

## Conference Call Minutes

05/08/05

*Present: Larry Kalb, Sandy Gourley, Martha Koester, Chad Lupkes, Jessica Beckett*

### 1. Chair's Update

- Larry discussed the Grassroots Strategy Session for Whatcom County this Saturday the 14th
  - Local progressives will be meeting beforehand
- Mentioned successful run of health care presentation

### 2. Communication's Update

- 46th LD Chair Scott White agreed to form Health Care Committee within 46th organization
  - Purpose is to teach about effective health care communication and lobbying
  - Chad to speak about committee at May meeting of 46th LD
- The question was raised as to how to replicate this state-wide
  - Larry has a presentation that can run from 20 - 90 minutes
    - Larry agreed to upload presentation in to Yahoo Group, but expressed concern that it was made in PowerPoint 2000, not XP
    - Chad will edit to make format readable for any version of PowerPoint
- Martha suggests organizing with local progressive groups to promote visibility this summer at festivals and parades
  - A question was raised as to our legal status and ability to cooperate with other organizations
  - Larry clarified that as long as there was no exchange of money or collaboration on campaign work, collaboration of ideas was acceptable
  - Martha will investigate registration for these events

### 3. Bylaws Committee Update

- It was generally agreed that language for Article 2, Section 4: Progressive Delegation be drafted and finalized within the next two weeks.
- Jessica agreed to draft language and pass it around to the committee

### 4. Plan of Action

- Chad mentioned that the Congressional District lists were up and running and suggested increasing reach to fill CD Coordinator positions
  - It was proposed and generally agreed that a letter should be sent out to the membership no later than Wednesday updating them on our health care plans and putting the call out for CD Coordinators
    - Jessica agreed to draft this letter and pass it along for editing and approval
  - Chad will hold off on creating LD and County lists until we've developed more enthusiasm and momentum
- Larry has begun putting together a training package for CD Coordinators to pass along to the LD and County level
  - Larry agreed to upload this in to the YahooGroup for the Executive Board to review

- Jessica suggested the addition of the following handouts:
      - Effective Local Party Involvement; Breakdown of Robert's Rules of Order; How to Write an Effective Resolution; How Washington State's Political System Works; Basics of Administrative Structure
    - Chad suggested the addition of a How-To on writing letters to the editor and media contact in general
    - Jessica agreed to draft her suggestions and pass them along to the board
    - Chad agreed to draft his suggestion and pass it along to the board
  - Chad also suggested that Martha contact the Progressive Bloggers and get them involved on the health care issue
  - Sandy suggested a meeting of the Executive Board in June
    - It was suggested and generally agreed that it should be a day-long meeting
    - It was suggested and generally agreed that we should have it near Olympia to make it easier for Vice-Chair Nathe Lawver to attend
    - It was generally agreed that a date should be tentatively set by the end of the week.
  - The next conference call was scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd at 8 PM

5. **Good of the Order**

- Meeting was adjourned