

6:45pm Meeting called

6:49pm Roll call: 56 FC members in attendance

6:50 Point to approve agenda as submitted: Not adopted

6:52: announcements

7:00 Discussion about agenda-approval and whether to continue

7:05 Jim Grinols recognized. Wishes that this be decide by the rules that the chair can recognize speakers

7:07 (recess) (noted from the floor that we cannot be in recess without a majority vote) (requests to be recognized not honored)

7:13: Jonathan Thomas says Art8 sect4 (A?), under terms of office, of bylaws says the chair remains chair until end of the meeting. Mike B Noted that opposing language is also found within the bylaws at Art4 Sec4 ParaB says immediate removal. Jim Carson says that one section is specific to removal, and supercedes the other.

7:17 Dallas Pierson moves? that the final point of the agenda to be moved first

7:18 Appeal of the ruling of the chair concerning Jonathan's interpretation of the bylaws. Open to close debate. Moved to close debate. Debate closed.

7:20 motion called: A yes vote would be in opposite of JT's advisement. Division called.

7:24 motion to roll call not adopted

7:24 motion at 7:20 was adopted

7:24 Dallas motions to amend agenda, moving last item to be first. Adopted

7:27 motion made to adopt the agenda

7:27 Removing the State Executive Committee Report

7:27 Motion to limit debate on removal of chair to five minute. Seconded. Mike being requested for advice.

Discussion: Jim Carson; 5 min not enough to be fair

7:29 phil zierman 42b: amend motion to change debate to 15min. Seconded. **Approved at 7:30**

request for discussion about 7:27motion

question from floor: Is that 15 minutes on each side, or total? Mike advises the amount is total.

7:27motion **adopted**

7:31 Mitch Berg moves that the plaintiff or defendant of the charges be allowed to speak. Seconded. Jim Carson objected; not fair to John. Motion withdrawn.

7:34 Greg Copeland objected that he did not receive the appropriate documents according to the constitution. Dan Overlander explained it was clerical error that he did not receive it.

7:34 motion to limit speakers to 4 on each side including the initiators. Seconded and **adopted**.

7:35 Jim Carson: moves adoption of the charges that we begin the process of removal. Seconded. No discussion. (errrr. was this a motion?)

7:36 Kathy noted to be time-keeper

7:36 John requests that his accuser speak to explain. Jim Carson notes that Amy Williams is not able to attend because of a conflicting meeting. John has the floor.

John: Let me in case you do not have the letter, it says that Amy Williams drafted the accusations. Requests that Amy be present.

7:39 Request from opposition: Tim Lohney, 64b. Understand that the accuser is not here. Everything you say is good, for a court of law, but this is not a court of law. Your reactions here as well as the previous meeting show that your leadership fails CD4. You believe that your removal hearing is funny, but we do not. We wish everyone could act as adults. We hope that the next person we elect will help us work together. We do not see cooperation with you as possible. I am embarrassed at what happens during this meeting.

7:41 Mitch Berg: willing to stand in for Amy Williams

7:41 Greg Copeland: Due process is my thought. We all at some point in our lives seek the protection of our constitution. Whether you like what the Chair has done, that's an issue, but first we need to follow the process. Frankly something that was constructed in Sept. ... that the author of the accusations chooses not to appear seems just wrong. It seems to me we could easily put this on the agenda for the next meeting and ... (Explained from the floor that this cannot be put on the agenda twice in one year) Anyway, this seems like an old-fashion hanging to me.

Jim Carson: No requirements in the c/b for Amy to be present.

7:43 Mitch speaking for Amy: (story about his college) we approved overwhelmingly that Hernandez was the candidate. John publicly decried Tony's ability to be elected. This is a message to future candidates that this CD will support them. Extra time yielded

7:45 Josh approves Bill Pouls 64a: I didn't vote for John. There were many of us who did who voted for Tony. I don't know how many DID vote for John. It's concerning that the majority of the CD4 who aren't here to have a say in what's going on. It's hard for me to say whether John is doing a good job or not. This body chose to give Tony a good sum of money while John was the chair. It's concerning that we're taking the voice of the delegates at a grass roots level and taking it away by removing the chair now. CD4 will survive one way or another, but we should really think long & hard whether this is a proper thing to do. The people voting tonight ... time

7:48 Arielle Taylor EC VC, speaks: In my role as EC, John is divisive, bullying presence on the committee. John uses Robert's rules of order to bully members. I don't care to see harrassments on Facebook etc. I've seen the antics of our chair on sending letters to Roseville about taking pictures o This shows his leadership style, his lack of focus. Going forward we have (items to discuss) Under his leadership I do not see that we will... get things done.

7:50 Mike speaks: I agree, largely with what Mr Pouls said between the disconnect between voters and candidates. The style, or bullying, or abrasiveness..

John had taken a stand saying that the purpose of CD4 is not just to rubberstamp the candidates, that we have other duties as a CD. Believes that if anyone had asked him about his plans for CD during the convention, he would have explained his positions making no secrets.

My own principal belief is that abe Lincoln would have lost to Betty. TIME

7:53 motion made to call the question. seconded. **adopted**. Method of voting: suggested to divide room physically or secret ballot.

7:54 Greg Copeland: Move to secret ballot. **Second**. (Are ballots prepared?) 7:56 **Failed**.

Discussion:

Greg Copeland: This is logical to speed the voting count.

John K: Doing voting like this is traditionally done by secret ballot, and this avoids intimidation.

All in favor of accepting the charges and removing the Chair: Ayes have it. **approved** 41/56 votes for removal.

7:59 Mike assumes duties of chair. Per the constitution, the vacancy can be filled by a majority

vote of members at a properly-notified meeting, to be held within 90 days. If that passes without a FC vote, EC may appoint one for 30 days.

8:01 Greg Copeland motions that we elect a chair within 30 days. no second.

8:04 Phil Zierman? motions that we do this by the end of January. seconded. **Approved**

8:05 Jim Grinols recognized: the purpose of why I ran to be an elector. He was disappointed that he did not get to place a vote for Romney. FYI: Obama is not YET approved. Discusses Obama's eligibility to be president.

(see recording)

I travelled to the R convention & spoke to ~100 delegates/alternates. They all agreed that there were eligibility issues. I checked with a lawyer (see recording) I believe this is the year that this issue will be decided. (see recording) This is a constitutional issue, and would ask the leadership of CD4 to obtain the eligibility of the candidates and provide them to the public. This may go nowhere, but 72% of the Republicans polled are in favor of investigating this. Democrats just do not want to identify voters OR candidates. .. The purpose is, if you vote, please make a motion to vote on this.

8:13 motion to support a resolution:

point of order: Phil Zierman? we need to continue the agenda before this resolution is voted on. Overruled.

resolution to provide birth certificates of candidates to the people of the US.

8:15 Motion failed.

8:15 Treasurer's report:

Federal Balance: 222.15

State Balance: 917.33

Anniversary Dinner report:

Dinner: 1200.00

Auction: 402.00

Cost: -918.00

Profit: 684.00

There is a question about which account that will go into. Former treasurer said we should split it. Former chair says it cannot go into Federal acct. We have no FEC issue; reports filed, nothing

received back. (applause)

8:16 Spring Convention discussion. Arrangements committee: Pat and Mitch volunteer and are appointed as co-chairs of it. Solicitation by Dan requested for further volunteers.

State Party has noted that March is the month for the convention.

Jonathan chair of credentials and double-duty for rules. Bev objects, requests that Jonathan is too crucial to be on both. Jonathan says he can serve on the rules committee, but not chair it. Mike says Jonathan will NOT be on the rules

Nominations committee: Volunteers needed. Chris Jacobson volunteers and is chair.

Rules (for convention) committee: volunteers needed. Bev volunteers and Mike says she will be chair.

8:22 point of question: training?

8:23 FEC: We heard the treasurer's comment on that, Not sure if we need to discuss further.

John K recognized; Discusses the rules concerning committees. Should be read by anyone involved. From the FEC group, the only question was if there was money improperly donated to a candidate, can it be taken back? John could only find that the answer is No.

Also regarding the missed reports of the last 2-5 years (about 10 reports), during which time there were fundraisings and distributions going on. There is the question about proper termination. Although this was approved, we continued to use the federal account. No explanation for this.

If you're going to do a fundraiser, like the convention, & place money in the federal account, you are required to have a disclaimer. If there is none, which there was not, it can go into the non-federal account. John K could find no evidence that any disclaimer was used in the last election cycle. [It can be disputed whether the convention was a fundraiser, John comments on this that funds were raised, so probably: yes]

Proportion of event costs of fed. vs non-fed. If something is 50-50, proceeds or costs have to be distributed based on the percentage of the event. i.e. CD4 --

8:30 motion from Arielle to adjourn, declined by acting chair.

-- if you have a fundraiser with a fed. candidate and non-fed. candidate, if 1k is spent, the cost has to be split between those two. With the convention, that appears to be split. It was funded with the non-fed. account, and the proceeds were placed into the fed. account. That's all I have.

from the floor (Kathy?): the fed. account can give money to the state candidates. (they have to record it) yes, they do, ... but all the money can go into the fed. account. The body can later decide what they want to do with that money.

8:32 Mike says that John K will have his findings drafted out, and given to Bev.

8:32 request for new business

from the floor; Phil Ziermann: request for specific information in the FEC findings report.

Chris Jacobson: Whose findings are these? The only feedback John received was the question by Bob Murray about (see before).

Kevin Magnus sd39: Have we retained a pro-bono counsel or attorney for this?

Pat answers: Several of us know FEC law and the state party treasurer has already looked at this, and is an expert. We do not need to retain someone on this issue.

from the floor: Greg Copeland: Will the treasurer please make a decision before the end of the year so that this will be finalized? Bev answers: having talked to John, that (to put the funds in the state account) would be the best course.

8:36 Mike: There will be more on the agenda than just electing a Chair for the next meeting.

Mike does not intend to run for Chair, and states that he does not wish to be considered for the position. Please do campaign for the position, considering that re-election may be easier for the nominated/elected person.

8:37 motion to adjourn. adopted.