

General Membership Meeting
Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance
January 9, 2023

Chair Dana Offerman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. There were 31 people at the meeting. New members Julie Wilson and Wanda Gottschalk introduced themselves.

Phone Call with Tricia Sauer: Dana reported to the members that the Board of Directors had a telephone call with Tricia Sauer, the Indivisible coordinator for Arizona. Tricia expects the first 3-6 months of the year to be fairly quiet. The state organization wants to concentrate on community building and reaching out to independent voters during this time.

There is a new national Indivisible guide that can be found on the national website. An informational meeting to discuss it will be held this Thursday. Resources and links for this information is as follows: Indivisible New Guide training: https://indivisible.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M_JpYZhbR6OmjJ8bLCTIXA?_x_zm_rtaid=gbwYJEXwRCW-dqeVrhy_MQ.1673445751011.403262d3ee1081353f3fd4ae746c784d&_x_zm_rhtaid=28
Indivisible First Call to Action link: <https://indivisible.org/resource/demand-your-representative-reject-rules-would-weaken-office-congressional-ethics>

Tricia expects that petitions for a constitutional amendment to support reproductive rights will start circulating in March.

We will plan a new orientation session soon

Kathy Mayer reminded those who live in Juan Ciscomani's Congressional District to contact him regularly to urge him not to vote for a MAGA agenda.

Business for Annual Meeting of Corporation:

Elections:

Dana announced that this is the annual meeting of ITAA. Eileen and Sally explained the procedure. An advisory vote of the associates is to be taken with respect to the Board of Directors' recommendations for officers. Following the explanation, it was moved, seconded, and carried without objection that Dana Offerman serve as chair for 2023 or until a transition takes place. It also was moved, seconded, and carried without objection that Margo Nichols serve as Vice-President and as Treasurer for 2023 or until a transition takes place. With this vote, the advisory vote ratified the Board's recommendations.

Goals

Dana then announced that the Board also had certain goals that they were recommending for the organization for 2023. The first is voter registration. Jan Counts has been coordinating voter registration with Field Team 6 which has a good program in place, and she will continue to do so. Joe Smith agreed to continue to coordinate any texting efforts needed for the program

The second goal is the state legislature. Eileen Hollowell and Joe Alexander will co-chair the State committee which is in charge of these efforts. An organizational meeting for this team will be held at 4 p.m. on January 19. A training on Request to Speak (RTS) will be held on January 26 at 5 p.m. Request to Speak is the vehicle by which legislators are contacted on bills by constituents. We get good information on bills from Civic Engagement Beyond Voting and from the Arizona Legislative Report. Eileen emphasized that if you had previously signed up for RTS DO NOT SIGN UP AGAIN. Eileen can assist you with any questions. Here are some resources from the state team:

Link to register for 1/26 at 5pm ITAA RTS training: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvd-6hrjgvHN1mhtB2BqZ5_1dkUTLSy8J3

If you have forgotten your RTS password Do NOT sign up again for RTS. Contact Eileen at locar3@gmail.com and she will help you reset your password.

State Team Meeting 1/19 4:00 https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUudu-tqzIqHNetd6L_pkYKqwHvv2A2Zblu

Civic Engagement Happy Hours Registrations (every Sunday):
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscOCrQDkjH9RoVw483CVr-S1Z-wf_APGQ

The State team will try to focus on a few issues this year. Of particular concern is education where the spending cap needs to be raised as well as election issues. We also will try to follow legislation proposed by the Freedom Caucus which is comprised of extreme right-wing legislators who need to be held accountable for their actions. Thea Chalow pointed out how effective the postcards against Blake Masters were in the 2022 elections and suggested those might be sent to voters who are represented by right-wing legislators so that constituents will know of their bad legislation. Efforts to publicize the bad actions will also be coordinated with the Letters to the Editor and Social Media teams.

Dana reminded us that we also need to let legislators and leaders who do good work know of our approval of their actions

The names of volunteers for the state team were provided to Eileen, and she will send out an email link to the January 19 and January 26 meetings.

The final goal is transition. Dana reminded associates that for the most part, we have had the same leaders since the group formed in 2017. It is time to find new leaders. The current Board members are committed to a smooth transition, but many would like to take a reduced role. To accomplish this goal, Dana will put together a transition team comprised of

three Board members and three people from the general membership. The three Board members will be Dana, Margo and Jan. Dana asked that members who are interested in serving on the transition team contact her by phone (612.518.1210) or email (indivisibleucson@gmail.com). The purpose of the team is to identify new leaders and to assess what the organization has done well in the last six years and what might be improved or changed. It is hope that the transition team will have a report by April.

The Board members have put together job descriptions which include estimates of time needed for the role and will work with those identified for future leadership roles. Eileen pointed out that the national organization has resources to help in transition. The Prescott Indivisible group has gone through three transitions and has a guide. Margo noted that the Prescott group now has a different leader every month.

Dana noted that Jackie Marshall (Jacolyn@comcast.net. & 209-752-8269) has agreed to stay on as Letters to the Editor chair, and that Karen Harris will continue to do social media although she would like to have a co-chair. Contact Karen if you are interested. (919-349-0195 kwharris1979@gmail.com). Positions that will be open include Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, State Team, Postcards, IT (which includes the webpage, Zoom and Mail Chimp), Membership and Co-Secretary. A brief description of roles was given by some of the team leaders.

Beth Smith suggested that we might tap people from other organizations with which we are affiliated to help with some of the technical tasks.

Jackie Marshall reported that the LTE team has 38 members and got 104 letters published in 2022.

Volunteers for serving on the transition team or in a leadership position should contact Dana.

The next meeting will be at 3:30 on February 6 by Zoom. Anyone with suggestions for speakers should contact Dana

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.