

Agenda

State Meeting

October 2, 2016

**James River State Park, Picnic Shelter #1
104 Green Hill Drive, Gladstone, VA. 24553**

Business Meeting 10am - 1pm
General Meeting 1pm - ?

Note that this will be a combined business and general meeting, like the one we had in May.

For the GENERAL MEETING, we ask all Greens who CAN come to PLEASE COME. We will have CAMPAIGN MATERIALS, including flyers, bumper stickers, and yard signs. We will MEET CANDIDATES from around the state, as well as our STEIN CAMPAIGN STATE COORDINATOR Travis Holmes, hear speeches (short ones!), get to know one another, and HAVE A GOOD TIME!

AMENITIES:

- There will be electricity but probably no internet. Those coming for the business meeting should print out the agenda (emailed previously) and any other needed documents.
- The site is handicapped-accessible and 100 ft from the restroom.
- THERE WILL BE A BARBECUE COOK-OUT!. Food will be provided (and plates/utensils/cups), but please consider bringing something to contribute. We would especially be interested in VEGAN options if you are good at preparing those. We will have water but please bring other beverages. (Alcohol is not permitted at State Parks. If you bring it, keep it under wraps.)
- We chose the shelter adjacent to the Children's Discovery Area (a natural playground). Children are welcome!

It is too early to predict the weather, but present trends suggest it will be agreeable. Always a good idea to dress in layers for the country. Please do not wear perfume or colognes! Do bring bug spray.

James River State Park is in almost the exact center of the state, just north of Hwy 60 and about an hour west of Richmond. It is easily accessible from all corners of the state; about 3+ hrs from Arlington, 3 hrs from Hampton Roads, 2.5 hrs from Blacksburg--really, the center. (If you need directions from your specific location, and can't access Google Maps or GPS, email Sid and he'll look it up for you.)

You can read about the park here:

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/james-river>

Specific information about our picnic area (Shelter #1) is here:

http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/james-river#picnic_shelters

Email Sid with any questions.

Below is the agenda for our meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 2. As is now standard, **we ask that all reports be submitted in writing** to [this list-serve](#) (business) at least 7 days prior to the meeting. This will facilitate a shorter and more business-like meeting with more time to focus on matters requiring deliberation.

AGENDA OF GPVA MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 2016

1. Introduction
2. Choose facilitator, note taker, timekeeper, vibes watcher
3. Ratify agenda
4. Approve minutes of last meeting

5. Co-Chair's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Press Secretary's report
8. Webmaster's report
9. GPUS representatives' report
10. Local reports
11. Old Business: Review of ballot access drive.
12. Old Business: Review of plans for new website.
13. Old Business: Petitioning expense allocation and reimbursement. (If you desire reimbursement of petitioning expenses, please [email](#) a detailed account and scanned receipts to Sid.)
14. New Business: Bylaw amendment: Co-chairs (see Appendix A below)
15. New Business: Bylaw amendment: Meetings (see Appendix B below)
16. New Business: Co-chair (female) election; term to begin January. Please have nominations ready, including getting the permission of anyone you plan to nominate.
17. New Business: Review of Press Secretary duties and plans, particularly in re fall campaign.
18. New Business: Review of any local and state candidates for November's election; endorsement of Audrey Clement and Kimberly Lowe.
19. New Business: Approval of Rob Campellone for national Eco-Action Committee.
20. New Business: College campus organizing and Stein visit; Longwood debate on Oct 4.
21. New Business: Plans for general campaigning.
22. Closing Circle.

NOTE: For purposes of calculating quorum, the locals represented at the previous two meetings were Arlington, Blue Ridge, CVG, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads, and NoVA.

APPENDIX A: Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Co-chairs; **amend Para. 14.1.1 as follows:**

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

New language: The Green Party of Virginia shall establish the following positions ("Officers"): two equal positions of Chair, with a preference for one woman and one man, a Treasurer, a Press Secretary, and a Webmaster. Rationale: Gender roles and the need for justice in gender relations have shifted in response to recognition of rights for transgendered and other-gendered people. Consequently, many other state parties have relaxed the usual 1 male, 1 female requirement. Additionally, GPVA typically has a small pool of experienced people to draw upon for these positions, and the constraint makes filling these positions more difficult than it might otherwise be. There would remain a "preference" for gender parity, but not a strict binary requirement.

APPENDIX B: Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Meetings: **add Para. 10.6.3:**

10.6.3 The Co-chairs will call at least one in-person business meeting each year, and at least one in-person meeting of the general membership each year that includes party-building activities such as seminars or noted speakers. These meetings may be scheduled consecutively on the same day if they are in the same location. The Co-chairs will call at least one additional business meeting each year, and more as needed. Such additional meetings should be conducted by teleconference when there is not a compelling reason for an in-person meeting.

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