

34th District Democratic Organization
Executive Board
Minutes, E-Board Meeting of 21 May 2008
By Bill Schrier

1. Chair Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.
2. District members attending (some arrived well into the meeting or left early): Richard Bartlett, Greg Doss, Jackie Dupras, Brian Earl, Laura Feinstein, Leslie Harris, Robin Hess, Dina Johnson, Lucy Krakowiak, Ann Martin, Tim Nuse, Artemis OakGrove, Dorsol Plants, Bill Schrier, Tyler Smith, Marcee Stone, Les Treall, Ivan Weiss, Stu Yarfitz. Guest: Craig Salins, Executive Director, Washington Public Campaigns.
3. Chair's Report (Ivan):
 - 3.1 Two 34th District members were elected as delegates to the Democratic National Convention at the 7th CD Caucus on 17 May: PCO Chris Porter and Nick Bordner, a senior at Vashon High School. Both are pledged to support Barack Obama. Kimber McCreery was just 8 votes short of election as a delegate pledged to support Hillary Clinton. Kimber may also become a field organizer for the Coordinated Campaign.
 - 3.2 We are likely to have at least 7 new PCO's as a result of the 7th CD caucus and other recent activities. Several of these will replace or challenge existing PCOs who are not very active or plan to retire, e.g. Sandy Trent. Donna Christiansen was appointed last meeting as a PCO in Burien 699. The deadline for filing for election as PCO is 6 June.
 - 3.3 June 10th is the deadline for filing for those seeking election as a DNC delegate at the State Convention on 13-15 June.
4. First Vice-Chair's Report (Tim): Tim just returned from Washington DC where he was lobbying on behalf of his employer, Starbucks, for "Green Power", also sponsored by the World Resources Institute. **Action:** Tim will write an article for the website/newsletter about this.
5. Treasurer's Report (Greg). We have \$38,000 in the bank. Greg has not received any further news from the State Party about the issue with the Precinct Caucus income / low-income fundraiser.
6. Committee: Hospitality. Ivan introduced PCO Dorsol Plants, who has agreed to chair this committee. **Action:** Dorsol's first assignment is the July picnic, setting a date (cannot be the second Wednesday, as we will need to have a regular membership meeting that night) and reserving the Lincoln Park Picnic Shelter #3 for that.
7. Committee: Membership (Jackie). We have 1,065 members, a new all-time high.
8. Committee: Legislative District Caucus Debrief (Tim, Ann). Sarah Earl chaired a debriefing meeting on Sunday 18 May. There is a draft written debriefing report. The primary finding: we need to assign separate coordinators for the primary caucuses and the

LD caucus because LD caucus planning needs to start months in advance. They also did a detailed debriefing of how the LD Caucus credentialing could be improved and done faster. Still, we should allow six hours for an LD Caucus. **Action:** Sarah to complete this report and e-mail it to the E-Board.

9. Neighborhood Challenge (Artemis): Artemis chaired the first voter registration/canvas on 10 May. It started at Ann's house. They had 22 volunteers who covered 9 precincts in the Highland Park area. They had lots of language problems, found a number of non-US citizens and obtained 14 new voter registration forms.
10. Committee: Garden Party (Ivan). Rachel Glass has agreed to serve as auctioneer (Bob Watt was unavailable). We had a brief discussion about whether we should even do a Garden Party, given that it is a lot of work and we have a healthy treasurer. Tyler Smith expressed interest in chairing the committee. **Action:** Tyler to contact Ivan with his decision.
11. Committee: Outreach (Les). The committee was active at the West Seattle Sustainability Event on May 11th and obtained 36 new voter registrations. Sharon Henderson is coordinating a regular table for voter registration sign-ups at South Seattle Community College. We also talked about voter registration efforts in government classes at the District's high schools. These are occurring but with varying effectiveness. Upcoming events for Outreach include the Alki Art Fair in late July, the Vashon Strawberry festival 12-13 July (Vashon Dems will handle), the West Seattle Summerfest on 11-13 July, the Hi-Yu parade on 19 July and the Burien 4th of July parade.
12. Committee: Leadership Development (Ann, Bill, Richard). The Committee has developed the latest iteration of Executive Board Rules which call for 13 committees. Steve Karbowski has the latest draft. The E-Board rules would be discussed by the E-Board this summer and considered for adoption by the membership in late summer or early fall. The main feature we'd implement this year is a Nominating Committee which would actively seek candidates for District offices and committee chairs.
13. Back Office Software implementation (Stu, Bill). Bill distributed a draft workplan with scope, deliverables, a task list and roles and responsibilities. Stu Yarfitz agreed to manage the implementation project. **Actions:** Stu will gather the Committee to start implementation work. Bill will distribute the workplan via e-mail.
14. Button machine (Ivan, Jackie). The District has purchased campaign button-making machine and a painter's union membership/bug for Jackie Dupras to operate it. Ivan and Jackie proposed selling the machine to Jackie. There is some confusion regarding the requirements for financial record-keeping required by the State Department of Revenue, the Public Disclosure Commission and perhaps the various Democratic Party organizations. Jackie also felt the E-Board had required the whole initial investment be paid back via profits from the machine within the year, which she was not sure was possible. Via a show of hands, almost all the other members of the E-Board did not have this interpretation, and minutes of previous meetings' discussions were not available. We had a long discussion

about this. **Action:** Ivan appointed Leslie Harris to draft a document describing any proposal to the Board before the Board takes additional action.

15. Washington Public Campaigns. WPC Executive Director Craig Salins asked the District for a donation. The legislature passed a local-option public campaign financing law this year, and Seattle (among others) is actively considering such a measure for the November ballot. WPC will need funds to respond to requests from many cities and counties regarding public financing, and (hopefully) funds to help with the campaign should ballot measures be scheduled for the November ballot. Several E-board members felt WPC was a worthy cause, but are concerned because we have no detailed budget for what contributions we should make to candidates/campaigns this year. Ann moved and Laura seconded a \$1000 contribution to WPC, which passed 14-0. **Action:** Add this to June District meeting agenda for ratification by the membership. **Action:** (not assigned) draft a schedule/budget of contributions to candidates/campaigns for this year.
16. Agendas – Upcoming District Meetings. See details below. We specifically discussed judicial races and endorsements. Endorsements are especially important as there are three contested judicial races and if a candidate receives a majority vote in August the contest will be decided at that point. We talked about deferring our endorsements to the KC Dems, but were unsure when they would endorse, and also felt we should weigh in separately. We need more information about the contested races, however. **Action:** Brian Earl agreed to review judicial candidate questionnaires (at KC Dems and King County Bar), review the KC Bar's recommendations, and prepare material to help educate the membership before the June meeting.
17. June 11th Meeting Agenda. Here's the tentative agenda:
 - 17.1 Candidates: Rich Semler, Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - 17.2 Program: Steve Sundquist, School Board Director. Steve rarely attends our meetings because the School Board meets on the second Wednesdays also. Steve is available in June, however.
 - 17.3 Program: Jail siting. There are two proposed locations for a new Jail in or near the district. State and County elected officials, as well as community groups, appear to be unanimously opposed.
 - 17.4 New Business.
 - 17.5 \$1000 contribution to WPC. Craig Salins will speak to this.
 - 17.6 Resolution: Re-empower the FDA and Permit Citizen Lawsuits against drug companies who falsify their research data (think Vioxx). Lisa Plymate proposed this and Ann Martin spoke to it at the E-Board. **Action:** Ann will re-write and submit for newsletter and website.
 - 17.7 Endorsements. At least consider Jim McDermott, Adam Smith, Joe McDermott, Eileen Cody and Sharon Nelson.
18. July Meeting. We will have a regular meeting to consider endorsements for the August primary. We also need a July meeting to keep campaign momentum going because this is an important Presidential election year with fast breaking news and developments.

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19.1 Ann Martin has done calling to seek poll workers for the upcoming election cycle. She also needs poll observers. **Action:** She will do a write-up for the newsletter/website to help publicize this.

19.2 Lucy Krakowiak stated the Burien City Council had voted 6 to 1 to accept North Highline annexation option 4, which would add about 14,000 residents to Burien. Lucy voted against this option because it will be financially difficult for Burien to provide services to this larger area. She favors Option 5 which would add about 10,000 residents.

(Schrier left at 9:20 PM and so does not have info on what occurred after that.)