

# State Meeting

Charlottesville, Virginia

March 2, 2001

## Participants:

Susan Dridi (Arlington Courthouse Greens), Jeremy Good (Arlington Courthouse Greens), Kirit Mookerjee (Arlington Courthouse Greens), Tom Yager (Arlington Courthouse Greens), Charlie Jordan (Blue Ridge Greens), Roger Clarke (Central Virginia Greens), Jana Cutlip (Central Virginia Greens), Chris Simmons (Loudoun Greens), Mischelle Messenger (Main Street Greens), Bill Schaefer (Main Street Greens), Chris Schaefer (Main Street Greens), Lee Schaefer (Main Street Greens), Shawna Schaefer (Main Street Greens), Joe Auth (New River Valley Greens), Don Mackler (New River Valley Greens), Muriel Grim (NOVA Greens), Jim Lowenstern (NOVA Greens), Margaret Rood (NOVA Greens), Simin Royanian (NOVA Greens), Jack Waugh (NOVA Greens), Sharon Williams (NOVA Greens), Carey Campbell (RAIL NOW! Greens), Thom Farrell (RAIL NOW! Greens), Judith H'Ormaycht (RAIL NOW! Greens), Alan Levy (RAIL NOW! Greens), Chris Brown (Richmond Greens), Sam Giacco (Richmond Greens), Chris Maxwell (Richmond Greens), Chris Maxwell (Richmond Greens), Mark Newton (Richmond Greens), Elise Sheffield (Rockbridge Greens), Eric Sheffield (Rockbridge Greens), Mark Geduldig-Yatrosky (Tidewater Greens), Sherry Stanley (Valley Greens), Barry Anderson, David Booth, Ed Davis, Elena Day, Steve Good, Roger Hopper, Kristin Kraftwohl, Cindy Lewis, Catherine Lueptow, Kathy Orion, George Waksmunski.

## Affiliated Locals as of March 2, 2001:

Arlington Courthouse Greens, Blue Ridge Greens, Central Virginia Greens, Loudoun Greens, Mary Washington Greens, New River Valley Greens, NOVA Greens, Rappahannock Source Greens, Richmond Greens, Rockbridge Greens, Valley Greens.

Quorum determined at 10:30 am.

Elena Day was selected as facilitator.

Kathy Orion was selected as scribe.

Discussion of the agenda, which was concerned with a proposal to recall Jeremy Good as male co-clerk of the Green Party of Virginia (GPVA).

Charlie Jordan proposed to add new business to the agenda. Discussion deferred to later in the meeting.

Bill Schafer requested to add proposal for mediation to the agenda.

Arrival of Philip Blair, who was invited to be facilitate the meeting. He assumes the role of facilitator.

The facilitator uses a round-robin style of facilitation. Discussion of the recall of Jeremy Good and mediation proposal.

The group moved to another room at 1:00 pm.

Quorum again established at this time.

Discussion of mediation proposal; the group did not take action on the proposal to recall Jeremy Good.

A committee comprised of Alan Levy, Roger Clarke, Ed Davis, and Thom Farrell sequestered themselves to draft a proposal while the meeting continues.

Discussion of state redistricting.

Discussion of damage to facility rented by Steven Kruh in Sperryville. Jana Cutlip argued that Steven Kruh's use of the building was unauthorized by the GPVA and suggested that the matter be sent to the interim committee.

Matter was sent to the interim committee.

Discussion of newsletter. Jeremy Good suggested that the editor be directed to respond within two weeks. Carey Campbell volunteered to pay the editor a visit.

Further discussion of the mediation proposal, the text of which follows:

THIS LEGALLY CONSTITUTED BODY AUTHORIZES A MEDIATION COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF LEE SCHAFFER, BILL SCHAFFER, JANA CUTLIP AND ALAN LEVY, WITH THE ADDITION OF TWO MEMBERS TO BE DETERMINED BY SHERRY STANLEY, SHARON WILLIAMS, AND ERIC SHEFFIELD (NO OFFICER MAY SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE), TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A MEDIATION PROCESS THAT REFLECTS THE STRONG CONSENSUS OF THIS BODY, BASED UPON THE DRAFT PROPOSAL OFFERED BY THE MAIN STREET GREENS AND OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE VA GREENS. THIS COMMITTEE IS INSTRUCTED TO COMPLETE THIS TASK WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE VA GREEN PARTY.

Charlie Jordan expressed several concerns about the proposal, including the potential of mediation to distract the GPVA from petition collecting efforts for political candidates. He regarded these concerns as being sufficient to block consensus.

A proposal was made to move to a 3/4 vote in the absence of consensus. The proposal passed, with 18 in support and 1 in opposition.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

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