



26th District General Meeting Minutes (12/3/20)

Call to Order

~Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Luellen Lucid.

Attendance:

~Attached page.

Approval of November Minutes

~Approved by acclamation (voice vote).

Business

~Chair Lucid thanked PCOs for finishing the PCO survey, the 26th LD has qualified for \$750 additional dollars from the State Dems related to finishing and submitting the survey.

Treasurer

~Treasurer was not in attendance, Chair Lucid reported that the 26th LD held back enough money to cover projected expenses in the coming year, there is approximately \$3000 in the bank.

Givens Center

~Tony Otto has left a message with the Givens Center regarding questions related to reserving a room there for future 26th LD meetings (and reimbursement protocol if the venue is not used), he has not heard back from them yet.

Census

~Chair Lucid reported that there are strategies that legislators and the state committee Dems are discussing regarding redistricting following the census—An endeavor to redraw 26th lines may make some district areas more Dem-friendly.

2022 Midterms

~Chair Lucid relayed that 26th House Representative Jesse Young has filed to run against Sen. Randall, we need to get ready to defend her position.

Outgoing Chairperson Statement

~Chair Lucid thanked everyone for lovely “parting gifts” that showed up on her doorstep right before the meeting, she has been honored to serve the party as Chair, and looks forward to working on PCO recruitment and retention.

Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department Issue

~Frank Dacca reported that the Pierce County Council is scheduling a hearing (on Ordinance 2020-136) that would have the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department run via the County Executive and County Council. This is a departure from a long-standing precedence of the department being independent, governed by cities, towns, Pierce County, and medical professionals. There is concern that the Health Department would be run by politicians and directed by political beliefs, rather than backed by science. The next hearing will be on Dec. 7, 2020, more information can be found on the 26th LD Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/26dems/>.

~Ray Shjerven asked about filing a lawsuit against the County Council, Tony Otto replied that he is not sure a private citizen can file a lawsuit against them, and that hopefully political and community pressure will stop the ordinance.

2020 26th LD Reorganization

~Chair Lucid thanked the people who agreed in advance to run for the 26th LD Executive Board--both new and presently seated candidates. She presented the election process and rules, and after discussion over discontinuing the “pros” and “cons” speeches about candidates, it was determined that any person who wish to speak for or against a candidate may do so.

~The Reorganization was turned over to Jill Neumeister, who explained the election voting process to the attendees. A question regarding quorums was asked by Johanna Baxter, it was determined that there were enough qualified voters to continue.

Candidates/Election

Chairperson

Kara Aley (self-nominated, Nora Eckstein seconded): Candidate spoke about her qualification and why she would like to be Chairperson, gave brief personal background information.

~Rick Offner motioned to approve Kara Aley as Chairperson by acclamation, Ray Shjerven seconded, motion passed by acclamation.

Kara Aley is the newly-elected 26th LD Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson (Pierce County)

Alex Davidson (self-nominated, Lynn Jabs seconded): Candidate spoke about qualifications, gave overview of himself.

~Motion passed by acclamation.

Alex Davidson is the newly elected 26th LD Vice-Chair for Pierce County

Vice-Chairperson (Kitsap County)

Brenda McCormick (self-nominated, Dee Adams seconded): Candidate gave overview of herself and the reasons she would like to be in the position.

~Motion passed by acclamation.

Brenda McCormick is the newly elected 26th LD Vice-Chair for Kitsap County.

State Committee Person

Don Bartley (self-nominated, seconded by Joy Vartanian).

Joy Vartanian (self-nominated, seconded by Twila Slind).

Ray Shjerven (self-nominated, seconded by Jill Neumeister).

~Due to the rule that Committee Persons must be of opposite gender, and the fact that there was only one woman running, Dave Peterson motioned to approve Joy Vartanian as State Committee Person by acclamation. George Robison seconded, Motion passed by acclamation.

Joy Vartanian is the newly elected 26th LD State Committee Person (one of two).

Run-Off Election for Second State Committee Person

Don Bartley and **Ray Shjerven** (nominations/seconds above).

~Both candidates gave brief overviews of themselves, and their qualification for the position.

~Jill Neumeister readied the ballots for the runoff, fixed a few glitches, vote commenced via balloting.

Ray Shjerven is the newly elected 26th LD State Committee Person (one of two).

Secretary

Melissa Lund (self-nominated, seconded by George Robison): Candidate spoke about her qualifications, and gave brief overview of past work with local Dem groups. Nora Eckstein motioned to elect Candidate Lund by acclamation, George Robison seconded, motion passed by acclamation.

~Melissa Lund is the newly elected 26th LD Secretary.

Treasurer

Carl Olson (self-nominated, George Robison seconded): Candidate spoke about his hopes for the position, and his qualifications, motion passed by acclamation.

~**Carl Olson is the newly elected 26th LD Treasurer.**

Membership Chairperson

Angela Sisney (self-nominated, Barb Turecky seconded): Candidate spoke about herself and her qualifications, and her appreciation for the position.

~Tony Otto motioned to elect Angela Sisney by acclamation, George Robison seconded, motion passed by acclamation.

~**Angela Sisney is the newly elected 26th LD Membership Chairperson.**

PCO Chairperson

Luellen Lucid (self-nominated, Jill Neumeister seconded): Candidate spoke about the importance of the position and how she would like to help recruit, retain, and train PCOs, motion passed by acclamation.

~**Luellen Lucid is the newly elected 26th LD PCO Chairperson.**

At-Large Members—Pierce County

Nora Eckstein (self-nominated, Larry Seaquist seconded).

Frank Dacca (self-nominated, Tony Otto seconded).

George Robison (self-nominated, Mike Jagielski seconded).

Rick Offner (self-nominated, Angela Sisney seconded).

Catherine Jordan (self-nominated, Twila Slind seconded).

~Candidates gave overviews, background information about themselves, voting was by ballot.

Newly elected 26th LD At-Large Members--Pierce County (listed alphabetically):

~**Frank Dacca**

~**Nora Eckstein**

~**Catherine Jordan**

~**Rick Offner**

At-Large Members –Kitsap County

Chris Kim (self-nominated, Twila Slind seconded).

Dianna Eversole (self-nominated, Luellen Lucid seconded).

Alison Sonntag (self-nominated via letter read by Barb Turecky, Tony Otto seconded).

Tom Slyter (self-nominated, Rick Offner seconded).

Don Bartley (nominated by Lynn Jabs, seconded by Hannie Baxter).

~Candidates and supporters spoke about themselves and their credentials, voting was by ballot.

Newly elected 26th LD At-Large Members—Kitsap County (listed alphabetically):

~**Dianna Eversole**

~**Chris Kim**

~**Tom Slyter**

~**Alison Sonntag**

Next General Meeting

Thursday, Jan 7th, 2021; Tina Podlodowski, State Chair, confirmed speaker.

Other Business/Good of the Order

Julian Wheeler thanked the 26th LD for sending people to Pierce County to perform ballot-watching, he announced that when WA State electors meet soon to cast their votes for President of the United States, he will be voting for Joe Biden.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Melissa Lund, Secretary