

Arizona Democratic Party
State Committee Biennial Reorganization Meeting
Dobson High School, Mesa, Arizona
January 26, 2013

I. Meeting was called to order at 1:20; First Vice-Chair Harriet Young presided.

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Holly Lyon.

III. Recognition of Elected Officials

IV. Interim Executive Director DJ Quinlan gave welcome address and thanked staff and volunteers who worked on the organization of the meeting. He introduced David Shapira, who will officiate the election of Party officers.

V. David Shapira reviewed election rules. Q&A followed--discussion of voter and candidate eligibility.

VI. Election of Officers:

A. Nominations for Chair:

i. *Ann Wallack nominated Bill Roe (Pima); seconded by Emily Verdugo.*

ii. No other nominations. *Motion to accept by acclimation; seconded;*

Bill Roe was re-elected as Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party by acclimation.

B. Nominations for First Vice-Chair:

i. *Jeff Rogers nominated Harriet Young (Coconino); seconded by Angela LeFevre.*

ii. *Harry Mitchell nominated Alexis Tameron (Maricopa); seconded by Paul Eckerstrom.*

iii. No other nominations; nominations closed; candidate speeches followed.

C. DJ Quinlan reviewed the election process. Q&A followed.

D. State committee members released for voting.

E. Results: 276 for Alexis Tameron/172 for Harriet Young;

Alexis Tameron was elected First Vice-Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party.

VII. Elections continued:

A. Nominations for Senior Vice-Chair:

i. *James Walsh (Pinal) was nominated by Danica Oparnica; seconded by Emily Verdugo.*

ii. No other nominations; nominations closed; candidate speech read by Joe Robson.

iii. *Motion to accept by acclimation; seconded;*

James Walsh was elected Senior Vice-Chair

B. Nominations for Vice Chair Women (3):

i. *Mickie Nye nominated Emily Verdugo (Pinal); seconded by Henry Wade.*

ii. *Jo Kelleher nominated Beth Weisser (Mohave); seconded by Doug Ballard.*

iii. *John Nickum nominated Mary Nickum (Maricopa); seconded by Randall Holmes.*

iv. *Felicia Rotellini nominated Lauren Kuby (Maricopa); seconded by Randall Holmes.*

v. *Jo Holt nominated Barbara Tellman (Pima); seconded by Don Jorgenson.*

vi. No other nominations; *motion to close; seconded and passed. Nominations closed.*

vii. (Point of order—if more than half of ballots cast are received by one person, they will be elected. Clarified procedure for county goals—no more than two from any county.)

viii. Candidate speeches followed.

ix. Members released for voting.

x. Results: Lauren Kuby, 327; Emily Verdugo, 278; Barbara Tellman, 243; Beth Weisser,

222; Mary Nickum, 57. Top three candidates received more than 50% of the vote so are elected:

Lauren Kuby, Emily Verdugo, and Barbara Tellman are elected as Vice Chair Women for Arizona Democratic Party.

C. Nominations for Vice Chair Men (3):

i. *Martin Bacal nominated Jim Woodbrey (Pima); seconded by Doug Ballard.*

ii. *Sandra Kennedy nominated Phil Lopes (Pima); seconded by Sharon Thomas.*

iii. *Rosie Lopez nominated Roman Ulman (Maricopa); seconded by Dan Powers.*

- iv. *Woody Michelson nominated Frank Bernal (Yuma); seconded by Jesse Lugo*
- v. *Laura Hogan nominated Matt Kopec (Pima); seconded by Ruben Gallego.*
- vi. *No other nominations; motion to close nominations; seconded; nominations closed.*
- vii. *Clarification on procedure re. number of Vice Chairs from each county.*
- viii. *Candidate speeches followed.*
- ix. *Members released for voting.*
- x. **Results: Matt Kopec, 299; Phil Lopes, 276; Roman Ulman, 245; Frank Bernal, 233; Jim Woodbrey, 55. *Matt Kopec, Phil Lopes, and Roman Ulman are elected Vice Chairmen for the Arizona Democratic Party.***

VIII. Legislative Reports:

Katie Hobbs, LD 24 Senator, discussed Governor Brewer's expansion of Medicaid and opportunity presented by expansion of Democratic Senators.

Chad Campbell, LD 24 Representative, thanked Board candidates for running and discussed upcoming legislation and opportunities. Discussed the Governor's/Republican budget.

IX. Finance Report:

Dan Mitchell reviewed 2012 ADP fundraising breakdown. Thanked clubs and LDs for donations. Reviewed donation trends re. labor and tribal. Introduced PC Sustaining Donor Program. Randy Keating, LD 26, pledged \$500 to the state party.

ADP Reorganization meeting closed/ State Committee meeting opened.

David Shapira introduced First Vice-Chairwoman Alexis Tameron; Alexis delegated the chairing of the meeting to Mr. Shapira.

- I. David opened the meeting for nominations for the position of Democratic National Committeeman.
 - A. *Ed Delci nominated Luis Heredia; seconded by Carolyn Gordon.*
 - B. *Mikel Weisser nominated Christopher Campas; seconded from the floor.*
 - C. *No other nominations; motion to close nominations; seconded; nominations closed.*
 - D. **Credentials Committee Report:**
 - i. Chris Brill reviewed quorum credentialing by-laws. State Committee members = 510; have 325 present in person and 129 by proxy for a total of 454; have a quorum.
 - E. *Candidate speeches followed.*
 - F. *Members released for voting.*
 - G. **Results: Luis Heredia, 285; Chris Campas, 110.**
Luis Heredia was elected Democratic National Committeeman.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Rick McGuire reviewed income and expenditures. Federal dollars split Democrats and Republicans. Discussed the billion dollar impact of PACs.

Kelli Butler, LD 28, donated \$500.

III. Secretary's Report:

Secretary Sharon Thomas noted three corrections in minutes (Holly Lyon led the Pledge, remove extra space, bold item III) and asked for approval. *So moved; seconded; minutes accepted unanimously.*

Wayne Manske, LD 25, donated \$100 and challenged other LDs to donate as well.

Alexis Tameron announced that LD 23 will donate the same.

Alexis Tameron closed the state meeting and opened the Reorganization meeting.

X. ADP Elections Continued:

- A. Opened nominations for Secretary.
 - i. *Jeff Looper nominated Jane McNamara; seconded by Lois Pfau (ceded floor to "Dreamer.")*
 - ii. *Henry Wade nominated Sharon Thomas; seconded by Alice Hamers.*
 - iii. *No other nominations; moved to close; seconded; nominations closed.*

- iv. Candidate speeches followed.
- v. Members released for voting.
- vi. **Results: 214 Jane McNamara 157 Sharon Thomas. *Jane McNamara was elected Secretary.***

Other LD donations:

Pat Fleming, Cochise County Chair, donated \$100.

Carol Maas, LD 17, donated \$100.

B. Opened nominations for Treasurer.

- i. *Robert Donat nominated Rick McGuire for Treasurer; seconded from the floor.*
- ii. *No other nominations; moved to close nominations; seconded; nominations were closed.*
- iii. *Motion to elect Rick my acclimation; seconded; **Rick McGuire was re-elected Treasurer.***

C. Opened nominations for Education Coordinator.

- i. *Mohur Sidwa nominated Janie Hydrick; seconded by Roman Ulman.*
- ii. *No other nominations; motion to close nominations; seconded; nominations closed.*
- iii. *Candidate spoke.*
- iv. *Motion to elect Janie my acclimation; seconded; **Janie Hydrick was elected Education Coordinator by acclimation.***

D. Opened nominations for Affirmative Action Moderator.

- i. *Henry Wade nominated CJ Carezza; seconded by CJ Briggie.*
- ii. *No other nominations; motion to close nominations; seconded; nominations closed.*
- iii. *Candidate spoke.*
- iv. *Motion to elect CJ my acclimation; seconded; **CJ Carezza was elected Affirmative Action Moderator by acclimation.***

XI. *Motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting; seconded; ADP Reorganization meeting was adjourned.*

State Committee Meeting was re-opened

IV. Resolutions Committee Report:

Franklin Brodsky reported that both items of business were tabled.

V. By-laws Committee Report.

VI. DJ Quinlan reviewed upcoming meeting dates.

VII. No New Business.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Thomas,

ADP Secretary 2011-13