

Indiana Green Party

MINUTES - JULY 12, 2001

Present

Sean Bagley, Tom Brown, Tracy Carson, Peter Drake, Bethany Hayes, Bruce Leininger, Isabel Piedmont, Neal Smith, Chris Stafford

1. Agenda approved

Copies of the agenda were passed around. A few new items were added, and the agenda was approved.

2. Reading of minutes

Michael Berndt, IGP Secretary, was absent and did not send minutes of the June meeting with any of the Bloomington members.

3. Approval of minutes

Nobody had a copy of the June minutes. The minutes had been published on the IGP website several weeks ago. There were no computers or connection to the internet to read the minutes from the website so reading and approval of minutes was suspended.

4. Treasurer's report

Michael Berndt resigned as Treasurer but retains his position as Secretary. Bethany Hayes, Co-coordinator, assumes his duties until the IGP Congress in August.

IGP funds were turned over to Bethany by Sean Bagley who carried the funds from Bloomington at Michael's request.

The Committee approved disbursement of cash for debt to Common Bonds and for payment of the hall for the IGP Congress in August.

5. IGP Congress (Convention)

Bethany has reserved the Old Centrum in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the Congress. Bethany will issue a press announcement this coming week. She will publish the same announcement on the Ingreens listserv and send it to local chapters for distribution on their local lists.

The Committee discussed credentialing participants at the Congress. For decision making purposes members of local Greens groups and chapters, members of the Ingreens list and members of the Indiana Greens State Caucus are considered voting members of the Indiana Green Party. Observers are welcome, but they will not be allowed to vote.

The IGP Secretary will prepare a list of members for credentialing.

6. Nomination of Officers

Bethany Hayes and Neal Smith, IGP Co-coordinators, announced they will not seek re-election and will concentrate their energies on establishing a local chapter in Indianapolis (Marion Co.).

Neal will conduct the nomination of new officers at the IGP Congress. All locals should consider who they consider good candidates for leadership positions and be prepared to nominate their choices at Congress. All nominees should be prepared to give a short speech regarding their qualifications to serve.

The Committee discussed how to conduct officer nominations if a Charter and Bylaws are not ratified by the Congress. We were generally agreed that a minimum slate of officers should be the two Co-coordinators and a Secretary/Treasurer. There was also sentiment to divide the Secretary/Treasurer position into two positions. So a minimum slate might be four officers instead of three.

7. Nomination of Candidates for Public Office

The Committee discussed qualification and selection of Green candidates for public office. The proposed Charter and Bylaws include sections on choosing candidates. The Congress will decide whether to accept or reject the proposed ideas and rules.

The committee briefly discussed whether to nominate a candidate for Governor but did not reach a decision. The Congress will decide whether to nominate candidates for public office.

8. ASGP Affiliation

Bethany Hayes proposed that IGP immediately request affiliation with the Association of State Green Parties. The committee went over the pros and cons of filing for affiliation and decided to wait until both the G/GPUSA Congress and IGP's Congress are past. So the proposal was tabled until next meeting.

9. Representation at G/GPUSA Congress

Tom Brown reported that the State Caucus would lose its votes if IGP asked for affiliation at the G/GPUSA Congress, and the State Party would not yet have votes. In effect Indiana would have no representation. Therefore the State Caucus will represent G/GPUSA members at Congress, and IGP can apply for affiliation as a State Party after the G/GPUSA Congress and after the IGP Congress.

10. Bylaws Committee Report

The charter and bylaws will probably be ready by the August Congress. The committee was on track to deliver a finished proposal before the Congress. Sean Bagley offered a substantially revised proposal for two major sections of the charter. This has slowed the committee's progress.

The committee is trying to provide a draft of a charter, bylaws and a glossary of terms for Congress to consider and possibly ratify.

11. TV Program Proposal

Tracy Carson reported that the Outreach committee has investigated producing a TV program which would be available for local chapters to use on public television, cable access channels and other venues.

The cost of production in Indianapolis is higher than in other cities. Bloomington members are going to look into using studio facilities there to produce the show.

The format of the program will likely be a television news magazine. The tone has not been decided -- serious 60 Minutes or Frontline style versus an entertainment and education style.

12. Local Chapter Reports

Sean Bagley reported on activities by the Monroe County Green Party. Tom Brown reported on the St. Joe Valley Greens and the Huntington County Greens. There were no delegates from the Evansville Greens. Skywolf and Bethany announced they will form an Indianapolis or Marion County chapter after Congress in August.

*Submitted by,
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