

# State Meeting

## via Teleconference

June 10, 2012

### Minutes of GPVA Business Meeting Via Teleconference on June 10, 2012

Present were: Audrey Clement, Robert Fleming, Jim Hurysz, Kirit Mookerjee, John Reeder, Tamar and Tom Yager (Arlington), Charlie Jordan (Blue Ridge), Giannina Ienco (Fredericksburg) and Joe Galdo (NoVA). Jim Hurysz, and Charlie Jordan left the call during the meeting. Kirit Mookerjee and John Reeder (Arlington) joined late. Joe Galdo (NoVA) joined briefly and then left the call. So for purposes of quorum the following locals were present throughout: Arlington and Fredericksburg. Also present on the call was independent congressional candidate Vivek Jain.

To meet quorum at least half or three (3) of the five locals participating in the two most recent business meetings: Arlington, Blue Ridge, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads on 1/5/12 and Arlington, Blue Ridge, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads and NoVA on 3/10/12 were required to be present. However, since Blue Ridge left the meeting at some point during discussion of the endorsement of Vivek Jain, and NoVA was absent for most of the meeting, quorum was lost during the meeting. Nevertheless since quorum was met at the outset of the meeting, it convened to do business.

Tom was appointed facilitator, Audrey note taker.

The previously published meeting agenda was amended and agreed to by consensus as follows:

1. Nomination of candidate for Arlington County Board.
2. Nomination of candidates for House of Representatives.
3. Discussion of GPVA Presidential petition drive.
4. Proposed amendment to the Bylaws.
5. Discussion of future meeting dates.

#### **1. Nomination of candidate for Arlington County Board.**

Audrey Clement, who received the endorsement of the Arlington Green Party at its monthly meeting on June 6, 2012, was nominated by consensus for Arlington County Board.

#### **2. Nomination of candidates for House of Representatives.**

Vivek Jain, a recent graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, currently employed as a teaching assistant at VCU and member of Richmond Teachers for Social Justice, announced that he was likely to qualify for the ballot as an independent congressional candidate in CD 7, having obtained 1,700 petition signatures by the June 12, 2012 filing deadline. He sought and received a GPVA endorsement by consensus.

Joe Galdo, an environmental engineer and former DOE official, who had previously received the NoVA local's endorsement, was nominated by consensus for Congress from CD 11.

#### **3. Discussion of GPVA Presidential petition drive.**

GPVA Ballot Access Coordinator John Reeder discussed the enormous difficulties GPVA has faced this year in recruiting petitioners and garnering signatures to put the GPUS presidential candidate on the ballot in Virginia. Various strategies were discussed to remedy the situation.

#### **4. Proposed amendment to the Bylaws.**

Audrey proposed to amend GPVA Bylaws Article XI, Candidate Nomination and Endorsement Policy, Section J, which reads:

"J. The GPVA may endorse INDEPENDENT candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the GPVA State Platform."

to read:

"J. The GPVA may endorse OTHER candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the GPVA State Platform."

[changes in CAPS]

#### **5. Discussion of future meeting dates.**

Consensus was achieved on the date of the next GPVA business, which was set for the second Saturday in September. The location of the meeting remains to be determined.

**Audrey Clement**

**Note Taker**

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