

Council of Georgist Organizations, Inc.
Annual Meeting, Sunday, August 6, 2005
Chestnut Room of the Radisson Warwick Hotel,
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Call to Order: 1:47 PM

Roll call

Present Delegates and Alternates:

Association for Georgist Studies: Polly Cleveland
Banneker Center for Economic Justice: Hanno Beck
Better Cities Committee: Scott Walton
Center for the Study of Economics: Josh Vincent &
Nick Rosen
Common Ground-USA: Nadine Stoner
Earth Rights Institute: Alanna Hartzok
Earth-Sharing Associates: Mark Sullivan & Cay Hehner
Fairhope Single Tax Corp.: Edward Lawrence
Fairness in Taxation: Ernie Kahn
Forum on Geonomics: Jeff Smith
Henry George Foundation of America: John Krom-
kowski & Josh Vincent
Henry George Foundation of Canada: John Fisher
Henry George Institute: Lindy Davies
Henry George School - Chicago: Chuck Metalitz &
Bob Drake
Henry George School - New York: Dan Kryston &
Irving Starer
Henry George School - Philadelphia: Richard Biddle
Henry George School - San Francisco: David Giesen
International Single Tax Association: Pia DeSilva
Labour Land Campaign: Dave Wetzel
Pennsylvania Fair Tax Coalition: Jake Himmelstein
Public Revenue Education Council: Allan Lubin
Robert Schalkenbach Foundation: Ted Gwartney &
Bill Batt

St. Louis Teachers Union: Al Katzenberger
The School of Living: Artie & June Yeatman
Wisconsin Property Owners League: Gib Halverson

Total Members Present: 25

Present Affiliates (non-voting in this capacity):

Wyn Achenbaum, Thomas Ammitzboll-Bach, Herbert
Barry III, Bill Batt, Joe Casey, Lu Cipolloni, Charles
Ellinger, Ted Gwartney, Gil Herman, Marion Sapiro,
Nic Tideman, Artie Yeatman, Greg Young **Total**

Affiliates Present:13

Present Officers (non-voting in this capacity):

President Alanna Hartzok, Vice President Ted Gwart-
ney, Secretary Dan Sullivan, Treasurer Jake Him-
melstein, Advisor Mark Sullivan, Administrator Scott
Walton, Administrator and Recording Secretary Sue
Walton.

Absent Delegates and Alternates:

Centro De Estudio Economica Politica Natural: Carlos
Deltell
CRCT: Frank Peddle & Brendon Hennigan
Den Danske Henry George Forening
Fairhope Single Tax Advocates: Claude Arnold
Global Ecovillage: Phil Hawes
HGF-Australia
SES: Gerry and Gay Shaw
School of Economic Science & Social Philosophy:
Izzy Gliener
Washington State Georgists: Mel Forde
Delegates and Alternates Absent: 7

Absent Affiliates: George Amberg, Clay Berling,
Edward Clarke, Elaine Coons, Steve Cord,* Mario
Cordero, Foundation for Economic Justice, Stanley
Frederiksen, Fernando Gerstein, HGF of Great Britain,
Daniel Gross, Everett Gross, Tax Revolt in Progress,
Al Hartheimer-Affiliate,* Don Hurford, Affiliate,*
Arden Georgist Guild (Rodney Jester), Carl Johnson,
Joe Johnston, Robert & Ruth Kennedy, Harold Kyri-
azi, Lincoln Foundation, Wayne Luney, John Morales-
Affiliate, Floyd Morrow, Heather Remoff,* Steve
Rickard, Center for Public Dialogue, Art Rybeck, Vern
Saunders, Jerry Schleicher,* Prosper Australia, Adele
Wick, Steve Zarlenga
Affiliates Absent: 33

Approval of Agenda

Prepared Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 1 minute
2. Approval of Credentials (Roll Call): 2 minutes
3. Approval of Agenda: 2 minutes
3. Approval of year 2004 Minutes: 5 minutes
4. Approval of 2004 Treasurer's Report: 10 minutes
5. Old Business

6. New Business

Appoint Nominating Committee: 7 minutes

Appoint Bylaw Revision Committee: 7 minutes

Site Selection for 2007: 15 minutes

Appoint Program Committees for '06 & '07: 10 minutes

7. Adjournment

Alanna added:

Suggestions for 2008 conference (5 min) after 2007 discussion

Discussion of how we might organize a CGO ongoing strategy system to build cooperation last item

John Kromkowski added:

Proposed use of a Budget (3 min max)

Proposed use of a timeline (3 min max)

Lindy moved to approve agenda as amended. Approved unanimously

John Kromkowski Moved to approve minutes. Approved unanimously

2004 Treasurers Report

Extended debate occurred about having a six-month treasurer's report, with no motion on the floor. Al Katzenberger moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Approved unanimously.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Nominating committee:

John Kromkowski moved that the organization have three members on the nominating committee.

Mark moved amendment that we elect a three-person nominating committee. Accepted by John as a friendly amendment. Approved unanimously.

Lindy nominates Josh

Josh nominates Lindy

Earnest Kahn Nominates himself.

Mark nominates Pia

John K. moves to close nominations. Mark objects that people have not had a chance to nominate.

Nadine nominates Chuck M.

Jake nominates Nadine (who declined)

No further nominations. Nominations closed.

Vote occurs. Pia, Nick and Cahy Hehner retire to count votes.

Appointment of a bylaws revision committee

John Kromkowski moves that we elect a bylaws committee using the same procedure for the nominating committee. Withdrew motion after discussion. It was

explained that the executive committee had asked the chair to appoint a committee to serve at the call of the chair. Alanna asked for volunteers. Gib, Jake, Lindy, Mark, Josh and John K. Gib suggested that the bylaws committee be visible on the internet to all the members. Mark stipulated that further appointments could be made and Alanna agreed.

Nominating Committee Election Results

Lindy, Josh and Chuck were elected to the nominating committee.

2007 Conference Report

Ted referred to a report previously presented at the conference. He moved that the CGO commence work to facilitate a conference co-hosted by the University of Scranton at Scranton PA, and that the Dulles Airport area be retained as a backup location should arrangements for the 2007 Conference in Scranton be unsuccessful by October 15, 2005, and that the Washington, DC Dulles Airport area be retained as a back-up location should arrangement for the 2007 conference in Scranton be unsuccessful by October 15, 2005. Motion is approved.

2006 Conference Program Committee appointed without objection: Chuck Metalitz and Bob Drake of the Henry George School of Chicago.

2007 Conference Liasons suggested: Bill Batt, Hong Nygen of the University and Denise Prowell of Clarks Summit. No decision is made.

2008 Site Selection Hanno Beck suggests a west coast conference, perhaps in Smithers, BC John Fisher speaks in favor.

Jeff Smith suggests Tacoma WA.

Budgets & Timelines: John Kromkowski withdraws this item from the agenda. Josh urges that timelines be better kept.

Strategy: Hartzok urges better internal communication. Lindy moves to authorize the CGO Executive Committee to contract with its Webmaster, Hanno Beck to put up a Geogist skills bank on the web. Motion carries 15 in favor; 4 opposed.

Pia DeSilva moves and Gib Halverson move to adjourn at 3:33 PM