



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7 pm

Zoom

Call to Order & Quorum 7:00 PM

7:08 PM Call to Order/Quorum Established

Officers Present: Victor Minjares (Chair); Danielle Westbrook (1st VC); Deborah Lee (2nd VC); Jordan Morris (Treas.); Kyrian MacMichael (Sec./Communications); Keoki Kauanoe (SCP); Ann Chaudhry (SCP); Meren Gadman (MAL); Neil Turner (MAL), Dave Little (LD2 rep); John Thompson (LD20 rep.); Jeff Sowers (LD22 rep.); Vanessa Malapote (LD35 rep.)- late.

Officers Absent: N/A

Members Present: Katherine Package, Suzanne Kline, Sandia Slabi, Mari Stuart, Debra Jauqua, Keitha Bryson, Dan Tufford, Jed Haney, Patrick McLaughlin, Erik Tufford, Bev Bassett, Joanne McCaughan

Appointments/Agenda Minutes

None appointed Sergeant at Arms

May revised Minutes and revised June Agenda Approved by Acclamation

7:28PM

Chair - Welcome to John Thompson – taking seat as 20 rep – Cowlitz CO Dems

LD 20

LD 22 Rep – Point of Privilege motion to remove mute for all members during tonight's meeting – approved – chair overruled 9 - 2

Chair – reviewed expectations for meeting decorum

Officers' Reports

1. Chair's 2020 Opening Remarks (Victor Minjares)

a. Falsified "paid anarchist" flyer doxing

i. Chair – calls on Patrick McLaughlin – started receiving messaged about false flyer:

1. Traffic increased on FB – we disavowed on FB, but things escalated, chair stepped in and started damage control
2. Chair – turned on phone Sunday morning – texts and calls from all over the country coming in non-stop and emails coming in – flyers saying we are working with Soros - Trump pushing disinformation



- and flyers were printed and posted at rallies countrywide – attacking democrats and pushing anti-Semitism
3. Names from PCO page on website were being pulled (ex. Oliver and Lefergy) and PCO's were receiving bizarre calls. PCO page was deactivated to protect civil servants.
 4. Chair worked with Verizon to change phone number due to receiving death threats. The phone and account information was given to Olympia PD, Thurston sheriff, FBI, to forensically investigate.
 5. Facebook refused to classify fake flyer as "False" until newspaper started posting.
 6. Snopes debunked the flyer, but it is still being spread.
 7. Thanks to people gathering info of people spreading the fake flyer and making copies death threats to assist the police who are investigating the matter.
 8. We need to go on the record as not supporting or condoning violence.
 9. Olympia Mayor is spreading rumors and false news about Black Lives Matter supports as rioters planning to destroy property and in response armed militia men were patrolling Olympia streets
 10. Olympia PD posing with 3%ers members – unsure if they are aware of White Supremacist nature of the group.
 11. Gather any suspicious activity and send to Chair so Chair can send it to the police.
- b. RROR on dilatory conduct – If people are submitting dilatory motions, then suspension of membership or expulsion from membership may occur if voted upon and passed by the body.
2. Membership (1st VC Danielle Westbrook)
 - a. 221 new members up 15 since May 19th, 1 PCO resignation for seat 254, Colin Bartlett
 - b. New elected PCOs 12/1/2020
 - c. PCO Appointment Applicants:
 - i. Cory Miller for Tumwater 408 – approved by acclimation 9-0
 - ii. Tom Rainey for McLane 141 – approved by acclimation 10 - 0
 3. Campaign Services Committee (2nd VC Deborah Cano-Lee)
 - a. Interviews, recommendations – Phil Gardner, Erik LeMay, Veronica Witcher, and a few others have interviews lined up in next few weeks.
 - i. Will have motions to make for recommendation or not for TCDCC later this month
 4. Finance Committee (Treasurer Jordan Morris)
 - a. May Financials – people may reach out to Treasurer individually to see financial reports



- b. Essential Expenses – expenses discussed and noted that TCD is getting a steady influx of people paying dues and people making donations
- c. Kathy Package – suggested saving money by canceling insurance on Burger Booth, canceling phone, etc.
- d. NGP Negotiations - overcharging us since 2015, Chair is working with them to lower rates
- e. Budget projections – options –
 - i. Just find essential expenses and don't put money into a mailer or burger booth repair – Dec 2021
 - ii. Spend \$6000 on a mailer, get to August 2021
 - iii. Spend \$6000 mailer and \$8000 on Burger Booth – December 2020
- f. Kathy Package resigned a few months ago, but volunteers are still needed
- 5. Communications Committee (*Secretary Kyrian MacMichael*)
 - a. NGP and mailing list updates – Meeting Notice for
 - b. Smore Newsletters
 - i. \$189/year for 2000 contacts, \$499/year for 8000 contacts (49/month)
 - ii. 4,000+ records in NGP who can receive emails
 - c. Virtual Meetings and Collaboration Tools – can make how-to videos using screencastify
- 6. 2020 Campaign Space (*SCPs Keoki Kauanoe & Ann Chaudhry*)
 - a. SCP Chaudhry – working online for all-day convention
 - b. SCP Kauanoe – going virtually in a tight time-frame , democratic central committee - objection to proposed meeting participation rules
 - c. Chair – proposes rule of no participation or objection from the floor
- 7. Burger Booth recertification status (*MAL Neil Turner*)
 - a. MAL Turner - Lakefair canceled – paperwork set-up for 20-21 and have a prorated rate
 - b. Having problems with L&I, but good to go through 2021
 - i. Treasurer – granted and extension on L&I processing due to difficulty getting contractors. Looking for contractors to get work done on Burger Booth.
 - c. Food truck organization – working on getting reduced rates.
 - d. Chair – Susan Stack wants voter booth off of her property.
 - i. MAL Turner can haul to where it needs to go.
 - ii. 1st VC – needs measurements to ensure it could fit at her property, but willing to house the voting booth.
- 8. Fundraising Chair (*MAL Meren Gadman*)
 - a. Online fundraising plan – targeted fundraising – need to have a budget to determine what is needed and how much is needed (lost sound) excused at 8:28.
 - b. Ongoing fundraising issues
- 9. LD2 report (*LD2 Chair Dave Little*)



- a. Zoom Meeting at last general meeting w/o waiting room. Attacked by Right-Wing group who filled screen with N-word, shut meeting down and restarted with waiting room to vet entrants
 - b. Inviting Nisqually tribe members to meetings.
 - c. Candidate(s):
 - i. Yanah Cook – conduit for Nisqually Tribe in Pierce County
 - ii. Veronica Whicher Rockett spoke at LD2
 - iii. Endorsed both (above) and multiple judicial candidates, but none with multiple democrats in race.
 - d. 2nd VC – would like to invite LD2 to get out the vote with tribal members on reservation.
 - e. Cook needs help to get the information out in an email from for virtual phone banking volunteers.
10. LD20 report (LD20 Chair John Thompson)
- a. Candidate(s) met last Saturday with first Zoom Meeting – difficulty with getting PCOs online.
 - b. LD20 hard to get people to participate as is largely republican
 - c. Candidates:
 - i. Timothy Zhan - endorsed
 - ii. Will Rollett - endorsed
 - iii. Rosemary Siipola – endorsed –
 - 1. contacted by media service – geo-fencing around addresses and putting up ads through the internet service targeting
 - iv. Setting up phone banks for Monday – Thursday looking to motivate phone bankers – need to get vote builder update and get rid of bad numbers
11. LD22 report (LD22 Chair Jeff Sowers)
- a. Filled LD positions for state convention
 - b. Endorsements:
 - i. Dave Gaw, Rory Summerson, and Carolina Mejia for Thurston Commissioner, District 1
 - ii. Beth Doglio state rep, Laurie Dolan, Michael Steadman, Jay Inslee, Ferguson, Carrington, Malapote, Franz, and others
 - c. resolutions passed – against excessive force and militarized processes, and against racial processing
 - i. Treasurer – please share wording with us
 - ii. Chair – Nicolette Oliver will submit for next meeting
 - d. forum for LD 22 candidates next Monday at 7pm – Bateman, Biggerstaff, Brieler, Novak LD 22 position
12. LD 35 report (LD35 Chair Vanessa Malapote)
- a. LC35 Rep – meeting on 5/23/20 elected as a chair of LD 35, electing VC at next meeting



- b. First Zoom Meeting – some of the elderly members are struggling with Zoom
- c. Endorsed Huffman and Myers - because they are the only democrats in the race.
- d. Campaign Services for Mejia, - approved, but not endorsed since there are other candidates who are democrats running against her.
- e. June 23rd

Unfinished Business

- ~~1. Motion to conduct research on funding and process for approved parliamentary certification to be presented in the future. Motion approved on 2/10/19, but no action taken.~~

New Business

1. NGP VAN costs: retain or not? – spend less money than already approved
2. Zoom increase to webinar level (up to 10,000 participants)?
 - a. \$14.99/month 100 participants for 24 ours meetings
 - b. \$199/month 300 participants next level up
 - c. \$65/month pro up to 500
 - d. 2nd VC – averaging 75 – 90 members per meeting prior to COVID-19.
 - e. MAL Kauanoie – since membership is up to 250, we should have meeting space to accommodate that many.
 - f. LD 22 Chair – attempts to make motion (bad connection)
 - g. Treasurer – it should be in the budget to increase Zoom allowance
 - h. 2nd VC – discounts as charitable organization are available
 - i. LD 22 Chair – motion to authorize for Zoom for 500 guests for \$65/month for 1 month. Secretary seconds. Vote passes 11-0
3. Next General Meeting (Chair) – reports –
 - a. CSC - no set of procedures except 2 from January 19 by Stephen Segal that took away 2/3 rules about votes, May 28, 2019 meeting – asked that all candidates be asked about ICE and Sanctuary Cities
 - b. 2nd VC – communications about CSC have been delivered, discussed negative communication practices that need to be resolved, and asks for a positive change to Chair regarding communications to CSC.
 - c. Secretary – we can improved communications for meetings with running agendas, using calendar, and other Google tools to improve collaboration and transparency. Will make screencastify videos on using Google tools for Executive Committee Members.
 - d. 1st VC – issues reported from some candidates stating that they feel attacked by CSC during interviews.
4. Resolution to recognize to the May TCDCC Meeting as not valid
 - a. LD22 Rep - makes motion to invalidate TCDCC May Meeting.
 - b. Chair - moves to end meeting – rejected by EC



- c. LD 22 Rep – presents document (Appendix A) to EC and moves to have EC make an advisory recommendation to the body to vote of the document
 - i. Chair rules that the motion is out of order, the motion needs to go to the body since the motion
 - ii. LD 35 Rep – PCOs have come to the meeting to discuss
 - iii. LD 22 Rep – appeals Chairs decision
 - iv. Chair says no discussion is allowed
 - v. MAL Kauanoë – rejects the Chairs motion
 - vi. Vote on motion to reject chairs motion - ?
 - vii. Point of Information – item is not shared
 - viii. Chair – stated that voting on whether the votes made by the body are invalid needs to be in the TCDCC meeting, not in the TCDEC meeting.
 - ix. LD 35 Rep – calls for a sergeant at arms to be consulted.
 - x. Chair reads parts of the resolution out loud – explains that it calls to revote on the approved endorsements and all members to retain mic rights to allow for proper order under RR
 - xi. Discussion
 - xii. LD 22 Rep withdraws motion and agrees to have resolution sent out to the body

Good of the Order

Adjournment

Chair motion to close, 1st VC seconds, meeting adjourned at 10:15



Motions/Actions Summary

Motion/Discussion	Result
Motion to approve revised Minutes and revised June Agenda	Passed by Acclimation
Motion to appoint Cory Miller for Tumwater 408	Passed Unanimously 9-0
Motion to appoint Tom Rainey for McLane 141	Passed Unanimously 10 - 0
Motion to authorize for Zoom for 500 guests for \$65/month for 1 month	Passes 11-0
Motion to invalidate TCDCC May Meeting	
Motion to adjourn	rejected by EC
Motion to invalidate TCDCC May Meeting	Motion withdrawn as it needs to be sent to body
Motion to adjourn	Passes by acclimation

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Revised	7/3/20
Approved	7/13/20



Appendix A:

Thurston County Democrats CC resolution to declare 5/18/20 CC Meeting as not valid, approving business transacted, and enacting rule allowing members to unmute themselves during meetings.

Whereas, The 5/18/20 Thurston County Democrats CC meeting was substantially out of compliance with TCD bylaws, and seriously violated many PCO and member rights to participate in accordance with Robert's rules or Order, Newly Revised(RONR), and were excluded from participation, due to the following reasons:

- a. Members could not unmute themselves to speak and raised hands were ignored. This effectively silenced and excluded some members from participating for large segments of the meeting. TCD bylaws(sec. 4D) require the meeting to follow RONR, and many core rights under RONR are exercised by interrupting the speaker, rights which could not be exercised by multiple members. This includes the following:
 - I. Point of order - may interrupt the speaker(including chair) to call attention to a rule being broken. Chair must rule on point of order(RONR Art 4, sec. 21). Multiple members who wanted to make points of order were unable to do so because they could not unmute themselves.
 - II. Appeal the ruling of the chair - if a member disagrees with the chair's ruling, they may interrupt to appeal the ruling, in which case it is decided by the body(RONR Art 4, sec. 21). Multiple members wanted to appeal the chair's rulings but were unable to do so because they could not unmute themselves.
 - III. Point of information, point of personal privilege, object to consideration of the question, division, motion to reconsider, and motion to take from the table all entail the right of a member to interrupt. All members were denied these rights at the meeting because they could not unmute themselves to exercise these rights. The extent that members wanted to exercise these rights but were unable to so is unknown.
- b. Member motions were made and ignored, including a recount motion and a motion to adjourn. Since members could not make a point of order, members could not draw attention to these motions being ignored or rules being broken
- c. The Zoom room size was not big enough to accommodate all members who were attempting to enter, and some members received a notice that the room was full. While total attendance came down into the upper 90's, how many PCOs and members received the "room full" notice and as a result did not participate is unknown.
- d. Many members report not receiving proper notice of the meeting
Whereas, TCD is committed to respecting member rights under the bylaws and RONR.
Whereas, Unity in TCD is based on a mutual respect for the rights of all members and the bylaws.

Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the TCD CC declares that the TCD CC meeting held on May 18, 2020 was substantially out of compliance with the bylaws and that all business transacted at the meeting is not valid.
2. That the TCD CC hereby approves all business transacted at the May 18th, 2020 TCD CC meeting except for endorsements requiring a vote of 2/3rds which shall be approved separately.
3. At all further TCD meetings held via Zoom, all members shall retain the right to unmute themselves at all times in order to exercise their right to participate under RONR, unless the body by majority votes to mute a member or remove them from the meeting as provided by RONR.