

Pima County Democratic Party
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2020
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Alison Jones called the annual meeting of the Pima County Democratic Party committee to order at 8:37 am on Saturday December 19th 2020 via Zoom. Alison led the committee in the pledge of allegiance. The committee conducted a test vote, via Election Vote, with 361 ballots submitted. Zoey Fife confirmed the quorum. Alison introduced Brian Bickel as the parliamentarian, Bryan Clymer as the elections chair, Jeanne Lunn as the election teller, Susan Bickel as the time keeper. Alison additionally introduced the PCDP officers, elected officials, and LD chairs who were in attendance.

The minutes of the 2019 committee meeting were presented for approval. Alison Jones noted that with no further comment or edits that the minutes were approved by acclamation.

ADP Chair Felecia Rotellini spoke to the committee, thanking Pima County for its work in the election.

Alison Jones gave the President's report, including COVID event cancellations, and the successes of the year. The theme for the year was fundraising and voter engagement. Pima Democrats were able to raise more than 25% more than was raised in 2015-16. The voter engagement efforts were shared, in the forms of literature, interns, and voter targeting. This year there were more than 550 PCs elected, up over 150 from 2018.

Maggie Winchell gave the Treasurer's report, including the procedures and policies put into place to make sure that Pima Dems fulfills its legal and fiduciary responsibilities. Maggie then shared the year in review on a cash-flow basis. PCDP fundraised over \$270k this year, and spent over \$304k, leaving approx. \$73k in the bank. This was all due to the successful fundraising.

Alison then introduced Bryan Clymer to proceed with elections.

The list of state committee members was presented. Brian Bickel moved to approve the committee members as presented, seconded by Susan Bickel. The vote was conducted via election buddy, and the motion was approved with 402 yes votes.

Alison Jones then ceded the chair of the meeting to Joel Feinman, second vice chair.

Bryan Clymer then proceeded to the election of the office of Chair. Rex Scott nominated Luci Messing for the position of chair, the nomination was seconded by Kristel Foster. Alison Jones nominated Bonnie Heidler for chair, the nomination was seconded by Steve Witthoeft, Kim Holaway, and Greer Warren. Each candidate gave speeches in acceptance of their nominations. The vote was conducted via election buddy. With 448 votes tallied Bonnie Heidler was elected chair with 283 votes (63.2%).

Elections proceeded with the election of First Vice Chair. Paul Stapleton Smith nominated Nathan Davis, seconded by Pam Powers Hannley. Pat Burns nominated Nathan Bacal, seconded by Kim Holaway. Both candidates gave speeches in acceptance of their nominations. The vote was conducted via election buddy. With 413 votes tallied Nathan Davis was elected first vice chair with 298 votes (72.2%).

Next, the position of second vice chair was opened for nominations. Barbara Tellman nominated Kalyanraman Bharathan for the position of second vice chair, seconded by Betts Putnam-Hidalgo. Robert Rowley nominated Nathan Bacal for the office of second vice chair, seconded by Keith Murfee-DeConcini. Both candidates gave speeches in acceptance of their nominations. The election was conducted via election buddy. With 395 votes tallies Kalyanraman Bharathan was elected second vice chair with 312 votes (79%).

Elections then proceeded to the office of treasurer. Maggie Winchell nominated Caroline Garcia, seconded by Lori Cinnamon. Caroline accepted the nomination. Michele Manos moved to elect Caroline Garcia via acclamation, and the motion was seconded by Susan Bickel. Motion was approved with 333 votes.

The office of recording secretary was opened for nominations. Betts Putnam Hidalgo nominated Morgan Graham, seconded by Andrew Gardner. Morgan accepted the nomination. Michele Manos moved to elect Morgan Graham via acclamation, and the motion was seconded by Susan Bickel. Joel Feinman noted that the chair can simply declare a winner, if the bylaws does not require a vote by acclamation. Since the bylaws does not include this requirement, and elections chair Bryan Clymer declared Morgan Graham the recording secretary.

The office of corresponding secretary was called for elections. Sylvia Lee nominated Priyanka Sundareshan seconded by Kevin Dahl. As there were no other nominations Priyanka Sundareshan was declared the corresponding secretary.

Joel Feinman then returned the chairmanship of the meeting to Alison Jones as elections were concluded.

Bryan then introduced the next election. The bylaws state that 3 executive committee members shall be elected “to include the voice and presence of those who have historically been underrepresented in the Party’s governance and decision making bodies.” Nominations were self-nominated as follows: Tom Prezelski, Adam Ragan, Cecilia Valdez, James Hannley, and Jeanne Buell. The election for the top 3 vote getters was conducted via election buddy. With 316 ballots submitted Tom Prezelski, Adam Ragan and Cecilia Valdez were elected to the executive committee.

That concluded the elections for the meeting, and Bryan Clymer was thanked for conducting the elections.

Joel Feinman then introduced the bylaws updates for the year. There were two updates to the bylaws. One amending the requirement that the committee meets once each calendar year to once every 13 months. Second requiring proxies to the county committee meeting be from the same precinct in accordance with state law. The bylaws committee unanimously submitted these changes. A vote was conducted via Zoom and were approved.

Alison introduced the chair of the Platform Committee Marion Chubon. Marion presented the changes to the platform, as presented by the platform committee. The platform committee asked the committee to vote on language regarding assistance in dying. The committee voted to include the language regarding assistance in dying to the platform. Marian Hill raised question with the anti-racism wording, in section 2 of the platform. Marion Chubon moved to approve the changes in the platform recommended, including option A in healthcare section J, additionally re-numbering and keeping consistency with the alphabetical format. Discussion was conducted. Marian Hill moved to divide the question and pull section 2 from the motion to approve. Susan Bickel seconded the motion. A vote was conducted via Zoom. The motion to divide the question passed with 121 yay votes. Discussion continued regarding the language in section 2. Gabriella Cazares-Kelly moved to table the discussion on section 2 to the next platform committee meeting. Trish Muir seconded the motion. The vote was conducted via zoom and approved with 185 yes votes. Discussion on the original motion continued. Maggie Johnson asked a question regarding the justice in policing section N specifically. Maggie Johnson moved to divide the question and remove section N from the platform. The motion was seconded by Keith Murfee-DeConcini. The vote was conducted by zoom, and the motion did not pass with 100 nay votes. The committee returned to the original motion, to approve the changes as presented, minus section 2, to be discussed at the next platform committee meeting. Alison Jones ended discussion and called for a vote. The vote was conducted via zoom and was passed with 149 yay votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Zoey Fife
PCDP Secretary

Date