



**10th Congressional District Democratic Committee - Minutes
Held Virtually via Zoom
9:00 AM on December 5, 2020**

Zoom Attendees: Kimberly Adams, Karen Campblin, Bo Cherif, Jerry Foltz, Jay Frost, Ellen Heald, Kevin Kennedy, Matt Leslie, Leopoldo Martinez, Randy Moore, Zach Pruckowski, Koran Saines, Lissa Savaglio, EJ Scott, Lainie Singerman, Joanne Spano, Linda Sperling, Kannan Srinivasan, Marie Straub, Shelley Tamres, Heidi Zollo.

Excused Absences: Kristine Condi.

Unexcused Absences: Lee Carter, Monte Johnson, Mansimran Kahlon.

Guests: Gretchen Almstead, Shyam Raman.

1. **Call to order** by the Chair (Quorum = 11 since we're down one member) – **Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM.**
 - a. Approval of Agenda – **Moved, 2nd, PASSED.**
 - b. Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2020, Meeting – **Moved, 2nd, PASSED.**
2. Treasurer's Report –
Federal Account: \$ 4,307.67
State Account: \$ 375.08
3. Committee changes – Clara Meagher has resigned from the Committee since she moved to Ohio last month.

ELECTION TO REPLACE MANASSAS/MANASSAS PARK REPRESENTATIVE

Gretchen Almstead – **MOTION to accept by acclamation, 2nd, PASSED.**

Clara was our assistant Treasurer. Jerry Foltz is now taking over as assistant Treasurer. Matt Leslie will follow up on getting Jerry access to sign checks.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Training for Local Committee Chairs/Officers – Wrap-up – Jay Frost & Lissa Savaglio – **Jay Frost held the training. It was opened up to all local Chairs across Virginia. Attended by approximately 50 Chairs.**
5. Planning calendar – Randy Moore – **Lainie was added to the public calendar. Randy created an internal calendar, owned by the gmail account. You need a google account to post to it. Randy to send instructions for adding it to your calendar. It allows us to add Zoom info to entries that we don't want to post publicly. Randy and Shelley to work together to sort out how to add folks for editing capability.**

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2020 Lessons Learned – **Zach handled signature validation of the ballot access petitions himself; if this happens again during a pandemic, he will find some way to share this work load. We raised funds and purchased combined yard signs plus Facebook ads, mostly in Manassas, Winchester, and Leesburg where we had town candidates who are not identified by party labels. Ads cost us around \$2/link click, which is slightly more than the average across FaceBook, but less than a yard sign. The ads said approximately, "Click here to see your ballot and don't forget to vote Nov 3". Next time we may want to list the town candidates without needing a click through. More info up front may get more eyes on and generate more interest in clicking through, but needs to be legible on a busy FaceBook page. We might need to hire someone to do the design. Perhaps DPVA can assist since this is an effort needing expertise across the commonwealth, like have a staff person with this expertise. Shayam Raman offered DPVA assistance for producing graphics; the Technology Working Group has a lot of expertise available for these kinds of projects.**



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7. Discussion of major items in today's Central Committee meeting – **We will be emailing our votes on all issues following the adjournment of the Central meeting, and before 7:00 PM tonight, to Zach. Zach will compile the responses and forward to the DPVA Secretary by 1:00 PM Sunday. MOTION to vote by email, 2nd, PASSED. It's likely that the Party Plan Amendments will go through on voice votes, unless one becomes controversial. So the email vote will likely be just for the contested race for Vice Chair, Technology & Communications.**
- a. Vote on new DPVA Vice Chair for Technology
 - b. Vote on DPVA Party Plan Amendment requiring that state legislative candidates be nominated by primary, with a fallback to holding caucuses if nobody files for the primary.
 - c. Vote on DPVA Party Plan Amendment that changes our reorganization from April-June 2021 to January-March 2022. The main impetus is the current redistricting mess - on the current calendar we're not going to have maps before we need to start planning reorg and the Party Plan process for reorging without the new maps is complicated and bad. This is a very significant change that will have a lot of impacts on us if it goes through, not least by extending our terms. – **Background – The COVID-19 pandemic has caused delays to the 2020 Census, which will in turn delay the timing of redistricting. And our redistricting process itself has been greatly changed by the recently passed Constitutional Amendment. We cannot reorganize CD Committees until we know the new CD boundaries.**
 - d. Vote on DPVA Party Plan Amendment on hiring process, which gives Steering & Officers slightly more involvement in the process.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Campaign Support/Bench (Karen – Chair; Lee, Monte, Leopoldo, Koran)
9. Communications (Bo and Linda – Co-Chairs; Jay, Randy, Marie, Shelley)
10. Fundraising/Finance (Jay – Chair; Kimberly, Kristine, Ellen, Matt, Randy, Kannan, Heidi)
11. Local Committee Operations (Lainie & Lissa – Co-Chairs; Shelley, Kimberly, Karen, Jerry, Ellen, Kevin, Koran, Joanne)
12. Outreach (Heidi – Chair; Koran, EJ, Kannan) -
13. Announcements – **EJ Scott contacted the Georgia African-American Caucus to learn how to support them for the Senate runoffs. Daniel Blackman is running in the Public Service Commission, District 4, runoff, and if elected will be the first African-American Commissioner. You will also be supporting his race if you assist in this effort. See Appendix A for pertinent excerpts from EJ's email dated Nov 29, 2020.**

EJ expressed her appreciation and gratitude for having been designated as our Elector. She has also been selected by the 13 Electors to open the session.

14. Next 10CDDC Meeting – **Shelley to send a Doodle poll for all the Saturdays in January.**
15. Adjourn – **MOTION to adjourn at 10:15 AM, 2nd, PASSED.**
Zach thanked everyone for all their hard work in 2020. We flipped many Town Council seats in Manassas, Winchester, and Leesburg. All of Northern Virginia is led by Democrats now.

Submitted by Shelley Tamres, Secretary, 10CDDC



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APPENDIX A

SUPPORT OF GEORGIA RACES

Campaign Volunteering (options include ways for both in state and out of state volunteers to take action)

1. Coordinated campaign volunteer opportunities (efforts help both candidates, equally)
- <https://www.mobilize.us/georgiademocrats/>
 1. Consider day(s) of action!
2. Warnock's opportunities- <https://www.mobilize.us/warnockforgeorgia/>
3. Ossoff's opportunities- <https://www.mobilize.us/election/>

Voter Protection Volunteering

Remote Voter Protection Volunteer Opportunities

- **Ballot Rescue Phone Call Team!** Sign up --> bit.ly/phone-cure | As a trained Ballot Rescue phone caller, you'll be in direct contact with Georgia voters to help them fix issues flagged by elections officials with absentee ballots. Every voter you contact is one whose vote may not be counted without your help!
- **Be a Voter Protection Digital Ambassador!** Sign up --> bit.ly/vopro-social | One, two, three, post! Commit to amplifying our voter protection messaging across social media. From time to time we'll provide you important and accurate voting content -- spread the good word!!

In Person Voter Protection Volunteer Opportunities

- **Be an official Democratic Party Poll Watcher!** Sign up --> bit.ly/poll-watch-legacy | As a poll watcher, you'll be the eyes and ears for DPG's Voter Protection team inside or outside a priority polling location during early voting (December 14 - January 1) and/or on Runoff Election Day, January 5.
- **Join the In-Person Ballot Cure Canvass Team!** Sign up --> bit.ly/door-cure | As a Ballot Cure Canvasser, you'll help Georgia voters fix problems with absentee ballots they've already submitted to their county's election office. We'll be canvassing on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from November 27th through December 20th, and every day from Saturday, December 26th through Friday, January 8.
- **Be a Ballot Processing Monitor and/or Vote Review Panel Member** at a County elections office Sign up --> bit.ly/ballot-process . You'll be on call to be at elections offices as officials process and count absentee ballots. Flexibility required, beginning December 14th – January 8th.

Update on the Results of the State Board of Elections November 23, 2020 Meeting can be found here --> <https://www.gpb.org/news/2020/11/23/georgia-election-board-extends-emergency-rules-for-absentee-voting>

Financially Support Campaigns

- Warnock's campaign - Donation link https://secure.actblue.com/donate/warnock-for-georgia_web?refcode=AAWhite
- Ossoff's campaign - Donation link https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ms_hp_ossoff?refcode=AAWhite
- Democratic Party of Georgia - Donation link <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/victory2020-fed?refcode=AAWhite> (DPG leverages its robust infrastructure to specifically support both campaigns).
- Senate Victory Fund - <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/georgia-senate-victory-fund-1?refcode=AAWhite> (First \$5,600 go to Ossoff/Warnock and any contribution in excess goes to the Georgia Federal Elections Committee, which helps support both campaigns).
- Democratic Party of Georgia - <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dpgfinance?refcode=AAWhite> (State party, which will endure past the election cycle)



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501c3 / 501c4 Organizations Doing Voter Registration, Engagement, Education work. Please partisan organizations should not collaborate with 501c3s and on a limited basis with 501c4s. Individuals should use this information in their efforts to leverage resources to reach voters.

- 159 Georgia Together has a comprehensive 501c3 and 501c4 list of progressive organizations putting in work. It can be found by clicking here - <https://www.facebook.com/159ga/posts/3460125160774947>
- This is a comprehensive list of Georgia BIPOC lead organizations that are engaged in the work. It can be found by clicking here
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ho5HxLJhuWxy1QKzi4_7Ryt6Nvk2wm3RakOgeGiOWK0/htmlview

Stay in the Know / Connect with other like minded Georgians on Facebook

- Ossoff/Warnock Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ossoffwarnock>
- Ossoff/Warnock Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gawfb>
- Warnock Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/309330817109543/>
- Ossoff/Warnock Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/staceyabramsprotectthevote/>

Georgia BIPOC-led voter outreach organizations (created by They See Blue Georgia) :

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ho5HxLJhuWxy1QKzi4_7Ryt6Nvk2wm3RakOgeGiOWK0/htmlview?usp=mail