

46th Dems General Meeting
June 19, 2008
Olympic View Church

Javier called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM

Sarajane Siegfriedt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Javier urged unity in the coming primary and general elections.

At the State convention in Spokane, seven people from the 46th District were selected to go to the national convention in Denver:

Shanna Sawatzki, Jayron Finan, Gaurab Bansal, Bebe Saluza. Antonio Gonzalez, Liz Beaumont and David McDonald.

Nomination update: Javier summarized the situation from our nominating convention. Gerry Pollet and Scott White are running for the same position. An irregularity occurred with counting the votes in the nomination election. Dwight Pelz and the two candidates agreed on a resolution of the problem. Gerry Pollet remains the nominee of the 46th District organization. As part of the agreement, Javier indicated the general membership would make a dual endorsement of Gerry and Scott.

Javier took questions from the floor.

Javier has the ballots he received the night of the nomination.

Gerry has agreed not to advertise his nomination.

Javier explained the process going forward.

PCOs. Bernadette Laqueur introduced three new PCOs. Alayna Setter. Margy Heldring and Nick Provo were endorsed by acclamation. Bernadette talked about the voter registration campaign for PCOs. On July 26, 27, and 28 literature can be picked up at Sylvia Haven's garage at 10418 12th Ave NE. Bernadette introduced Noah Burgher, who is working on the Coordinated Campaign. Noah can arrange for volunteers to help PCOs walk their precincts.

Javier reviewed the rules for the endorsements.

Motion by John Webber to adopt the rules. Motion seconded.

Motion to amend the rules to allow endorsement of all eligible unopposed candidates in a block vote. Seconded. **Motion** to amend the rules **passed** by voice vote.

Motion to accept the rules, as amended **passed** by voice vote.

Motion made and seconded to suspend the rules to allow dual endorsement in the race between Gerry Pollet and Scott White - House position #1.

Speaker for - John Webber encouraged the group to move forward with the agreement
Speaker against - ethics questions have been raised, and we should not endorse anyone.

Speaker for - the process is working. Move forward.

Speaker against - Janet Miller is concerned that the agreement is not holding up. At the

State Convention, Scott was listed as a nominee, violating the agreement.

Motion to suspend the rules **failed** to make two thirds - 67 to suspend, 34 not to suspend.

Motion to endorse

Jay Inslee
Christine Gregoire,
Jason Osgood
Brian Sonntag,
Peter Goldmark
Mike Kreidler
Phyllis Kenney
Charles Johnson,
Deborah Stevens
Laura Jean Medow

Motion to endorse **passed** by a show of credentials.

Jason Osgood promised to make sure votes cast are counted correctly, he will protect our identity, and get rid of black-box voting machines. Jason talked about campaigning in the 46th District.

Phyllis Kenney assured everyone we will get over our challenges and win elections locally and nationally.

Laura Jean Medow thanked the District for this endorsement and a prior endorsement.

House Position #1.

Scott White and Gerry Pollet were nominated and seconded. Only Scott and Gerry are eligible for endorsement, so nominations were closed.

Scott White spoke on his behalf: He has been sick. Scott spoke to his integrity. He challenged anyone to declare he had lied to the District. Scott has pneumonia, which affected his ability to campaign. He faxed in his withdrawal to the County Elections office. He acknowledged an issue with using a County fax machine, and he acknowledged an issue with the timing. He has started to recover his health. His condition was diagnosed and the treatments are taking effect. He want to move forward as a candidate.

Speaker for Gerry. Jayron Finan says we have two great candidates, but she is supporting Gerry. Gerry worked hard in the caucuses. Jayron is a teacher, and she was impressed when Gerry listened and wanted to genuinely help teachers. Gerry has been fighting for environmental issues for a long time.

Speaker for Scott. Nora van Doren met Scott four years ago. She is impressed with his organizational skills and his ability to connect. We have two good candidates, but she is pulling for Scott.

Speaker for Gerry. Jason Osgood says he wants to "be" Gerry Pollet. Gerry is an activist, who walks the talk. As a candidate you may not speak your mind, but Jason believes Gerry will always speak his mind.

Results of first round: Scott White 49, Gerry Pollet 57 no endorsement 10.

Congressional District # 7

Jim McDermott nominated and seconded. No other nominations.
Dan Wagner knows Jim McDermott. Dan asks Jim McDermott about votes, and Jim never hides anything. Dan doesn't see anyone out there who can represent him better.

David Garcia has known Jim McDermott for a long time. Jim put his career on the line, fought in court for ten years, and paid a big fine. He is a man with integrity, so David supports him.

Motion to endorse Jim McDermott passed 79 - no endorsement 11. **Jim McDermott is endorsed.**

State Treasurer.

Motion to endorse Jim McIntire.
Motion to endorse Chang Mook Sohn

Ken Jacobsen spoke in favor of Jim McIntire.

Results of first round Jim McIntire 88, Chang Mook Sohn 13, no endorsement 1.
Jim McIntire is endorsed.

Motion by Gerry Pollet to suspend the rules and call for dual endorsement in House Position 1. **Motion to suspend** to allow for dual endorsement **passed** by show of credentials.

Motion by Pat Emerson for dual endorsement of Gerry Pollet and Scott White. No discussion. **Motion** for dual endorsement **passed** by show of credentials. Both **Scott White and Gerry Pollet are endorsed.**

Gerry Pollet thanked the District for endorsing him.

Scott White also thanked the District. It's time to come together and talk about the issues, after he finishes his antibiotics.

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Randy Dorn nominated by Ken Jacobsen
Terry Bergeson nominated and seconded.

Speaker for Randy Dorn. Ken described some experiences he has had with Randy Dorn. Ken says Randy can explain issues in simple terms. Randy has a lot of integrity and is very practical. He understands kids.

No speakers for Terry Bergeson.

Results

Randy Dorn - 65
Terry Bergeson - 16
No endorsement - 16

Randy Dorn is endorsed.

State Supreme Court Position 1

Motion to endorse Mary Fairhurst. Seconded. No other nominations.

Speaker in favor. Mary has experience, is fair and highly qualified.

Sarajane Siegfriedt has heard all the judge candidates speak several times. Mary Fairhurst is Sarajane's clear favorite.

Results - Mary Fairhurst 79, no endorsement 12, **Mary Fairhurst is endorsed.**

King County Superior Court Position #1

Motion to endorse Susan Parisienne, seconded.

Motion to endorse Tim Bradshaw, seconded.

Motion to endorse Susan Amini, seconded.

Speaker for Sue Parisienne - Jay Fertig knows Sue. She has two decades of litigation experience, and has a broad range of experience. She has many endorsements, and she is a great person.

Speaker for Tim Bradshaw - Tim has a great reputation, and is exceptionally well qualified. He is an honest person with great integrity.

Speaker for Susan Amini - Phyllis Kenney said Susan is the only candidate with judicial experience, Susan has litigation experience, and experience in immigration law. She would be an excellent judge, and indorsed by many well know public figures. She has the sole endorsement of the King County Labor Council and other organizations.

Speaker for Tim Bradshaw/ Bradshaw prosecuted an arsonist who burned my house.

Speaker for Susan Amini. Susan is endorsed by Gary Locke, Ron Sims, John McKay (former US attorney), Larry Gossett, and other impressive public figures.

Results of the first round

No endorsement 7
Tim Bradshaw 8
Susan Amini 59 (65.6%)
Sue Parisienne 16

Second round results for position #1

No endorsement 1
Sue Parisienne 25
Sue Amini 60

Sue Amini is endorsed.

Superior Court Position #10

Motions made and seconded to endorse Regina Cahan, Jane Buffard, Les

Ponomarchuck

Speaker for Jane Bouffard - qualified and experienced.

Regina Cahan - argued before Supreme Court, and tried very complex cases. Experience in civil law, and judge pro tem, exceptionally qualified, endorsed by many organizations and public figures.

No speaker for Les Ponomarchuck

Speaker for Regina Cahan - endorsed by Phyllis Kenney, too.

Results for Superior Court, Position #10

Les Ponomarchuck 7

Jean Bouffard 7

No endorsement 9

Regina Cahan 62

Regina Cahan is endorsed.

Superior Court Position #22

Nominations made and seconded for Rebecca Graham and Holly Hill

Speaker for Rebecca Graham. Ken Jacobsen says Rebecca has over 20 years experience, she is exceptionally well qualified, she is active in the PTA, and other community groups. She is looking at today, and not the past.

Speaker for Holly Hill - Holly has over 30 years experience with the law from Federal to local courts. She worked on several important cases. She is on the UW Law School faculty.

Speaker for Rebecca Graham - Betty Means says Rebecca has broad and deep perspective that brings compassion to the courtroom. Rebecca coordinates her block watch and emergency preparedness. She prepares and serve meals for women in shelters.

Speaker for Holly Hill - John Grabowski says Holly is fair and gives lawyer the chance to be heard. She looks out for the little guy. That's the kind of person you want on the bench.

Results for position #22

No endorsement 8

Holly Hill 22

Rebecca Graham 60

Rebecca Graham is endorsed.

Superior Court Position #37

Jean Rietschel, Barbara Mack, Nick Corney nominated and seconded.

Speaker for Nick Corney - Ken Jacobsen likes Nick, and has known him for a long time. Nick is very active with trial attorneys. Nick has endorsement from

many organizations, Supreme Court judges and other public figures. He is past President of the trial lawyers association.

Speaker for Barbara Mack - Jill Burton is very enthusiastic about Barbara Mack. She has 22 years experience as a prosecutor. She wants juveniles to get a fair shake. She serve in the Interior Department in the Carter administration.

Speaker for Jean Rietschel - has known Jean for many years. Jean works on behalf of juveniles. She works hard for the underdog, has grown and maintains her enthusiasm. She is working in programs that are alternatives to incarceration. She maintains her integrity.

Speaker for Nick Corney - Nick is endorsed by Phyllis Kenney. Nick lives in the 46th District. Nick is well qualified. Christine Gregoire thinks highly of him.

Speaker for Barbara Mack. In 1972, Barbara started an environmental organization, showing her vision. She works in a drug diversion court. Several LDs have endorsed her, plus the police officers guild.

Speaker for Jean Rietschel. Pat Sumption says Jean was her mentor and a terrific trial attorney. She has been a great trail attorney. Jean is endorsed by many well-known public figures.

Results for Superior Court

Nick Corney 16
Barbara Mack 38
Jean Rietschel 28
No endorsement 5

Results of second round

Jean Rietschel - 28
Barbara Mack - 56

Barbara Mack is endorsed. Barbara thanked the District for endorsing her.

Superior Court Position #53

Nominations for Anne Donelli and Mary Anne Spearman, made and seconded.

Speaker for Mary Anne Spearman - wide range of experience - over 20 -plus years difficult cases, and maintaining fairness and fresh perspective in Municipal, District and now Superior court ... fairness and compassion to look at the humanity of individuals coming into the court.

Speaker for Mary Anne Spearman. Pat Sumption said Mary Anne worked in the Public Defender's office. Pat read a list of endorsements. Mary Anne did a great job as a judge.

Results for position #53

Anne Donelli 1
Mary Anne Spearman - 79

Mary Anne Spearman is endorsed. She expressed her thanks to the District.

Donovan Rivers is running for Congress. He was mentored by Tip O'Neal, Norm Dicks

and Jim McDermott. Donovan played for the Seahawks. He grew up in Detroit. Donovan is 52 years old, and will be elected. Donovan will be the first African American member of Congress from Washington.

Nick Corney lives in the 46th District. He went to Seattle public schools in Ballard. He has been active representing individuals against corporations.

Treasurer's Report. Donna Boysen reported the budget has settled down and we are in a healthy financial condition.

Good of the Order

Gay Pride Parade. Barbara Whitt's truck will be in the parade this year with various Democratic Party organizations.

Announcement about WSDOT meeting on 520 bridge.

Chad - announcement about Northwest Netroots conference in Tacoma, sponsored by the NW Progressive Institute

Gerry Pollet - movie about tri-cities and local issues.

Steve Zemke - announcement about saving trees.

No meeting in July. Special meeting to finish the platform.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher