

**PIMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2019**

Alison Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order at 18:31 on Monday, January 7th at Pima County Democratic Party Headquarters.

Alison opened the meeting with some remarks and her commitment to everyone in the Party and that her focus on helping to elect Democrats.

The group stood to recite the pledge of allegiance, led by Alison.

Under new business, Alison announced that the Arizona Democratic Party State Committee Meeting will be on January 26th, 2019 at Carl Hayden High School in Phoenix.

Michele Manos announced that she will run for the position of Senior Vice Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party with a focus on better organization, more transparency, and greater accessibility. She currently serves as the Chair of the Bylaws Committee for the State Party. Voting will occur at the January 26th State Committee Meeting.

Luci Messing, PCDP 1st Vice Chair, introduced new procedures for the certification and recertification of clubs and caucuses as approved by the PCDP Officers. It was moved by Adam Ragan to accept the new procedures, and seconded by Steve Witthoeft. The motion was passed.

Connie DeLarge, PCDP Corresponding Secretary, proposed that the recertification applications for the African American Caucus and the Sun City Democratic Club be approved. It was moved by Adam Ragan, and seconded by Phil Lopes. The motion was passed.

Carol Brown announced the first meeting for a Pima County Disability Caucus on January 9 at 5 pm at 1001 N Alvernon. Anyone with an interest in disability or accessibility issues is welcome.

Mary Matiella, PCDP Treasurer, announced that alongside managing the budget and fundraising she will focus on implementing policies to increase transparency and accountability. Mary will present a budget at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Alison announced that PCDP has been advertising role of Executive Director. The application deadline will be January 11th and interviews will be conducted on Jan 15th by the Personnel Oversight Committee. Heath Butrum will remain as ED until January 31st. It was moved by Phil Lopes to "authorize up to \$50,000 for the executive director salary" and seconded by Bonnie Heidler. The motion was passed.

Committees:

It was moved by Joel Feinman to adopt the voting procedures (that were stricken from the PCDP bylaws at the December 15 reorganizational meeting) as a "Manual of Voting Procedures" that are separate from these bylaws. Motion was seconded by Phil Lopes. The motion passed.

It was moved by Phil Lopes to appoint Joel Feinman Chair of the PCDP Bylaws Committee, and seconded by Ash Silverburg. The motion passed.

Eve Shapiro moved to appoint Phil Lopes Chair of the PCDP Platform Committee. Motion was seconded by Marion Chubon. Adam Ragan proposed a friendly amendment to "promote diversity across geography, clubs, and caucuses as much as practically possible in the committee membership. Elizabeth Porter seconded. The motion was passed.

Alison announced that a Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee is included in the new bylaws. She is currently seeking candidates for Chair of this committee.

Alison announced that she wished to reinstate a Communications Committee which will include several sub-groups: website, social media, newsletter, and speakers bureau. She suggested that the new Executive Director, when selected, could be the Chair of this committee. It was moved by Marion Chubon to re-establish the PCDP Communications Committee, and seconded by Phil Lopes. The motion passed. Alison sought consent for that the following people to be assigned the Communications Committee to lead the various functions: Lori Cinnamon (website), Marion Chubon (social media), Elinor Brecher (newsletter). It was moved by Joel Feinman to consent to all three members of the Communications Committee, motion was seconded by Phil Lopes. The motion was passed. A Speakers Bureau leader will be identified later. There were no objections to the committee assignments.

Alison is speaking with a few possible candidates to work as volunteer coordinator for volunteers at Democratic Headquarters.

Joel Feinman announced that he will move that PDCP to endorse the Tucson Families Free and Together Initiative at the February Executive Committee Meeting. He encouraged EC members to visit the "People's Defense Initiative" website for a FAQ section and more detailed information.

Alison spoke about planning this year's Udall dinner. Several keynote speakers are being approached.

Mary Matiella announced that the Tucson Women's March will take place January 20th starting at Jacome Plaza from 10am to 2pm. Mary described past disputes between organizers of Tucson's Women's March and activists of color who felt women of color were being excluded.

Gabriella Cázares-Kelly also spoke to this topic, stating that learning and growing as a diverse community is sometimes uncomfortable. She stated that the Tucson Women's March has held space for Indigenous Women at the front of the march and that Indivisible Tohono has invited community members to march.

Luci Messing announced that the AZ List Dinner will be held February 16th at 11:00 am at 880 E 2nd St. Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman will be speaking.

The SaddleBrooke Democratic Club 2019 Annual Gala Dinner will be held January 27th, 2019 starting at 5pm at the Mountain View Ballroom.

Alison announced an upcoming LD- summit to be held in February to review last year's GOTV and community outreach efforts and to begin planning for the next election cycle.

It was moved by Marion Chubon that a mold assessment for the PCPD Headquarters building be attained, seconded by Jeanne Christie. Joel Feinman offered a friendly amendment "to investigate the cost of a mold assessment and present that information for the February meeting of the Executive Committee", seconded by Matthew Boyd.

Jerry Stoops announced that he is seeking volunteers to create a Labor Caucus.

It was moved by Adam Ragan to approve the Pima County State Committee Members list, seconded by Jerry Stoops. The motion was passed.

Adam Ragan announced the Nucleus Club monthly meeting on January 10th which will feature Steve Farley as speaker. He also presented a \$1,000 on behalf of Nucleus Club to PCDP.

Luci Messing suggested that past actions of LDs, clubs, and caucuses can be submitted to the Executive Committee as a written report and that speakers focus on future agenda items. She also stated the need of a parliamentarian at EC meetings.

Paul Stapleton-Smith spoke about the government shutdown affecting 800,000 federal workers. PALF is seeking assistance in identifying federal workers in the community who are in need.

Alison adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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