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## **Minutes from the 2022 Annual Convention of the Green Party of New Mexico**

The 2022 Annual Convention of the GPNM was held on APRIL 10, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. through Free Conference Call. Those attending were Rich Yost, Michal Mudd, Pete Gleichman, Em Ward, Matt Dodson, Rick Brown, Brett Portman, Robin Wakeland, and Haryaksha Knaur. We had a quorum to conduct business, and Rick Brown served as secretary.

The current status of the GPNM's accounts per treasurer Michal Mudd is as follows: \$234 is the Taos account. There is \$648 in the regular checking account. And \$2906 is in the loan fund. Our first item of business was to elect new officers. Em Ward as Co-Chair, Rick Brown as Secretary, and Michal Mudd as Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation. Michal Mudd was also elected as National Representative by acclamation with Pete Gleichman as alternate. There was some discussion about the possible committees that our National Representatives could participate in. The National Party has committees for Eco Action, Presidential Campaigns, International Affairs, Peace, and Ballot Access. Michal is interested in the Eco Action committee.

Our next item was a discussion of candidates for office. Matt Dodson has decided to withdraw his candidacy for governor because he discovered that a candidate for governor is required to also have a candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the ticket. He doesn't have one now and thinks that it's too late to find one at this point. He said that he may run as an independent for his House district.

The next item was ballot access. We expect to have enough signatures to turn in on June 30. If we gain ballot access it will be good through the next presidential election. Possible signature collection events include Farmers' Markets in Albuquerque and Taos (start dates unknown at this point) and Santa Fe starting on May 3. Taos will have an Earth Day event on April 22 and 23, and the Run for the Zoo in Albuquerque on May 1 is also a possibility.

The next item was Rules and Regulations. Since we are starting over in gaining ballot access we are considered a "new party" and we have to refile our Party rules and regulations. This means that we can change some things from our former rules; one thing we are looking at is having "at large" representatives since most of the State is not represented by Green Party locals. Rick Brown and Em Ward will work together on this idea.

It has been an issue of concern to us that there is no way to register Green if you register to vote on the State voter registration web site. Em has been working on this and she got a response that they were willing to place a note on the web page that someone wishing to register as a member of a different party than those officially listed could go to their County Court and do so. Em

wrote back that this isn't acceptable, and she hasn't received another response. We are considering legal options; in order to go to court we would need to find someone whose right to register with the party of their choice has been denied.

Announcements: There has been another delay from Holtec in releasing requested information. The public comment period for extending the buffer around Chaco Canyon has been extended until May 6. There will be two public meetings, one in Farmington and one in Albuquerque on April 29. Information about this is on the GPNM web site.

Michal joined the League of Women Voters. She said that they haven't showed interest in rank choice voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 P.M.