fred V goes through the *Weaknesses* lots of things – any groupings? what Fred V identifies lack of plans need to focus on members more co-ordination at the state level organizing/outreach things that are internal in a way but externally directed his experience with other grassroots organizations - they're all in crisis (cf Occupy) . . . and people are doing a lot of deep thinking Candace says JALP was MI NOW's first endorsed Green Julia W is scared by the passion on the R, e.g. of the young Ron Paulists on campuses - why aren't we hitting that nerve? Jeremy thinks it's a lack of exposure through pop culture & mainstream media Jon Stewart framed Ron Paul as a good vote, but never had Jill Stein on Eric B thinks it's largely because Libertarians have money - and they've been around for a long time how do we reach these kids? it's an internal weakness that we don't Art M put down the 4P/10KV as a weakness - cf Ban Fracking Now, whose purpose is clear from its name he'd rather have a platform saying what we're for & against - and THEN giving 4P/10KV as the reasons why doesn't mind if those principles are a reason for someone to join, but they make people zone out when we're recruiting not so much about individual candidates as how our literature is presenting us

Julia W notes no candidates put out their platforms when speaking to groups – they know their audiences Eric B says U-M students are way turned off by politics

#1 issue for kids on U-M campus is marijuana (& not being bugged by cops looking for it) . . . peace is another good issue Jeremy talked about an organization at U-M Flint trying to identify top issues – what came up: free tuition Julia W thinks we'll lose if we go issue by issue – what we need is an over-arching statement

like "People, Jobs, & Justice" (the slogan we've used before), asks JALP? yes . . .

Richard K: what we find different in this group vs other groups – he thinks it's lack of focus (cf his experiences with union) if we don't have the money for mass media, we have to spread the word the old-fashioned way . . . door to door we have to contact people – we have to have people willing to stand out in the cold handing out flyers, etc we need passion – enthusiasm!

Fred V agrees – but points out that Libertarianism is not only well-funded, it fits easier into society's current views and it has been a while since we put out any literature under our own name brings up the "10 reasons to go Green" (from 2010)

(since we keep drifting towards the "externals" anyway. . . .)

Fred V goes through the *Threats* - they seem pretty big

lack of coverage (& when there is some, it's only in the negative narrative with assigned roles like "spoilers")

power structures, etc attacking/resisting us

other groups/activities competing for our time

Fred V suggests letting more people comment more easily

Art M thinks our ballot access will be attacked if we get good at doing what we do (again, cf CA top-two)

Lloyd C also thinks there's a generational gap here – we're an aging party, not young or hip

could mean good incomes, time available, experience/knowledge/etc - but it's not working out that way somehow

but, says Eric B, Ds & Rs haven't done anything for young people either

Richard K says they did one thing: they got Obama in - conned kids to go that way

Fred V goes through the **Opportunities** – well, we do see lots of them around! (if we can use them)

but they're mostly pretty general; the Threats were more specific

Richard K says first thing to do is fix up the Website - make it more friendly, accurate, etc

(& frequently updated to keep people coming back)

we've tried making it with volunteers, hasn't worked; need to raise money to have someone doing it Fred V says we've had this discussion before

Lou N says it's not about the platform or the technology; it's the content (and the time)

Eric L asks if we can add streaming content to the Website we have now

Eric B says it's as simple as a Facebook page

where people okayed as administrators (as many as we want) can post stuff

Jennifer says we have a Facebook group, not a page - works a lot differently

can't "friend" a group, have to become a member

there was an automatic page generated by Facebook; we can't control it

Eric B notes he & Jennifer had talked about alternate names: GPMI – or Michigan Green Party

Candace notes the work Ken M has done for her (& others) buying & hosting domain names

Jeremy raises the possibility of Twitter as well as Facebook

Fred V suggests setting up a group to do the work, not just report back

Art M asks if we can have that group meet tomorrow . . . Fred's not sure everyone who should be on it can be here then

when he talked about "concrete", he was thinking of specific elections (maybe non-partisan ones?)

maybe it's time for us to put out a clear statement about what the main issues in Detroit elections really are – everyone's lying Jeremy speaks for all in saying come out [again] against emergency-manager law

another concrete opportunity is 2014 – what should we do then?

Jeremy mentions a boycott of gasoline, tobacco, alcohol, & gambling in Detroit on Sundays

Eric B thinks a high-profile mayoral candidate in this off-year might help keep GPMI in the discussion

Fred V wants to know why anyone is running for Mayor or Council if it's all subject to the emergency manager

Richard K suggests having candidates run for legislature on that issue (& maybe

likes JALP's idea of getting matching funds

also wants to run an AG candidate on marijuana, bank, etc issues

Fred V moves on to talking about *Capacity* . . . starting with the 2014 elections – what actual things can we do (starting now)? we have \$6,000 (\$4,000+ in political funds) and a ballot line – what else?

George C says if we had one candidate willing to run, we could generate interest

he thinks of Matt Abel for AG . . . Matt has a lot of credibility on the marijuana issue

Jeremy says we're on the right side of a lot of great social issues: anti-emergency manager & right to work, pro-public education JALP suggests adding *Citizens United*

Richard K says then we should have someone run for governor on all those issues

Bill O says Peters & Conyers have already come out against the EM law

Eric B says someone to watch (maybe in the governor's race?) is Jeff Irwin – a rising star among Washtenaw Co Ds

Fred V mentions John Olumba, who left the House D Caucus & listed in a letter the sins of the caucus (incl letting EM law pass) we need to explore building a progressive slate – maybe even with a few Ds who have some courage in SF, Greens run on this kind of slate – Fred thinks it's helping split the Ds there

Art M thinks we've gotten such good results as we have with the process we have; he thinks we need to change the process ... 90% of the time, someone who shows up is okayed to run –

and the end result is that most of our most active members are off on their own campaigns

almost nobody left with time/energy/etc to support a campaign we all think is really important

he likes the matching-funds idea, but then the candidate/campaign would be in charge of that money

if we don't change the process, we won't get very different results

Eric B says the same kind of self-nomination happens in the D & R parties

and the apathy is with all of them; they just have more money

Lou N reviews Art's issue in a larger context: top-level vs local candidates, as many candidates as possible or not, etc he still thinks we should hold open caucus/convention as much as possible

but he also agrees with Art that maybe we should pick a candidate or two to focus more party resources on

Fred V identifies this as a change in our view

Eric B adds that urban races work differently than rural ones (sometimes)

Julia W likes what's being said – if we have people with some success in building more vote-getting, we should support them other parties recruit people to be candidates – approach them to run

we aren't doing that (much, anyway) . . . we should be recruiting people on EM, anti-nuclear, anti-foreclosure, etc Richard K asks if anyone here would run for governor, or if we know someone who'd be good to recruit

Eric B suggests soliciting a governor candidate on Facebook; Richard K would like to have someone raising money themselves first some resistance to this "help wanted" ad approach

Fred V thinks we want to start now identifying races, candidates, & resources we could devote to them

Jeremy suggests a GPMI working framework/thread with tweet bubbles on our key social issues - continual dialogue

that's how U-M Greens Facebook page works, says Eric B; Jeremy's thinking more of a private working document

Fred V calls for a break . . . with discussion of 2-3 things to do when we get back

| break | [3:00] |
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| {NOTE: I think we've already covered these topics} | |
| Update on Detroit City Council & Mayoral Elections & Other 2013 El | ections [xx:xx] |
| 2014 Elections – Strategy & Candidates | [xx:xx] |
| back in action | [3:21] |
| Final Resolutions & Motions on the Above Points | [xx:xx] |
| Fred V says maybe we should start from the other end: | |
| assume we have no resources; what will we do in next 4-5 months? & how will we track he | ow we're doing on the commitments? |
| Internet stuff (Website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) | |
| Jennifer notes she was elected as Media Committee chair last year – not much done s | so far: we need more content |

everyone here has to be a part of making the Website happen

Richard K says top priority should be to take off NG info

Priscilla thinks we need to have a Web/Social Media Committee which decides timeframe for when things can be done we need to let that committee decide

Lloyd C asks: don't we want to make our site more interactive?

Fred V says what we need to do at this meeting is get resources together - people, mechanism, \$ if needed

Lou N notes this had been being handled as part of the Media Committee

if Jennifer is still open to using the Media Committee list, fine – but . . . it comes down to the next steps: content, etc Priscilla repeats we need a committee on the Website specifically (& maybe social media, too)

Eric B says there's a structural issue: the current Website attempts to be a slow-moving Facebook

anybody here could be a content provider on Facebook if the Committee decides to go that way (though it's dangerous) social media should drive people to go to the Website for more static info: donations, candidates, etc

Art M suggested this morning that we have a committee meeting to do this tomorrow, not have SMM make specific decisions he has some specific ideas too – but he's not bringing them forward now, doesn't think they're appropriate for whole body can we have that committee meet tomorrow?

Lloyd C starts every day on the computer . . . self-taught . . .

but he points & clicks to all the news items, takes him elsewhere as the info flows lead him – that's how lots of people do it this is so important to our going forward – he's complained about this enough he has to volunteer

Eric L has a Q or a suggestion . . . maybe we can meet remotely (Skype, etc) and avoid burnout

Fred V thinks a separate committee would be better; Jennifer's okay with that – she can still be a part of it *CONSENSUS*

Richard K suggests authorizing this committee to spend up to \$2,000

Art M notes SCC could make that decision (if it can make any kind of decision)

members:

Jeremy _ (focus on Twitter/WordPress)

Art M

Jennifer L

Eric B for Facebook

Priscilla D (will present results to SCC)

Lloyd C as crack-the-whip chair? or just a "resource"?

everyone else can provide input (& please do – it'll help)

CONSENSUS

Jeremy wants a list of all people in the room (not just Committee members) to look & provide feedback when things are set up Richard K is concerned about going off on Facebook/Twitter "tangents"

this group steps to the side & starts meeting

Fred V says we need different people to think about 2014 elections - candidates, races, issues, organization, etc

there seems to be agreement on having some focus

Fred V's ideas: Tom Mair, some other local races; also:

Oakland/Macomb area better than Detroit

maybe Julia W? she'd run for Co Comm'r, but is concerned re: onerous reporting requirements

one key is starting preparations now

what about top rank (governor, AG, SOS, Senator, etc)?

Fred V asks if George C would ask Matt A about running for AG (if not him, maybe his partner Tom Lavigne) Lou N asks if matching funds are only for governor? yes, says JALP

is the Elections Committee the place to start with/about this?

JALP reminds that it's a pretty big list - OTOH, they've all been candidates (or managers, etc)

and discussing this there might stimulate other folks to commit to running hard, focused campaigns in their areas Harley asks what "focusing" means

Richard K notes that we could encourage the statewide candidates to spend time campaigning in these focused areas Fred V notes a slight effort that way in Detroit

George C notes he did best in an area where he didn't campaign at all

Julia W had an opposite experience at a forum where the audience had been dominated by Libertarians, Tea Partiers, etc Fred V agrees it's hard to get above the noise; that's what we're trying to do with this focus

Richard K has been reading up on election theory; he's read the magic number for door-to-door visits is 3x

Julia W had some people in some downtrodden areas tell her it was the first time anyone had visited

doesn't think she's on the Elections list (JALP will make sure to re-invite her)

JALP says he may not be able to set up a Riseup list, but is sure he could set up a new subcommittee Yahoo Group

Bill O says when he joined GPMI, it was an egalitarian movement to <u>encourage</u> people to run for office but he wasn't allowed to speak in 2008 and 2012 . . . getting the impression that the party is growing top-down, not bottom-up he wants to feel he's a part of something

Fred V discusses further what this discussion will be on the Elections list JALP volunteers to write up an initiation to the discussion

George C raises the issue of talking with John Olumba – he'd be willing to discuss alternatives Fred V invited him here . . . what else to do? Lou ran against him(!); Elena knows him Fred V mentions his Website: OlumbaForHope

would he defect? Julia thinks we'd need to offer something to offset the institutional support the Ds provided him before still, it's an interesting change – and it's a move to the "left"

George C knows a young woman (met at some meeting) who'd been working for an env grp (Greenpeace or so) later, she seemed upset because the Greens ran somebody against her – should we avoid that? Fred V noted that we have had Ds come to us talking about sharing our agenda

JALP notes we have a choice to run candidates or not; Ds & Rs don't

Fred V tries to remember a third to-do item/issue: by-laws!

Harley doesn't think we can do it here, but we can charge that committee based on the discussions here

back to elections

Richard K says George C is thinking of Sara from St Clair Shores out of Clean Water Action . . .

there was a ringer in Macomb Co

he doesn't want to do any horse-trading with Ds or Rs

George C thinks decisions should be made on an individual basis

it's not to our advantage to run ringers to take votes away from legitimate progressives (even if they're not Greens)

back to officers for now

Fred V asked if Derek G & Celeste G could be chair & recordkeeper; they're okay with it

that would make the elected officers for 2013:

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| | Linda Cree | | Candace Caveny |
| | Priscilla Dziubek | | (put it out on the list) |
| | Derek Grigsby | | |
| | Jennifer La Pietra | | |
| | Lou Novak | | |

next SMM?

Fred V was thinking of meeting up north sometime – warmer weather? or avoid high season? end of July? that's GPUS meeting . . . maybe two weeks after? end of June? last weekend Fred isn't available aim for picnic June 22 . . . then September or so – well, make it October – in Traverse City (have Tom Mair arrange details)

| we call back the Social Media Committee | |
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| Plans for Tomorrow's Session & the Next SMM[s] | [4:31] |
| maybe we don't have any business left to do tomorrow | |
| Fred V invites the Social Media Committee to report; Lou N says Priscilla took notes, so she'll report | |
| meanwhile, Fred V reports his idea about Derek & Celeste *CONSENSUS* | |
| Priscilla says we have a plan (kind of) | |
| get an updated Webpage up, a Facebook group, & a Twitter account | |
| Fred V talks about having a focus or two – then also inviting others to participate George C will ask Matt Abel about AG | |
| some will try to set up a meeting with John Olumba | |
| Art M asks, if Matt Abel won't run, should we talk to G Fieger? Fred V thinks we should talk about it; Jeremy is oppos | ed |

Fred also suggests we could talk with M Moore - or Eminem?

By-Laws? there is a committee for that . . .

Bill O wants on; so does Harley if he's not . . . Art M or JALP will do that goal: bring a proposal to the next SMM – addressing quorum at a minimum, plus anything else the Committee wants to do

tentatively going West for the June SMM

is there anything to do tomorrow? no, we agree

Art asks if anyone else is willing to take charge of the GPMI phone for a while (now comes with a belt-clip)

6:30 pm "State of the State" Roundtable

<no notes>

Fred V is hoping for some dialogue tonight, leading to some common statements about key issues