

10th Assembly District Task Force – Reorganization meeting

Saturday, February 21, 2009

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Marcie Bayne called the meeting to order at 11:22 am.
Introductions were made.

2. Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C Blackston / Baird to adopt the agenda as presented.

3. Adoption of the following Officers Reports:

a. **Chair –**

▪ **Report of the ADEM elections**

The following people were elected to be members of the Democratic State Central Committee from the 10th AD. Marcie Bayne, was also elected to be the Executive Board Representative; Zachariah Ford; Margaret Gorman; Ryan Gorman; Bernard Knighton ; Robert Longer; Elizabeth McCulloch; Stephanie Mitchell; Donald Terry; Teresa Villasenor ; Cirian Villavicencio; and Liliyas Williams

Kathryn Gerwig and John Moore volunteered if anyone needs a proxy. The difference between an alternate and a proxy was discussed.

Members were encouraged to attend the Convention as visitors or to volunteer. Chair Bayne shared her experience as a volunteer.

▪ **Annual Report to CDP –**

The Chair explained that the 10th AD is a chartered organization of the CDP, and summarized the report to the CDP.

Bernie Knighton and Ralph Cyfers were thanked for their voter registration organization efforts moving the 10th AD from approximately a 5% deficit to 0.92%. Amador and San Joaquin Cos. were also noted for their voter registration efforts.

“We did get a candidate in the 10th AD.” Then we got her elected.

Precinct Organization: Each Central Committee has its own precinct organization, that task was left to the county committees. Everyone was involved in some sort of precinct organization.

Fundraising: One fundraiser was held in September 2008 for Alyson Huber for Assembly. The maximum amount was raised and contributed to Huber’s campaign giving her a much needed boost at the end.

Everyone did their part to bring the in the votes in the 10th AD, giving Huber a 454 vote win.

The treasury and accounts are in order. Liz McCulloch stepped into the Treasurer’s spot and worked with John Moore and Larry Tract to get everything in order.

The Annual Report was filed on February 7 and is scheduled to be reviewed at the next O&D Committee meeting.

M/S/C Baird / Blackston to approve the report:

b. **Secretary:** Minutes of Previous Meeting
M/S/C Hotchkiss / Gerwig to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting as there are no minutes available.

c. **Controller**
John Moore – Reported on the status of Larry.

Chair Bayne talked about the roll of the Controller. The Controller, with the Treasurer, is responsible for oversight of the finances of the committee. The Controller grants dues waivers and is an executive board position because the Treasurer is not necessarily since we have the authority hire a Treasurer.

d **Treasurer's Report**
The Task Force raised a total of \$5,865.00 and paid \$5,800.69 in expenses. There was a miscellaneous increase of \$400 – security deposit return -- \$270 from previous year; leaving the Task Force with \$803.31 cash-on-hand. The Task Force contributed \$3,600 to Huber's campaign.

It was mentioned that Richard Blackston had a big roll in the Lodi fundraiser and spent a lot "out of pocket."

John Moore asked about limits on fundraising. There are none, however contributions are limited by campaign finance rules. The Task Force is expected to grow, and needs to know how funds can best be used if limits are reached in the next Assembly campaign.

Chair Bayne noted that the Task Force can donate to any Democratic nominee, but "our first responsibility is to the 10th AD." It would be nice to have a "war chest" so we can give to others.

Randy Bayne advised members that we have an ActBlue page where contributions can be made and dues can be paid online.

Sally Trestrail urged fundraising activities now for the next election cycle.

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

3. Election of Officers of This Organization, other than the Treasurer and the parliamentarian.

The gavel passed to Judy Hotchkiss.

M/S Gerwig / Baird to nominate Marcie Bayne for 10th AD Task Force Chair.
M/S/C McCulloch / _____ to close nominations and elect Bayne by acclamation.

Gavel returned to the Chair Bayne.

Vice Chair (opposite gender as chair)
Bernie Knighton nominated by Hotchkiss
Richard Blackston nominated by Knighton

Nominations closed.

Candidate speeches were short. Blackston went first and attested to the great job Knighton has done. Knighton attested to Blackston's attributes.

Chair Bayne read the duties of the Vice Chair.

McCulloch and Trestrail were appointed tellers.

Total ballots cast 18. Bernie Knighton, having received a majority is elected First Vice Chair.

Vice Chair (same gender as chair)

Kitty Gerwig nominated by Robert Longer, seconded by M. Bayne.

Sandra Davis nominated by Baird, seconded by Blackston.

Nominations closed.

Candidate speeches.

Ballots cast – Sandra Davis elected

Secretary

Randy Bayne nominated by Gerwig, seconded by Lili Williams.

M/S/C Hotchkiss / Williams to elect R. Bayne by acclamation.

Controller

John Moore was nominated.

M/S/C Hotchkiss / Williams to elect Moore by acclamation.

4. Election of six (6) at-large members of the Executive Committee, adhering to gender parity as closely as possible.

Chair Bayne read the duties of the six at large members of the executive committee.

Nominations:

Before nominations were made, members were asked who was interested in serving. Richard Blackston, Lili Williams, Liz McCulloch, Floretta Andrew, Robert Longer, and Judy Hotchkiss all expressed interest.

M/S/C Blackston / _____ ; there being only six members for the six positions, Richard Blackston, Lili Williams, Liz McCulloch, Floretta Andrew, Robert Longer, and Judy Hotchkiss be elected as at-large members of the Executive Committee by acclamation

6. Appointment of Representatives to other organizations, if any,

- a) Appointment of Area Coordinators (subject to approval of Executive Committee – Article V, Section 3)

The more we can spread this out the better. McCulloch noted that it was probably better that someone other than a Central Committee Chair be the Area Coordinators. The following were appointed.

Democratic Party of Sacramento County Representative: Bernie Knighton

San Joaquin County Democratic Central Committee Representative: Anne Baird

Amador County Democratic Central Committee Representative: Kathy Trenam

El Dorado County Democratic Central Committee Representative: None

There was no one in attendance from El Dorado. Chair Bayne will ask the El Dorado County Chair to recommend someone.

- b) Appointment of Parliamentarian – by chair with approval of Executive Committee: Judy
- c) Appointment of Treasurer - by the chair. Liz McCulloch following the recommendation of Blackston and Baird.

M/S/C Blackston / Hotchkiss that the Executive Committee authorizes the Treasurer to sign checks for the 10th AD Task Force.

- d) Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs
Budget and Fundraising: Treasurer McCulloch by rule.
Permanent Precinct Coordinator: Kitty Gerwig
Membership: John Moore

Communications: Randy Bayne
Campaign Services: Leanne Osborn

7. Old Business: None.

8. Any other items for discussion:

Richard Blackston – anyone running against Alyson? Sieglock noncommittal. Paul Hegyi possibly moved out of district.

ACDCC Dinner April 16.

Bernie – new citizen swearing in March 18 10:00 Memorial Auditorium. “Watch us beat the heck out of the Republicans.”

M/S/C Kitty - Richard sponsor ACDCC dinner \$250 and give six tickets to those on the committee that have financial hardship. Three abstentions.

Calendar of Meetings for the 10th AD Democratic Task Force
This Organization shall meet no less than three (3) times per year.
Next meeting will be May 30 at 11:00
M/S/C Blackston / Baird to adjourn 1:30 pm.