

Monday, May 5, 2025, 3:30 p.m. – 68 members in attendance

*The meeting was facilitated by Tina Whitley, and minutes were taken by Jacolyn Marshall.*

Tina Whitley: Welcome

- Asked members to put their names, part of town, and something that brought them joy this week in the Chat; introduced our Steering Committee members and guests for their reports

Jeanne Hardie: Confirmation of our Co-chairs Margrit McIntosh and Amy Gosla

- Confirmation of the Treasurer and Chairs and Co-Chairs is a legal requirement of our ITAA procedural documents
- Co-Chairs Margrit McIntosh and Amy Gosla were approved with a majority vote of 48 members out of the 65 attendees.

Jeanne Hardie: Treasurer's report

- Restricted Funds: Starting Balance: \$ 5,519; Ending Balance: \$ 6,823. We raised over \$1300, \$935 raised through Act Blue, minus \$100 in expenses
- Non-restricted Funds: Starting Balance: \$ 561; Ending Balance: \$561. These funds can be used for postcards and other partisan events.

Amy Gosla: Events committee updates

- Goals of the 12-member group include uniting with other organizations such as Democracy Unites and Veterans for Peace in protesting and tabling events
- Announced Peacekeeper training on Saturday, May 10; LD18 Ciscomani demonstration on May 15 at 9:00 am.
- Announced FB group has 777 members and BlueSky has 3000 followers
- A small group meeting with Senator Gallego's staff was held; Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> five people will meet with Senator Kelly
- ITAA is on board for the No Kings Day event June 14<sup>th</sup> Details will be provided soon.

Deena Angeley: Membership updates

- Membership count is now 2017 with new sign-ups still coming in.
- Due to such a large membership, in-person gatherings and neighborhood events are being planned to keep us connected and motivated. Interested in helping? Email us ([ITAAMembership@proton.me](mailto:ITAAMembership@proton.me)).
- Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> will be our next in-person event; details will be posted on our FB page and in the weekly email announcements.

Joe Alexander: State Committee

- Marlene hosted an event at Beyond Bread in April to contact our representatives on the ESA/voucher program; 7 people made 25 phone calls; their success warrants replicating
- Announced Zoom meeting May 13 to take stock of the legislative and budget actions
- We need to contact our legislators to vote NO on the 123 authority that is now linked to our Land and Trust money.

Shari Plapp, the head of the Postcards team, was not available to present, but her report was posted in the chat and summarized by Margrit. Here are some highlights:

- Our goal is to help with the upcoming CD-07 special election with postcards that highlight dates and have a QR code.
- Message to be determined: Medicaid/SNAP cuts or national impact of ESA vouchers on public schools
- I reached out to 5 other Indivisible groups covering CD-07; Rio Rico and Nogales Indivisible have responded.
- I contacted FT6 (Field Team 6) for appropriate scripts (see above) and for addresses for likely democrats.
- I emailed Gabriella Cazares-Kelly, who is a founding member of Tohono O'odham Indivisible, NE Arizona Democrats, and AZ Native Democrats for help with Native American community outreach and messaging.

Guest Lisa Vaughn: Boycott and Build concept

- Resisting is not enough; we must start organizing now for the 2026 election
- Sustained boycotts are an effective tool for activism; Amazon boycott begins May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Building a bipartisan movement begins with demonstrations and donations to those who are fighting for us; Kris Mayes is doing a tremendous job suing the Trump administration
- Encourage donation and lobbying our politicians to build a better economy
- Interested in joining us? Put your information in the Chat for an invitation to our May meeting
- BoycottBuildITAA.pdf - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1prFtD1IcI\\_4j\\_YUG5hKjwmKr3sj2Y31-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1prFtD1IcI_4j_YUG5hKjwmKr3sj2Y31-/view?usp=sharing)

Jacolyn Marshall: Letters to the Editor updates

- 52 Letters have been published in the Arizona Daily Star this year, an average of 3 letters per week
- Each letter has been amplified on our FB page and website, on BlueSky, and shared with our State Indivisible team. We are truth-sayers combatting a sea of lies.
- We are looking for new voices and viewpoints; email me at [Jacolyn@comcast.net](mailto:Jacolyn@comcast.net) to join us.

Jim Lewison & Bernadette Ruiz: Ciscomani team

- The team consists of 6 subgroups focusing on various issues such as Jim's Election Policy group that is doing a deep dive into voter turnout look for the weak spots we must address
- Bernadette's Candidate Research group focuses on Ciscomani's voting record and who's running against him; Activate America tracks 18 districts in the country and deems CD-6 flippable.
- Event planning is underway to get our messaging out there.
- We currently do not have a leader for media communications if any of you are interested.

Tricia Sauer: Arizona Indivisible Director

- There are between 30-60 Invisible groups throughout Arizona, especially in Southern Arizona
- AZ-07 – we will be following the race and will endorse a candidate

Tricia Sauer: Arizona Indivisible Director continued

- ITAA Steering Committee leads are invited to join us at 11:00 am on Thursdays. See the link in the Chat or contact Jeanne for the link.
- ITAA covers most of AZ-06 and AZ-07
- Every Thursday, noon AZ time, Co-Founders of Indivisible Leah and Ezra speak on zoom about the latest news, upcoming actions, etc. You can listen in from anywhere:  
<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/773746/>

Ruby Hoag: We want your ideas for future speakers who will address the issues that concern you. Send an email to [indivisibleucson@proton.me](mailto:indivisibleucson@proton.me).

The meeting chat is attached as a plain text file.

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The next Monthly General Meeting will be on Monday June 2, at 6:30 p.m.