

Amador County Democratic Central Committee

August 3, 2026

Minutes

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Set Quorum

Members: Gail Sweet, Mari Galino, Robert Dalton, Lynne Standard-Nightengale, Steve Christensen, MarySue Bizzarri, Maurice Bizzarri, Christopher Taylor, Amanda Aikawa, John Ellison, Christeen Ferree

Zoom Members: Jill and Martijn Fenaux, Brian Jobson, Elizabeth McCulloch, Barry Wadsworth

Quorum set with four of five districts represented. All officers with the exception of Lori Jagoda present.

2. Public Comment for matters not on agenda:

Amanda Aikawa informed us about a situation at Sutter Hospital involving a co-worker who is from Brazil. She lives here with her husband who is an American citizen and an active member in the Reserves. Amanda said her co-worker had applied for residency around 2022 or 2023. USCIS came to her home unannounced. She had an active work permit which has now been rescinded and she has been terminated. Her coworkers have established a Go Fund Me account. The family does have an attorney and are actively trying to find a solution. There was a lot of discussion about possible agencies that may be able to provide help.

3. Approval of Agenda: M/S Gail Sweet/Lynne Standard-Nightengale-approved

4. Approval of Minutes: M/S Lynne Standard-Nightengale/MarySue Bizzarri with amendments (corrections were to add language of the resolution)-approved

5. Treasurers Report: MarySue and Steve have opened the new bank account with El Dorado Savings. Our current cash balance is approximately \$4,900.00. Elizabeth inquired about if the P.O. Box in Sutter Creek was corrected for Act Blue matters. MarySue said it was in process. Lynne Standard-Nightengale explained why we need two accounts one is for State funds and one is for Federal funds. Bob Dalton inquired about having a General Fund which is not needed because we are not a governmental agency. MarySue Bizzarri stated that she had paid for a few things using her personal money and that she would seek reimbursement. It was recommended that she submit an invoice providing the details pertinent to the reimbursement request for ACDCC records.

6. New Business

Discussion of Amador County Fair booth: Mari Galino reported that the fair booth was visited by approximately 495 people. 99.9% of them were positive and thankful to see the Amador Democrats booth. Approximately \$209.00 was donated (still waiting for some of the donations to be submitted to MarySue). 19 people provided their contact info requesting more information about ACDCC and our social group meetings/gatherings. Barry Wadsworth mentioned that several people inquired about what our position is on fire insurance and

suggested that it might be good to have a written position shared with all members and perhaps information on Frequently Asked Questions, so the booth members know how to respond.

Discussion of Prop 40 (Billionaire Tax Act)

Amanda Aikawa reported that CA Democratic Party has endorsed Prop. 40. She did note that Governor Newsom and Xavier Becerra oppose it. Prop. 40 proposes a onetime 5% tax on billionaires based on all their assets. She stated that her union is one of the sponsors of Prop. 40 and she wondered about possible collaboration. Estimated revenue about 1 trillion dollars. She will have more information regarding phone banking and canvassing at the next meeting.

Discussion of State Democratic recommendations of Props for 2026

Steve Christensen reported on various propositions and what CA Democratic Party is recommending. Prop 3 Maintains School Funding.... Support, Prop 38 Funds Medical Research for various diseases....-Support, Prop 43 Makes it harder for voters to fund local services, instead of a simple majority two thirds supermajority would be required...-Oppose, Prop. 44 Requires clinics to spend more on patient services instead of administration...Oppose, Prop. 45 Would set deadlines for the decision to approve or deny some construction projects.... Oppose, There was a lot of discussion about the various proposition recommendations via zoom participants and members in attendance.

7. Old Business

Update Data Center-Biomass plant

Maurice Bizzarri reported that Bio Maps has taken down their five-minute video. Per Maurice it will take at least 1 billion dollars to do what they're trying to do with this plant. They do not seem to have the capital currently. Foothill Conservancy is closely monitoring this project. The developer, New York Green Cloud is utilizing the current permit to operate the plant with plans to convert it to new technology later. They do have a competent person in charge of the design. Barry Wadsworth expressed concerns about the number of trucks that would be transporting materials daily on a two-lane county road. There was a lot of discussion about this matter, Maurice will continue to monitor and report back to ACDCC.

Report from Finance Committee Tabled to our next meeting on 9/14/26

Social Media Committee-FB, BlueSky, and web page Tabled to our next meeting on 9/14/26

Discuss formation of Audit Committee Tabled to our next meeting on 9/14/26

Postcard writing to replace rally and club meeting Instead of our social club meeting and rally we will encourage interested parties to attend a postcard writing event in support of Michael Masuda to be held on Saturday, 8/8 at the Drytown Social Club. In appreciation of the host participants are encouraged to purchase lunch and/or a beverage.

Insurance Commissioner MarySue spoke about the two candidates. She recommended supporting Ben Allen rather than Jane Kim.

8. Announcements

August 8th discussion of potential members to support to the Amador County Fair Board

There was some discussion about Matt Toma, Jim Guidi and Ms. Karschner's interest in being endorsed. No action was taken rather this matter will be continued at our next meeting on 9/14/26. Steve to follow up with Jamie Lubenko and Rich Hoffman as to whom they suggest.

9. Miscellaneous The next meeting will be held on 9/14/26 due to the Labor Day holiday on 9/7/26.

10. Adjournment -M/S Lynne Standard-Nightengale, Amanda Aikawa- Approved Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.