

IGP CC meeting notes, Mar. 2003

Present: Pam Raider, Steps to Freedom, George Murphy, Isabel Piedmont, George Fish, Maureen Barlock, Jenett Tillotson, Dave Vollrath, Jeff Sutter, Tom Brown

After technical problems, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Thanks to Ray at IUB for coming in on his day off to set up our meeting. Thanks to Graham Pearson for hosting the South Bend site.

I. Treasurer's Report

Maureen reported two membership renewals and one new member. She reported on her meeting with the Indiana Elections Division over filing of reports which they had sent to an old address. Complaints by IEC were dropped.

Pam suggested that each officer come up with a manual to make transferring the job to the next officer easier.

Maureen and Steps have both requested documents from the state and now have all the manuals from the state including the campaign finance manuals and the candidates manual.

II. Tech report

List memberships up 20 subscribers. Tech report: CC agreed by consensus to renew the domain name for our website. After discussion of alternatives for secure online collection of donations, CC agreed by consensus to set up a Pay Pal account.

Due to loss of ownership of the InGreens-discuss listserve at yahoogroups, CC reached consensus to close that group and to set up a discussion forum online through our web domain.

III. GPUS affiliation

GPUS is close to approving our affiliation. GPUS would like us to create a platform. Pam suggested we include locals and community groups in creating a platform. Jeff said it could be a complicated long process - it took GPUS 2 years to create a platform - so we might provisionally adopt a national platform with some amendment. Several suggestions were made like putting something on the web about platform creation, wanting the platform to be state-focused, and starting with the GPUS platform and tailoring it to our needs.

Jeff Sutter notified the CC that upon approval of our GPUS affiliation we would need to have representatives in place, including two(2) GPUS CC reps plus an alternate, a platform committee rep and GPUS listserve observers. Pending our state Congress, the CC approved by consensus the following positions:

GPUS CC Rep.- Jeff Sutter, Isabel Piedmont(with her approval).

Alternate- Pam Raider

List serve observers- Steps to Freedom and George Murphy

IV. Marion County

All the officers resigned at the last meeting. A treasurer was elected at the last meeting, but that officer wasn't even a member of the Marco Greens. Lisa agreed to be co-coordinator. Three attended last meeting. Next meeting is April 24.

The progressive Democrats are being squeezed out and have approached the Marco Greens with promise of money in order to help out candidates. Jon Gibson stated that if the Greens have no candidate, then the Greens should support the Progressive Democrats.

Upon notice of problems within the Marion County Green Party the CC, after discussion, agreed by consensus to suspend IGP affiliation of Marion County Green Party pending MarCo GP presentation of bylaws, to be approved by the CC, and also pending an open election of party officers. Next MarCo GP meeting is scheduled for 4/24/03.

V. 800 number

CC decided not to pay for a toll free telephone number. The cost is \$30-\$50 per month. Our total annual dues are \$700. The toll free number would exhaust nearly all the dues. So IGP will have to wait to purchase an 800 phone number until we have more dues paying

members or until we do more fund raising.

VI. Treasurer duties

The CC discussed extending the treasurer term of office to two years for the sake of continuity and stability. The treasurer position is the most important office to a state political party. The CC will recommend to Congress that the next CC needs to document duties, prepare a howto manual and develop training for new treasurers.

Treasurer errors can cost the IGP dearly in fines. The Indiana Election Board fined IGP for improper filing of documents. But Maureen and the coordinators appeared before the Board with the proper records. So the Board withdrew the fine.

VII. Other business

CC discussed personal complaints presented by two members. CC resolved the matter to the satisfaction of complainants.

Brief discussion of fundraising efforts.

CC approved by consensus to reimburse Steps for a \$20. phone card to be used for IGP business.

Agreed to hold next CC meeting on April 26, 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.