

**Benton County Reorganization Meeting
December 1st, 2018
4:00PM
Benton County P.U.D., Kennewick, WA**

Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order by Chair 4:08pm
2. Roll Call of Voting Members
3. Adoption of the Rules MOVED/2ND PASSED
4. Adoption of the Agenda† MOVED/2ND PASSED
5. Overview of Election Process
6. Election of Initial Officers†
 - a. Chair, Judith Johannesen nominated. It was moved to elect by acclamation/2nd, carried.
 - b. Vice Chair, Stan Moon nominated. It was moved to elect by acclamation/2nd, carried.
 - c. State Committee Member 1, Kate Moran nominated. It was moved to elect by acclamation/2nd, carried.
 - d. State Committeeman, Jay Clough nominated. It was moved to elect by acclamation/2nd, carried.
7. Election of Additional Officers
 - a. Treasurer, Micki McKinley nominated. It was moved to elect by acclamation/2nd, carried.
 - b. Secretary, Kendall Miller nominated. It was moved to elect by acclamation/2nd, carried.

8. New Business

a. The following people have indicated to the PCO Organization co-chair, John Harder, that they are willing to continue to serve in that capacity.

Chair reappoints them.

Christine Grantham, precinct 1420

Laura Molu, precinct 6285

Marjorie Kaspar, precinct 6288

Doug Norby, precinct 2565

Daniel Kernan, precinct 5608

Rhoda Williams, precinct 6185

Missy Keeney Baker, precinct 6215

Alisha Victorine, precinct 6186

Stanley Moon, precinct 6195

Stephen Romero, precinct 6293

Robin Perez, precinct 6315

b. Announcement of next meeting date (Jan 16th, loc TBD)

c. Question from the floor: How were elected PCO's notified about this meeting? (Scott Sterling?) Chair: Two email notifications were sent out to the list of elected PCO's. In addition, an email was sent to the wider email list with information that anyone could run for any office or speak in behalf of candidates. Questioner: I didn't get the notification.

Treasurer/Webmaster: Could you check with me later? We had a problem with your specific email address.

d. Comment: The links in the email for the rules and agenda did not work.

Webmaster: Sorry about the emailed links. The links from the BCDCC webpage are correct and do work.

e. Comment: This meeting was not apparent on the calendar as well.

Webmaster: Reorganization is actually a state-level process. We posted an announcement on the webpage and linked to the state's Facebook event.

f. Question: When will you be appointing new PCO's. Chair: I will be appointing new PCO's at every meeting. You need to be present to be appointed, so work with John Harder.

g. Comment: Thanks to all the folks who ran for office in the last election and for all those who worked for them.

9. Good of the Order

a. Statement by the Chair on hopes for accomplishments in the next 2 years. (Some biographical notes.) We have accomplished a lot in the last 2 years and I want to retain the people, the enthusiasm, and the training and I want to continue to build upon it. We learned that if we register more people, we have more votes for Democrats. We know that if we canvass, we know where the voters are that we need to encourage. If we phonebank, we get more ballots mailed in for our candidates. If we ask folks who have people's welfare in mind to get active, we have more allies carrying the load. We learn that if we open our wallet, even if they are not individually fat wallets, we can fund a campaign without the need for our candidates to be beholden to big money. What can we do about this? We can form teams that move the needle in our region. We can show our residents that this isn't such a red, red region after all and that should involve people how come out as progressive. We can field teams to canvass our precincts and find and register our friends. We can keep up the momentum to grow and continue to show up at state. Most of all, we can be good to each other. We can celebrate our successes and share our lessons-learned. We can connect with other regional organizations, Democrats and also other organizations working for social justice. Our role is to facilitate democracy in our region. I hope to foster that and with the help of a strong executive committee and an organizational body I hope we all achieve that.

Comments by Jay Clough:

In the next year we will have local elections and the year after that will be Federal and State elections. The local elections are a great way to prepare ourselves in our volunteer and voter capacity for the next set of election coming. There will be a number of local candidates who need our support is just the same way that the Federal and State candidates needed in our last election cycle. I wanted to be one of the first person to tell you that we already have people who are considering running for office this next year. We should start supporting them with everything we can do right now.

One of those people is Leo Perales. Leo has run for multiple positions in our local community and at the State level. He hasn't been successful yet.

But, if what happened in the last cycle at the State and Federal level happens at the next cycle, there is no reason that Leo couldn't get elected to the Kennewick City Council. I would ask that we start identifying candidates who might want to take some of the positions that will open up this coming year that maybe aren't so glamorous but are nevertheless important. School Boards, City Councils, and so forth. They build up our bench and skills to prepare them to run for state-wide or eventually, God willing, Federal office when the time comes. So please consider that and please talk to Leo after the meeting to see how you could help him.

Comment by Janie Romine:

I think we need to properly thank Allison Dabler for her work as Chair this past year.

10. Adjournment

+Only PCOs may vote