

Arizona Democratic Party
State Committee Meeting
January 23, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm

Welcoming Remarks

Don Bivens: Exciting Political Year. Our gubernatorial candidate ahead in all polls. Arizona elections are earning national attention. State wide candidates here with us today.

Special Guest: Mary Rose Wilcox: Federal stimulus money has helped Arizona, especially in Maricopa. Immigration laws need to be fixed and we can not be afraid at a national level, we will reform our immigration system. We need to elect Terry Goddard as governor for Arizona. We need to elect democrats. We need to stay fired up democrats.

Democratic Message from the AZ Legislature

Kyrsten Sinema addressed the state committee. She discussed the continued cuts to services. Brewer wants the legislature to not vote for health care. There has not been a bipartisan approach, and things have not changed this year. The voters of Arizona need to understand what is going on in the leg. Dems have offered solutions, GOP has not responded. Things we can do to help: talk to legislatures – no matter who they are, follow leg on internet - stay up to date, and most importantly elect new legislatures.

Meet the Candidates – In alphabetical order. Each candidate gave a 5 minute speech to the state committee, the candidates present are as follows:

Freshman Federal Candidates

John Hulbert – District 3 Congressional Candidate
Rebecca Schneider – District 6 Congressional Candidate
John Thrasher – District 2 Congressional Candidate
Rodney Glassman – Candidate for U.S. Senate
Rudy Garcia – Candidate for U.S. Senate

Statewide candidates

Manny Cruz - State Mining Inspector
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Penny Kotterman
Jason Williams
Corporation Commissioner
Jorge Garcia
Treasurer
Andrei Cherny
Attorney General
David Lujan
Vince Rabago
Felicia Rotellini
Secretary of State
Chris Deschene
Sam Wercinski
Governor

Terry Goddard

Credentials Report

Chair of Credentials – David Lealz: Currently we have 682 members, 40% is 273. We have 305 present, 172 proxy for 477 total, we have quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 11/21/2009 meeting approved.

Election of State Party Officers: Vice Chair

Rules of Balloting

Round One Balloting

Nominations

Lois Pfau nominates Gerald Richard. Bree Boehlke seconds the nomination.

Joe Robson nominates John Michael. Sharon Covey seconds the nomination.

Jerry Covey nominates Chris Campas. Mark Manoil seconds the nomination.

Katie Hobbs nominates CJ Carrenza. Dan O'Neal seconds the nomination.

Jeff Rogers nominates David Olvera. Ester G seconds the nomination.

Candidate speeches given in order of nomination of the candidate.

National Update from OFA/DNC

National Agenda 2010

OFA plan for AZ in 2010

Jessica Johnson with OFA introduced Arizona OFA staff, and gave an update on the OFA operations in Arizona. Next weekend begins voter registration drives.

Chairman's Report

Don Bivens: We (being city of Phoenix) will be placing a bid for 2012 DNC convention. Democrats and Republicans are both thinking about it. We are on the map and do what we can to make it happen, but it is in the preliminary stages right now. Despite the tough budget year we still have a good PEVL effort. New vice chairs will be put to work.

Executive Director Report

Luis Heredia: Gave brief highlights of the executive director's report that the state committee members have a copy of. He introduced the new ADP employees: Katy June, Alyssa Miller, Jamie Patton Powell, and Dan Sullivan. Point of Order: Asked letter to be posted online.

Treasurer's Report

Rick McGuire: Gave overview of ADP finances. Few key things: grassroots fundraising is astonishing in the current economic climate, \$206 was the average contribution in 2009. As bad of a year as we have had, we continue to out-raise republicans.

Election of State Party Officers (con't): Vice Chair

Results of Round one balloting

3 winners on the first ballot: Gerald Richard – 74%, Chris Campas – 71%, David Olvera – 56%, John Michael – 29%, CJ – 34%. There were 451 ballots cast.

New Business

Resolutions report

Resolutions committee chair: Jimmie Munoz Jr.: Committee met today to discuss 5 resolutions that will be presented today. All 5 approved in committee. All 5 resolutions are passed by

the state committee. Mark Manoil introduces a new resolution: Federal Campaign Finance. There were 2 objections from the floor due to the process that was administered in passing this resolution. Anne Greenberg pointed out that the bylaws do allow for a resolution to be heard on the floor on state committee meeting. Resolution passes with 2/3 majority by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Carol Corsica announces that the progressive caucus will not submit a resolution at this meeting.

Bylaws Committee

Election Integrity Committee

Ted Downing gave a report for election integrity committee.

DNC Woman, Carolyn, gives report to the state committee: We need to take advantage of opportunity and replace legislatures, we have a governor who has an 18% approval rating. We have John McCain, Jon Kyle, Franks, Flake, Shaddeg. We have the perfect storm to take over the state. If we do not in 2010, we are not doing our job.

Election of State Party Officers (con't)

Results of Affirmative Action Moderator Ballot

Don points out that no one has expressed interest in this position as of yet, Gerald has stepped up to the plate and will continue to perform these duties regardless of today's election results.

Closing Remarks

Meeting Adjourns at 5 pm.