



Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 27, 2020, 7 PM

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order; Quorum Established at 7:15 with 29 PCO's and 13 members present, (61 in attendance in all).

Officers Present: Victor Minjares (Chair); Danielle Westbrook (1st VC); Deborah Lee (2nd VC); Jordan Morris (Treas.); Kyrian MacMichael (Sec./Communications); Keoki Kauanoe (SCP); Neil Turner (MAL), Dave Little (LD2 rep); Jeff Sowers (LD22 rep.); Vanessa Malapote (LD35 rep.).

Officers Absent: Ann Chaudhry (SCP); Meren Gadman (MAL); Jed Haney (LD20 rep.)

No Sergeant at Arms; Draft Agenda, February Minutes, approved by acclamation.

7:15 PM Proposed Bylaw Amendment Vote

- A. POI Jim Lazar – How can we vote virtually if our bylaws don't allow it, in order to adopt a bylaws amendment that allows us to meet virtually?
- B. Chair responds: he wrote to Governor Inslee in March to ask if an emergency order could be issued suspending the sections of the Nonprofit Corporations Act that do not allow virtual voting and meetings, then reached out to the attorney general's office. Governor Jay Inslee with help of AG Bob Ferguson issued Proclamation 50-21 ([Link to Document](#)) suspending those sections of NCA. Thanks to them for allowing nonprofits to legally vote in virtual meetings.
- C. Text of Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article II, adding Section 5:

"5. TCD Meetings During Emergencies or Exigent Circumstances"

"If emergency or exigent circumstances prevent safely holding a meeting or vote of the TCD or a TCD committee at a physical location, the Chair or Acting Chair may direct that meeting and voting to be noticed, convened, and held electronically."

Stewart Henderson moves to adopt amendment, Jim Lazar seconds. Melissa Denton – offers friendly amendment to make this option permanent option to allow people to vote electronically. Friendly amendment rejected. Vote conducted by "yes" or "no" and with a poll 94% yes, 6% no. **BYLAW AMENDMENT ADOPTED.**

7:07PM Officers' Reports



1. Chair's Opening Remarks (Victor Minjares)

- a. Change in economy with the change of the times. This will affect how people campaign. Expectations of monthly meetings and how to campaign. Hard to make predictions about what will happen. Thank you for passing the amendment so we can vote and meet like this.

2. Guest Speakers (2 min each):

- a. Judge Scott Ahlf – Olympia Municipal Court Judge – running for Thurston Court Judge 1 spoke to the body about his qualifications
- b. Glenda Breiler – Running for LD 22 Rep Position 2 – spoke to the body about her qualifications
- c. Ellen Biggerstaff - Running for LD 22 Rep Position 2 – spoke to the body about her qualifications
- d. Jessica Bateman – Mayor ProTem for City of Olympia, Running for LD 22 Rep Position 2 – spoke to the body about her qualifications
- e. Anthony Novak – member, Running for LD 22 Rep Position 2 – spoke to the body about his qualifications

3. Membership (1st VC Danielle Westbrook)

- a. 139 PCO positions filled, 27 lifetime members , 183 members
- b. May 11th start of Filing week for PCO's too. File by mail started today

4. Treasurer's Finance Committee (Jordan Morris)

- a. 2020 Budget Draft is now void due to changes in fundraising opportunities. Doing what we can to reduce the budget. Discussed funds restricted for items like Burger Booth maintenance and operating costs.
- b. Nicolette Oliver moves that the finance committee only fund essential activities that can be determined by a vote of the majority of the executive committee. Rory Summerson seconds.
 - i. Chair suggest “until the majority of the executive committee votes to lift spending I move that the finance committee only fund essential activities, until such time as a majority of the Exec. Comm. votes to lift that restriction.”
 - ii. Nicolette Oliver – spoke to her motion



1. Much discussion ensued. [Vote tabled by tacit acclimation]

c. A donate button was recently added to the website. Raised \$139 already.

5. Communications Team (*Kyrian MacMichael*)

Thank you to Communication Committee for working to ensure that meetings are accessible are able to be conducted in orderly manner

6. Fundraising Chair (*MAL Meren Gadman - absent*)

Secretary - Kennedy dinner for May 29th has been canceled due to COVID 19. Gadman will plan for an event later this summer or fall.

7. Campaign Services Committee (*2nd VC Deborah Cano-Lee /CS co-chair Kevin Pestinger-absent*)

a. 2nd VC Cano-Lee moved to approve campaign services for the following candidates:

i. Yanah Cook, Candidate for Pierce County Commission District 1.

Olive, Herring, Zita seconded. Suzie LeFergey, Phyllis Ferrell, spoke in favor. **Body unanimously approves 43 votes yes.**

ii. Carolina Mejia, Candidate for Thurston County Commission, Position 1.

Susan Herring seconds. No debate. **Unanimously Approved, 40+ in favor.**

iii. Rory Summerson, Candidate for Thurston County Commission, Position 1.

Susan Herring seconds. No debate. **Body approves unanimously 40 yes.**

iv. Darcy Huffman, Candidate for LD35 State Representative.

Zita & Wheatley 2nd. No debate. **Body approves unanimously 40 yes.**

v. Glenda Breiler, Candidate for LD22 State Representative

Zita seconds. No debate. **Body approves unanimously 40 yes.**

vi. Mary Ellen Biggerstaff, Candidate for LD22 State Representative.

Summerson, Zita, Lazar seconded, spoke in favor. Approved 37 in favor, 1 against

b. Emmett O'Connell recognized, asks why Jessica Bateman wasn't on the list to get campaign services.



- i. Chair asks 2nd VC whether CSC got an application from Bateman for campaign services?

2nd Vice Chair – An application has not been received from Bateman. CSC invites all candidates and campaign managers to apply for services. Campaign services is ready to schedule interviews for the next couple of weeks.

 1. Sam Hunt – Pol – CSC form cannot be typed into. Need to download form, then send it out.
 2. Susan Herring – Pol – Can the email address be printed in the Blast! and sent out to email address to send the body?
 3. Patrick McLaughlin – the CSC files have been updated but they are currently PDF's that need to be downloaded, filled out by hand, then sent in.
 4. Chair - Campaign Services should reach out to all candidates.
- ii. Chair received an email directly from Jessica Bateman regarding status of campaign services application. Chair looked into it and found there are confused pathways on the website and emails are not being received if people follow the prescribed pathways, wrong email given to candidates.
 - a. 2nd Vice Chair – asked why email was not forwarded to Campaign Services
 - b. 1st Vice Chair – received an application from Jessica Bateman for services that said April 14th as the date, but the email address on the CSC application was incorrect. Westbrook alerted the communications team as soon as she was aware of the error and the email address was fixed immediately.
 - c. 2nd Vice Chair – apologized to Jessica Bateman on behalf of CSC for the miscommunication and for CSC having not received the application she submitted
 - d. LD 35 Rep Malapote – CSC was “actively asking” for the application in anticipation of receiving it, but it was never forwarded to them
- iii. Stewart Henderson – moves that we grant Jessica Bateman campaign services, Cynthia Pratt seconds.



1. Jim Lazar – PoO – rules must be suspended in order to consider the main motion, Cynthia Pratt – seconds the motion to suspend rules. 26 yes, 13 no – suspending rules passes.
 - a. E.J. Zita – moved to amend motion to state that campaign services be approved without campaign services committee recommendation. Chair – amendment is moot/out of order since rules suspension vote will be reflected in the minutes.
 - b. Rory Summerson – spoke in favor; of Bateman receiving services.
 - c. Kyle Taylor Lucas – spoke against; motion so campaign services could conduct business properly and follow the process.
 - d. Tye Menser – spoke for; since there was an error in the process, and there has been prior approval of campaign services for Bateman (last year), it is warranted to grant the motion.
 - e. Susan Herring (former CSC chair) - errors happen, prior process to approve campaign services did not require an interview.
 - f. **Vote 29 yes, 6 no – motion passes to approve campaign services for Bateman.**

8. Burger Booth recertification status (MAL Neil Turner)

- a. MAL Turner – thank you for virtual meeting
- b. Approval to conduct business - Gaw, Minjares, Morris have helped process to get approval from L&I for application
- c. 3 of 5 events have canceled – no news from Lakefair or Thurston County Fair
- d. L&I asking for a virtual inspection to approve licensing

9. LD 22 Delegates, Report (Jeff Sowers)

- a. Good turn-out for delegates compared to other 17 Biden 19 Bernie, 20 Biden 30 Bernie with a lot of diversity



- b. Ballots have been sent to PCOs for voting purposes
 - i. LD 35, 25 running for delegate positions
 - ii. LD 20, 18 running for delegate positions
 - iii. LD 2, 16 running for delegate positions

10. **GOOD OF THE ORDER** 9:12 PM

(Announcements: 1 min max)

- Carolina Mejia – Carolina for Thurston.com
- Nicolette Oliver – serve 22 equity committee, recruited delegates from under represented groups like LGBTQ, people of color, disabled. Priority for delegates under 36
- David Gaw - spoke to the body about qualifications for County Commission david-gaw.com
- Tye Menser – last year democrat voted 89-0 to stop industrialization at Rock Point, county commissioners voted it down – Budd Blake candidate for industrialists and Gary Edwards (deregulation agenda using CV-19 to deregulate) are working to undo this victory
- Rory – thank you for services – vote Rory .com
- LD 35 Rep Malapote – acting chair of 35 – asking PCOs in 35th – vote on ballots sent out yesterday
- Keoki Kauanoë – Budd Blake pushing radical rightwing agenda exploiting CV-19 and right wing PAC running liberate WA rallies – rally to stop Budd Blake

Adjournment 9:18

Malapote moves; SCP Kauanoë seconds, motion is passed.



Motions/Actions Summary

Motion/Discussion	Result
Motion to approve April TCDCC meeting agenda	Passed Unanimously
Motion to approve February TCDCC meeting minutes	Passed Unanimously
Motion to approve bylaw amendment – see appendix A	Passed 94% to 6%
Motion to approve campaign services for Yanah Cook	Passed Unanimously
Motion to approve campaign services for Carolina Mejia	Passed Unanimously
Motion to approve campaign services for Rory Summerson	Passed Unanimously
Motion to approve campaign services for Darcy Huffman	Passed Unanimously
Motion to approve campaign services for Glenda Brieler	Passed Unanimously
Motion to approve campaign services for Mary Ellen Biggerstaff	Passes 37 yes to 1 no
Motion to suspend rules to consider motion to approve campaign services for Jessica Bateman	Passes 25 yes to 13 no
Motion to approve campaign services for Jessica Bateman	Passes 29 yes to 6 no

Drafted by: Kyrian MacMichael

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