

Arizona Democratic Party Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Caucus June 2008 Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2008
Pima County Democratic Headquarters
4639 E 1st St, Tucson, AZ 85711

Officers Present:

Les Krambeal- Chair
Amanda Simpson- Vice Chair
C.J. Carezza- Secretary
Bob Bland- Treasurer

Members & Guests:

Steve Cody
Ken Jacobs
Cliff Martin
Maurica Grossman
Alan Lobensperger
Becky Corran
Daria Lohman
Ben Mc Donald
Vince Rabago
Paul Durham
Mohur Sidhwa
Brenda Nowlan
Nina Trasoff

Executive Members Present

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:15pm?

Introductions: Brief introductions were made of each person in attendance, and Ken Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vince Rabago spoke briefly thank all those who attended, and stressed how important it was to work on organizations and Caucuses such as ours, because the change we want occurs best when it happens from the inside. He spoke about how few elected Democrats it would take to turn AZ blue this fall

Previous meeting Minutes:

- Since the position of Secretary was not effective until the end of the previous meeting. No Minutes were taken at the last meeting.

Treasurers Report

- There are currently no funds. So no Treasurers report to present.

General Business

- Review and Discussion of Bylaws
 - A grammatical clarification regarding the order of the name of the Caucus was presented. This had been discussed at the State meeting in April, and a correction of the bylaws was made then to correlate the bylaws. The bylaws will now read the LGBT Caucus.
 - Throughout the rest of the bylaws several other grammatical errors were made, including capitalization and spelling errors. These changes were made with the consensus of the group.
 - Les K presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article I:
 - The name of the organization shall be The Arizona Democratic Party Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus but may also be referred to as the ADP GLBT Caucus, or the GLBT Caucus. The GLBT Caucus shall be affiliated with the Arizona Democratic Party (ADP). *As an affiliated Caucus of the ADP, the GLBT Caucus shall follow the Bylaws of the ADP and shall not have any bylaw or policy that is in conflict with or in contradiction to the bylaws of the ADP.*
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Bob K, and seconded by Becky C. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - Discussion was made on possible changes to Article IV and the Mailing Lists section, but no changes were made.
 - Les K presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article V, Section One:
 - The officers of the LGBT Caucus shall be *Chair*, Vice *Chair*, Secretary, and Treasurer

- A Motion to accept the changes was made by Bob K, and seconded by Becky C. With no discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Les K presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article V, Section Two:
 - The GLBT Caucus shall strive to maintain gender equity *and regional representation* when electing officers.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Bob K, and seconded by Cliff M. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Les K presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article V, Section Three:
 - *Remove the Immediate Past President from the Executive Committee so it reads:* The elected offices and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees of the LGBT Caucus shall constitute the Executive Committee.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Cliff M, and seconded by Bob K. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Paul D presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article V, Section Four:
 - The Executive committee shall be the administrative body of the LGBT Caucus and shall have the power and authority *between membership meetings* to do and perform all acts and functions *that* the LGBR Caucus itself might do or perform that are consistent with these Bylaws.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Steve C, and seconded by Bob K. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Steve C presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article V, Section Five:
 - The term of office for the officers shall be two (2) years *and shall begin at the end of the annual meeting at which they are elected.* There are no term limits.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Paul D, and seconded by Becky C. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- C.J. C presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article VII, Section One:
 - Resignation of *a* member of the Executive Committee shall be effective upon receipt of such resignation in writing to the Executive *Committee*.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Amanda S, and seconded by Dora L. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Paul D presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article VII, Section Two:
 - A member of the Executive Committee may be removed by a $2/3^{rds}$ vote of the Executive Committee for malfeasance or for conduct clearly contrary to the purposes or best interests of the LGBT Caucus.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Cliff M, and seconded by Mohur S. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Les K presented the following change (Changes are strikethrough) to Article VIII, Fundraising Committee:
 - The Fundraising Committee will raise funds to further the Purpose of the LGBT Caucus. The Treasurer shall be a member of ~~and may chair~~ the Fundraising Committee. The Fundraising Committee is empowered to solicit monetary and in-kind contributions and to sell items promoting the LGBT Caucus or ~~Stonewall Democrats~~.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Amanda S, and seconded by Paul D. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Paul D, Amanda S, and Cliff M, presented the following change (deletions are strikethrough, additions are in Italics) to Article VIII, Membership Committee:
 - The Membership Committee shall recruit members, greet new members, and maintain the membership list in coordination with the Secretary. The Vice Chair shall be a member of ~~and may chair~~ the Membership Committee. *The Membership Committee may coordinate participation at community events such as gay pride festivals & parades, political conventions, and other activities.* In coordination with the Secretary, the Membership Committee shall provide regular reports to the membership regarding the activities of the LGBT Caucus.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Becky C, and seconded by Mohur S. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Les K presented the following addition to Article VIII:

- Rules & Bylaws Committee: The Rules & Bylaws Committee shall maintain the Bylaws, Rules, & Procedures of the GLBT Caucus. The Vice Chair shall be a member of the Rules & Bylaws Committee. The Rules & Bylaws Committee shall review all rules, procedures and bylaws on a regular basis and shall make recommendations for any changes, additions or deletions to the membership.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Becky C, and seconded by Steve C. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - Les K presented the Caucus with the suggestion to have regional representation within the executive committee. Steve C Suggested that we create something akin to a regional advisory board. Bob K suggested that we create a county chair position. A small group convened later in the meeting to discuss regional representation, and present a proposal to the group at large before the end of this meeting.
 - Cliff M presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article IX, Section Two:
 - Special meetings may be called by a 2/3rds vote of the Executive Committee and may be *called* by teleconference or email.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Paul D, and seconded by Brenda N. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - Steve C presented the following change (deletions are strikethrough, additions are in Italics) to Article IX, Section Three:
 - The membership shall convene annually at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be in conjunction with a meeting of the ADP. The membership shall receive at least thirty (30) days notice of the annual meeting by mail, email or telephone. *Additional membership meetings may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee or 10% of the membership.* A quorum for ~~the annual~~ meetings shall be ten percent (10%) of the membership. The quorum requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Paul D, and seconded by Brenda N. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - Les K presented the following change (Change in Italics) to Article X, Section One:
 - *A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Chair and shall present a slate of at least one member nominated for each office.* Names of proposed officers *may also* be placed in nomination from the floor during the annual meeting.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Bob K, and seconded by Becky C. With no discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - Cliff M presented the following change (deletions are strikethrough, additions are in Italics) to Article VII, Section Two:
 - The Bylaws for the GLBT Caucus may be amended at a *general membership* meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present, providing that a copy of the proposed amendments has been sent to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the ~~annual~~ meeting of the GLBT Caucus.
 - A Motion to accept the changes was made by Steve C, and seconded by Paul M. With no discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - Les K presented the following revision to Article XII, Section One:
 - The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the GLBT Caucus.
 - A Motion to accept the change was made by Bob K, and seconded by Steve C. With no discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
 - Amanda S presented the following changes (Change in Italics) to Article XII:
 - The GLBT Caucus shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran status, social or economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity *or expression*, or any other factor unrelated to membership and the *Purpose* of the GLBT Caucus.
 - A Motion to accept the change was made by Becky C, and seconded by C.J. C. With no discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Appointment of Committee Chairs

- Amanda S nominated Becky C to chair the Membership Committee. No other nominations were made. Her nomination was accepted on a voice vote.
- As Treasurer Bob K is a member of the Fundraising committee. Since no other nominations were made, a voice vote approved Bob K as Chair of the Fundraising committee.
- Paul D nominated himself as chair to the Rules & Bylaws committee. No other nominations were made. His nomination was accepted on a voice vote
- No nominations were made for Regional Advisory committee. C.J. C Will send out a request to the general membership asking for nominations. This committee position will be reviewed further at the next meeting.
- Discussion of Regional Representation
 - After meeting for about 15 minutes the regional representation group made the following proposed amendment of the bylaws (Article VIII) to the group at large:
Regional Advisory Committee:
 - The Regional Advisory Committee should consist of one member from each county of Arizona in so far as that is possible. The Caucus shall actively seek such members in un-represented counties. The Chair shall be a member of the Regional Advisory Committee. The Regional Advisory Committee shall bring issues related to geographic diversity to the attention of the LGBT Caucus. The Members of the Regional Advisory Committee shall be elected by a majority of the Members of the LGBT Caucus' from each represented County present at the annual meeting or at any meeting in case of a vacancy
 - A Motion to add the Regional Advisory Committee to Article VIII was made by Bob K, and seconded by Brenda N. After brief discussion, the motion was approved on a voice vote.
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- Preparation for next State Meeting (August 2nd, Flagstaff AZ)
 - The next meeting will be in Flagstaff in conjunction with the State meeting. More information will follow as it becomes available.

New Business & Announcements

- No new business was presented

Adjournment:

- A Motion to adjourn was made by Amanda S, and seconded by Becky C. The motion was carried, and meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.