



COUNCIL OF GEORGIST ORGANIZATIONS

A Coalition for Economic Justice

2021 Annual Membership Business Meeting
Saturday, June 19, 2021

MINUTES

The Meeting was held via Zoom Technology starting at 2PM Eastern Daylight Time.

All Members and Affiliates in good standing were invited. Members had a voice and a vote. Affiliates had a voice but not a vote. No person could represent (cast votes for) more than two Members (including themselves).

AGENDA as previously promulgated

1. Call to Order [scheduled for 2:00 PM]
2. Approval of Credentials & Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda (action item):
4. 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval (action item)
5. Presentation & Approval of 2020 Treasurer's Report
- 6 Old Business (8 mins)
 - A. Annual report on 2021 activities - President & Administrator
 - B. Announcement of 2021-2024 Officers
 - C. Other (if any)
7. New Business - action items (60 mins)
 - A. Election of 3 new At-Large members of the CGO Executive Committee
 - B. Resolution concerning the 2022 Conference
 - C. Which Slogan/Sub-title should be the Council's preferred?
8. At Large Elections Results (2 mins)
9. Announcement & Presentation of Economic Justice Award Winners
10. Open Discussion (if not behind schedule)
11. Adjournment [scheduled for 3:45 PM]

ACTUAL PROCEEDINGS

1. Call to Order

At 2:04 PM, by the outgoing President, Dan Sullivan.

2. Approval of Credentials & Roll Call:

Roll Call of members, affiliates, guests by the Administrator, Sue Walton.

Present:

Organizational Voting Members (and their representatives): 15

AFFEERCE (Jeff Graubart)

AJES - American Journal of Economics & Sociology (Ted Gwartney, CGO Vice- President, and President-elect))

BCC - Better Cities Committee (Sue Walton, CGO Administrator)

CG-CA – Common Ground-USA-California Chapter (Mary Rose Kaczorowski)

EI - Earthrights Institute (Alanna Hartzok)

ESA - Earth-Sharing Associates (Mark Sullivan, CGO Executive Committee member, and Secretary-elect)

HGI - Henry George Institute (Nicholas Rosen, CGO Executive Committee member)

HGS-C Henry George School-Chicago (Chuck Metalitz)

HGSSS - Henry George School of Social Science, New York (Gil Herman)

IU - International Union for Land-Value Taxation (Alanna Hartzok)

MGA - Millennial Georgist Alliance (Nate Blair, outgoing CGO Secretary)

PREC - Public Revenue Education Council (Scott Walton, CGO Staff)

RSF - Robert Schalkenbach Foundation (Gib Halverson)

SC - Saving Communities (Dan Sullivan, CGO President, and Vice-President-elect)

SCI - School of Cooperative Individualism (Ed Dodson)

Individual Voting Members: 10

Ted Gwartney (CGO Vice-President, and President-elect)

Gib Halverson

Dave Jassalds (CGO Executive Committee member)

Al Katzenberger (CGO Treasurer)

Adam Kerman (present by proxy held by Sue Walton)

Wayne Luney

Chuck Metalitz

Nadine Stoner

Mark Sullivan (CGO Executive Committee member, and Secretary-elect)

Osamu Uehara

Non-voting Affiliates:

Bill Batt

Lathleen Cummings

Economic Justice Awardees:

Suezanne Honsl

Dirk Löhr

CGO Staff Members:

Scott Walton

Sue Walton (Administrator)

Note to Minutes:

Voting Members/Representatives present, shown in personal alphabetical order:

Nate Blair (1 vote: MGA)
Ed Dodson (1 vote: SCI)
Jeff Graubart (1 vote: AFFEERCE)
Ted Gwartney (2 votes: self & AJES)
Alanna Hartzok (2 vote: EI& IU)
Gib Halverson (2 votes: self & RSF)
Gil Herman (1 vote: HGSSS)
Dave Jassalds (1 vote: self)
Mary Rose Kaczorowski (1 vote: CG-CA)
Al Katzenberger (1 vote: self)
Adam Kerman (present by proxy held by Sue Walton)
Wayne Luney (1 vote: self)
Chuck Metalitz (2 votes: self & HGS-C)
Nicholas Rosen (1 vote: HGI)
Nadine Stoner (1 vote: self)
Dan Sullivan (1 vote: SC)
Mark Sullivan (2 votes: self & ESA)
Osamu Uehara (1 vote: self)
Scott Walton (1 vote: PREC)
Sue Walton (2 votes: BCC & Adam Kerman)
TOTAL: 25 votes

3. Approval of Agenda (action item):

Katzenberger moved and Better Cities seconded the following:

Amend the Agenda by moving the Economic Justice Awards, shown as Item 9, to before the Approval of the 2020 Annual Minutes (shown as Item 4 in original Agenda).

Without objection, the motion was passed by general consent.

4. Announcement & Presentation of Economic Justice Award Winners

Dan Sullivan announced the 2021 Economic Justice Awardees, as follows:

Unsung Hero: Suzanne Honsl (from Canada),.

Presidential Achievement Award: Dr. Dirk Löhner (from Germany).

Economic Justice Advocate: David Geisen, represented and accepted by Mary Rose Kaczorowski (both from California).

Each recipient gave brief remarks.

5. 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval (action item)

The Administrator presented the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Katzenberger moved and BCC seconded the approval of the Minutes of 2021.

Without objection, the motion was passed by general consent.

6. Presentation & Approval of 2020 Treasurer's Report (action item)

The Treasurer and the Administrator presented and discussed the financial report. ESA moved and Katzenberger seconded the approval of the financial report. Without objection, the motion was passed by general consent.

7. Old Business

A. Annual report on 2021 activities was presented by the President & the Administrator.

B. Announcement of 2021-2024 Officers, as elected by the Members, was made by Nominations Committee Chair Gwartney, as follows:

President Ted Gwartney; Vice-President Dan Sullivan;
Secretary Mark Sullivan; Treasurer Al Katzenberger.

C. Other (there was no other old business)

8. New Business (action items)

Outgoing President Dan Sullivan turned the chair of the meeting to President-elect Gwartney (who would officially take office upon adjournment of the meeting).

A. Election of three Executive Committee members for one year

The Executive Committee consists of seven voting members including the officers elected for three year-terms, plus the remaining seats elected for one year. With seats occupied by four individual officers, three seats were open for one year terms.

Gwartney called for nominations (including self-nominations):

Ed Dodson and Nicholas Rose agreed to serve. Dave Jassals nominated Marty Rowland. Osamu Uehara was named as someone who could be elected if Rowland is not willing to serve.

Katzenberger moved and BCC seconded the following:

CGO Staff is instructed to contact Marty Rowland to see if he agrees to serve on the Executive Committee (as if so, he is thereby elected). If he does not, the Executive Committee is empowered to fill the vacancy.

The motion was passed on a roll-call vote: 23 yes; 2 abstain.

By acclamation, Ed Dodson and Nicholas Rosen were elected to the Executive Committee.

Note to Minutes:

After the meeting, Rowland was duly contacted and agreed to serve on the Executive Committee.

B. Resolution concerning the 2022 Conference

ESA moved and BCC seconded a resolution that had been conveyed in writing to the Members & Affiliates in advance of the meeting, as follows:

RESOLUTION

**Concerning the 2022 CGO Annual Conference and Annual Business Meeting.
Sponsored by Earth-Sharing Associates, and submitted on June 12, 2021.
For action at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting of June 19, 2021.**

Whereas the bylaws of the Council of Georgist Organizations (CGO) requires CGO to hold an annual business meeting in conjunction with an annual conference; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic required CGO to hold its annual conference and annual business meeting via remote Zoom technology in 2020 and 2021; and

Whereas it is hopefully predicted that by the Summer of 2022 the pandemic will no longer be a major factor inhibiting holding large gatherings inperson/on-site; and

Whereas some members of CGO have expressed a desire to meet inperson/on-site in 2022; and

Whereas some members of CGO have expressed a desire to address the vision, purpose, and future of CGO with remote meetings held during the second half of 2021 and first half of 2022; therefore

Be it resolved that the CGO Administration and Executive Committee shall invite input from all members and affiliates, conduct research, and prepare and present to the members and affiliates, via on-line technology (email, Zoom, etc.), one or more viable proposals, pursuant to the input received, for holding the 2022 annual conference and annual business meeting in person/on-site (including any possible on-line "hybrid" component); and

Be it further resolved that the proposal be subject to majority approval by the members voting, with the voting procedure following the guidelines found in the CGO bylaws; and

Be it further resolved that final voting on such proposal shall take place no later than October 16, 2021, unless a majority of the members voting shall have established a new deadline; and

Be it further resolved that if the proposal fails to win final approval as provided above, the 2022 annual conference and annual business meeting shall automatically be authorized to take place via on-line "remote" technology (Zoom, etc.); and

Be it further resolved that a process using on-line technology (email, Zoom, etc.) shall be used to engage the members and affiliates, over the course of

roughly one year leading up to the 2022 annual business meeting, to discuss and discern the vision, purpose, and future of CGO, culminating with appropriate actions that may be taken at the 2022 annual business meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the CGO President shall guide and chair this process directly and/or by delegation.

NOTE ON "MEMBERS" & "AFFILIATES": In the resolution above: "members" refers to both/all organizational and "at-large" individual **voting members**; with organizational members have one voting representative, and individual members "representing" themselves; "affiliates" refers to both/all individual and organizational **non-voting affiliates**. Without distinction between individual and organizational, dues are currently \$50 per member, and \$25 per affiliate. As currently provided in the bylaws, a person (one-self) may represent up to two members (have two votes), but including (not in addition to) one-self if the person is a member. **Bottom line:** Each member has a voice and a vote, and may represent (vote on behalf of) one other member. Each affiliate has a voice, but not a vote.

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After discussion, and without objection, the motion was passed by general consent.

C. Which Slogan/Sub-title should be the Council's preferred?

Dan Sullivan addressed issues surrounding the selection and approval, at the 2019 Annual Meeting, of the CGO slogan/sub-title: "A Coalition for Economic Justice", urging that it be reconsidered.

Katzenberger moved and BCC seconded that the this agenda item be tabled to a future meeting. On a voice vote the motion was passed with one vote in opposition.

9. At Large Elections Results

This agenda item was fulfilled under 8.A., above.

10. Open Discussion (if not behind schedule)

Without objection, this item was rescheduled to take place immediately after adjournment.

11. Adjournment

Without objection, at 3:23 PM, Ted Gwartney adjourned the meeting, and thereby assumed the office of CGO President for 2021-2024. Open Discussion took place until 4:07 PM.

Minutes submitted to the July 16, 2022 Annual CGO Meeting by Secretary Mark A. Sullivan using meeting notes taken by himself and Administrator Sue Walton.