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Agenda

State Meeting

May 22, 2010

**Five Points Community Farm
Market
2500 Church Street
Norfolk, Virginia**

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Agenda

- I. Introduction
- II. Approve agenda
- III. Choose facilitator, vibeswatcher, notetaker
- IV. Local reports
- V. Co-chairs report
- VI. Press secretary's report
- VII. Treasurer's report and fundraising discussion
- VIII. GPUS representatives report
- IX. Discussion of petition drives in Arkansas and other states
- X. Discussion of Kevin Chisolm's candidacy for Arlington County Board
- XI. Proposed endorsement of "Anti-Racism Work in the Age of Obama"
- XII. Proposed bylaw change: Consolidation of sections on GPVA officers
- XIII. Proposed bylaw change: Switch from four meetings per year to annual convention
- XIV. Discussion of local organizing
- XV. Other business

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drives in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Arkansas. Greens in all three of these states have started their petition drives to get our candidates on the ballot in 2010. Even spending a couple of days helping out can make a big difference!

Kevin Chisolm has announced his plans to run for Arlington County Board. This is the fifth year in a row that Arlington Greens have run candidates.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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Here is the proposed text of the bylaw:

Officers

A. The Green Party of Virginia shall establish the following positions ("Officers"): Two equal positions of Chair, one woman and one man, a Treasurer, and a Press Secretary

B. The Officers shall be active members of the GPVA.

C. The Officers shall be elected for a term of one year.

D. Election of the Officers may take place at any business meeting of the GPVA by consensus or by a majority vote of members present..

E. Recall of the Officers may take place at any business meeting of the GPVA by consensus or by a three-quarter vote of members present.

F. The duties of the Chairs shall be as follows:

1. Act as contacts and spokespersons for the GPVA.
2. Coordinate and assist in plans for and publicity of four GPVA business meetings gatherings each year. (The hosting local shall be responsible for developing and implementing the plans and publicity).
3. Coordinate setting of the agenda for GPVA business meetings.
4. Arrange for facilitation of GPVA business meetings.
5. Record the minutes of GPVA business meetings and distribute at least one copy to each local within two weeks of the meeting.
6. Certify acceptance or rejection of proposals adopted at GPVA business meetings by Green Locals, and notify the locals of the results.
7. Maintain a list of all current members, contact persons and alternates for all Virginia Green locals.
8. Other duties as specified by the GPVA.

G. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

1. Receive and disburse all funds of the GPVA and maintain records of all such transactions.
2. Present a report at each business meeting covering the current financial status of the GPVA and other such information as requested.
3. Reimburse the Chair(s) for appropriate expenses incurred in the performance of their duties (i.e. phone, postage, etc.).
4. File financial reports as required or requested by the GPVA and law.
5. Present the annual budget, as prepared by the Finance Committee, for approval by the GPVA at the appropriate state quarterly business meeting.

H. The duties of the Press Secretary shall be as follows:

1. See that all activities and events of the GPVA receive the maximum amount of favorable publicity that is

possible.

2. Assist the Locals in seeing that all of their activities and events receive the maximum amount of favorable publicity that is possible.
3. Maintain a database of publications and other media for use in publicizing GPVA activities and events.
4. Act as spokesperson for the GPVA, in the same manner as the Chairs.
5. Distribute and follow up all press releases of the GPVA.
6. Maintain a record of all known media coverage of the GPVA.
7. The Press Secretary shall follow all written guidelines of the GPVA.

Just an FYI RE: Item XI :

North Carolina is asking us to sponsor a proposal to the National Committee with them and several other southern states. The actual wording of the proposal will come out before our meeting but here is a description of the program written by Theresa El-Amin (North Carolina GP). North Carolina will have their meeting on May 22 as well so it will go to the National Committee voting queue shortly after that.

The Independent Progressive Politics Network (IPPN) and the Southern Anti-Racism Network (SARN) would like the support of the Virginia Green Party for a fall campus tour titled "Anti-Racism Work in the Age of Obama". SARN sponsored the successful Ella Baker Tour from February 2008 through March 2010 building to the recent Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) 50th Anniversary Conference in North Carolina, April 15-18. Virginia Tech was one of the stops on the Ella Baker Tour. We're confident there will be interest in a tour on anti-racism work by students, faculty and staff at Virginia Tech.

The tour will bring attention to the

history of independent politics in each of the states on the schedule. Both directors of the sponsoring organizations are members of the North Carolina Green Party. George Friday (IPPN) and Theresa El-Amin (SARN) are members of the Green Party Black Caucus. Also, George is state co-chair of the NC GP and Theresa is a delegate to the national committee from the NC GP. Students at universities and colleges will be recruited to organize events at their schools and to raise money from their schools to cover travel and lodging expenses for the tour. We're asking Green Party members in states to be present at tour stops with educational materials that might be of interest to students and the community at-large.

The "Anti-Racism Work in the Age of Obama" tour will kick off in Durham in late September 2010. The final stop of the tour must be no later than mid November. Please indicate your preference for dates within the time frame. We're willing to offer your best dates to students at schools in your states.

Tamar Yager

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