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Minutes
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The combined meeting and convention were called to order at 2:40 p. m. Delegates were identified and sign-in conducted.

The local parties reported next. **Taos County** reported Melanie Baca and Laura Suazo as the new co-Chairs, Rick Brown as Secretary, and Victoria Grey-Eagle as Treasurer. They are working on re-organizing, and members are active on ICE and LANL clean-up issues, among others. Melanie Baca ran for Town Council and was not elected but took the experience as a learning opportunity for future runs. **Santa Fe County** is mostly inactive now. Marion Seymour gave Michal Mudd a report prior to the convention. Of note, ranked-choice voting is now in effect in Santa Fe; the GPSF was a major player in that endeavor. **GPAMA** reported officers Em Ward and Roger Kulp as co-Chairs and Michal Mudd as Treasurer. GPAMA hosted the documentary, *Who Bombed Judi Bari* with followed by a live Q&A with producer and long-time Green Darryl Cherney. Members have been tabling at event and continue to collect signatures on a petition to ban the use of glyphosate in the four-county area and institute a non-toxic alternative. Members have attended and spoken at hearings in Sandoval County regarding an Oil & Gas ordinance. The gist of the issue is that there was a failed attempt to make fracking a permissive use. **Otero County** has had a booth at different fairs. Ryan Sanders gave the report to Em Ward prior to the convention. **Doña Ana County** reported having semi-regular meetings. There are not any border issues. The proposed wall is not an issue there yet. No report was received from **Sierra County**.

Treasurer report was given: \$648.0? in checking, \$115.08 in non-transaction share, and \$3542.74 in second share (loan account). The next CFIS report is due on April 9, 2018. Michal Mudd reminded people to check the donation box on their tax return.

National Representative report was given: recent votes included a reparations plank in the platform? (passed), and endorsement or participation in an anti-militarism march. Stephen Verchinski also reported that three of the national staff stepped down because of funding issues.

No candidate for county, state, or federal office presented. Melanie Baca gave a report of her experience of running for town council, citing drug problems in small towns and lack of activities for young people. She reported good contact with voters was made through her blog, web site, ¿television?, and outside of forums. Melanie offered that involvement with the revived Poor People's Campaign may be a way to attract people. She indicated ability to e-mail information. She is willing to talk to future candidates about her experience.

Refreshment break taken.

An amendment to the Rules to correct a typing error in X.B.2 1st paragraph (change “Secretary of State” to “Secretary of the Party”), having been presented in advance, was moved by Seamus Berkeley, seconded by Roger Kulp, and passed by acclamation. Em Ward pointed out that this was important to correct because it involved the Office of the Secretary of State (and brought to our attention by the SoS).

Joe Bigley presented a resolution on behalf of GPTC regarding LANL clean-up. The gist of the resolution is to halt nuclear weapons work, including pit production, until storage and containment methods are proved to withstand earthquakes, eliminate leakage, and protect against pollutant dissemination by wind and fire. Discussion included contaminants (perchlorate and hexavalent ions) and water protection, particularly with regard to sole-source aquifers. The resolution was adopted by Santa Fe and will be taken to Taos Town Council after modification. Attendees were referred to a Taos *News* article by Suzie Schwartz and the text of the resolution on the GPTC web site. The resolution was presented on screen at the Convention. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that GPNM support adoption of similar resolutions by all local governments in the State of New Mexico. A second motion was made the Green Council take up a similar action expanded to include other watersheds; this was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Em Ward shared information about a survey request by a graduate student at the London School of Economics and Political Science. The survey was about Green Party history in the United States. **It was decided to post the survey on the GPNM web site and send to the local parties.**

Election of state officers took place with the following results: **Melanie Baca and Em Ward, co-Chairs; Roger Kulp, Secretary; Michal Mudd, Treasurer; Stephen Verchinski and Melina Baca, National Representatives. Seamus Berkeley will serve as webmaster.** Duties and responsibilities of the officers were briefly discussed.

The Annual National Meeting was announced for July 19-22 in Salt Lake City, Utah. **Em Ward and Stephen Verchinski were nominated and approved as delegates to the National Meeting.**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to make voter registration of young people a priority of GPNM and to look to connect with young Green leadership here and in other states. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to try to participate and support in a non-monetary manner the Poor People’s Campaign.

Em Ward announced a CCC webinar on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p. m. regarding media and the webinar in May on recruit candidates and growing the party. She pointed out that the webinar in May is a direct result of a request by the GPNM GC and encouraged members to participate. **Webinar information will be sent by e-mail.** Stephen Verchinski announced a meeting with the National Director of Move to Amend in Corrales and offered flyers and bumper stickers.

Adjourned at 1657.