

Vermont Progressive Party Convention
June 10, 2018

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Anthony Polinia at 1:02. Who made some introductory remarks about our purpose and position with the responsibility that goes with that.
- 2) Candidates did three minutes each to seek the endorsement; David Zuckerman for Lt. Governor; Democratic candidates Halquist, Segel, Elhers; Democratic candidate for US House Frelich. Anthony asked out elected members to stand and introduce themselves and then new candidates.
- 3) Josh introduced the process for the platform adoption and amendments. Amendments will be considered first. CoCo worked with a platform committee to reform the document. The document was considered to be too long and hard to explain door to door. The platform was circulated, amendments suggested some incorporated others to be considered today. Discussion of the process and how we will go about adopting an amended document. The voting process is any Town, County and State Committee Members are eligible to vote. Issues discussed with the notifications of the State Committee dealing with amendments, there are issues. Martha Abbot made a point of order that there is a process that we should stick with, Chair Polina ruled on the point of order that the process will be adhered. Chair reviewed the changes to get acclamation on the non-controversial issues and move on. Discussion of plank 3.; "wild life management and conservation". 4. "contribute to the greater good and. improve our soils. Further" 7. keep the red and the struck language. 8. insert between "preemptive and aggressive". 9. We Believe safe, stable and affordable housing is the right of every Vermonter and will work to end homelessness and housing shortages by supporting increased public resources to create more safe, stable and affordable housing, including rent and capital subsidies and support services. Discussion of the economic preamble section the language agreed Prepended to the subsection labeled "Human Rights" (under Social Justice): We believe it is the responsibility of government to respect, protect and fulfill the human rights of every person. Appended to the subsection labeled "Economy" (under Economic Justice): We believe the economy should be democratically owned and controlled in order to serve the needs of the many, not to make profits for the few. Martha Abbot moved to accept the Platform as amended Carter Neubier second and by acclamation.
- 4) Carter Neubier gave a report on the rebuilding the Progressive movement in the Burlington student ward, the Town of Burlington and the state at large. He and the activists he leads have been meeting students, working with campus groups issue by issue and building coalitions.
- 5) Martha gave a treasurer's report. Mentioned a meeting with Senator Sanders who urged running candidates and the importance of listening to the concerns of angry working people and committed to helping the VPP financially, we are looking at hiring a campaign coordinator. Martha made an appeal for monthly donors and talked about our challenges in raising only non-corporate money.
- 6) Convention broke out into regional work.
- 7) Convention called back into general assembly at 2:55.
- 8) Nominations and endorsements moved forward and process explained. Endorsements need 2/3, nominations need majority>
 - Endorsement of Lt. Governor David Zuckerman, nomination by Susan Hatch Davis, by acclamation.
 - Endorsement of Auditor of Accounts David Hoffer nomination by Jill Charbenoue, by acclamation.
 - Endorsement of US Senator Bernie Sanders by Tanya Vyhovshy by acclamation.

Balloting for the nominations was laid out, must be done by secret paper ballot.

Nomination by Susan Hatch Davis for Lt. Governor David Zuckerman, voting took place.

43 votes for David Zuckerman to none for others. 41 votes for Hoffer, 1 against, 1 blank.

Motion by David Maurer to pass over the motion to endorse for governor, seconded by Paul Fix, discussion of the motion; Emma Mulvaney Stanak requested a paper ballot, more than 6 concurred; vote count as

The endorsement for governor passed over.

9) Johnathan Martin from Boston VPP supporter from outside the state, editor of “Empowering Progressive Third Parties in the United States”. Asking for acceptance of a resolution to encourage and support efforts to establish third progressive parties throughout the US. Made a presentation about the growth of third party and progressive movements and how the time is ripe for this sort of support. Nick has moved the resolution, Susan Hatch Davis second; discussion of the motion; Emma Mulveny Stanak amended the motion to drop the clause “”, question called on the amendment, voting to amend the language 24 to 12 voting; the question called on the original resolution as amended; motion to close debate by voice vote in the affirmative, vote to pass the resolution passed by voice vote.

10) Motion by Adam Norton to adjourn, second by David Maurer, motion approved by acclamation.