

## **New Mexicans for Money Out of Politics (NM MOP)**

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### **General Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2018, HEC Building**

There were roughly 26 attendees. There were 3 new people under 40.

Minutes taken by Hannah Burling

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Berlin. Hannah Burling gave a short talk on what nonpartisan means.

Bruce announced that NM MOP has incorporated, filed for 501(c)3 status and is in the middle of updating and revising our brochure with the new logo. There is now a board of directors. The mayoral forum will be taking place in February at the HEC building [later changed to Santa Fe Community College]. The forum is definite; the date is not, at this time.

NM MOP is holding a spring coalition conference: "Leveling the Playing Field". There are two speakers, Vicky Harrison of Common Cause and Doug Nickle from Dare To Be United.

John House asked Bruce Berlin to make an announcement about the upcoming meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment Committee on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at downtown library.

Hannah gave a brief Issues Committee Report. Gabe Hanson mentioned AARP lobbying and tracking current legislation.

Rebecca reported on the survey which is now working draft. Students and members of MOP will be able to administer the survey. There is an end date for completion in May. For statistical efficacy there will need to be a thousand respondents. Candy bars are the most successful tool for attracting respondents. The survey will be administered in all New Mexican cities larger than Las Vegas.

There was a presentation by Rebecca Álvarez and Valerie Stasik on Cognitive Dissonance and effective ways of educating and lobbying for our issues.

Donations of \$136 (\$111 in cash and \$25 in a check for a previous pledge) were collected.

Meeting adjourned.