2017-04-12 BCDP EC Meeting Minutes

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6:30 PM Officer Updates & Unofficial Business

Mark Williams – Chair
Trump takes control of GOP machine

“The one unusual thing that has happened since Election Day is the quantity and quality of outreach we’ve gotten in Colorado from the White House directly, from the political director’s office in the White House. Nobody ever recalls anything like this level of attention,” said Steve House, who left his post as the chairman of that state’s GOP earlier this month. “A lot of the conversation is getting ready for 2018 and 2020, and I get the distinct impression that the Trump administration realizes that while we didn’t get it done in Colorado in 2016, it’s important to lay the groundwork now.”

• Politico – 04/11/2017

[Very] Big Picture
Our strategy is simple...

Get Out the Engagement (GoEngage!) in 2017 and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) in 2018

Our Value Prop
• GoEngage! – 2017
  – [Re-]building the org/brand: infrastructure, operations, marketing & messaging
  – [Re-]build a base of engaged Democratic voters and potential candidates

• GOTV – 2018: Strong candidates, strong organization and strong turnout create...
  – Pool of people, resources, $ and best practices
  – Wins for candidates at local/state/national level
  – Dem control of Colorado politics

How we’ll distinguish ourselves
• Professionalism & Leadership
• Community & Collaboration
• Inclusive & Receptive

Initiatives
• Reinvigorate the Metro Chair Council
• State-wide Coordination with the CDP
• Arts as Resistance

Arts as Resistance – eTown
• Partnership with eTown
  – Headliners: Politicos/Hollywood/Music talent
  – “Arts as Resistance” event
    • Theatre
    • Poetry
    • Comedy
  – Digital Content
    • Podcasts
    • Videos

• Goal – Monthly events at Chautauqua
Katie Malzbender – Vice Chair, External

Resistance School!
- Weekly webinar lectures about how to resist the Trump agenda in our communities
- Join us for the next installment, next Thursday at 6PM

Art in the Community
- We've had our first art submissions!
  - Check out work on the West wall from the talented Kathleen Spencer Johns.
- Know any local artists who would like to contribute?
  - They can email katiem@bocodems.org to be featured on our walls.

Emerge: The Future is Feminist Training
- Congratulations to our scholarship winners:
  1. Julie Jacobs
  2. Mikaela Ellenwood
  3. Rachel Friend
  4. Laura Maguire
  5. Olivia Miller
  6. Melissa Gardner
  7. Katie Runge

Geof Cahoon – Vice Chair, Internal
- Very preliminary findings from Alpha Canvassing GoEngage this past weekend
  - Contribution ask is easier than thought
  - We’ll need to work on local issues
  - Very positive reaction on doors
- Testing continues
- We will be ready for Spring Fling Training

Katie Wallace – Vice Chair, Capacity

Outreach and Inclusion team

Next meeting Monday the April 17th 6:00-8:00 at the Lafayette Public Library. At this meeting, O&I will discuss the proposed revisions to the Strategic Plan of The Outreach & Inclusion Team, and ideally vote on presentation of this plan to The Executive Committee. Following that discussion, they will then split into three committee work groups...

Strategic Plan Committee - Work the recommendations from the O&I Team, and begin work on the Operational Plan.

Training Session Committee - Begin planning the training session for late June/early July. If you've not previously signed-up for this committee, please plan on attending this meeting to be involved.

Social Committee - We are adding a new committee that will be heading up planning of a social event to occur sometime during July or August to help introduce the O&I team to more people and accomplish some outreach to the community.
Please join the O&I's meeting Monday to learn more about this group and become involved in their awesome activities!

**New Century Club**

**First NEW Century Club appreciation potluck on Sunday April 23rd from 3:00-5:00 at the home of Debra and David Baskett.**

We are limited to 40 folks for this first event, so please contact me for a link to RSVP! We will have other appreciation and growth-promotion events for New Century Club throughout the summer and fall, so keep your eyes out for those and think about becoming a member - or renewing! - if you have not already done so. We plan to have the New CC team leads, Debra Baskett, Julie Dadone, and Pat Feeser present more on their exciting plans to reinvigorate CC into the New Century Club at the May EC meeting.

**Truman Dinner**

With our venue reserved and speaker in the works, we are interviewing folks to take-on the number two role to Candace in planning the Truman Dinner. This person will learn the ins-and-outs of the dinner, help with management of folks leading various tasks for the dinner, and, hopefully, train to take over the main role of planning the Truman Dinner from Candace. If you or someone you know is great at task management, supporting volunteer tasks, and/or fundraising or event planning, please have them contact me or Candace for an interview.

**Volunteers Team**

**Volunteers needed for the Longmont Cinco de Mayo Festival Saturday May 6th.** We will have **two-hour shifts** that we are hoping to fill with at least 2 volunteers per shift beginning at **11:00, 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00.** Please let the volunteer team know if you are able to help us run the booth at this fun event!

If you are not able to volunteer at this community event, but are interested in volunteering for other community events in the future, please contact the volunteer team, as we have many fun opportunities like this throughout the summer.

**Candidate Training/Mentorship**

I am in the process of working on a training and mentorship program for potential candidates this spring or early summer. If you, or someone you know, are interested in running, could provide mentorship to future candidates, or could help with a piece of this training, please reach out to me!

As President Obama reminded us in his farewell address, "[Democracy] needs you...If something needs fixing, then lace up your shoes and do some organizing. If you’re disappointed by your elected officials, grab a clipboard, get some signatures, and run for office yourself. Show up. Dive in. Stay at it."
Jim Johnson – Treasurer

Secretary Note: All totals have been removed from public meeting minutes. Numbers can be requested by EC members by emailing treasurer@bocodems.org.

Account Balances & Changes
Funds on Hand 3/28/2017 (Bank) $XXX
Funds on hand 2/23/2017 (Bank) $XXX
Change $XXX
Update to Sec of State as of 3/28/2017

Century Club - XXX Members
  • Have you renewed your membership?

Significant Expenses
  • Rent for March $XXX
  • Truman Dinner Deposit $XXX
  • Xcel Energy $XXX
  • Parliamentarian for Reorg (Feb) $XXX

Other Updates
  • Xcel Electrical Meter Issue has concluded
    o We are now being billed for the correct meters
    o We have paid all past due Xcel charges and have been reimbursed by our neighbor, the Grow Space, $951.15 for their share of the incorrect billing
    o Case closed!!!
  • We have a new property manager
  • Side door now has code entry access
  • We are exploring different finance software
    – QuickBooks is the prime candidate
    – More on this next month
  • We are now working on a budget for the Truman Dinner
    – Truman Dinner Date: Sept 22, 2017
  • The proposal for our 2017 BoCoDems budget will be presented later in the meeting

Jason Sherry – Secretary

Internal Communication Updates
  • Get on Slack to be fully in the loop on comms!
    o Open for all Team & Committee members, Field (PCP, AC, PL), EC & CC members, current volunteers and helpers.
    o Request to join here: http://bcdp.co/GetSlack
  • Slack being used for most internal comms (http://slack.com/is)
    o Primary goal is to reduce emails and increase transparency
  • All leads should have an @bocodems.org Office 365 Account & Mailbox
    o By default email addresses are: <first name>@bocodems.org
    o PLEASE use your @bocodems.org mailbox for ALL party emails
    o Contact IT@bocodems.org if you need help
Primer on Roberts Rules – By Joel

- Folder with some Robert’s Rules summary documents: [http://bcdp.co/RR](http://bcdp.co/RR)

7:00 PM – Official EC Meeting

- Call to Order
- Approval of Proposed Agenda
- Approval of Minutes for 3/8/2017 EC Meeting ([http://bcdp.co/20170308-ECMM](http://bcdp.co/20170308-ECMM))
  - Revisions:
    - Couple of typos and name corrections
    - Cliff Smedley was voted into the Resolutions Team, but this team does not exist in the bylaws. So, this is a Committee only. Cliff is already a member of EC as a member of the CDP EC
    - Celeste Landry was appointed as Assistant Treasurer, not a Team Lead as listed
- **Motion:** Approve amended meeting meetings
  - 1st: Katie Wallace | 2nd: Jason Sherry
  - Passed by majority

Reports from Committees & Teams

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
   
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   Funds on Hand 3/28/2017 (Bank) $XXX
   Funds on hand 2/23/2017(Bank) $YYY
   Change $ZZZ

   Update to Sec of State as of 3/28/2017
   - **Motion:** Approve to approve the treasure’s report
     - 1st: Mike Heart | 2nd: Jason Sherry
     - Passed by majority

Century Club - XXX Members

- Have you renewed your membership?
- You can do so here: [http://bcdp.co/Donate](http://bcdp.co/Donate)
  - Donate $100, either in one donation or setup a recurring donation that will total $100 or more in a year
2. **Field Team Report**  
By Jim McNeil

*Field Team Summary*

- Mike Heart was recognized as an outstanding field lead by Jim McNeil and rewarded a certificate of recognitions

Assuming adoption of the proposed Field Team personnel actions, the staffing for the field is as follows:
  - Area Coordinators: 4 orphans out of 41 Areas
  - PCP: 15 orphans, 77 w/single PCP out of 233 precincts

*Field Team Activities*

Continuing efforts to recruit field team vacancies. Planning for “Spring Fling” precinct leader trainings. We have organized the Spring Fling training sessions around the House Districts with the goal of having each House District Area Coordinator bring their PCPs to their respective training session. Spring Fling dates/venues/HD:

- HD11/12: Saturday, April 29 @ Longmont Library 9:30 – 1:00
- HD12/33: Sunday, April 30 @ Lafayette Library from 1:30 – 5:00
- HD10: Sat., May 6 @ HQ, 8:30 – 12:30
- HD13: Sun. May 7 @ HQ, 8:30 – 12:30

- All events are on the BCDP public calendar here: [http://www.bocodems.org/events](http://www.bocodems.org/events)
- Area Coordinators should bring their PCP\PSP & PL to these
- You can goto any of them, the same material will be presented

*Field Team Personnel Actions*

**Resignations: (11)**

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Motion: To approve field nominations as listed
   - 1st: Jason Sherry | 2nd: Jylle Ryan
   - Passed by majority

3. Central Committee Meeting planning update
   - Lots of activity has been going on in the #cc_meeting_planning Slack channel. That’s the best place to join in on the conversations.
   - By Alan Rosenfeld
     - Slack channel #cc_meeting_planning | Email list: ccmeeting@bocodems.org
       - BUT Please get on Slack and use it for comms
     - This email list is moderated and is mainly for sending out updates to everyone and not for normal communications
   - Will reserve a school for the July 29
     - From 8 AM - 1 PM
     - Some of that time will be taken by set up, registration and then clean up.
   - We now have a framework of time to start planning the meeting within.
   - Application to BVSD has been submitted
   - Decided to try to use a volunteer parliamentarian rather than pay for a professional.
   - Next meeting will be Thursday April 20
     - From 6:30-8:30 PM

4. eVoting Committee update
   By Cliff Smedley
   - Lots of activity has been going on in the #evoting Slack channel. That’s the best place to join in on the conversations.

   We have crafted the following report of our eVoting Ad Hoc Committee which I will read to the EC this Wednesday evening ...

   The eVoting Ad Hoc Committee was tasked with researching BCDPs use of online voting in time sensitive situations where an in-person regular meeting is not practicable or possible. We have identified two sets of issues where the BCDP may find its use appropriate to conduct Party business.
1) Non-binding: these are issues that require a simple yes/no or where the officers or a team need to take the pulse of the EC between meetings. An example of a non-binding issue could be "should we consider holding June's ExComm at an alternate location?"

The method to conduct this is a simple poll.

2) Binding: these are issues that would typically require an in-person vote at an EC meeting, but due to the urgent nature cannot wait for a regular in-person meeting. An example of this would be the ballot guide goes to press before the next EC and a decision is needed on "X".

The mechanism for this is a more formal process reflective of the process as defined in our bylaws.

Based on the two manners in which we believe the BCDP could use eVoting, we ask the EC:

- Other examples of binding and non-binding issues
- Feedback on what a binding online process means to you, for example is it:
  - a) A regular meeting held over the web where a quorum must be present throughout and the business proceeds sequentially.
  - b) An online vote that allows members to participate at different times. There could be online discussion where members post their views over a period of time followed by another period when they can vote online with proper safeguards.
  - Bill Hyde: Suggested allowing for comments after a person votes Yes or No, so others can see their reasoning.
  - Mike: Having an on-line discussion can increase accessibility if left open for a period to allow for people who have a busy schedule, etc

Recognizing that this is a cultural shift for our Party, this Committee has had rigorous discussion with what this basic element of eVoting ought to mean for the Boulder Dems. This has been a very difficult topic that we are spending a lot of time on trying to come up with a consensus recommendation. This group has done a great deal of research to see how other organizations use online voting. Beyond simple polls, and virtual meetings (where people meet online at the same time) we have not found another organization using eVoting alone for binding decisions. Please note that we are in agreement that the procedure that we are discussing should only be used in emergency situations where an in-person meeting is not practicable or possible. We need your input to help us identify the scope of application and the methods for online voting.

Once we have the feedback of the EC this Ad Hoc Committee will outline a process, and report on it at the next EC meeting. If you would like to join our Committee to work on this task then our next meeting is this coming Monday, April 17 at 6:30 PM at HQ.

- Committee is looking for feedback on these items and examples where they see eVoting being used
  - eVoting@bocodems.org or ideally on the #evoting Slack channel
  - Asked for examples from the room, primary concern was around representations for the minority. Cliff assured everyone that this option is represented on the committee, by several members.
Bill Hyde: Example where a legislative body comes up with something they plan on voting on in a very short period. This would be where a quick eVote would be needed.

David Furthey: Example of officially support a march, that we might need to make a quick vote on to support or not support it.

Alan Rosefeld: Party might need to take a position on an urgent national issue.

BCDP Budget Presentation

By Jim Johnson

- Slides with pie chart that had budget totals was presented, this is not included in meeting minutes since we do not include account and budget numbers in the public meeting minutes
- Went over In-Kind Contributions, how they are not included in the Budget, since they are non-monetary items. However, their “fair market value” must be reported to the Colorado Secretary of State as non-monetary income
- The Truman Dinner will its own detailed Income, Expense, and In-kind budget

A one year budget pie chart was presented. Budget will be created for 2018 by the 1st EC meeting in 2018.

By Mark Williams

- Moving from a two-year budget to a one year budget cycle, due to the environment today and the need to be more responsive.
- Truman Dinner: Working on offsetting more of the cost with direct fundraising for this.
- Mark is going to be working directly on fundraising and making calls. Also, thinks we can 2x our incoming by doing things more efficiently and better.
- Jim: Thinks we can double our incoming from Century Club
- Alan: He also asked about smaller donor fundraiser and what we are doing in that area
  - Katie W: Spoke about plans in this area
  - Alan volunteered to help lead a smaller dollar fundraisers

Motion to approve the budget as presented

1st Dan Gould | 2nd Candice Bowie

Discussion

- Alan: Asked that we can all see the individual line items and suggested delaying the vote on the budget until this is done
  - Jim: Said he would send a PDF of the detailed budget to EC members requesting it: jim@bocodems.org

Motion to table the motion until table until next EC meeting

1st: Alan | 2nd: Tom Grasso

Table Motion Failed

Main Motion Passed by majority
New Business

Team Leads

Team Leads
1. Mike Altenbern - Platform
2. Jeremiah Ryan – Platform

• **Motion: To approve team leads as listed**
  - 1st: Jason Sherry | 2nd: Jylle Ryan
  - Motion Passed by majority

Motions

1. **Motion: To form an Ad Hoc Committee to consider Bylaws amendment to require Executive Committee approval for large expenditures that are not specified in the budget**
   - 1st: Paul Geissler | 2nd: Alan Rosenfeld
   - Chair: Paul Geissler
   - Discussion: Currently any two of six officers can approve any expenditure. Paul gave example of how the in the past expenditures were made that were never discussed with the EC.
     - Cliff: Pointed out this could be an area where eVoting could be used
   - Motion Passed by majority
   - 4/14: Slack channel setup: #bylaws_expenditures

2. **Motion: To form an Ad Hoc Executive Director Discovery Committee**
   - JeffCo, other counties, and the state currently have paid ED position and this is needed to make BCDP more professional.
   - Chair: Carolyn Powell and Vice Chair Nick Monck
   - 1st: Nick Monck | 2nd: Jim Johnson
   - Discussion: Covered who would possibility on the committee.
     - Alan: This would be a big change in our values. Feels we should decide as the EC if we should even look at a committee.
     - Britta: It will be the job of this committee to look into Alan and other’s concerns
   - Motion Passed by majority
   - 4/14: Slack channel setup: #exec_dir_committee and email group: EDDC@bocodems.org

Resolutions

1. **Motion to approve Resolution: Resolution in Honor of Ashley Meade**
   - Alan spoke on this story and on domestic violence in Boulder County, ~50 incidences a day. Our current platform mentions “domestic violence” in a list of criminal justice issues that BCDP support helping to address.
   - Resolution primary text, full text at link above:
     - “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Boulder County Democratic Party calls upon all members of our community to pledge to do more to reduce violence and provide services to protect Domestic Violence victims.”
     - “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our Platform team to include this topic among our priority issues in considering and drafting our next BCDP Platform.”
     - “And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in honor of Ashley Meade and in her memory we call upon our Party Chair to invite 20th Judicial District Attorney Stan Garnett; Boulder County Commissioners Elise Jones, Deb Gardner and Cindy Domenico; and the Executive Director of Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence Anne Tapp to attend the next Executive Committee Meeting and to participate in a panel
discussion along with other community experts about the problem of Domestic Violence and what we can do better to slow the growth of this epidemic.”

- 1st: Alan Rosenfeld | 2nd: Kitty Sargent
- Discussion: Is this resolution include children also. Alan, said yes and the definition is violence that occurs at home.
  - Sally spoke on support of the resolution
  - Britta spoke against the resolution because she didn’t feel it will lead to many other resolutions that will require too much EC time.
- Motion to amend the sentiment of this resolution be adopted but the EC leadership decide how best to handle this topic, removing the final paragraph
  - 1st: Jim McNeil | 2nd: Katie Wallace
  - Discussion: Around making the resolution less specific and mainly remove the last paragraph.
    - 30 Yes | 18 No
  - Amendment Motion Passed by majority
- Main Motion Passed by majority

Community Announcements & Sharing

Guest should sign-in to speak when they arrive and this list is given to the Secretary at the start of the meeting. Each person is limited to two minutes, up to ten minutes total. No disparaging remarks and no electioneering allowed.

1. Celeste Landy – Spoke about upcoming alternative voting methods. This is very timely, a bill 1281 was introduced by Johnathan Singer for
2. Alan – Sunday May 7th at 4PM is a forum by BoCO Progressive Collation at Boulder Library. Joe Salazar and Stan Garnett will be there.
   - Also spoke on procedures about removing PCP people that the bylaws don’t include a procedure in this area.
3. Erik Underwood – New Democrat and spoke about what brought him to the party.
4. Ruby – March for Science 4/22
5. Kitty Sargent - Has filed paper to run for Boulder Valley school district
6. Don Parcher - Wants to help neighbors connect, from car sharing to lending ladders
7. David Furtney – There marches coming up, 4/29 Climate March, Sat is Tax Day protest

Next Meeting
1. Wednesday, May 10 2017
2. BCDP HQ, 5735-A Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80303

9:50 Adjourn Meeting