

Minutes IGP CC Meeting
April 26, 2003

Present: Steps to Freedom, Pam Raider, Maureen Barlock, Jenett Tillotson,
Tom Brown, George Fish, Graham Pearson

There was not a quorum of delegates at the CC meeting so any proposal made must be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting. The Monroe Co. Greens delegate was absent participating in a local organizing meeting in Bloomington.

I. Tech committee report

A. Domain renewal

Tom renewed the IGP domain <indianagreenparty.org>. At the same time he transferred the registration to Gandi.net. Gandi specializes in nonprofits and non-governmental organizations worldwide. Gandi charges 50% less per year for registration than the previous registrar, Register.com.

The web site is unavailable for browsing during the transfer to Gandi.net, partly because the registration ran out on 4/25/03. Jenett approved the transfer by responding to a Gandi.Net email. If Register.com doesn't object, the transfer should go through in five days.

B. Ingreens-discuss

Graham Pearson has already set up a new Ingreens-discuss list on the IGP host server. Jenett and Tom have been granted administrative rights. Jenett and Tom need to transfer email addresses and archives to activate the list.

Tom pointed out that IGP will potentially lose as many as 50% of subscribers when making the transition to a new list. If the tech committee makes the transition as easy as possible, fewer subscribers will fall off the list. Jenett noted that the list is small and active which will reduce losses.

II. Treasurer report

A. Checking account

Pam and Maureen will remove Chris (former coordinator) as a signatory on the account and replace him with Pam.

B. IGP membership

IGP membership is 38.

During the discussion of membership Pam realized that only four active IGP members, one below the required minimum, are listed on the IGP roll for the St. Joe Valley Greens. Tom is certain that at least one local member, if not three, has been accidentally left off the IGP roll. He will follow up and inform Maureen and the coordinators.

C. Domain registration reimbursement

Tom will submit an invoice for the domain name registration. Maureen asked Tom to send it to the postal box. The registration was 12 Euros or \$13.00 USD.

III. Local reports

A. Brown Co. Greens

Pam gave the Brown Co. report. The membership is 22 with 10-12 active. They are tabling. The chapter has adopted a portion of public road and received good publicity as a result. Water quality is their main issue.

B. Marion County Greens

Maureen and George reported that George had attempted to contact all former members of the Marco Greens and invite them to a reorganizing meeting. Maureen, George, Jeff Stant, Kenny Washington and Willy Lomack attended the meeting.

Jeff Stant was elected acting coordinator, and Maureen, acting treasurer.

Pam and Steps were invited to the meeting but decided not to attend. They felt the IGP should not appear to be meddling in the reorganization. Tom disagreed and encouraged the IGP to take an active role in helping the Marco Greens reorganize.

C. Monroe County Greens

The Monroe Co. delegate was absent at a coalition organizing meeting in Bloomington. Steps didn't feel qualified to give a summary of activity. There was no Monroe Co. report.

D. St. Joe Valley Greens

Tom gave the SJVGreens report. The active membership is 7. The chapter goal is to double the active membership this year. The coordinators are developing a schedule of good weather tabling events so the chapter can prepare ahead of time an inventory of tabling supplies: buttons, tees, brochures, issue articles, etc.

The SJVGreens have invited guest speakers to almost every meeting this year. The last two guests were from the African American community. The most recent seeking a seat as a Democrat on the South Bend Common Council.

The chapter is planning a public forum on Palestine and Middle East peace.

The Mayor's Commission on water rates has not been convened because a group of the largest polluters in St. Joseph Co. is suing the City of South Bend over the new rates. Mayor Steve Luecke assures us that a Green will sit on the commission when it is convened.

IV. GPUS affiliation

Jeff Sutter was absent so there was no report on GPUS affiliation.

V. IGP Party Status

A criticism of IGP is that it is a political club rather than a party. We discussed how to transition to party status. Safest to be like the other political party (like have no dues). Officially we are not a party until the state says - which is when we get 2% of the Secretary of State vote.

Another criticism is that the IGP oversteps its bounds. However, because the structure of the IGP is that it is made up completely from the locals, it cannot be autocratic. The locals completely control the IGP and the CC is responsible and accountable to the locals. In fact, the locals can recall their CC representative and any time.

VI. IGP 2003 Congress

Tom proposed that the CC consider a fall Congress so college students can attend. Tom also cautioned that the CC should be clear with students about their rights at the IGP Congress. Unless they become IGP members, they have only the right to observe.

The CC settled on the weekend of either Sep 13 or 20 for the 2003 Congress. Pam has a large home in Brown County with plenty of space and furniture which she offered to IGP for the Congress.

These proposals are not binding. If the May CC meeting has a quorum, the CC will vote on them.

VII. Sponsor Heartwood event

Kentucky Greens are organizing a regional/national event at Heartwood in KY on May 23-26. Steps proposed that the IGP sign on as a sponsor and donate at least the minimum, \$25.

Tom argued that the CC could not disburse funds because of the lack of quorum, but a member might make the donation in time to sponsor the event and seek reimbursement in May. Pam offered to make the \$25 donation for the IGP.

VIII. Bylaws proposals

Pam noted that our bylaws require that proposals for Congress,

including bylaws changes, need to be submitted in writing 45 days in advance of the Congress. The CC should begin soliciting proposals and bylaws changes now.

Steps proposed that the CC create a bylaws committee to review the bylaws, make recommendations or proposals, and accept proposals. He also proposed that the tech committee create a listserv for the bylaws committee.

Tom suggested that the bylaws committee use Ingreens-discuss since it is already functioning and might benefit from more active discussion. No one had an objection to using Ingreens-discuss for this purpose.

IX. Web Site Changes

Jenett suggested that we created 3 or 4 pages on topics that are currently important to the IGP. Then CC members will be allowed to send events to Jenett for inclusion on these pages that pertain to those events.

X. Next CC meeting

The next IGP CC meeting is Saturday, May 31, 1:00 pm. Jenett will contact IU to schedule the video conference immediately.