

Agenda  
Fall/Winter 2017 SMM  
Marquette, MI

- 9:00 a.m. Check in
- 9:30 a.m. Introductions all around
- 10:00 a.m. Official GPMI business (Officer Reports, By-Law Proposals, Additional Proposals)
- 12:00 p.m. Working Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Wade Roberts
- 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Tom Mair
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation on Green Strategy: LuAnne Kozma
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation on Back 40 Mine
- 3:00 p.m. Short break
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation on UP Environmental issues: Aimee Cree Dunn
- 3:45 p.m. Presentation on Web Development and Site Update Information: Dan Martin-Mills
- 4:30 p.m. Any Additional Presentations / Closing Business
- 5:00 p.m. Greens Pizza Party with music by Jud Sojourn of NMU's Center for Native American Studies

## **PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MARQUETTE SMM OCT. 2017**

Since the last GPMI SMM, the three proposals we passed and sent on to the National Committee were voted on and passed by them. Those three housekeeping amendments:

- clarified that PlatCom does have the power to make minor edits of the Platform, not just of newly submitted proposals
- corrected the HIV/AIDS plank which still called for lifting the ban prohibiting HIV positive people from visiting or immigrating to the U.S. although Obama had lifted the ban
- corrected a plank under education to remove reference to No Child Left Behind, since that act has been replaced by the Every Child Succeeds Act of 2015

PlatCom is currently working in sub-groups of volunteers on chosen sections of the Platform. The volunteers are:

Preamble - Adam Davis

Ch. 1: Democracy - Holly Hart, Jesse Townley

Ch. 2: Social Justice - Joanna Herlihy, Elie Yarden, David Schwab, Antonio Diaz

Ch. 3: Ecological Sustainability - Tim Willard, Linda Cree, Bruce Hinkforth, Rudolfo

Cortez, Kristin Combs, Sid Smith

Ch. 4: Economics - Maureen Shea, Kristin Combs, Jason Jackson, Rudolfo Cortez,  
Jesse Townley

We've received a proposal from the Illinois Green Party regarding the criminalization of sex work. It's been reviewed by the National Women's Caucus and we're discussing sending it on to the NC at this time.

The GP-US Platform Committee is still accepting proposals from states, caucuses, and those committees empowered to make such proposals. We'll be accepting proposed amendments until December 31st, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Cree

PlatCom Co-chair

## **Archivist Report: John Anthony La Pietra**

My report to the previous SMM in Monroe did not make it into the packet, so I'm largely repeating myself this time. I can report that I have had an involuntary back-up the end of August; my old PC's motherboard died overnight, but fortunately the hard drive was okay. I may have double back-ups in the future (hard drive and DVD), to make it easier to pass material on to future Archivists. As of this writing, there have been no updates to the GPMI Handbook since 07-31, before the Monroe SMM; if anyone makes any, please let me know. (The by-laws still say the Archivist is responsible for the Handbook but the Communications Manager maintains it.)

For some offices, information is included directly in the Handbook: Committee Manager

Some other offices have narratives of varying lengths describing some key tasks: Treasurer, Membership Manager, Meeting Manager

For other offices, the Handbook has a list of documents or other resources under their management: Archivist; Elections Co-ordinator (most internal documents listed show date of latest update)

Offices with lists of items under consideration as candidates for inclusion/coverage in the Handbook under that office's auspices: Archivist, Locals Liaison [and locals], Communications Manager, Merchandise/Office Manager

The Chair has nothing input in the Handbook yet. And the entry for "Representatives to GP-US" has a line naming a document on "Duties as Delegates / Alternate Delegates" and a partial list of GP-US Committees (besides the National Committee, only five of over 20 other committees) but no further details.

The Handbook is online at  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dlgix32YoV31VG0aKcgULY9K5a-miCl1aidbvGZa67E/edit>

It also contains links to three more Google Docs-based files:

"How the SCC Operates" guide:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lQA3aiw5KIQj5Hm78UmW2lIR82grlOoClNisu puOv\\_Y/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lQA3aiw5KIQj5Hm78UmW2lIR82grlOoClNisu puOv_Y/edit) list of proposals recently before SCC:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lZfV2neCLb3BHZ1HJDMZoqiGyq--kDKSe8zbqrOVLmk/edit> SCC members [technically a Google Sheet, not an ordinary Google Doc]: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iYoG8-kNgwcMFJ-RQz2m7lQRszKSq3NzqPzfePRYtlc/edit>

## **GPUS Report: Doug Campbell**

The GPUS National Committee has, once again, accomplished virtually nothing of value.

During calendar year 2017, we managed to adopt an annual budget for 2017 (but not until February 12), schedule an annual meeting (a mere three and a half months before the event), and considered a number of purely-internal proposals. We also confirmed a number of people for various posts without any opportunity to interview them or otherwise conduct any meaningful evaluation, and demonstrated that we're incapable of conducting an election. (steering committee) details: <http://gp.org/cgi-bin/vote/voterresults>

We are currently discussing an irrelevant endorsement, yet another internal-minutiae procedural proposal, and thoroughly consumed over allocating a pittance to a school for revolutionaries.

I joined the Green Party to influence the outcome of elections, legislation & regulation. Y'know, *realpolitik*. The GPUS-NC doesn't do that.

Effectively immediately, I quit. I've wasted enough of my time & energy and I'm not going to waste any more.

I will remain a GPUS-NC observer, and a GPUS platform committee member, for the foreseeable future.

To my successors:

Let me suggest making these items a priority:

- Enable delegates to initiate proposals.
- Eliminate the plain-text-avalanche e-mail list as the primary tele-collaboration method.
- Empower the platform committee to maintain the platform without micromanagement.

Note: The remarks above refer to the GPUS National Committee, not the GPUS office staff, steering committee or subcommittees.

## **Treasurer Report: Paul Homeniuk**

Received a request from the BOE on September 9 to amend or clarify our 2016 Pre-General CS previously filed. One line item from the Jill Stein event I had described as *misc cash donations from the Jill Stein event*. I should have labeled it as *misc. cash donations under \$20*. I amended the report through the MERTS system prior to the September 20 deadline. The amended report was accepted and processed. To my knowledge this makes are fully up to date at this time.

Fred Vitale who has been paying for the “Party Phone” as part of his personal phone had requested that we get our own phone. I thanked Fred for his long time generosity and explored plans to put the phone in the Party’s name. After research and recommendations from multiple users, I chose Republic. The account was set up in the name of the Green Party of Michigan. An updated phone was purchased and should arrive in our office managers hands sometime today (9/19/201). The new system will allow us to keep our existing phone number after a transfer process that Lou will work with Fred on. The transfer requires some personal information from the previous account holder to complete. The Party paid \$129 dollars for he new phone and will pay a maximum of \$20 per month for the phone service. I put the initial payment on my credit card but have requested a debit card for the Party accounts. It is expected in the next 5 days or so. The account will then be set up to pay automatically directly from the Party’s bank account.

Key item to note is that the phone and account is actually in the name of the Green Party of Michigan.

As of today we have \$ 255.73 in our Administrative account

\$ 728.75 in our Political account

\$2145.13 in our Money Market account

We will have costs for the SMM in Marquette coming out of those balances.

As always, I will have some copies of full balance sheets available for those who are interested at the SMM.

Respectfully submitted by,

## **Chairperson's Report, Sherry A. Wells, July 27 to Sept. 27, 2017**

July 27—drove 4 of us women to Lansing to present documentation about Flint Water, Detroit elections, reparations.

July 31—potluck dinner with Rev. Pinkney as speaker; attended Election Challenger training after.

Aug. 1 and 2—attended League of Women Voters meet-and-greets for Detroit District candidates

Aug. 3—attended testing of new vote tabulators at Detroit Dept. of Elections

Aug. 4—on WEXL radio with D. Etta Wilcoxson about elections as Green Party Chair

Aug. 5—Attended SMM in Monroe and presented about Consensus and proposed By-laws changes.

That evening and next AM, 29 emails of GP-MI SMM follow-up.

Aug. 6-- appeared and spoke as Chair at a Detroit Rally at which all 5 of our candidates also appeared and spoke and were videotaped by an online media. I attended a Hiroshima Peace Rally at 7 p.m.

Aug. 7--Walked door-to-door (8th time) with D.Etta and Macomb Green, Michael Zubas; attended full Election Challenger Training by Anita Belle that evening, answering GP-MI emails in between.

Aug. 8--I arrived at Cobo Hall at 6:56 AM (!) to be a Challenger at the Absentee Ballot Counting Boards, left about 9 p.m. and waited for a return bus to get to my car. Popped in at Ingrid's Victory Party for a very few minutes.

Aug. 9--On the radio with D.Etta about the election irregularities. More GP-MI emails. Necessary massage at 3 p.m., Indivisibles Meeting at 7 and babysitting (for food money) at 8.

Aug. 10—AM--read and worked up an Affidavit for Anita Belle's Election Challenger lawsuit, made statements for GP-MI press releases. 5 PM—attended Press Conference in Downtown Detroit as Chair of GP-MI and a Challenger over this election mess. "Grassroots Democracy."

Aug. 12—Democratic Socialists Meeting as GP-MI Chair and DSA member.

Aug. 15—Attended Anita Belle's court hearing about her Election Challenger lawsuit.

Aug. 16—Attended Macomb Greens meeting I had helped set up and did PR for.

Aug. 19—Escort with other DSA members at women's clinic in Detroit.

Aug. ? —GP-MI member and attorney John Early asked me to work on a potential 2nd lawsuit about the Detroit Primary Election.

Aug. 24 to Sept. 11—I read the 22-page report Marie Thornton—Senior Citizens United for a Fair Election, contacted her challengers and other GP members and drafted 11 affidavits, skimmed/read all 293 sections of the Michigan Election Law, and two cases, met with Ms. Thornton and another attorney, and first-drafted a 4-page Complaint and passed it on to him and Atty. Early.

Sept 9—arranged and conducted Macomb Greens Caucus to endorse Mike Zubas; afterwards, he and Erin M. Fox, D. Etta Wilcoxson, Anita Belle, Jennifer Kurland and I went door-to-door for Mike.

Sept. 12—Radio 910 AM —invited, as GP-MI Chair about Third Parties. When the Political Science prof. started to say that the Green Party was a one-issue party, I interrupted: WRONG!” and was given an opportunity to give my “elevator speech” about our Four Pillars.

Sept. 14—Bridge Mag. “birthday party;” Left a bit early for Wayne County Greens meeting.

Sept. 19—Met with Mike Zubas to address postcard Thank You’s to his filing petition signers; went door-to-door with him in an African-American neighborhood. Helped him with LWV questionnaire.

Sept. 25—Helped Mike with Sierra Club questionnaire.

Sept. 26—Door-to-door in Idlewild and Baldwin in Lake County (poorest in Michigan) with flyers for my 6:30 p.m. meeting at Scottville Library (which my PR drew 2 people; Jacob Straley’s parents were two more and my Scottville cousin was our 5th plus me.)

Sept. 27—this report and By-laws to SCC for week’s review.

PLUS, fortunately, much less SCC Admin. data entry and other tasks. Still some to do.

SO YOU SEE WHY I CANNOT ATTEND the very SMM that I had so looked forward to us holding in the Summer. I am almost disastrously behind in every other matter in my life and must drive 16 hrs. each way to Georgia several times from Fall through Spring (I avoid it June to Sept.)

## **Green Party of Michigan Membership Manager's Report: Dan Martin Mills**

Since the August 5 SMM we have entered data for 73 new members\*, for a total Green Party of Michigan membership of 1399, (as of September 25). Wayne County shows an increase of 21, while Genesee and Kent share second place with 12 new members.

I made a couple improvements to our web application's membership component. All data insert/update/deletes are now recorded in the database, and authorized site users can search that change history. I reworked the Join page to make it friendly to mobile devices. And after joining, the new member now is prompted to register as a website user. In this way, they can maintain their own personal information and access new features as we develop them. I also got the site to load much faster.

Former Membership Manager Paul Homeniuk collaborated with me to produce a set of suggested rules for Membership list access and use. We hope that these or similar rules will be soon be adopted.

I am currently developing a web feature for voting/polling. Authorized users will be able to create and publish various kinds of proposals, and then monitor, analyze, and report the response from site users. I plan to demonstrate the application at our meeting in Marquette.

I hope to see you there!

*\*There has been an growing issue with data that is collected and submitted by GPMI representatives. For example, with eight recently submitted records, our welcoming email bounced back. With 26, the Address, Email, Phone, and/or even Name fields are missing entirely. These fields are required on our printed and online membership form. Both of those forms also require a signature. However, I have received submissions recently that only contain First Name and Email data. This makes the actual number of 'New Members' ambiguous.*

## **Meeting Manager's Report: Joseph Jordan**

There is very little to report as to the status of what I have been up to since our last SMM. Mostly, I've been in contact with Linda and LuAnne working out the details for this SMM. I'd like to thank both of them for their help and efforts in making this meeting a success, and while I regret not being able to attend, I know that we're in good hands with their leadership and direction.

This SMM has been tricky to plan. We ran into some complications with the room reservation that we haven't had in the past. They required an insurance form. Fortunately, Paul Homeniuk was able to take care of that for us, and in the future (if ever required again), we now know how to handle this sort of request.

I've been working with a few people to start planning our upcoming SMM's. Our schedule currently has us on track for Grand Rapids in early 2018 (last weekend of February) and our Convention in Flint in April. I have also started planning the potential location for our October 2018 SMM, and I have gotten great feedback from Anita Belle that Detroit would be an excellent location to choose. So I think it's safe to say that at this moment, Detroit is the most likely candidate for that SMM. We'd have it in early October and try to schedule it at a major venue (a place like Cobo Hall). In addition, we'd like to get some speakers (like Jill Stein) and have a Greens Campaign Rally with all of our candidates in a very public space (like Campus Martius, Hart Plaza, or Belle Isle). This wouldn't be cheap, but as a leadup to the November elections, I think it would be of vital importance and I believe that with a little bit of fundraising and a great attitude, it'll be attainable.