Meeting Agenda – August 30, 2026
Note Taker: Brittany Vesey
Attendees: Matthew Hutchinson, Brittany Vesey, Bryan Lamble, Cris Mann, Daphne McIntosh, Lauren Filla, Don Fitz, Barb Chicherio, Paul Lehmann, Jay Teutenberg, Kuma/June, Elston, Stan

Absent CC Members: Jerome Bauer

Quorum: Yes

1. Welcome, introductions, and approval of the agenda (2-5 minutes)
   - Don asked that the agenda be sent as an attachment too moving forward.
   - Don proposed a time cap of 9pm. Matthew stated we intend to stop at 830pm.
   - **Agenda accepted with additions.**

2. Agenda for September 2026 – July 2027 (5 minutes)
   a. Facilitator and note taker
      i. Proposing to no longer rotate the facilitator role and to have the chair handle that duty consistently and for the secretary (Brittany) to handle note-taking.
         1. Don asked if this is a decree or a proposal?
         2. Matthew stated that the facilitator and note-taker should be taken as a decree.
         3. Don just thinks we should keep with the rotating facilitator after some months.
         4. Cris feels the same sentiment as Don on the matter. Everyone has their own style, but they need practice at things so they should be afforded the opportunity to do so.
         5. Lauren commented that people should get that kind of practice in their local meetings instead of in the state meeting so we can keep it orderly and timely.
         6. Paul commented that when he was asked to be chair that he had suggested that the chair should be the facilitator of the meetings for continuity's sake, but that was soundly put down. All this to say is that this has been an ongoing point of contention.
      ii. There were some that disagreed with this, but it was decided to let the next few CC meetings follow this format, and the facilitator rotation will be revisited in the future.
   b. Chapter reports and coordinator reports

i. These will be skipped for this meeting alone due to the resolutions being discussed tonight.
ii. The Chair proposed that chapter reports not be shared during the CC meetings from now, until July 2027 to keep the CC meetings succinct.
    1. Don objects to not having the chapter reports during the CC meeting.
    2. Bryan looked over the bylaws to get the wording correct on what is permitted on changing the meeting format and if the CC needs to decide on this. He is of the opinion that the rotating facilitator was in essence a good idea but the execution was not. He says that it makes sense for the first few meetings to let Matthew main-line that job until we get things settled.
    3. Bryan moved to bring up the question, and Lauren seconded, to cut off debate and move forward.
    4. Cris suggested we table this; to let Matthew facilitate and Brittany take notes for the next three meetings and to revisit the issue afterwards.

c. Quarterly cc meetings (Bryan)

Bryan asked if he could add a subpoint to this section, specifically biannual and tri-annual membership meetings.

Coordinator reports will stay part of the ongoing agenda. Continue to create those reports and send them to Brittany to her personal email address. Jay stated that the email system (mxroute) is separate from Nationbuilder.

Paul asked when the CC decided to not have the Chapter reports during the state CC meeting. Matthew stated that this is what Bryan will discuss. Bryan stated that this idea came about as a means to try to save time in the CC meetings. The idea is to have those chapter reports shared in CC meetings happening tri-annually, where those would be focused on people's actions in their local chapters.

Lauren stated that currently the CC meetings spend a lot of time on those Chapter reports and not enough on actionable items.

Paul says we did not, as a group, decide to suspend the Chapter Reports from the CC meeting and we should follow the usual process.

Elston supported Paul's statement that we should follow the process as normal, draw up a proposal and vote on it.

Barb agrees with Elston. We have a lot to cover but the decision on how the meetings will go, should be decided by the coordinating committee.

Brittany asked who makes the decision of how the state cc operates, people on the call or the actual CC officers? Matthew said it is the CC. Bryan says the CC can make the decision in-between the meetings.

Cris believes it would be a mistake to minimize the role of the local chapter, as it is the connection with people. She does not want to spend so much time in writing reports as it feels like work. She thinks the Chapter reports are valuable.

Lauren reiterated that this is an ongoing conversation that she feels this should be moved forward. Springfield chapter was lost because they wanted coordinated action that we all have a part in, and that, she feels is why we lost them.

Kuma agrees with the point Lauren made and said even with the chapter reports, they are not sure what the state is doing to progress forward.

Paul agrees with Lauren, and adds that the CC has not really fulfilled some very important things that can only be done statewide. Such as having a presence at the state legislature and making resolutions.

Brittany raised a motion to suspend debate and it was seconded by Bryan. Cris opposed the question being called. It goes to a vote on whether to spend less time on the Chapter reports in the CC meetings.

Bryan moved to table this issue, Brittany second
Brittany, bryan, lauren, bryan voted in favor.

Bryan proposes that we have more than one state meeting in a year because we often leave big ticket items to be worked on by the CC after that one annual meeting. I think this will engage the membership even more. Jay and Kuma agreed with this in the Zoom comments.

Paul thinks this is a good idea, but the bylaws have a provision that if we need a special meeting, someone in a Chapter can call one. In his experience those meetings have become meaningless but he suggests we keep with our present system but be more diligent about calling those special meetings.

Kuma likes the idea of more state meetings. Lauren agreed with Bryan’s idea. She remembers one CC meeting where they had a new member attend but there was no opportunity for them to participate because most of the meeting was spent on Chapter reports.

Paul did not think to characterize the meeting as such, in that people are being deprived to express themselves. Lauren stated that there is no space offered to people to plug in to work with the state party. Kuma thinks having a meeting where people can meet each other, would be more effective. Don says that he thinks this proposal might drown people in meetings. His suggestion is that people join a committee to get involved.

Elston supports the idea of another state meeting besides the one annual. This is a new leadership and this is the way they are saying they want to go. Well there is a reason why we have new leadership, and they may make mistakes, and we'll be there to help them, but I don't think we should constantly tell them they're wrong.

Kuma pointed out that we may have all these meetings, but that they joined because someone met them where they are and got them involved. If these current meetings are available for people to join, then why doesn't the attendance numbers show that? Which is why Bryan's idea of having more than one state meeting in a year, appeals to them, because it's an opportunity for people to know us.

Cris gave feedback that when she was the outreach chair that they would be responsible for emailing members every month. The point made at the state meeting weeks ago, was that some of the established duties of the chair have not had the chance to be carried out yet. She agrees with the point Paul made that we already have the ability to call special meetings.

Bryan moved to table this until the next meeting. Brittany seconded this. No opposition.

3. Treasurer's report (Lauren)
    a. Lauren is aware of reimbursement requests and said she would process it after the CC was briefed. She says in the future that these kinds of expenses should be shared with the CC prior to them being made. For example, printing of documents could have been done at a much cheaper or free cost by someone else.
    b. NationBuilder renewal is coming up due this month. If we want a month extension, it would be $284.
    c. Paul asked if the books kept by the treasurer will be changed. Lauren says they are not and showed the spreadsheet of the Chapter's finances. It is not mixed in with non-financial information.

4. Resolutions from MOGP Annual Meeting (20 minutes each)
    a. Nation Builder replacement and establishing Transition Committee
    Brittany proposed to move this issue up the agenda.

Brittany, Bryan, James, Matthew, Jay volunteered to work on the transition committee to view those lists and clean them up for the import. Sundance will volunteer from Greens KC. Lauren said that people from the Finance committee are willing to help in the effort. Cris said we should ask the chapters to look at their lists to see if there are people they want to keep. Bryan wanted to ensure everyone knows no data will be trashed, it will be quality checked but nothing will be erased while we upload the other data to Spark CiviCRM.

Cris says that Alyx brought over a backup drive.

Brittany will email the volunteers to get rolling on the work.

Paul suggests to the committee that the treasury be separate independent setup, but that the treasurer keeps track of the members, donations, and to send the reports out each time that a person's membership is due in a personable way so that people are not intimidated by a cold call. He suggests Lauren set up a separate accounting method with a spreadsheet to track membership.

Matthew made a motion to table the resolutions, move to Paul's new business for the night. Brittany seconded. Kuma opposed tabling the resolutions due to Palestine being time-sensitive. Bryan stated that non-CC members's opposition cannot delay the procession of tabling. Bryan echoed Elston's earlier comments about the new leadership having the right to operate as they desire. Propose tabling the remaining resolutions until the next meeting. Seconded by Brittany. No opposition.

Don proposed adding to next month's agenda about losing Springfield as a Chapter. Bryan provided context about the situation to Paul. Paul suggested speaking to Kevin to not suspend, but to hibernate as a Chapter. Matthew believes it would be better to suspend. The remaining three resolutions have been tabled.

b. Palestine
c. Killing of Cuban Infants
d. Rebuild MOGP and establishing Outreach Committee

5. New Business (Paul)

e. Paul proposed adding language to the existing state platform about making medical savings accounts (MSA & HSA) accessible to all people with no restrictions. He suggests that the Green Party advocate for this.
    i. Request for clarification if this is for the next state meeting or if this is already in the existing party platform
    ii. Brittany suggest it should be delayed to allow research on that.
    iii. Lauren says MOGP's position is to advocate for national approved single-payer, medicare for all healthcare. I think it is too critical to try to focus on improving the privatized healthcare entities, but instead it would be better to push for the nationalized healthcare system.
    iv. Matthew made a motion to table this until the next meeting, seconded by Lauren, and no opposition.

Matthew stated we will pick back up on chapter and coordinator reports, and the remaining resolutions, as well as the topic brought up by Paul in the next meeting.

Lauren asked if we can vote now to add the one extra month if needed? Lauren made this motion. Brittany seconded it. No opposition. Brittany will notify Lauren if the extra month is needed. Paul wondered the need for it. Matthew said this is just in case there is unforseen delay in the transition. Don says he trust the transition's judgement in this that they will not be wasteful and will be wise in getting the work done.

Elston says that as a senior sometimes we can get on our own nerves, but asks for grace.

Kuma made known that they took issue with how Don handled himself during the financial report. Don contested this and said they tried to resolve the issue before the meeting, but it didn't happen in the way he thought it would.

Paul requested that the zoom be made available after the meeting for Cris, Elston, Don and he to speak on personal issues. The chair did not consent to this.

Cris would like to ask that we learn to trust one another, and try not to jump to conclusions.

6. Set next CC meeting (5 minutes)
    a. Date: 9/20/26
    b. Time: 7PM