

# Charter Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of the Charter Meeting of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

**Date:** September 21, 2010, 6:00 PM

**Location:** Kewalo Conference Room, Ward Warehouse (2nd Floor) Honolulu Hawai.i

### Attendees:

22 participants in Honolulu:

Fred Cash, Bill South, Kevin Killeen, Bill Sager, Lynn Sager,  
Anthony (Tony) Austin, Thomas Cummings, Mary Guigner, Stepahie Fitzpatrick, Shannon Wood,  
Gary Gill, Regina Mass, William J Mass, Alan Burdick, Randy Ching, John Bickel, Peter Ehrhorn,  
Mike DeWeert, Gary Hooser, Pam DaGrossa, Rafael del Castillo, Christian Adams

### 3 participants on Maui (by telephone):

Lance Holter, Irene Bowie (Maui Tomorrow), & ?

### 3 participants on Kauai (by telephone):

Joseph Figaroa, Michael Hege (?), Ray Taylor

**Fred Cash chaired the meeting**

**Randy Ching recorded the minutes**

1. Fred Cash called meeting to order, recounted the history (10-12 meetings of core group) – draft by-laws are boilerplate (similar to other Democratic Party bylaws). Fred stated that he will NOT be an officer in the Green Caucus.
2. Fred Cash summarized process to attain caucus status. The Central Committee needs to approve of our paperwork as an official caucus. After Approval, we will need two (2) delegates: one male, one female.
3. Floor is given to Bill Mass to review issues (Environmental issues and resolutions) addressed by four subcommittees/ task forces:
  - 1)Energy and Climate
  - 2)Food Security and Sustainability
  - 3)Land, Water, Waste, and Preservation of Species
  - 4)Population Growth, Controlling Development, and Urban RenewalBill also distributed a handout entitled “Environmental Issues Subcommittee,” summarizing his remarks.

After Bill Mass’ spoke, Shannon Wood moved to approve the four issue/task forces, seconded by Alan Burdick. In the discussion: the task forces are to report to the general membership of the caucus, are overseen by the Steering Committee, and task forces are educating the public about the issues and legislation. Motion approved by voice vote.

### 4. Approval of By-laws:

Alan Burdick moved for article-by-article adoption, Bill Mass seconded.

Article One: Adopted by voice vote.

Article Two: Adopted by voice vote.

Article Three: Adopted by voice vote.

Article Four: Adopted by voice vote.

Article Five: Alan Burdick moved for amendment of draft article 5, section 2 —  
Seconded by Bill Sager.

[The amendment changes the provision for additional officers of the Steering Committee to be non-voting advisory members, and strikes language redundant with Article 9]

Motion carries by voice vote.

Mary Guinger proposed amending the number of at-large committee members number from 2 to 3 to insure an odd number of voting steering committee members. Mike DeWeert seconded.

Motion carries by voice vote.

Article Five, as Amended: Adopted.

Article Six: Adopted by voice vote.

Article Seven: Adopted by voice vote.

Article Eight: Adopted by voice vote.

Article Nine: Alan Burdick moved to amend Section 6A [to strike clause allowing notification of Steering Committee members by means other than email]

Bill South Seconded. Voice vote sounded close — Fred called for show of hands. Oahu: 12 yes, 5 no. Neighbor Islands: 5 yes, 1 no.

Motion carries.

Article Nine, as Amended: Adopted.

Article Ten: Shannon Wood moved to change e-mail from “sole” to “primary” means of notice. Lynn Sager seconded.

Voice vote — including 3 ayes on Maui and 3 ayes on Kauai

Motion carries.

Article Ten, as Amended: Adopted.

Article Eleven: Adopted by voice vote.

Proposed by-laws, as amended, adopted.

## **5. Election of Officers/Steering Committee**

Chairman — Gary Hooser by voice vote

Vice Chair — Lynn Sager by voice vote

Secretary — Mike DeWeert by voice vote

Treasurer — Anthony Austin by voice vote

At Large: Discussion on nominating for at-large positions individually, versus all at once, with top 3 being elected.

Alan Burdick moved to nominate for seat #1, seconded by Peter Ehrhorn.

Nominees: Lance Holter, Christian Adams, Mary Guinger, Randy Ching.

Shannon Wood moved to defer selection of at-large positions to later date.

Motion to delay fails on voice vote.

Vote for Steering Committee at large:

Seat #1: Lance: 16, (10 on Oahu, 3 on Maui, 3 on Kauai), Christian 3, Mary 3, Randy 0)

Lance Holter is elected to at-large position #1.

Vote on filling remaining 2 at-large seats by vote immediately, or deferring.

For voting immediately: 12 ayes on Oahu, 11 nays (3 from Maui, 3 from Kauai, 5 from Oahu). Motion to vote immediately to fill seats carries.

Seat #2 Nominees: Mary Guinger – 11 votes (3 on Maui, 8 on Oahu),  
Christian Adams -7 votes, Randy Ching – 3 votes, Bill Mass – 3 votes.  
Mary Guinger is elected to Steering Committee seat #2.

Seat #3 Nominees: Christian Adams – 9 votes, Bill Mass – 4 votes (3 on Oahu, 1 on Maui), Randy  
Ching: 8 votes (3 on Kauai, 2 on Maui, 3 on Oahu).  
Christian Adams is elected to Steering Committee seat #3.

Summary of At-Large Steering committee members:  
Lance Holter, Mary Guinger, Christian Adams.

**6. Fred Cash turns gavel over to Gary Hooser to preside over remainder of meeting.**

**7. Announcements:**

- a. Shannon Woods: North Shore 9/28/10 neighborhood meeting regarding Andy Anderson's proposed development (on public land in Haleiwa).
- b. Alan Burdick asked Green & Labor caucuses to meet regarding candidates
- c. Steering committee agreed to set date for next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at about 8:45 PM.**