

PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS
General Membership Meeting
February 22, 2023

Attendees

Bill Nesheim Chair
Vacant, Vice Chair
Jane Helfrich, Secretary
Vacant, Treasurer
Vacant, Communications Officer
Gunnar Baldwin, Technology Officer

Attendees

Bill Bolton
Sarah Daniels-Campbell
Sebastian Fuentes
Tom Helfrich
John Lappie
Jennifer Legier
Marilyn Lieto
Lou Lieto
Peter Lovett
Maddie McCluskey
Gary McCool
Melanie Nesheim

Stephanie Osborne
Deb Reynolds
John Richards
Martha Richards
Val Scarborough
Sheryl Shirley
Fran Taylor
Tink Taylor
Joyce Weston
Sally Widerstrom
Matt Wilhelm

AGENDA

Prof. John Lappie, PSU
Matt Wilhelm, Legislative Update (Via Zoom)
Sebastian Fuentes RAD
Maddie McCluskey, NHDP Town Caucus Process (via Zoom)
PAD Business Meeting
PAD Elections
Announcements

John Lappie, PSU. Dr. John Lappie, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Plymouth State University. Dr. Lappie's teaching is focused on American politics, public policy, and research methods. Dr. Lappie is also an expert on the New Hampshire Primary; during the 2020 Presidential Primary. Dr. Lappie discussed the current political landscape, youth current aversion to organized politics, and its effect on their involvement in political activity.

Matt Wilhelm, Minority Leader, New Hampshire House of Representatives. (Via Zoom). Mr. Wilhelm provided a brief legislative update and discussed 5 key issues/priorities that are a blueprint for a stronger New Hampshire. Those priorities are 1. Protecting Our Rights and Freedoms; Maintaining Health of Our Communities; Bolstering Public Education; Lowering Costs for Granite Staters; Growing New Hampshire's Economy.

Sebastian Fuentes, Rights and Democracy. Mr. Fuentes is a community activist and advocate. He spoke about his support for climate action, public education, and immigration rights and reform. He is running for a seat on the Rules Committee of the New Hampshire Democratic Party.

Maddie McCluskey, NHDP (via Zoom). Ms. McCluskey shared the steps in the Town Caucus Process informed the group that she will attend the March 22nd meeting in person and to support the PAD towns as they accomplish their respective caucuses. *(Manual on caucus meeting management available from NHDP)*

PAD Business Meeting.

1. Minutes of the monthly PAD General Membership Meetings from April through October were approved.
2. Bill Nesheim resigned as PAD Town Chair.
3. Stephanie Osborne presented the slate of nominees: Chair, Joyce Weston, Vice Chair, Val Scarborough, Treasurer, John Richards. The motion to approve the slate was seconded and approved. The nominees were each elected without opposition.
4. Joyce Weston thanked Bill Nesheim for his service and willingness to continue helping PAD with tech issues, and discussed her goals : to expand PAD membership, bring in young people, provide education via panel discussions and make the meetings more interactive and fun. Joyce also mentioned volunteers needed to re-invigorate both the Visibility and the Hospitality Committees.
5. Martha Richards suggested a Program Committee.
6. Joyce welcomes new ideas, it's a new board, and she asked members to send in their ideas to her.
7. The motion to move remove Dorchester from the PAD town list was seconded and the motion was approved.

No Announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Jane Helfrich
PAD Secretary

