

**Arizona Democratic Party
State Committee Meeting
Saturday, August 20, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 1:47. Chair Andrei Cherny presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a local student.

Andrei acknowledged and recognized current and past elected officials:

Sara Presler, Flagstaff Mayor, welcomed everyone to Flagstaff and spoke about party unity and the importance thereof. Second is organization. Have to communicate and organize across counties and state.

Representative Chad Campbell talked about “getting back on track.” Have to focus on redistricting. Go to hearings and talk to commission. Not trying to gerrymander; want a fair map. Map that protects interests and gives real choice. Majority party has lost touch with voters. Spoke about Greg Stanton, Phoenix mayoral candidate.--vision for stronger communication, what is an Arizona Democrat? Spoke against the prison-for-profit movement at the state capitol.

Andrei spoke about the leaders who have passed away---Bert Garcia, Mojave County, and Bob Bland, Cochise County. Introduced CJ Carena who presented a photo montage of Bob.

Chair's address:

Andrei thanked the Coconino County Democrats and recognized volunteers who helped organize the day.

How do we get people motivated and active in the party? Spoke about education and jobs issues and challenges in Arizona. Can't allow the “do nothing” at the legislature to continue. Cuts to unemployment insurance. Right way to move forward in our state. The hypocrisy of “shared sacrifice”--putting hardship, burden on seniors, poor, military servicemen, while supporting the wealthiest of Americans. 2012 is “a perfect storm of possibility.” Resources are ready to be spent if Arizona “is ready for it.” Mentioned new Gallup poll. Together we can make 2012 the year we have been waiting for. Spoke about FDR's “What holds back Progressives?” How willing are we to change things, to go out there and work hard? This state can become what we believe it can be.

Bottom-up party-- What does that mean? The power to change things lie in your hands. Strong, disciplined message. Make true contrast, give AZ choice, learn from the GOP. “Spread the word.” Discussed examples of letters to the editor. Addressed use of social media.

Accountability Project-- director of rapid response and E-PCs. Will be impugning Republicans. Need all of your help. Discussed E-PC roll-out (use of social media).

Fundraising—Jim Pederson million dollar checks are not around anymore. Need a different way of fundraising; need bottom-up fundraising. Volunteer Awards Event, Dem-AZ. Andrei said party is behind on fundraising. Special guest for volunteer awards will be Mark Kelly. Goal is to make money, so will have an event at the Science Center, not a dinner. 50% of State Committee members donate financially to the party. Asked for people who would contribute at least \$20 month to stand and forms were passed out.

Redistricting-- If we get this right, we have the chance to build the kind of state we want to build. The next 4 months are the most important to the future of AZ, changes the landscape of Arizona. Introduced Justin Unga who is working on redistricting. Speak to him about getting involved.

15 County strategy-- empower grassroots, change the playing field. Discussed ADP financial support to the counties--incentive program driven by voter registration. If each PC registers 5 voters each month, Democrats will sweep the state. Asked who was willing to register voters-- stand up.

Building up Muscles-- standing committee on State Committee meetings, party affairs liaisons. Angela LeFevre from CD1, CD 2, Lauren Kuby CD 5, need volunteers from 4, 6, 7. These will be the first line of contact for party. What's at stake? Eyes of world on Arizona and ADP. This is where the fight is; we need to show the world we can do this.

Randy Parraz thanked everyone for work on Recall Pearce movement. Spoke about being “fired up” and asked for help and support for the recall movement. Recognized Todd Selleck and his contribution in leading the recall movement. Working field program and need \$6000. Have become a 504c organization.

Credentials Committee report-- Beverly Fox-Miller:

Have 549 state committee members; need 40 % to establish a quorum; have 281 members present plus 168 by proxy; total of 449. Have a quorum.

Approval of June minutes: Secretary Sharon Thomas noted the name corrections that she will make. *Moved to accept minutes with name corrections. Approved and accepted by acclimation.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasure Rick McGuire was not in attendance. Judy Kennedy gave report in his absence. Have spent 51% of money, but have only taken in 36% of goal. \$20 monthly pledge will help. Can review report online. *Moved to accep;, seconded and passed.*

Election of new DNC member:

Andrei and David Lelz reviewed the elections procedures and answered questions.

William (Bill) Roe was nominated by Ruben Gallego and seconded by Felicia Rotellini; Christopher Campas was nominated by Sharon Thomas; seconded by Rosie Lopez. *Moved and second to close nominations; motion passed unanimously.* Nominees spoke. Committee dismissed for voting.

Reconvened at 4:18

Bylaws Committee report-- Jo Kelliher:

Jo noted the proposed by-laws changes, hard-copies and online versions available, and introduced members of the committee. Jo reviewed the process and changes. *Moved to accept the changes; seconded.* Jo opened the individual articles changes. Bob Stelling interrupted and spoke about the lengthiness of review. *Motion was made to accept changes as proposed; seconded.* Sharon Thomas noted a semantic error (biannual/biennial). *Jo made a friendly amendment to accept with grammar and semantics changes being allowed; accepted.* Anne Greenberg noted another error. *Friendly amendment made and accepted. Vote taken without closing discussion; carried to accept re-statement of current by-laws.* Jo presented the proposed changes to article II, section 1. *Jo moved to accept changes; seconded.* No discussion. *Vote was taken; motion carried.*

Resolutions Committee Report-- Johnny Menendez:

Committee voted to recommend the resolution on Condemnation of Domestic Violence for approval; author Diane D'Angelo presented the resolution. *Motion to accept (Johnny Menendez); seconded. Challenge to the timely submission of the resolutions; consulted with Parliamentarian. Parliamentarian ruled that the resolutions were submitted in a timely manner, but not submitted through proper channels (secretary). Dan O'neal called a point of order, spoke on reviewing the resolutions, and moved to accept all resolutions by acclimation; seconded. Andrei said he could not entertain a motion in contradiction to the Parliamentarian-- overruled Dan's motion. Point of order by CJ Briggie: Resolution on the floor (re. Party Affairs). Andrei overruled. Sharon Thomas made point of order that resolution on Party Affairs was submitted in timely manner and followed timeline and procedure. Andrei overruled at the privy of the chair; he did not want the resolution reviewed and voted on. Andrei stated that the Party Affairs decision was made in January; he was referred to the minutes of the March 19th Executive Committee meeting.*

Affirmative Action Chair:

Henry Wade reviewed dates for the Delegate selection process and spoke about lack of support for diverse people to be involved. April 12 will not be contentious if we come together. March 31st caucuses should run smoothly.

DNC report by Carolyn Warner and Judy Kennedy:

Would like to employ the Alien and Sedition Act against all Republicans and Democrats who have signed the Grover Norquist pact. Questioned legality of elected officials pledging to a private person/entity. 2012 is in the hands of the west-- if the Latino vote turns out, Dems will win. Need to register Latinos and get out the vote. Discussed influence of the internet. Noted the increase in Hispanic voting-age population and the need to bring them into the party. Single women, Hispanics, African-Americans vote Democrat more than any other groups. Huge issue for west-- need clear and simple message for the Democratic Party.

Caucus reports:

Veterans and Military Families Caucus: New chair, John Chiazza, reported on work he has been doing with military families and asked for veterans to get involved.

Results of DNC election were presented by David Lelz. William Roe garnered 336 votes; Chris Campas garnered 96 votes. Candidate 1, William Roe, is the new ADP DNC member.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10.