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Mr. Michael Marinelli
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Marinelli:

The Green Party of Ohio hereby requests from the Federal Elections Commission formal recognition as a state committee of the Green Party.

The attached appendix contains documents to support our application.

We are a state affiliate of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS), formerly the Association of State Green Parties. GPUS was granted national political party committee status in OA[R] 2001-13.

In AO[R] 2001-2, February 15, 2001, the FEC indicated that an element of state political party status is having at least one federal candidate that raises at least \$5,000 AND FORMS A COMMITTEE WITH THE FEC. The following Green Party of Ohio Federal Candidate raised more than \$5,000 or more for the November 2000 election:

President: Ralph Nader: FEC ID: P20000527
Nader 2000 Primary Committee, Inc.: FEC ID: C00355222

In AO[R] 2001-6, May 7, 2001, the FEC indicated that ballot access is a requirement for recognition as a state political party committee. Mr. Nader attained ballot access in Ohio for his Presidential candidacy.

In AO[R] 2001-2, February 15, 2001, the FEC indicated that an applicant must prove that it is responsible for the day-to-day functions and operations of the state political party. The Green Party of Ohio has a well-developed party structure. In addition to the State Coordinating Committee, we have the following



elected statewide officers: Paul Dumouchelle, Convener; Bob Gragson, Secretary; Gina Ficociello, Treasurer.

We have by-laws (Exhibit A) and hold statewide meetings every two months; attached are the minutes from the previous two (Exhibit B).

Our communications structure includes a website (www.ohiogreens.org) and an electronic newsletter (Exhibit C).

We have nine locals geographically dispersed throughout the state. Our list of locals is included in the minutes from the State meetings (Exhibit B) and is also available on our website.

Our financial structure consists of bank accounts with Champaign National Bank of Urbana. Our Federal PAC account number is (C00361022), with end of year 2001 funds totaling \$361.52. Our State PAC account number is OH1066, with end of year 2001 funds totaling \$1,457.83.

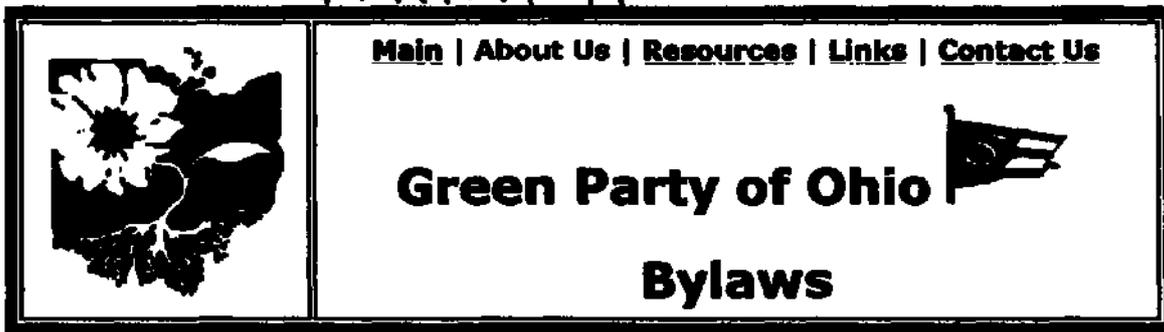
Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Dumouchelle".

Paul Dumouchelle
Convener, Green Party of Ohio

Exhibit A



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE GREEN PARTY OHIO
as required by the State of Ohio - ORC 3517.02

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Preamble

We the people, in order to form a political party committed to Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Nonviolence and Democracy, and according to the laws and customs of the State of Ohio, do hereby set forth the Constitution and Bylaws of the Green Party of Ohio. The organization created by the adoption of this document replaces any previous formation calling itself the Green Party of Ohio.

The Green Party of Ohio is a political party that is democratically structured. We seek to comply with state laws and organize along the lines of existing political jurisdictions within the state of Ohio.

The purpose of this document is threefold:

1. To accurately describe the form of our political party in a way that facilitates its development, organization and sustenance.
2. To satisfy the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code regarding political parties existing in the State of Ohio.
3. To grant specific and limited authority to the various parts of the Green Party of Ohio.

Article I - NAME AND PURPOSE

A. The name of this political party is the Green Party of Ohio (herein after GPOHIO).

B. Mission Statement:

The GPOHIO exists in order to focus the political power of the people to:

- preserve and restore viable ecosystems,
- establish social justice and equity,
- foster participatory democracy,
- promote and practice nonviolence as a means of conflict resolution, and
- ensure the rights of a community-based economic system for all people.

C. Key Values

The GPOHIO, like other Green Parties, is based on values. These values are: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Nonviolence, Grassroots Democracy, Community Based Economics, Respect for Diversity, Decentralism, Personal and Global Responsibility, Feminism, and Future Focus.

Article II - MEMBERSHIP AND PARTY ORGANIZATIONS

A. Membership in the GPOHIO may include:

1. Qualified electors who vote in the primary elections of the GPOHIO.
2. Qualified electors who have signed the petition to form the GPOHIO.
3. Qualified electors who have signed a Declaration of Candidacy petition for a Green Party candidate.
4. Political candidates who run as candidates of the Green Party, whether or not these candidates are endorsed by the GPOHIO or its parts.
5. All those persons who actively participate in a local Green Party organization who desire to be identified as members.

B. Green Party Organizations aligned with the GPOHIO may include:

1. Regional, county, municipal, ward and precinct organizations which meet the following criteria and which have agreed to be organized according to these bylaws and the constitution of the GPOHIO:
 - a. a membership list must be filed with the GPOHIO State Secretary upon alignment with the GPOHIO and must be kept current. (All local Green Party organizations must include at least one member as defined in Article II-A.)
 - b. a mission statement of the Local Green Party Organization must be filed with the GPOHIO State Secretary and it must include as a purpose of its existence, "the formation, development and sustenance of the GPOHIO."
2. Local Green Party Organizations are autonomous and operate without direction from the party and may be considered PAC's under state law. They are therefore required to file their own campaign finance reports to

the State of Ohio; the GPOHIO takes no responsibility for this task and will deny any association with a Local Green Party Organization which is not formed and functioning in accordance with state laws.

3. PACs, political organizations, campaign committees, specific issue committees and task forces which are created by and accountable to the GPOHIO Convention and State or County Coordinating Committees and operating under the authorization and direction of the Party, must provide complete financial reporting to the Treasurer for inclusion within the Party's reports. (Note: Coordinating Committees in the Green Party play the role of Central Committees in other parties).

C. All PACs, Candidate Committees, etc., are considered separate from and unaffiliated with the GPOHIO unless they have been created by and are accountable to the Green Party of Ohio Convention, the State or County Coordinating Committees.

Article III - DECISION MAKING BODIES, OFFICIALS, FUNCTIONARIES, AND RECALL

A. Decision-Making Bodies

1. The highest decision making body of the GPOHIO is the part of the Ohio electorate that votes the Green Party ticket.

2. The Convention, consisting of delegates of Local Green Party organizations of the GPOHIO, is empowered to set broad goals, objectives and policies, ratify the platform, elect representatives and delegates, endorse and certify candidates in the name of the GPOHIO, adopt and modify this Constitution and Bylaws, and allow for review of the performance of the State, Regional and County Coordinating Committees.

a. Voting apportionment - At such time as is necessary, the Convention or Credentials Committee established by the GPOHIO Coordinating Committee may adopt rules for apportioning votes to the local Green Party organizations which are related to Green Values and levels of organization, membership and population and/or existing political jurisdictions. Until that time, if voting at the Convention, votes will be apportioned according to this formula: one vote per delegate present.

b. General, nonspecific or unassigned proxy voting is not allowed.

3. Central Committees of Minor Political Parties in Ohio

a. State Coordinating Committee and/or officials shall be chosen in accordance with party rules and the names and addresses of members of the coordinating committee and party officers shall be filed with the secretary of state. (Note: Coordinating Committees in the Green Party fulfill the same role as Central Committees in other parties, this is the proposed interim form of the State Coordinating Committee that fits legal requirements for Minor Parties - an alternative

approach is required upon reaching intermediate or major party status.)

b. The State Coordinating Committee is responsible for preparing the platform ratification process and candidate endorsement and elector selection process to be used at the Convention, and for interpreting, strategizing and implementing plans for achieving the goals, objectives and policies set by the Convention. This includes the raising and expending of funds towards these ends in the name of the GPOHIO; the endorsement of activities by, and the participation in coalitions by the Green Party of Ohio; the continued formation, development, and sustenance of the Green Party of Ohio; the cultivation and nomination of future and present candidates for office, including the endorsement of these candidates in the name of the State Coordinating Committee; the upholding of and the implementation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the GPOHIO, including making recommendations to the Convention for their improvement, and the representation and advocacy of the GPOHIO in all of its affairs. Endorsements of State and Federal candidates be made by the GPOHIO Coordinating Committee or Convention.

The State Coordinating Committee may choose to delegate tasks for which it is responsible to subcommittees as necessary, however, ultimate responsibility for carrying out these tasks is nontransferable and remains the State Coordinating Committee's. Members of the State Coordinating Committee shall not be personally liable for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, to the fullest extent permitted by law. The GPOHIO shall indemnify any member of the State Coordinating Committee to the fullest extent of the law.

c. Officials to be chosen by the State Coordinating Committee: Convener(s) of the State Coordinating Committee, Various Secretaries, Treasurer, and/or others as necessary.

d. A Regional or County Coordinating Committee of the GPOHIO may exist in any region or county provided they are chartered by the Convention or State Coordinating Committee and are accountable to the Convention and State Committee. Any local Green Party Organization which adequately and democratically represents the election precincts and wards in a region or county may be chartered by the Convention or State Coordinating Committee and become a Regional or County Coordinating Committee of the GPOHIO.

B. Officials

1. The Convener is responsible for arranging the bringing together of

participants, possible agenda items, miscellaneous details of a meeting, and the other functionaries, especially a facilitator.

2. The GPOHIO Secretary is responsible for maintaining the current mailing lists of all local Green Party organizations and their members, State Coordinating Committee members, etc. The lists of Coordinating Committee members, Party Officials, Local Green Party organizations including their mission statements and addresses must be maintained on the Internet Web page and must be made available to members upon request.

C. Functionaries

1. The Facilitator/Co-Facilitator conducts the process of the meeting at the discretion of the meeting participants. Their primary task is the orchestration of the flow of input into the meeting. The facilitator is never the presenter of an agenda item. Their role is (literally) to make it easier for the group to express its ideas and identify agreement on issues. Tasks include:

- a. calling the group back to the agenda,
- b. keeping member comments short and to the point,
- c. restating comments for clarity as needed,
- d. applying various processes and rules when appropriate, and
- e. being attentive to the needs and input of the timekeepers, minutetakers, process observers, starting and stopping the meeting on time, and generally keeping things moving along at a timely pace.

Facilitators must remain nonpartisan and objective. If they perceive a conflict of interest or become emotionally charged by a particularly intense exchange or agenda item, they should allow a co-facilitator or other acceptable meeting participant to facilitate the meeting. The facilitator may be removed from the position at any time by the agreement of the meeting participants. The Convener and the Facilitator may not be the same person.

2. The Recording Secretary is responsible for assuring the recording the proceedings of the meeting, noting all decisions as separate "minutes," and for producing a written copy of the minutes and a summary of the content of major discussions for distribution to the group:

- a. at the time of a decision by the group, the Recording Secretary should read out loud a written copy of the tentative agreement;
- b. a copy of the list of attendees, minutes and summary of each, Convention and State Coordinating Committee Meeting shall be mailed to each member of the State Coordinating Committee and to each Local Green Party organization (and affiliated organization, if requested) and this record shall be posted on the Internet Web site;

c. costs incurred and environmental impact shall be minimized by using electronic communication where possible, a hard copy shall be maintained by the Secretary and provided at cost to any member upon request; and

d. a proposal that is submitted to the group should be written in its final form including amendments, clarifications and refinements, and given to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. This guarantees that all agreed upon items get included and frees the minutetaker for other duties.

4. The Treasurer is legally responsible for keeping detailed records of everything received or given, providing reports to the Convention and State Coordinating Committee and filing campaign finance reports as required by state law. The State Coordinating Committee shall indemnify the Treasurer to the fullest extent of the law. (There may be treasurers of Local Green Party Organizations who are responsible for the record keeping and reporting activities of that particular organization.)

5. Other offices as determined, including but not limited to Corresponding Secretary, Press and Media Secretary, Membership Chairperson, Auditor, Parliamentarian, Issue Campaign Chairpersons, etc.)

D. Recall of the Members of the Coordinating Committees Including Officials

1. Individual members of the coordinating committees may be recalled by the bodies that appoint them, by the other members of the coordinating committee or by the Convention. Members of the coordinating committees must be available during the required meeting agenda time allotted for review of their activities and for questions from the participants, or face recall or probation.

2. 75% of the participants voting for recall removes the coordinating committee member from the coordinating committee.

3. 66-2/3% of participants voting for recall places the coordinating committee member on probation until the next required meeting. No coordinating committee member while on probation may be an official of the GPOHIO.

Article IV - REQUIRED MEETINGS

A. This Constitution and Bylaws will go into effect when three or more local Green Party organizations ratify these Bylaws and Constitution as agreed upon by the GPOHIO Committee at the August 26, 2000 meeting.

B. Biannual Convention - the GPOHIO shall meet once every two years in order to nominate, or certify candidates, ratify platform positions, initiate projects and issue campaigns, modify the Constitution and Bylaws, review the performance of the State Coordinating Committee, etc.

1. At the convention immediately prior to the gubernatorial election the meeting shall include the ratification of a state platform, the ratification of platform proposals to a national convention and the certification to the

ballot of candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor and other statewide offices as necessary.

2. At the convention immediately prior to the presidential election the meeting shall include, the ratification of platform proposals to a national convention, the certification to the ballot of presidential and vice presidential candidates and others as necessary, and the selection of presidential electors and delegates to the national convention of the Green Party.

3. The certification of candidates is not necessary if they have been selected through a primary election instead.

C. Coordinating Committee Meetings - ORC 3517.03, 5317.14, 3517.05, 3517.06

1. Members-elect of the State, Regional and County Coordinating Committees will meet in even-numbered years within three weeks following the convention, the first such meeting shall be called to order by the retiring Convener at which time, the committee shall proceed to organize by the selection of such officials as these rules provide.

2. Terms of Committee members shall be for two years.

3. In case of vacancies due to death, resignation, failure to elect, or removal from the precinct, ward, township, or district from which a committee member was chosen, the committee shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the committee. The local Green Party Organization(s) existing within the jurisdiction in which a vacancy occurs may choose to appoint committee members to be accepted by the committee by majority vote.

4. Upon being recognized as a political party by the state of Ohio, a list of the names and addresses of the members and officers of the coordinating committees and their executive committees (if they exist) shall be filed by the secretary of each committee in the office of the Board of Elections of the county in which such committee exists promptly after the organization of such committee and in the office of the Secretary of State. All changes shall be promptly reported to the Local County Board of Elections and the Secretary of State. These lists will be open for inspection at all times when the offices where they are filed are open. (See ORC 3517.06)

Article V - ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY AND TRANSPARENCY

A. Openness and Internal Democracy

1. All required meetings and records of required meetings, decisions, and finances of the GPOHIO and its Local Green Party Organizations shall be open to the members of the GPOHIO, the media and the general public.

2. Participation in task force and project meetings may be limited to the active members of those groups only to the extent required to protect the strategic interests of the GPOHIO.

3. Notices of all meetings of the GPOHIO and the State, Regional and County Coordinating Committees must be posted publicly on the Internet Web site at least one week in advance.

a. Written notice of all meetings must be given by the Convener to each of the affiliated Local Green Party organizations and to each of the coordinating committee members and members-elect at least five days prior to the meeting by e-mail or, if necessary, US Mail.

b. These notices must include the date, time and place of the meeting.

c. At such time as the GPOHIO is recognized as a major political party, notice must be posted in the office of the Secretary of State or County Board of Elections, as the case may be.

Article VI - MEETING PROCESS, AGREEMENT-SEEKING, AND DECISION-MAKING GUIDELINES

A. Process - "Agreement-seeking with a fallback vote" decision-making process shall be used by all parts of the GPOHIO - see the process manual for a more detailed description.

B. Order of Business

1. Seating and Introductions - Everyone should position themselves wherever they feel most comfortable in a circle (the preferred configuration for effective communication) and introduce themselves, stating their names, the group they belong to, and other relevant information such as their status at the meeting, i.e., delegate, representative, observer, etc.

2. Agenda Review - a tentative agenda should be assembled by the Convener including each item's title, the presenter's name, type of item (report, decision, brainstorm, etc.) and the item's time limit. In addition, there might be more than one facilitator during the meeting which should be listed alongside the items, and an indication of the priority of items or their numerical order. At the beginning of each meeting, the agenda may be reviewed by the meeting participants and altered. However, acceptance of the agenda implies a commitment to follow it.

3. Agenda Items:

a. Reports - The Convener, Secretaries and Treasurer must submit written reports at each coordinating committee meeting. Persons formally representing the GPOHIO at any meeting or convention must submit written reports to the Secretary including the votes cast on behalf of the GPOHIO.

b. Proposals - In order to be considered at the Convention a proposal must be sponsored by the State Coordinating

Committee, an Official of the GPOHIO, a County Coordinating Committee, a Local Green Party Organization, or an aligned organization.

c. **Constitutional Amendments and Changes to the Bylaws -** Constitutional amendments and changes to the bylaws may only be made by an agreement or 66-2/3% vote of the Convention or a mail referendum of the delegates responding from affiliated Local Green Party Organizations. Proposed amendments and changes must be circulated to all registered Local Green Party Organizations at least six weeks in advance of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Convention or referendum response deadline.

d. **Review of coordinating committee activities -** Agenda time may be allotted for accountability of the members of the coordinating committees.

4. Allowable interruptions during the course of a discussion:

a. If a participant has information unknown to the rest of the group that is immediately relevant and necessary to what a speaker is saying, that participant should interrupt by saying "POINT OF INFORMATION." The facilitator should then allow that participant to briefly and concisely present their strictly informational, non-opinionated input. Following the interruption, the regular sequence of discussion is resumed.

b. If a participant is unclear about what has been said or what is going on and interrupts with "POINT OF CLARITY," the facilitator may suspend discussion briefly to respond to that participant's question. If the facilitator is unable to clear up the confusion, another participant may be recognized to briefly offer the necessary information. This allows the participant seeking clarity to be brought up to speed so their input can be included in the ongoing discussion. Once the issue is resolved, or reasonable effort has been expended trying to do so, the facilitator should direct the group back to the regular sequence of discussion.

c. The call for "POINT OF PROCESS" should come from any participant who sees a problem developing due to the process breakdown. Once recognized by the facilitator, the participant should briefly indicate what "point of process" is involved (such as an impending time limit, straying from the topic, dealing with a non-agenda item, etc.) and offer a proposed solution.

d. **Recall -** A proposal may be made from the floor to recall a coordinating committee member. This motion takes precedence over any other agenda item and upon the motion being made, the group does not seek agreement on this decision but moves directly to a vote to defer the decision or

to vote on the question.

5. "Calling The Question" may occur when the facilitator or any participant of the meeting feels that discussion is complete and no new input is forthcoming, s/he may say "call the question." If it is a simple and clear proposal or decision, the facilitator may briefly restate it, check to see if there is general agreement on calling the question, and ask "Is there any call for clarification?" If there is no call for clarification, the facilitator will ask "Is there any call for concern?" If there are neither further questions or concerns, the facilitator may ask the group to indicate their agreement.

6. Proposals may come complete from a single author, group, committee, or may be formed through discussion and brainstorming during the meeting. In general, detailed or complicated proposals should be in writing and circulated prior to the meeting. During discussion of a particular item, a "sense of the meeting" often emerges that can be put into words. When a participant feels that it would be helpful, s/he should state their understanding of the "sense of the meeting" as a proposal. A presenter should have the proposal written out for clarity.

7. Seeking Agreement - Participants should clearly indicate their position either with body language or vocally so that the facilitator has no difficulty determining the sense of the meeting.

a. Call For Clarification - The facilitator or minute taker will state the proposal and ask if there is any call for clarification. Questions about the proposal are answered during this part of the process, concerns are saved for later discussion. Once the group is satisfied that the proposal is clearly understood, the facilitator will ask if there is any call for concern.

b. Call For Concerns - The facilitator or minute taker will restate the proposal and ask if there is any call for concern regarding the proposal. A concern is a statement of how the proposal as stated might conflict with the group's stated purpose and shared values. The facilitator will recognize those who have concerns, distill their concerns into short phrases and a co-facilitator or scribe may list them on a blackboard or easel. Listing concerns in this manner helps the group focus on the concern, not the presenter or the person raising the concern. Concerns should be impersonal. After all the concerns have been listed, the facilitator will deal with each in turn to resolve the concerns through group discussion and friendly amendments.

c. Indicating Agreement - If there are no questions or concerns, a test for agreement is made where the facilitator may ask for an action by the group to indicate their AGREEMENT. The facilitator should then move the group on to the next item. If there are further questions and concerns, discussion should continue, or if time has run out, the group should move on to the next item or contract for more time. In more complicated decisions and for issues which may require

exact understanding of the proposal, the Secretary or minute taker should be prepared to read the proposal to the group prior to testing for agreement.

d. Group Resolution - Concerns are resolved as the proposal is explained or changed to address them. To make agreement more easily attainable, it may be possible for a participant having difficulty accepting a proposal to offer a "friendly amendment" that expands somewhat on the original idea or changes it to a minor degree in a manner that satisfactorily addresses their concerns without altering the "sense of the meeting" on the issue. If accepted by the presenter and the group, the friendly amendment should be worded into the proposal being discussed. If, after further discussion, the proposal seems satisfactory, it should be carefully restated and the facilitator should call the question. The accepted proposal with amendments should be written down by the Secretary and confirmed by the presenter in its final form for inclusion in the minutes.

e. Standing Aside - If, after reasonable discussion and exploration, the group cannot resolve the concerns through friendly amendments, the facilitator should try to determine the depth of the concerns. The facilitator will ask if those with concerns will "stand aside" to allow the group to reach "agreement." The individuals who "stand aside" from the decision may be noted in the minutes with their reasons recorded. Many decisions can be made in this way without resorting to voting and without harmful consequences to the group. However, if a large percentage of the group is "standing aside," the rest of the group should weigh the consequences of making the decision without the support and inclusion of those who are "standing aside."

f. Withdrawal of the Proposal - If those with concerns are not willing to stand aside from the decision, the facilitator will ask the presenter if s/he will withdraw the proposal or the part of the proposal which is causing concern so that agreement may be reached. If not, the proposal can be delegated to a committee of resolution.

g. A Committee of Resolution may be formed which includes skilled representatives of all sides of the issue who are acceptable to all members of the larger group. They may meet during a break or temporarily withdraw from the larger group, which should then occupy itself with some other relatively minor issue, and attempt to come to agreement. The resolution this committee develops may then be carried back to the larger group and introduced for discussion and approval. It may be necessary to reconvene the smaller group for further attempts at achieving a workable solution before agreement can be reached.

8. The fallback vote to defer decision/vote - If the committee of resolution of the group absolutely cannot reach agreement, and it is determined

that a decision must be made at the particular meeting, the facilitator will call for the group (voting members only) to vote on whether or not to defer the issue. If the vote to defer passes by 50% + 1, then a decision on the item is postponed for consideration at a future meeting. If the vote to defer does not pass, the facilitator then calls for a vote on the proposal. If the search for agreement through this process is unsuccessful, a group decision may be made by taking a vote on the issue. If the voting members or delegates vote to accept or reject the particular proposal (66-2/3% on substantive issues and changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, 50% +1 on procedural issues) the decision becomes binding and is entered into the minutes with a record of votes for and against, including abstentions. This means of decision-making should be used only as a last resort and it can be perceived as an abandonment of the principles of the consensus model of decision-making. Sometimes, with pressure of time and a sense of urgency, the group may vote on much of its agenda.

9. Evaluation - If the process is to improve, there must be an opportunity to review what went on and why, and a time to suggest ways to make it work better next time. For a large group the scribe can make a list on a blackboard or a large sheet of newsprint that the whole group can see. Headings should be placed at the top: a "-" on the left side, and a "+" on the right side. In brainstorming fashion and without argumentation or discussion, the group should create a list of all the things that did not work well under the "-" and of all the things that did go well under "+". After listing, the group should briefly discuss how to improve those items listed under "-" and, where necessary, ways of maintaining the items. Suggestions and listings should be included in the minutes.

Agreed To On This Date, August 26, 2000.

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Exhibit B

Subj:	[GPO-CC] 1st draft of January meeting notes
Date:	1/27/2002 11:52:23 PM Eastern Standard Time
From:	SWOHGP@fuse.net (SW Ohio Green Party)
Reply-to:	gpo-cc@yahoogroups.com
To:	gpo-cc@yahoogroups.com (Ohio Green Party C Committee)

1st Draft of notes, revisions and written reports from locals wanting to have their reports included in the minutes due by Wednesday 1/30/02 to Gwen Marshall at swobgp@fuse.net

Coordinating Committee of the Green Party of Ohio
January 26, 2002

bullets from the meeting:

- 26 delegates attended the meeting
- Next Meeting March 16 at the Clintonville Community Resource Center
- The OGP will sell or return merchandise from last year's Ohio State Fair to the Regional or Local Organizations
- Rapid Response Team for more information on setting this up, contact Greg Richey
- Accepted the Proposal for Filing for FEC Affiliation with GPUS
- Request for Support of Funding Winona LaDuke to speak before Campus Greens Meeting on February 15-16. from the Green Party contact list after Friday, 2/1 and the Campus Greens indicate they need the funding. The Campus Greens' drafted message would go out from Bob Gragson.
- Daryl Davis will replace Bob Gragson on the GPUS CC
- GPO will not probably not be in the Ohio State Fair this year.
- Committee has been formed to work on the convention.

notes by Paul Dumouchelle until lunch & Gwen Marshall from after lunch to end of meeting.

Location: Clintonville Community Resource Center, 14 West Lakerview Ave., Columbus 614-268-3539
Facilitator: Russ Buckbee
9:30 Treasurers' Training: Gina Ficociello & Paul Dumouchelle

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting Starts: 10:30 AM

1/26/01 Meeting: Quorum Requirement 40% of Current Members (required for Quorum: 13)

Total #: 36 (including 3 additions from Cleveland: Dave Katz, Henry Knocht, Chris Lutjen added without objection during quorum call - for 1/26)

Attendance: (Y=present or N=absent)

Officers & Unorganized Areas (6 allowed)

Paul Dumouchelle - Y

Gina Ficociello - Y

Bob Gragson - N

Greg Richey - Y

Central (8 Allowed)

Keith Johnson - Y

Larry Snider - Y

Hillary Timpple - Y

Alan Amstutz - Y

Cleveland (8 Allowed)

David Berenson - Y

Dave Katz - Y

Brian Cummins - N

Daryl Davis - Y

David Ellison - Y

Jonah Jacobs - N

Henry Knocht - Y

Chris Lutjen - Y

Lake Erie (2 Allowed)

Mahoning Valley (4 Allowed)

Betsy Johnson - N

Shawna Leonard - N

Terry Emco - N

Tim Mays Hyde - N

Mid-Ohio (2 Allowed)
Sean Nall - Y
Michael Renock-Welker - Y
Alternate: Boyd Adlesparger - N
Northwest (4 Allowed)
Kathy Kozlowski - N
Anita Rios - Y
Portage-Summit (6 Allowed)
Russ Buckbee - Y
Paul Frickrich - Y
Tim Newman - Y
Michele Parmer - N
Southeast (2 Allowed)
David Whealey - Y
Southwest (6 Allowed)
Doana Leist - (after lunch only)
Gwen Marshall - (after lunch only)
Dorsey Stebbins - Y (until 4PM)
Eric Wise - Y
Brian Sebastian - Y
West Central (4 Allowed)
Logan Martinez- Y
Tiki Kai-Krismano - N

David Ellison served as Facilitator for setting the agenda and agenda items

1. Confirmation of Agenda & Time Limits - David Ellison

2. Approved November Minutes handled by Paul Dumouchelle
(copies carried to meeting by Eric Wise from Gwen as well as Gwen's computer for Paul to take notes which were then completed and edited by Gwen.)

3. Officers' Reports:

- Convener - Paul Dumouchelle

Next Meeting Date March 16 & Location - Clintonville Community Resource Center
Coord Com.

- Secretary's Report: NA (Bob Gragon did not attend)

- State Treasurer's Report: Gim Ficociello - Gim is Treasurer, Greg Richey is Deputy Treasurer, Paul Dumouchelle is managing the bank account. Current State Balance in the PAC is \$182.68 and remaining funds will be sent to the appropriate Locals. Gim will forward actual record to Gwen Marshall for inclusion in final minutes.

Proposal by Gim Ficociello regarding Ohio Green Party Merchandise Inventory. Two Decisions - Proposed that the OGP sell merchandise inventory of items at cost to the Regional or Local Organizations. Accepted as Proposed.

Proposed, that since the original agreement was to return to donating organizations 25% of the profits from the inventory's sale, that, instead we return the equivalent amount in merchandise as long as this is acceptable to the Local/Regional Organization. Accepted as proposed.

- Federal Treasurer's Report: Paul Dumouchelle. \$361.52 balance.

4. Green Party Petition Committee: Paul Dumouchelle. No activity on this committee since the last meeting. Cynhoga continues to gather signatures as events allow. Petitions would be used for 2004. Perhaps we should abandon this effort and lobby for the rule to change, or do both together. A question whether there is a benefit to filing a completed effort in 2003.

5. 2002 Candidates Committee: Logan Martinez.

In 2001 Nine people ran in Ohio as Green Party candidates and received a little over 20,000 votes in total. Paul Dumouchelle got the highest percentage amount at 40%, Steve Steel in Toledo got the largest number of votes. Plan to do a survey among candidates to get feedback on how Party can be more effective. Committee did some work in getting volunteers organized and soliciting donations.

Looks like we have 2 Green Candidates in 2002. One is Frank Doden running for 7th Ohio Congressional District (Green, Clark, Fayette, Pickaway, Perry and part of Franklin & Ross Counties). We made a call for candidates for 2002 in June, filing date for independent candidates is May 6, and final decision could be as late as April. We have no statewide candidates running for office. Logan would like to see Congressional candidates as a priority to help build the national party then have State Representative as the next priority given that they are sometimes fairly easy to organize and David Whealey mentioned that donations to State Representative campaigns are deductible as a credit from State Taxes. Russ referenced the national candidates committee document which seemed to have some good strategic thought. Logan emphasized the need for Green Party leaders to consider running, that everyone contact three local activists to act if they would run and that locals should hold press conferences to publicize the call for candidates.

6. **Locals' Reports** - (Note - only pre-submitted reports are included in minutes and none were received either at or before the meeting.) Reports can be sent in by Wednesday, 1/30/02 to SWOHGP@flssc.net and still be included in the minutes.

7. **Rapid Response Team** - Greg Richey and David Berenson. Greg passed around a list to create a committee that will develop a proposal for how the Response Team will work.

8. **Accepted the Proposal for Filing for FEC Affiliation with GPUS** - Paul Dumouchelle. Proposal for Filing for FEC Affiliation with GPUS - Paul Dumouchelle. Proposal Language: That the Green Party of Ohio seek recognition by the Federal Election Commission as a State Committee of a Political Party affiliated with the FEC-recognized GPUS. That the Treasurer of the Federal Political Action Committee (currently Paul Dumouchelle) undertake all necessary actions to obtain and maintain this recognition. The two requirements for FEC recognition are:

- a) Bylaws or similar document that delineates activities commensurate with the day-to-day operation of a party at a state level; and
- b) Ballot access for at least one federal candidate who has qualified as a candidate under FEC regulations.

9. The following proposal was accepted regarding the Request for Support of Funding Winona LaDuke to speak before Campus Greens Meeting on February 15-16. Hillary Tinapple, Keith Johnson. Expenses would be travel, lodging and \$2,500 honorarium and Hillary clarified that she is looking to a variety of sources for funds. Proposal - That we ask for people on the Green Party contact list to support this effort and if funds are found elsewhere that the donations will be used for general use by the Green Party of Ohio. That this will be done after Friday, 2/1 and the Campus Greens indicate they need the funding. That the Campus Greens will draft the core of the message. The message would go out from Bob Geason as a separate message.

Lunch Break

Old Business

10. **Supporter's Proposal** Logan Martinez, Russ Buckbee

No proposal was accepted, but it was agreed that there is nothing in the Green Party of Ohio By-laws prohibiting or delaying the Supporter's Proposal from going forward without a vote.

What follows are some of the issues raised and either resolved or not resolved:

a) In part #2 of the proposal - It was suggested that the "local responsibility" would be to forward, name, address of donor and half of the donation collected from the Supporter's program. There would be additional information needed if money is for the PAC, such as the employer if the amount is over \$100.

b) Not settled was what kind of program this should be:

- 1) all for Operating Costs such as copies, postage, supplies, meeting costs, long distance phone calls, web page and so on related to building and maintaining the local & Ohio Green Parties.
- 2) all for the Political Action Committee to help fund local and Ohio Green Party Candidates with costs of such things as registration fees, flyers, parade cards and sample ballots for polling stations as well as the operating costs listed above for building the party. (PAC bookkeeping is more time and paperwork intensive for the state and locals)
- 3) Pac & operating

c) Also not answered:

Should the money go from local to state
from state to local

either direction depending on who gets the check.

Comments made on these issues included: Gwen said that she would prefer to have checks made out to the local and have the locals write a check to the state party. Logan said that the check should be allowed to be written either way and have the receiver write the check to the other party. Paul said that including the Pac in the mix makes it too complicated and that it should be operating or PAC, not both. Gwen said that the SWOH local had voted to have this program be for both operating and PAC and expressed a preference for using the less paperwork and reporting intensive system of the operating account to fund party building activities.

Gwen proposed that a State Operating Account be set up, but this proposal was not voted on after Logan's proposal was voted down. After giving the proposal orally, she reread her proposal as, "Proposal by Gwen Setting up an Green Party of Ohio Operating Account The fund raising committee is authorized and recommended to set up a Green Party of Ohio operating account that is not a PAC for the purpose of operating the "Supporter's Program," the state convention, and other operating expenses related to building the Party such as costs for copies, postage, supplies, meeting costs, long distance calls and so on."

When the vote was held on Logan's proposal (amendment version #5), he said it would be for use with an operating account only. The vote did include revising the #5 proposal (the version sent out with the agenda) to include Paul's amendment to #4 regarding the treasurer.

It was agreed that we needed a 2/3rds vote so needed 16 votes to pass, so the proposal failed.

vote was: for-13, opposed-7 abstain-4

11. **Expanded Ohio Representation to GPUS coordinating committee** (including replacement of Bob Geason) Anita Rice

Anita is compiling the list of local activity to show that we can qualify for the 4 representatives that Ohio should be able to qualify for with our 18 Congressional districts in Ohio. We need to show local activity in 4 Congressional districts for each representative we will be allocated by GPUS. (To see which Congressional districts overlap with your local, compare your county list (on the Ohio Green Party web page) with the new Ohio congressional district map by going to www.ohioremap2001.org/ click on Congressional map and look at large print copy of the map to see which districts are in your local.)

Regarding replacing Bob on GPUS coordinating committee until we find out if we get our 3rd and 4th representative, Daryl was approved to replace Bob as the delegate and Paul Dumouchelle was approved to become the 4th alternate with the idea that he become the 4th delegate when we get the rest of our allocation. Bob had said that he wants to remain as an alternate, Anita said that we may have as many alternates as we want.

12. State Fair - Paul Dumouchelle - informally agreed that we will not be doing a booth this year, but should agree to readdress this issue every January.

Paul had raised the following questions:

a) Should we make sure the petition issues at the State Fair are State rather than local issues? Should the state committee consult the regional parties and then decide what these issues should be? Would this approach stimulate more state fair involvement at the state and the regional levels?

b) Perhaps it is important for us to do the Fair on election years, but not the others. Should we do the fair this year, and, starting with next year, institute the practice of only doing the Fair on EVEN-NUMBERED years?

Discussion: We need \$1,600 to do the fair, and need to make a payment in March if we want a booth. Bill Kerwin is not able to do the booth this year, but has done a great job with pulling this together the past two years. David B. suggested that the odd numbered year is useful for collecting signatures. Paul said that he personally didn't think that having a booth 2000 at the fair was that good of a use of resources. There was no proposal made to have us be at the State Fair this year, but agreed that we could/should discuss the questions a&b raised above on line.

13. Strategic Planning - Russ Beckbee

Suggested that we need to spend a couple of hours at the state convention on strategic planning & that we have a subcommittee work on setting up ideas for strategic planning. Another proposal was to have a retreat before the convention to work on strategic planning.

(note from Gwen - sorry I got lost on this one, was a separate committee set up to work on this, if so, who is on it?)

14. 2002 State Convention - Paul Dumouchelle

Location & Dates Paul says it needs to be a central location & he suggested the Community Fest weekend (the last weekend of June)

Agenda - (see notes from discussion and also requirements from bylaws: Platform, Bylaws Revisions, Tabling)

Also needing resolution is the projected numbers of people who would attend.

Russ had everyone who chose to make a 1 minute comment on what they thought would be the purpose of a convention. Ideas ran from an outdoor picnic/potluck to a forum on local/state/federal issues. Other ideas ranged from making it be about outreach, or be about seminars to learn about how to run a campaign. Also suggested is that we work to come up with a clear plan of what the Greens recommend as a solution to our economic problems &/or how to work with other like minded groups. David Ellison suggested the need for a retreat before the convention to establish a platform that could then be ratified at the convention.

Agreed to set up a committee: David Ellison, Paul Dumouchelle, Hillary Tinapple, Patty Friedrich, Gwen Marshall and Tim Newman to compile a proposal to be published and ratified before the next meeting. A meeting was held after the GPO meeting to set up a time for a meeting to work on this issue.

New Business

15. Endorsement of Frank Doden for US Congress Logan Martinez

The West Central group has already endorsed Frank Doden for run for the new 7th Ohio Congressional district which has been redrawn to include two major military bases. The current incumbent is David Hobson, a Republican who is currently the chair of the House Appropriations subcommittee on Military Construction. Frank spoke to the group and was well received but some wanted more time than was available so the endorsement decision was postponed to either on line or the next meeting (which ever happens first.)

Adjourned at 5 PM due to the meeting room being booked by another group at that time.

Exhibit B

Send corrections to swohgp@fuse.net ASAP

Summary of the major points of agreement from the 11/10/01 GPO:

- Next meeting, Saturday, January 26th
- Agreed that we should keep using the petitions to create a Green Party in Ohio as a tabling tool but agree that we are looking to two years from now to filing for the Presidential election year when we are more likely to be able to get our 5% to keep the status for the following election.
- Agreed that the local's oral reports needed to be emailed to SWOHGP@fuse.net if they wanted their information to be included in the minutes.
- Logan and Daryl will become the 3rd & 4th GPO rep. to GPUS
- Green Party U.S. was granted national FEC status - November 9th and there will be a party in Washington, DC on Saturday, December 8th - \$25 donation to attend this fund raiser. (Van leaving from Columbus - see GPO weekly newsletter.)
- Bob is setting up a DX list serve for the GPO-CC that all on the GPO-CC will be invited to join. Only directly related to GPO business items may be posted on the GPO-CC list.
- Rapid Response Team - do we need a full GPO-CC on line voting system versus a smaller subcommittee to make between the meetings decisions. Volunteers to look into setting up this committee were: Greg will set up the email list - Anita, David B, Russ, Larry Snider, Daryl, Brian, Greg, Michael and they will report back in a timely manner.
- Russ & Brian will facilitate a discussion on the new DX list on the issue of strategic planning.
- 2002 Convention - We've agreed that we should be planning a convention for this summer.

Notes for the November 10, 2001 meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Green Party of Ohio.
Location: Clintonville Community Resource Center, 14 West Lakeview Ave.,

Facilitator: David Berenson in the morning, Russ Buckbee in the afternoon.
Convener: Paul Dumouchelle; Notes: Gwen Marshall

Attendance:

Quorum Requirement -40% of Current Members

Current Members - Total # 28 - 14 present:

Representation:

Officers & Unorganized Areas (6 allowed) - Paul Dumouchelle, convener - absent; Gina Ficociello, treasurer - absent; Bob Gragson, secretary - present; Greg Richey (deputy treasurer) - present

Central (8 Allowed): Keith Johnson - present, Larry Snider - present

Cleveland (8 Allowed) - David Berenson - present, Brian Cummins - present, Daryl Davis - present, David Ellison - absent; Jonah Jacobs - absent

Lake Erie (2 Allowed) - none present

Mahoning Valley(4 Allowed) -Betsy Johnquest - absent, Shawna Leonard - absent; 2 Unfilled &

Alternates: Terry Esarco

Mid-Ohio (2 Allowed) - Stan Null - absent, Michael Renock-Welker - present; Alternate: Boyd

Addlesperger -absent

Northwest (4 Allowed) - Kathy Kozlowski - absent, Anita Rios - present

Portage-Summit (6 Allowed) - Russ Buckbee - present, Patti Fridrich - absent; 4 Unfilled, Alternates:

Tim Newman, Michele Pamer

(Tim and Michele are now being classified as regular members after the 11/10/01 meeting.)

Southeast (2 Allowed) - David Whealey - absent

Southwest (6 Allowed) - Donna Leist - absent, Gwen Marshall - present, Dorsey (& Betty) Stebbins - present, Eric Wise - present until 2:45.

West Central (4 Allowed) - Logan Martinez- present, Tiki Kai-Krismano - absent, Jim Klosterman - (On Leave)

Meeting Started about 10:45 AM

1. Confirmation of Agenda & Time Limits - Russ Buckbee

2. Review & Approval of 8/25 Minutes - Owen Marshall
correction - note that #11 the COG statement in support of Pacifica was approved.

3. Officers' Reports:

- Convener: Next Meeting Date & Location - Paul Dumouchelle - Paul had to leave after opening up facility due to family obligation. We picked the next meeting date of Saturday, January 26th & decided that Paul will need to facilitate an online discussion for when the next meeting after the January meeting will be and regarding the issue of a convention.

- Secretary: Bob Gragson - He has been campaigning. The list of GPO-CC members has been kept up to date.

- Treasurer: Gina Ficociello - absent

Greg did not have report, Paul had reported that he will be filing a corrected PAC report. Gina called in a report to Keith - She has been doing the treasurer work for Paul's and other campaigns so she will compile a report for the next meeting and post it on line. She was at the College Progressive conference selling Ohio Green party t-shirts.

4. Committee Reports:

Candidates Committee 2002 report by Logan

Logan is a member, not the chair of the GPO committee. He reported that we had a record number of people run. Bob Gragson had sent out a list of Green Party candidates and their results but this list did not include the endorsed independents and others. A letter was sent out around the state to about 130 Green Party activists in support of our candidates, Logan and Tiki did come to Cincinnati to campaign for Wes on October 20th.

David B reported that Denis Dunn - Lakewood City Council at large race he did win. He came to the Nader fund raiser and contributed funds to the Greens but the Greens did not contribute to him but did endorse him but he also had the Democrat Party endorsement in this at large race.

Logan wants to do a press release announcing that we had candidates that are affiliated by the State Greens that had been endorsed by locals.

Regarding next year, Logan announced that if we finish the petition drive, candidates filing as Green would have to file in March, independents have longer to file but need more signatures. Across the country, Green Party candidates were elected to office on Nov 6th and record numbers ran.

Logan also reported that on the national GPUS ad-hoc candidate conference call, it was agreed to support a general call for candidates that would also include (according to follow up email) a target call for Greens to run against any Democrats who vote for Fast Track. This is a committee of the steering committee GPUS, not the GPUS Coordinating committee. (The Steering committee is the governing body of the Coordinating Committee, it includes the officers (4 co chairs, including Anita), treasurer, secretary.)

Logan was approved as the official nomination from the Ohio Green Party to the GPUS Ad-hoc Campaign Committee. At this time the committee is less than a dozen people but they are all experienced campaigners from around the country.

Bob requested that Logan make sure the committee notices that 33-40% of the races around the country are unopposed.

Issues Links Report by Russ

Russ said that GPO has supported:

International Conference of the Global Network against Weapons and nuclear power (David Berenson)

Sierra Club statement on genetically modified foods (Brian Cummins)

Pro-Democracy Campaign and Voters Bill of Rights (Anita Rios)

Progressive statement of IPPN (www.ippn.org) (Brian Cummins)

Ohio People's Bicentennial (Anita Rios)

Institute for Policy Study's "Progressive Challenge for National Days of Action (Brian Cummins)

www.ips.dc.org

Statement against the Free Trade Area of the America's Agreement, email link to www.tradewatch.org

FLOC - Boycott of Mt. Olive Pickles and support for amnesty of undocumented workers.

National Sign on letter nuclear security - Public Citizen

Groups whose letter/position gaining endorsement are added to our web page if they agree after getting a letter checking to see if they want to be linked.

Goal is to increase activity and to make sure that different parts of the state are on the "same page" regarding the issues.

Logan pointed out that a year ago we supported the "Stop the Clock" campaign regarding welfare reform. It has been updated to reflect concerns with people facing a tighter job market. The Ohio Empowerment Committee is the lead organization on this and Logan has been added to their board.

Regarding Planks of the Ohio Green Party - this has to be noted as a point to start the discussion, not as the end point. Russ pointed out that planks have been turned in regarding: agriculture, democracy (including instant runoff voting), tort reform. Anita noted that this has to be consistent with the national GPUS platform.

Green Party Petition Committee - Paul Dumouchelle (absent)

If want to get the petitions in time for the 2002 governor's and other state offices race, filing date for the petitions would be January 2, 2001.

Discussion of what to do with the petitions: Concern by Daryl, are we able to get enough signatures before many of the old signatures may become invalid? Brian says that we need to admit that we won't have this by January of 2002 and recognize that our energy has been put into local campaigns. Anita said that we need to remember that this process was designed to keep "third" parties out and running in circles and doesn't think we can win this in the courts so we need to go through the legislature where we will need to get some allies to help us win this. Bob G. has now changed his mind regarding the petition process and thinks we need to concentrate on the local races but that he has a local Democrat who wants to run for the state house who has said that he/she would be willing to support legislation for a change in ballot access. Logan says this petition process is good outreach but that we don't have the manpower to do it right but fortunately it is easy enough to run as an independent so we do have access as candidates. David B. said can continue to use as a tabling device and his area uses this to collect names for a mailing list. Russ stated that we need a plan and not just let it happen. We will need less signatures if we file based on governor's race numbers versus Presidential years in general.

Agreed that we should keep using the petitions to create a Green Party in Ohio as a tabling tool but agree that we are looking to two years from now to filing for the Presidential election year when we are more likely to be able to get our 5% to keep the status for the following election. Any press mention of this should include that this is a daunting challenge designed to keep 3rd parties out of the system but that we are looking to the 2004 election cycle because this is the current law.

Lunch Break

5. Locals' Reports -

Oral reports, including election reports were given over lunch, were given by for locals which were present and these individuals were informed that they needed to get a written email report to Gwen at swohgp@fuse.net by Monday night, 11/12/01 to be included in the minutes.

Reports emailed by 11/13/01:

Southwest Ohio - Gwen

Most of the fall has been consumed by Wes Flinn's Cincinnati City Council campaign in which 26 candidates were competing for 9 seats. The 7 incumbents were all reelected, plus 2 Democrats. Wes finished 2nd last but got over 3,000 votes. The winner had been going to Community Council meetings since September 2000 and door to door since May 2001 and had \$243,000 in campaign funds two weeks before the election; Wes's campaign was run for about \$1,000 plus in kind work. Wes received the endorsement of the local weekly, City Beat, as well as the near Univ. Cinti campus publication, Citizen, and was covered as Green in a variety of publications including the local daily newspapers and the League of Woman Voters election publication. He also attended a variety of community forums all during September and October and filled out many endorsement forms as well. He was included in two TV forums (a Fox morning show and the public TV station's show 2 days before the election.) He used his

trombone (which he carried to forums) to symbolize "sounding the horn for change." He was well received in the forums where he attended and was contacted by progressive Democrats regarding the idea of following up after the election.

The Cincinnati City Council race was dominated by racial voting the most obvious being in the mayor's race and so one independent candidate that we could have considered endorsing was not endorsed due to his having announced publicly, to a mostly black forum, that blacks should choose 9 from the 15 black candidates. Besides using the trombone for name recognition, he used a quarter sheet sized green card with his platform on one side and useful phone numbers on the other side.

A follow up discussion of the campaign was scheduled to be the main topic of the next SWOHGP meeting (11/13). Wes would likely have benefited from starting much earlier (he started the 2nd week of June) and if he got more involved in local issues of interest to him. It will also be suggested to him that he should do some volunteer work for a City Council member whom he can support so he can get concrete experience on the issues and that he might even want to consider working on some other candidate's campaigns, in off years, for more experience. We did see a huge growth in our candidate's abilities during the race and could see the huge benefits he gave to our local Green Party and hope he will be running again as Green in the future.

Regarding other matters in SWOH, we are still meeting once a month, 2nd Tuesday regarding general matters and still attending, working and outreaching with the local "Earth Save" and a group called "Coalition for a Human Economy" which worked on the TABD protests in November 2000. We have not heard anything from the Univ. of Cincinnati or Miami University Greens in over half a year. We are still selling the "Ask Me About the Green Party" organic cotton t-shirts with the Ohio map and list of 10 key values for \$15 and do get a positive response when they are worn at local events.

Summit County- Russ Buckbee

Summit County has been primarily inactive. We are looking for a pleasant regular place to meet to attract people and considering Green discussions on issues to pull in a few people too. The University of Akron is attempting to organize a Campus Greens chapter under Nathan Ruggles leadership. We provided some support to the campaigns of Patti Fidirich and Bob Gragson in Portage Co. We have reached out to Greens in Medina, Wayne and Lake Co areas on the internet, but these areas have not organized yet. We have made some media and coalition contacts of Nuclear power and public financing.

Northwest Ohio report to the coordinating Committee of the Green Party of Ohio, 11/10/01 - Anita Rios

In the last election the Green Party of North West Ohio ran one candidate, Steve Steel, for a position on the Toledo school board. Steve is a longtime green and as an educator has a excellent background for serving on the school board. He received the endorsement of the Toledo Blade, the National Association of letter Carriers, and of the PACE union. While he didn't win, he is committed and plans to run again.

We also endorsed independent candidates: Armiya Muhammed, and Kwame MuMin, both of whom were eliminated in the primary.

Over the past few months the NWO Greens have not met consistently, but we are trying to get back on track and are now meeting monthly, the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:pm at the One World Art and Cultural Center.

Many of the members of the NWO Greens have been active in local peace movements and we have voted to support the National Green Party statement on the 9/11 tragedy.

We have also been attempting to help other green groups get started through out the area.

6. New Business - none presented except for the need for strategic planning.

7. Old Business

- David said that we need to bring back the discussion of endorsing outside of the party.
- Regional meetings - we've said we would do this when we went away from monthly meetings. We've also agreed to look into hiring a fund raiser (this would fit into the strategic planning process.)
- Logan - on dues/donations - thinks we should do it statewide if support and if not then we will do it

locally. Support for statewide donation received about 50% support.

8. Representation to coordinating committee - Anita Rios

Anita would like an alternate to the GPUS to help weed through the email and make sure that important items are always posted to the GPO-CC list serve when she is unavailable. She explained that the alternate could also attend the meetings but can only vote if the representative is not available. Under the new system, Ohio is entitled to 4 representatives but this process has not been finalized yet but should be in the next month. Bob stated that he also wanted an alternate but the GPO-CC agreed that we could have these alternates become the 3rd and 4th delegates when the new GPUS system was approved. It was agreed that we would support Logan for one of these seats. Daryl has gotten a new laptop computer and on line capacity and so indicated some interest in helping with the gender balance. Anita pointed out that we should also be looking at the local level. Gwen said that she would consider becoming a delegate, but was thrilled to support Daryl's nomination instead.

David B. made a motion to nominate Logan and Daryl as temporary alternates until such time as others step forward and indicate interest. Bob suggested that we need to allow these alternates to become delegates when the time comes in the next month and this was accepted as a friendly amendment. All of these seats will be open for renomination and revote at our state convention. The motion passed to make Logan Martinez and Daryl Davis the 3rd & 4th GPO repa. to GPUS.

The next GPUS meeting is the Philadelphia meeting in July. The winter meeting for 2002 had failed through, will be shooting for 2 GPUS meetings a year.

9. Update on national agenda GPUS - Anita Rios

Green Party U.S. was granted national FEC status - November 9th and there will be a party in Washington, DC on Saturday, December 8th - \$25 donation to attend this fund raiser. (see GPO newsletter Sept 11th.)

On the fund raising matter, the Nader campaign has been unwilling to share its donor list with the GPUS unless by selling it to the GPUS. This is a problem since it seems contrary to Nader's claims of running to help build the Green Party. Fund raising has been a problem in general and the GPUS is fairly poor and finding it hard to raise money right now

10. GPO-CC list protocol and procedures - Anita Rios

We have to be as responsible to each other on this list serve as we would be in a work place or in a face to face meeting - no harassment or rude comments will be tolerated.

This list serve is for GPO-CC business only, not for unrelated political announcements, ie. fast track and that we should set up a discussion list for the GPO-CC for this sort of business. (The General list is too large/bulky to be useful for this.) It was agreed that Bob would set up a DX list serve for the GPO-CC that all on the GPO-CC would be invited to join (including could leave the the messages on the web to be read.)

11. Organizing visit/visits from Tom Linzey and/or Dean Myerson - Anita Rios

It might be good to have them attend the convention and they could make suggestions on achieving our goals.

12. Rules for Alternate Delegates - Russ Buckbee

email #561 to GPO-CC list serve.

Was agreed to accept this proposal with the grammar change to read as follows:

Whereas the Green Party Coordinating Committee (CC) needs to have clarity about membership and the role of alternates to the committee where there is no regular member for a committee seat;

Whereas posted discussion has occurred with confusion about voting for alternates, and the precise count for quorums;

Whereas the CC is free to make its own procedural rules within the limits of the Agreement Seeking Process and the bylaws of the Ohio Green Party.

Therefore be it agreed that the following procedure be used by the Green Party of Ohio Coordinating Committee (CC) for alternates to the committee where there is no regular member for a committee seat:

1) The CC shall accept alternates to the Coordinating Committee as full participating members of the CC when they are covering unfilled seats or seats where the member or local has announced that they will be on a leave from the committee. They will then be counted for total membership to calculate a quorum, face-

to-face or on-line. Alternates covering such seats shall have all voting and other rights and responsibilities of membership.

2) Alternates who serve as back up for an available member will have no voting rights on-line, and voting rights in face-to-face meetings only when the regular member is absent for the meeting. It is hoped that they will be engaged in all aspects of the committee and subcommittees work.

13. Rapid Response Team - David Berenson

Issue - do we need a full GPO-CC on line voting system versus a smaller subcommittee to make between the meetings decisions.

Volunteers to look into setting up this committee were: Greg will set up the email list - Anita, David B, Russ, Larry Snider, Daryl, Brian, Greg, Michael and they will report back in a timely manner.

Gwen expressed the concerns that when rapid responses were needed regarding some local issues that these statements be made that it only be made with the support of the most directly affected local.

14. Strategic Planning Meeting - Russ Buckbee

We have mission that is part of our bylaws and so now we need to have a plan for how to accomplish this mission. He suggested that we could use our convention for strategic planning. Daryl suggested that we hire someone to help us devise a plan before the convention. Brian suggested that we could set up a committee to formulate a proposal before the next meeting. Dave suggested that we need to plan to devote at least half a day at the next meeting to this process. Anita suggested that we should try to do this process internally. Bob suggested that we need a whole weekend for this. Larry suggested that people write their own ideas for a plan and bring them in. Brian suggested that we really need to evaluate and review what we learn and how to do it better. Russ reminded us that we should be evaluating our meetings as well.

Brian offered to help set up an idea of how to do this for the next meeting. Gwen wanted to make sure we preserved the option of actually starting the process at the next meeting. It was agreed that Russ & Brian will facilitate a discussion on the new DX list on the issue of strategic planning.

15. 2002 Convention - Paul Dumouchelle

Our bylaws state that we have to have a biannual convention to nominate candidates, and so on. (Article IV - required meetings)

(May 5th filing for Ohio candidates for independents.) Could time for before or after this date to help them campaign or get signatures.

We've agreed that we should be planning a convention for this summer.

16. Pacifica Statement for Forwarding to USGP - Evan Davis/Greg

The August 2001 GPO minutes were amended to more clearly reflect that the Central Ohio Pacifica Statement was passed and now we have passed, "as a proposal that this matter also be referred to the GPUS."

Adjournment Time: 4:07 PM

Next Meeting after November - 1/26/02.

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1) NEWS FROM THE GPO COORDINATING COMMITTEE

At its meeting on Jan. 25, the Green Party of Ohio (GPO) Coordinating Committee (CC) decided to seek recognition by the Federal Election Commission as a State Committee of a Political Party affiliated with the FEC-recognized Green Party of the United States. Twenty-six delegates from throughout Ohio were in attendance.

The CC also selected Daryl Davis from Cleveland as a delegate to the Green Party of United States to join Anita Rios from Toledo. Anita currently serves on the Steering Committee of the national party. Bob Gragson, Logan Martinez and Paul Dumouchelle serve as alternate delegates to the national party from Ohio.

Anita is compiling the list of local activity to show that the GPO can qualify for four delegates to the national party that Ohio is eligible for beginning this month. The GPO needs to show local activity in four Congressional districts for each national delegate to be allocated to the state party.

Plans continue for the 2002 State Party Convention to be held this summer. The convention committee includes David Ellison, Paul Dumouchelle, Hillary Tinapple, Patty Fridrich, Gwen Marshall and Tim Newman.

2) DODEN ENDORSED FOR CONGRESS IN 7TH DISTRICT

The Green Party of West Central Ohio has endorsed Frank Doden for US Congress from the 7th Congressional District. The newly redrawn district includes two major military bases. The current incumbent is David Hobson, a Republican who is currently the chair of the House Appropriations subcommittee on Military Construction.

3) PROTESTORS NOW TO BE CALLED TERRORISTS

The Utah state legislature just passed Utah House Bill 100 (an amendment to Utah's criminal code) which defines protestors as terrorists. The bill states that a person is guilty of commercial terrorism if he enters or remains unlawfully on the premises or in a building of any business with the intent to interfere with the employees, customers, personnel, or operations of a business.

This bill was amended and passed by the Utah House of Representatives and referred to the Utah Senate on Feb. 4 in order to limit protests at the Olympics. The Senate will vote on the bill soon.

To read the full text of this Utah bill, see:
<http://www.le.state.ut.us/~2002/bills/hbillint/hb0100.htm>

4) DOCUMENTARY EXPOSING NAFTA'S CHAPTER 11

On Tues., Feb. 5, the latest segment in TRADING DEMOCRACY, a collaboration between Bill Moyers and producer Sherry Jones, was aired. The documentary shown on PBS reveals how an obscure provision hidden in the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) can cost taxpayers millions of dollars and subvert democracy when multinational corporations sue the government over environmental and health laws that threaten their profits.

To read more on the report, see:
<http://www.globalexchange.org/ftaa/2002/moyers010702.html>

5) GREEN PARTY JOINS 9-11 EMERGENCY NETWORK

The Green Party of the United States has voted to join the 9-11 Emergency National Network (ENN), a broad-based national peace coalition. Green participation in ENN will add the political force of the U.S.'s most prominent third party to the growing peace movement, and will encourage Green participation in the March on Washington scheduled for April 20.

<http://www.ohiogreens.org/newsletters/020209.htm>

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Read the entire news release at:

http://www.greenpartyus.org/press/pr_02_08_02.html

6) TELEVISION ADDICTION

"The term "TV addiction" is imprecise and laden with value judgments, but it captures the essence of a very real phenomenon. Psychologists and psychiatrists formally define substance dependence as a disorder characterized by criteria that include spending a great deal of time using the substance; using it more often than one intends; thinking about reducing use or making repeated unsuccessful efforts to reduce use; giving up important social, family or occupational activities to use it; and reporting withdrawal symptoms when one stops using it."

To read the entire article about television addiction from the February 2002 issue of Scientific American, see: <http://www.sciam.com/2002/0202issue/0202kubey.html>

For more information about television, see Commercial Alert's web page at: <http://www.commercialalert.org/television/index.html>

Also, see the TV-Turnoff Network at: <http://www.tvturnoff.org/>

7) TOP 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ENRON

Enron's meltdown is more than a lone business scandal, it's an indictment of our entire financial and political system. This smart, simple Enron primer explains why.

To read this entire AlterNet article, see: <http://www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=12326>

8) ENRON, NUCLEAR TERRORISM & OUR SOLAR FUTURE

Harvey Wasserman, author and internationally known expert adviser to the anti-nuclear movement, will speak Sat., Feb. 16 in the Ohio Union Stecker Lounge, 3rd Floor (1738 N. High St.), Columbus. His latest book is titled, "The Last Energy War: The Battle Over Utility Deregulation." Mr. Wasserman is a writer for magazines and journals around the world, and regularly appears on radio shows like "Radio Nation" and "Democracy Now!" He is a Columbus resident who participated in the successful fights against a regional nuclear waste dump and to shut down Columbus's dioxin-emitting trash burning power plant, and is a columnist for "Columbus Alive" magazine.

For more information, see:

<http://www.ohiogreens.org/newsletters/020209.htm>

<http://www.osu.edu/students/CGP/OH/wasserman.html>

9) ENRON? NADER IS GLAD YOU ASKED

Why, yes, Ralph Nader would be delighted to discuss the Enron scandal. But don't expect the once and possibly future presidential candidate to do so with a straight face. "I hate to say 'I told you so,'" he begins, barely cloaking his glee over what could be the greatest corporate scandal in the lifetime of America's greatest corporate critic. "But"--and now the 67-year-old consumer activist pauses with an unexpectedly theatrical flair--"I told you so!"

To read the 2/25/02 article from The Nation, see:
<http://www.commondreams.org/views02/0208-01.htm>

To read "Nader Had It Right All Along" published in the Boson Globe (2/5/02), visit:
<http://www.commondreams.org/views02/0206-01.htm>

10) MICHAEL MOORE ON ENRON AND BUSH

Michael Moore says that because he allowed Enron to rip a huge hole in our political system and in so many people's lives, it is time for George W. Bush to resign.

See Michael Moore's comments at:
http://www.michaelmoore.com/2002_0129.html

11) ALERT: NATIONAL ID CARDS FROM DMV?

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Special Task Force on Identification Security has recommended that the driver's license become the functional equivalent of a national ID card and has requested that Congress adopt and fund the Driver Record Information Verification System (DRIVERs), so that "state agencies and federal agencies such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Social Security Administration, the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and, if necessary, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, can share information."

For more information, see:
http://www.eff.org/alerts/20020116_eff_dmv_natl_id_alert.html

12) OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel is a residential utility advocate.

For more information, see:
<http://www.ohiogreens.org/newsletters/020209.htm>

<http://www.pickoccc.org>

13) RED CROSS: DETAINEES ARE POWs

The Bush Administration calls it a "war on terrorism," but fails to acknowledge that all detainees from this "war" are "prisoners of war." On Friday, the International Red Cross disagreed with the administration.

To read the story from CNN, see:

<http://www.cnn.com/2002/WORLD/europe/02/08/ret.cuba.redcross/index.html>

14) BUSH ALLOWS OIL DRILLING NEAR UTAH PARKS

The Bush administration is opening the red rock country near two of Utah's popular national parks to oil and gas drilling, over the objections of some park rangers in the Southwest and government scientists. As part of the president's energy plan to expand development on federal lands, 50,000-pound trucks have been pounding the ground between Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, searching for oil with seismic measuring instruments. At the same time, oil companies have bought leases to drill on federal land outside Canyonlands park.

To read the entire 2/8/02 NY Times article, see:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/02/08/politics/08UTAH.html>

15) RISING TREND: UNINSURED AMERICANS

At least two million people lost their health insurance in the last 13 months as the economy continued a downward spiral. A coalition has formed to reverse the rising trend of uninsured Americans.

Read the NY Times article by visiting:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/02/09/national/09INSU.html?todayshadlines>

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