

Spring Membership Meeting and Officer Elections
March 16, 2016 in Muskegon
Meeting Minutes

This document references a YouTube video of the SMM: <https://youtu.be/WZ6fnvIPiIQ>, with times indicating where to locate events on the video.

00:00:00 - Dan Martin-Mills opened the meeting at 8:30 AM. We started late because security was late in opening the building.

00:04:40 – Introductions

00:12:35 – Dario Hunter, GP Presidential Candidate.

00:16:30 – Treasurer’s report.

00:24:25 – Erin Fox volunteers to start a budget committee and agrees to be that committee chairperson.

00:26:50 – Local’s Report – Sherry A. Wells

00:29:00 – Membership Manager Report – Dan Martin-Mills

00:36:10 – Committee Manager Report – John Anthony La Pietra

Posted on the board (not submitted to website)

Voting members
Standing committee members
Participants on the SCC
Guidelines enforcement report

He said, if you want to see these reports, either check SCC email or let him know and he’ll “try to” email to you.

00:39:20 – IT report – Dan Martin-Mills

00:55:50 – Woman’s Caucus report – Jessica Smith

01:04:20 – GP-US Report – Erin Fox

00:09:00 – New GP-US Banking and Monetary Reform committee – Rita Jacobs

01:09:40 – GP-MI Consensus Model description – Rita Jacobs

01:30:30 – By-Laws revision proposals regarding remote voting - Sherry A. Wells

02:08:30 – By-Laws amendment proposal passed by vote: 26/6/1.

02:09:40 – Lou Novak motioned to withdraw all but the male/female by-laws proposals in order to save time for other business. This did not achieve consensus.

02:12:50 – Proposal to amend by-laws to create officer positions for Male and Female Co-Chair.

02:28:00 – Male/Female proposal tabled for future meeting.

02:28:15 – Standing Committee Membership Amendment, by Sherry A. Wells.

02:30:00 – Standing Committee Membership Amendment and Locals Amendment proposals both withdrawn, by Sherry A. Wells.

02:31:00 – By-laws proposal: new “Web Steward” officer position, by Dan Martin-Mills.

02:44:30 – By-laws proposal for “Web Steward” officer position passed via Fallback Vote.

02:46:00 – Vote for working lunch with pizza / salad delivered.

02:52:30 – Rita Jacobs explains Nominations/Elections process.

02:58:30 – Nominations for Chair: D. Etta Wilcoxon and Jim Becklund

03:02:00 – D. Etta Wilcoxon accepts nomination for Chair

03:09:00 – Jim Becklund accepts nomination for Chair

03:22:20 – Results: D. Etta Wilcoxon for Chair: 24; Jim Becklund: 11; Abstain: 1

03:24:00 – Nominations complete for Archivist.

03:25:30 – Dan Martin-Mills accepts nomination for Archivist position.

03:28:30 – Dan Martin-Mills is approved as Archivist with no other nominees.

03:29:00 – Merchandise Manager Nominations open. Monika Schwab is the only nominee.

03:30:30 – Remote blocking concern by LuAnne Kozma, fielded by Robin Laurain

03:34:00 – Monika Schwab elected by consensus.

03:35:00 – Nominations open for Treasurer.

03:36:30 – Charlotte Aikens elected as Treasurer by consensus.

03:37:00 – Nominations open for Web Steward.

03:44:00 – Roger Nye, Jim Becklund elected to Web Steward Positions by consensus.

03:46:00 – Sherry A Wells presented Art Myatt memorabilia, donated by his wife Linda Manning Myatt to the GP-MI members.

03:53:00 – Nominations for Locals Liaison

03:58:00 – Sherry A Wells accepts nomination.

04:00:00 – Amy Slepr accepts nomination.

04:15:00 – Nominations for Elections Coordinator.

04:17:00 – John Anthony La Pietra accepts nomination.

04:19:40 – Tom Mair declined the nomination.

04:26:00 – Locals Liaison results: Amy Slepr: 24, Sherry A Wells: 14

04:29:00 – Nominations for Meeting Manager

04:31:00 – Carolyn Dulai accepts the nomination.

04:32:00 – Elections Coordinator results: Jacob Straley: 23, John Anthony La Pietra: 15, 1 Abstain.

04:33:00 – John Anthony La Pietra accepts nomination for Meeting Manager

04:39:00 – Nominations for Membership Manager

04:41:00 – Darryl Gibson elected by consensus

04:43:30 – Meeting Manager results: Carolyn Dulai: 16, John Anthony La Pietra: 18, Abstain: 7

04:45:00 – Nominations for Communications Manager.

04:50:00 – Communications Manager Results: Jennifer Kurland by consensus.

04:50:30 – Nominations for Committee Manager.

04:51:00 – Committee Manager Results: Joseph Jordan by consensus.

04:56:30 – At Large election tabled.

04:57:00 – Nominations for National Committee Delegates

05:05:00 - Only three female nominations Rita Jacobs, Jessica Smith, Ligia Grandys (aka Jane)

05:07:00 – Aurora Fox is also nominated.

05:27:00 – Proposal/Discussion about dissolving two locals

05:42:00 – Proposals to dissolve local groups tabled.

5:43:30 – Results for National Delegates: Jessica Smith, Aurora Fox, Rita Jacobs, with Ligia Grandys (aka Jane) as alternate. Lou Novak, Erin Fox, John Anthony La Pietra, with Matt Crehan and John Early as Alternates.

05:44:00 – Charlotte Aikens announced that she switched from a bank to a credit union. She asked that Local member Gerard Akkerhuis be designated as co signer on the account. Results of her proposal were not clear. She asked for clarity at 06:54:00.

05:49:30 – Nominations for National Committees.

05:50:00 – Lou Novak indicated that our past practice has been that any elected National Delegate can join any National Committee.

05:52:00 – Rita Jacobs listed the National Committees.

She said that she didn't have the descriptions of what the committees did. She said that's available 'somewhere'.

- Accreditation
- Animal Rights
- Annual National Meeting
- Ballot Access
- Banking and Monetary Reform
- By-laws, Rules, Policies, and Procedures
- Dispute Resolution
- Diversity
- Eco-Action
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Green Pages
- International
- Media
- Merchandise
- Outreach
- Peace Action
- Platform
- Presidential Campaign Support

06:03:30 – More than three for International Committee:

- ~~Joe Jordan~~ – International (dropped)
- James Bronke – International
- Monika Schwab - International

Robin – International

06:04:00 - Presidential Support can have six members. We have:

Erin Fox
Joe Jordan
Jennifer Kurland
Ligia Grandys (aka Jane)
Jacob Straley

06:04:30 – List of nominees is read back.

06:06:00 – Amy nominated people who did not accept.

George Corsetti – Media
Marie Spike – Peace Action

06:06:30 – Lou Novak self-nominates to Peace Action

06:07:00 – John Anthony La Pietra for Peace Action

06:08:00 – The list of committee members is approved by consensus.

Accreditation

John Early
Lou Novak

Animal Rights

John Anthony La Pietra

Annual National Meeting

Ballot Access

Banking and Monetary Reform

Rita Jacobs
Charlotte Aikens
Matt Crehan

By-laws, Rules, Policies, and Procedures

John Early

Dispute Resolution

James Bronke

Diversity

Lou Novak

Eco-Action

Ligia Grandys (aka Jane)
Lou Novak
James Bronke

Finance

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International

James Bronke

Robin Laurain
Monika Schwab

Media

Erin Fox

Merchandise

Outreach

Peace Action

Rita Jacobs

Lou Novak

Platform

Douglas Campbell

Presidential Campaign Support

Erin Fox

Joe Jordan

Jennifer Kurland

Ligia Grandys (aka Jane)

Jacob Straley

06:09:30 – Standing Committees

06:11:00 – Rules regarding committee appointments: by-laws say committee approves its own members.

06:14:00 – Opposing views in that traditionally National Delegates may serve as GP-MI committee members.

06:14:00 – Lou Novak asks for Media committee nominations and a vote to confirm by consensus:

Lou Novak

Eric

Jennifer Kurland

Erin Fox

John Anthony La Pietra

06:15:00 – Proposal that any other members currently on the Media committee are removed, passed by consensus.

Lou Novak read the list that was posted by John Anthony La Pietra to the back wall. The list was very long.

06:22:30 – Amended proposal: existing members will be asked on the SCC if they wish to remain and will be removed after 30 days.

06:24:30 – Proposal as amended passed.

06:24:30 – Lou Novak read current members of the by-laws committee. All but Paul was present at the SMM.

06:26:30 – Listed nominations for By-Laws committee. All approved by consensus.

Douglas Campbell
John Early
Dan Martin-Mills
Lou Novak
John Anthony La Pietra
Robin Laurain

06:27:30 – Platform committee. Lou Novak read the existing members.

06:29:30 – Approved by consensus:

Robin Laurain
Douglas Campbell
Linda Manning Myatt
Jacob Straley
John Anthony La Pietra

06:30:00 – Jim Becklund tables his Working Group Report and proposal to create a new Campaign Support committee to give Erin Fox time to introduce our guest.

06:30:30 – Jessica Smith presents proposal to create GP-MI committee for Dispute Resolution, but tabled the discussion and decision until the next meeting because of lack of time.

06:31:30 – Erin Fox calls for members to run for political office.

06:32:00 – Erin Fox introduced Dario Hunter, Green Party candidate for President of the U.S.

06:52:30 – Jennifer Kurland announces new Instagram account and that our group picture after the event will be our first post.

06:53:00 – Payment of \$250.00 for SMM use of MCC facility approved by consensus

06:54:00 – Charlotte Aikens asked for clarity about who was to be the second signer on our new credit union account. She recommended Gerard Akkerhuis but Jennifer Kurland proposed the Chair, D. Etta Wilcoxon. That proposal passed by consensus.

06:56:00 – Ligia Grandys (aka Jane) presents a history of discrimination against white people in Eastern Europe.

06:59:30 – Jim Becklund made the request that tabled items be included on the agenda for the next SMM. This was not a proposal and was not discussed, debated, or decided.

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