

GP-MI State Nominating Convention - June 20, 2020  
Video Timeline

Personal Video: <https://youtu.be/knqgvt4Pf-U>

- 0:00:00 First arrivals: Jean-Michel Creviere, Rick Sauermilch, Amy Slepr, Robin Laurain, Dan Martin-Mills.
- 0:32:50 Zoom account and login to Zoom required for meeting attendance, (as well as RSVP to Zoom).
- 0:38:48 Redundant attendance lists, on Zoom and on website.
- 00:45:48 The emailed meeting URL didn't work. Jessica had to login to Google with the correct account. Earlier Lou and Robin needed the meeting ID and password. We sent an email to the membership list with meeting url because people were having trouble logging in. It turns out that rsvp isn't required if you have the meeting id and password.
- 00:50:00 Meeting begins at 9:00. Announcements:
- New agenda uploaded to Packet
  - Attention to getting the Chat window and Participants window on the sidebar, how to rename yourself, and how to 'Raise your hand'.
- 00:53:00 Jim Becklund takes over as meeting facilitator.
- 00:54:50 Message from the GP-MI Co-Chairs - Tom Mair.
- 01:03:50 Message from the GP-MI Co-Chairs - Robin.
- 0:06:15 Moment of Silence, to reflect on victims of Covid-19, police brutality, and significance of the Green Party.
- 01:09:30 Agenda is shared in a link in the chat sidebar, and is shared by request by the Host.
- 01:13:40 Nominations for Convention Co-Chair, Secretary, and Timer.
- 01:18:10 Only Affidavit of Acceptance needs to be notarized, and that can be done in advance because there is no date on it.
- 01:18:50 Dan Martin-Mills accepts the position of Convention Secretary.
- 01:19:10 Jim Becklund accepts the position of Convention Chairperson.
- 01:19:40 Rita Jacobs nominated Jessica Venture as Convention Time Keeper. Jessica accepts the nomination and is accepted by consensus.
- 01:20:20 John Anthony La Pietra explains the need to accept the Nomination Rules.
- Jalp has uploaded the Certificate of Nomination to the website. This is the article that needs to be signed by Jim and Dan and filed with the clerk in Lansing.

- 01:30:20 Lou Novak moves and Robin Laurain seconded motion to approve Convention Rules.
- 01:31:30 Lou Novak asked if any candidates failed to submit answers to the vetting questionnaire and asked if we would agree to ignore that rule if there were candidates who did not submit. John Anthony said there are candidates who have not answered, based on his personal spreadsheet. He said he has been sending out emails to these people and everyone else to answer Lou's question. (not posted on the website) John Anthony said he was willing to make the 'required' clause 'optional'. Lou said the rule states that the 'Elections Coordinator shall compile...' which places no burden on the candidate.
- 01:34:40 Lou Novak points out that he was unsure how to volunteer as 'Presidential Elector' and suspected others had the same question.
- 01:36:00 Consensus on Convention Rules.
- 01:36:30 Speakers for the Presidential Candidates, (assuming Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.)
- 01:37:30 Question about Dario Hunter not registering. Darryl Gibson said he had sent another invitation last night, (6/19). Dan Martin-Mills said he had tweeted to Dario this morning, (6/20). Robin said she had notified all presidential candidates many times.
- 01:38:30 Jim Becklund asked John Anthony about quorum on proposal regarding the Presidential Delegates. John Anthony said we had 15 votes by noon, the deadline, (note the obscurity and lack of transparency when doing voting this way – why not use the website? Who set the deadline and how? Why does only John Anthony know these answers?) Four more votes after noon. The extra votes would have made quorum, (why does only John Anthony know the number to reach quorum?)
- John Anthony noted that this meeting is 'sort of like an SMM' and can make any decisions it wants. (Q: Who/How to determine that this meeting is an SMM? – Rita said officer reports, and bylaws proposal make it an SMM. Not clear.) John Anthony says, "I suppose we can authorize that". (Why does only John Anthony know the answer?)
- 01:40:10 Lou moves that we consider late votes for Presidential Delegates. John Anthony noted that is not the issue at hand. The vote now is to "select the delegates themselves". Lou amended his motion to specify 'that vote for which John Anthony just corrected me'. Robin seconded. John Anthony said he had emailed comments 'on that' and had results for how that vote 'came out'. He noted that 'at some point' we could consider diversity, indicating that it hasn't been considered. He asked if everyone has seen 'that' and asked if we should post 'that' as well. Silence.
- Tom Mair supported Lou's motion to accept late votes on delegates. Jim Becklund asked for objections and then announced that consensus had been reached to accept late votes for Presidential Delegates. John Anthony did not object as he had earlier.

01:45:00 Concern over Dario Hunter not being listed with registered attendees. JM reiterated that pre-registration isn't necessary, that having the meeting id and password will allow them access.

01:45:30 Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza- Curry objects to plan to allow Vice-Presidential candidates to speak, calling it a violation of the law. She also claimed our 'registration process' is centrist and racist. She continued to claim the GP-MI did not notify everyone that they could bring a Vice-Presidential candidate to speak.

01:49:00 Jean-Michel Creviere explains (again) how to use 'Raise your hand' feature to get on stack, per Rita Jacob's suggestion.

01:52:00 Robin Laurain explained that all known Vice-Presidential candidates were invited to speak. Robin said that if Sedinam had a vice presidential pick, that person is welcome to speak.

01:56:00 David Rolde suggested that we keep total time the same for all Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates combined. (I assumed we would add time to those with no Vice-Presidential speaker. Others assumed we would subtract time from those with Vice Presidential candidates.)

01:58:45 Rita Jacobs made a motion that the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates split their allotted time. Jean-Michel Creviere seconded that motion. The motion 'passed with consensus' although Frank Foster could be seen waving thumbs down. (He didn't raise his hand in the chat window.)

01:59:30 Chad Wilson objected to Robin's statement that the GP-MI has 'bent over backwards to allow democracy to happen' making

02:00:50 Chad Wilson, presidential candidate, begins his speech.

02:06:30 Chad Wilson takes questions.

02:16:00 Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza- Curry, presidential candidate was invited to begin her speech. However, she said a Power Point file she sent to 'Eric, Lou, Michael, John Anthony, and Rita' had not been made available to the meeting guests. She asked that we get the file uploaded and then call on her. Jean-Michel asked her to upload to the chat window. She said she wasn't able to do that. She said it isn't online anywhere, but that she emailed it.

02:17:20 Kent Mesplay, Presidential Candidate was invited to speak, but was not present.

02:18:00 Susan Buchser-Lochocki, Presidential Candidate begins her speech.

02:24:20 Susan Buchser-Lochocki takes questions.

02:37:50 Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza- Curry, presidential candidate begins her speech.

02:48:00 Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza- Curry takes questions.

02:57:30 Dennis Lambert, Presidential Candidate begins his speech.

03:03:00 Dennis Lambert takes questions.

03:09:45 David Rolde agreed to switch time slots with Howie Hunter.

03:10:25 Howie Hunter, Presidential Candidate begins his speech.

03:15:30 Howie Hunter takes questions.

03:29:40 David Rolde, Presidential Candidate begins his speech.

03:35:30 David Rolde takes questions.

03:46:03 Jim Becklund announces that it is almost noon and asks John Anthony if we needed to stop the voting. John Anthony shifted to considering which votes might not count because of duration in the GP-MI. He announced that he and Darryl Gibson are the 'Polling Committee' because 'we never elected a third member for it'. He and Darryl would determine who is qualified to vote, asking themselves what rule we have for that. He questioned how many votes were new or changed since he downloaded the list last night, and said he and Darryl would need time to consider each vote.

03:49:50 Frank Foster asked John Anthony to delay this discussion so that Dario Hunter could speak. Darryl offered to meet John Anthony off screen, (email) and Jim Becklund moved to let Dario speak. John Anthony asked and Jim Becklund agreed that we should leave voting open until after Dario speaks. John Anthony agreed to that.

03:50:21 Dario Hunter, Presidential Candidate begins his speech.

03:56:10 Dario Hunter takes questions.

04:07:50 Discussion over whether to allow Vice Presidential Candidates to speak. Jim Becklund suggested two minutes each with no time for questions. Rick Sauermilch reminded us that we had agreed to split time with Vice-Presidential Candidates. Jenifer Kurland confirmed that we had already agreed to allow Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to split their time.

04:12:00 Darryl Gibson proposed that we allow all GP-MI votes to be counted, without checking to see how long they've been members. His rationale was that they joined in order to participate and that we should allow that participation. Dan Martin-Mills supported and agreement was reached by consensus. John Anthony said we would have to amend our 'Plan'.

04:13:30 Jim Becklund suggested that we publish written statements from the Vice-Presidential Candidates. There was consensus, but no details were provided as to how the statements should be submitted or where they would be published.

04:15:10 Jim Becklund suggested we work through lunch. That carried by consensus without a formal vote.

04:15:22 John Anthony reminded us that we had agreed earlier to accept late SCC ballots for Presidential Delegates. But the SCC had not decided how to handle ties, how to weigh diversity, who would be the speaker for the delegation at the convention, and other details. John Anthony said we to get the results to the GP-US within two days. We linked the SCC ballot results to the packet. The agreement by consensus was to move decisions on the details to the SCC, to be completed in time to submit the results to the GP-US National Committee.

04:18:55 Senate/Education Statewide Nominees.

04:19:30 Marcia Squire, U.S. Senate candidate gives her speech.

04:24:20 Marcia Squire answers questions.

04:33:40 Tom Mair, State Board of Education candidate speaks. (Tom is not listed on the GP-MI website.)

04:37:40 Tom Mair takes questions.

04:43:50 Brandon Hu, Michigan State University Board candidate speaks.

04:46:00 Brandon Hu answers questions.

04:48:40 Robin Laurain, University of Michigan Board of Trustees candidate, speaks.

04:51:30 Robin Laurain takes questions.

04:56:00 Susan Odgers, Wayne State University Board of Governors candidate, speaks.

05:01:55 Susan Odgers takes questions.

05:06:25 Susan Hubbard, Michigan Supreme Court Justice nominee speaks.

05:11:30 Susan Hubbard answers questions.

05:20:20 Amanda Slepr, U.S. House of Representatives, District 4 candidate speaks.

05:23:00 Amanda Slepr takes questions.

05:26:50 Jean-Michel Creviere, U.S. House of Representatives, District 2 candidate speaks.

05:31:15 Jean-Michel takes questions.

05:35:45 John Lawrence, U.S. House of Representatives, District 6 candidate speaks.

05:44:20 John Lawrence takes questions.

05:51:00 Jim Becklund reminds us that we will take nominations from the floor, but that a vetting questionnaire would need to be submitted. Jessica Venture suggested that we take

nominations now for the U.S. Legislature since we had just finished that category of candidates. Jim Becklund and the group agreed by consensus.

- 05:52:20 Marcia Squire nominates Michael Mawilai for U.S. House of Representatives, District 14<sup>th</sup> District. Daniel Martin-Mills indicated that Michael is not on the GP-MI membership list. Jessica Venture asked Michael if he is a GP-MI member and Michael said that he is not, but that he has been involved with Green Party actions. Michael had a lot of questions about exactly how to run for office.
- 05:59:10 Tom Mair proposed that we accept Michael Mawilai as a GP-MI member, (although our acceptance is not necessary, he can join without it) and advised Michael to run for a local office or University of Michigan Board of Regents, rather than the U.S. House of Representatives. Sherry asked Michael where he lives. He said in Oak Park, MI. Jessica Venture stated that she was supported in her election to U.S. office, and asked Michael to decide which office he was running for. Lou suggested and Michael agreed to get questions answered off screen, to give time for other candidates to speak.
- 06:05:41 State House of Representatives category.
- 06:06:22 Mary Kozonis, District 55, was called but John Anthony answered for her, through Eric Borregard, that she is not running.
- 06:06:40 Tia Metzger, District: 59, was called but John Anthony answered that she may not be running. John Anthony announced Jeff Rubley as a candidate for the 56<sup>th</sup> district. (Jeff was on the website but not on John Anthony's agenda.)
- 06:07:00 Jeff Rubley, District 56 candidate speaks.
- 06:11:43 Jeff Rubley takes questions.
- 06:15:37 John Anthony La Pietra, District 63 candidate speaks.
- 06:16:40 John Anthony La Pietra takes questions.
- 06:21:45 Dalton McCuiston, District 71 candidate speaks.
- 06:27:00 Dalton McCuiston takes questions.
- 06:32:00 Adam Garvey, District 92 is called but was not present.
- 06:32:15 Melissa Noelle [Lambert], District 99 speaks.
- 06:35:50 Melissa Noelle [Lambert] takes questions.
- 06:39:30 James Vasher, District 103 is called but was not present.
- 06:39:45 Rick Sauermilch, District: 110 speaks.

06:42:20 Rick Sauermilch takes questions.

06:47:40 Joshua Hellman – Jackson County Commission / District: 3 is called but John Anthony explained his addition to the list was a mistake. Joshua is from Illinois.

06:48:25 Eric Borregard – Washtenaw County Commission / District: 2 speaks.

06:52:40 Eric Borregard takes questions.

06:55:00 Marissa Prizgint – Clerk / Northfield Township (Washtenaw County) candidate speaks.

07:03:45 Jim Becklund notes that there are no candidates running against another, and asks if we should vote so support all nominees with one vote. Jenifer Kurland reiterates the question; do we have to nominate individually, or can we vote on the group as a whole? John Anthony stated that we have done it before and sees no reason to take one vote. Jean-Michel and Frank Foster voiced support for nominating everyone as a show of unity. Jessica Venture said we should omit Michael Mawilai who was undecided as to what office to run for, and Clyde Shabazz who called in to run for Michael’s original position.

07:11:42 Jeccia Venture proposed that we accept Michael Mawilai’s nomination for Regent and Clyde Shabazz nomination for U.S. Representative 14<sup>th</sup> District nomination. Jim Becklund supported. The motion passed by consensus.

07:15:00 Consensus was reached to accept nominations from all candidates who presented themselves today.

07:15:30 Rick Sauermilch asked that we notify the editors at Ballotpedia right away because the Republican and Democrats don’t have their primaries until August. Until then, people who enter their zip code into Ballotpedia will only see our nominees listed.

07:16:20 John Anthony concurred, and made it clear that he needs information on Clyde and Michael. He also said we need to select Electors.

07:20:00 Sherry A. Wells spoke about the results of the Oakland County Caucus.

07:21:47 Destiny Clayton, County Commission, Oakland, District 17 candidate spoke.

07:23:00 Jessica Venture, Waterford Township Clerk spoke.

07:25:00 John Anthony reported that he and Darryl are counting ballots two ways, with a spreadsheet and on the website.

07:26:00 John Anthony explained that all our Presidential Electors will be ‘At Large’. Jim Becklund said he didn’t know what that means.

07:27:30 John Anthony asked the group to consider who the Electors will be. There was confusion over what Electors are and how many we need. We needed sixteen Electors.

07:31:20 Rita Jacobs read an explanation John Anthony had emailed the day before.

07:42:15 Monika Schwab volunteered but was ineligible because of her non-U.S. citizenship status.

07:43:25 The following list of volunteers filled the slate and were approved by consensus:

Jean-Michel Creviere  
Lou Novak  
John Anthony La Pietra  
Marsha Squire  
Jessica McCallie-Arquette  
Daniel Martin-Mills  
Amanda Slepr  
Robin Laurain  
Melissa Lambert (aka Melissa Noelle)  
Jeff Sparling, (aka N Sparling)  
Rick Sauermilch  
Frank Foster Jr.  
Jeff Rubley  
Stephen Boyle  
Destiny Clayton  
Jenifer Kurland

07:44:50 John Anthony explained the rules regarding how Presidential Delegates are to vote.

07:46:45 Dan Martin-Mills explained that Darryl is keying in ballot results that John Anthony sent him. Then John Anthony will be able to print out all the ballots from the website. Then he and the website can duplicate the process of counting votes, in order to check each other's results.

07:48:40 John Anthony said he would interpret the write in ballots as Rank 1 when no Rank was given.

07:49:40 Proposal to amend the bylaws thus:

Amend Article VIII (Nominations), Section 2 (County and district nominating caucuses), Subsection A. PROPOSED WORDING:

A) At the request of at least three GP-MI members in a county or district, GP-MI shall call a county or district nominating caucus in accordance with party rules and state law to nominate candidates for partisan offices (and if the caucus so chooses, to endorse candidates for nonpartisan offices) serving constituents entirely within the county or district. The request--including the planned date(s), times and place of the caucus--shall be made either at an SMM or to the SCC at least 50 days before that year's state convention, or to the SCC at least 28 days before a caucus to be held after the state convention. A nominating caucus may be held at a state convention if a timely request so asks.

{current language of that subsection:}

A) At the request of at least three GP-MI members in a county or district, GP-MI shall call a county or district nominating caucus in accordance with party rules and state law to nominate candidates for partisan offices and endorse candidates for nonpartisan offices serving constituents entirely within that county or district. The caucus request shall be made either at a SMM at least 50 days before the state convention for that year or to the SCC at least 50 days before the state convention, and shall include the planned date(s), times, and place. A nominating caucus may be held at the state convention if the requesters so desire.

- 07:52:22 John Anthony explained the rationale for the amendment and for its urgency. He also explained the rules by saying that a County Caucus can be held only if nobody from that county was considered for nomination during the Convention.
- 07:56:00 John Anthony agreed to send an image of each of his ballots and email to Darryl.
- 07:56:20 Jennifer Kurland made a motion to approve the bylaws change. Lou Novak seconded. The motion was approved by consensus.
- 07:58:00 Sherry A Wells asked why the GP-MI required notification 50 days before a caucus. She offered a friendly amendment to change the 50 day requirement to 40 days. Jennifer accepted the amendment. Jim Becklund seconded the motion and it passed, (again) by consensus.
- 08:04:15 Sherry requested that the GP-MI purchase a 'single lit piece' to promote the five people running for the State-wide Education 'thing'. She noted that it could be distributed by everyone running for office in the State. She put her request in the chat window and hopes a few people would consider that idea.
- 08:06:15 Jessica Venture volunteered to put together videos to explain how to use Zoom.
- 08:05:30 Tom Mair volunteered to host a Candidate Help meeting in Traverse City in July.
- 08:07:50 Dan Martin-Mills asked Lou Novak and Tom Mair for details regarding their offer to host SMMs in October and November.
- 08:08:45 Jenifer Kurland offered to help State-wide candidates with marketing and media.
- 08:09:50 Marcia Squire offered to appear and support candidates at events anywhere in the State.
- 08:10:20 Dan Martin-Mills said Darryl is still waiting for the ballots.
- 08:11:00 Rita Jacobs asked for volunteers to go over the list of Delegates tomorrow, (Sunday). Frank Foster and Jim Becklund volunteered.
- 08:15:25 Jim Becklund reminded candidates to get paperwork ready, including financial paperwork.

- 08:16:30 Jean-Michel asked John Anthony if he needed to bring his own paperwork to Lansing. John Anthony was not able to answer conclusively.
- 08:18:40 Michael Mawilai offered to make Zoom tutorials.
- 08:19:30 Frank Foster volunteered to help whatever presidential candidate the GP-MI selects.
- 08:21:30 Video ends at 4:31 PM.

On the second Zoom video.

Zoom video: [https://zoom.us/rec/play/7pd5dr-oqGk3TlaW5QSDBfN5W424evigXla\\_vJZzUfkVXULNFX0N7IVZeFDBqNtZ2qaV1NOdNuo8WLf](https://zoom.us/rec/play/7pd5dr-oqGk3TlaW5QSDBfN5W424evigXla_vJZzUfkVXULNFX0N7IVZeFDBqNtZ2qaV1NOdNuo8WLf)

- 03:01:00 Dan Martin-Mills asks if people are ready for the results.
- 03:03:09 Rita shared the screen that showed the polling results.
- 03:05:30 We are able to see the election results.
- 03:06:35 Lou Novak asked why we used this rank-choice scheme to determine the allocation of Presidential Delegates.
- 03:07:25 John Anthony explained that we used this polling scheme because it is the one we've used for the last several elections.
- 03:09:00 John Anthony said that the numbers presented on the web application agreed with his calculations.
- 03:12:30 John Anthony calculated the number of delegates for each nominee:  
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- 03:14:00 Rita demonstrated the 'Details' button, which reveals the details of every ballot.
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| Hawkins | 7 delegates |
| Hunter  | 3 delegates |
| Curry   | ½ delegate  |
| Sanders | ½ delegate  |
| Ventura | 4 delegates |
- 03:16:00 John Anthony offered to post or email the calculations.
- 03:21:00 Dan asked if we knew of anyone who tried but couldn't make it into the meeting. Rick Sauermilch said a Nick Roley said in a Facebook chat that he couldn't make it.
- 03:24:40 Rita Jacobs asked John Anthony if he would be the reporter for the delegates. She pointed out that he had the highest number of votes from the SCC.

- 03:26:30 John Anthony pointed out that the report needs to be made on Monday, and so there wouldn't be much time for the delegation to vote on a reporter. He said he would do it, but would rather a woman did it. Amanda was second in vote numbers, but she and Robin had left the meeting. The question was left unresolved.
- 03:31:20 Jim Becklund called the meeting at 5:04.
- 03:34:00 Frank Foster apologized for helping with Chad Wilson's draft Jessie campaign and for Erin Fox dragging Howie and Robin through the mud. He added that Erin is taking credit for all the campaign work he and his friends did.

