

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

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### **General Meeting Notes, 5-14-2018, HEC Building**

14 people present

Notes taken by Ishwari Sollohub

Brief introductions

28<sup>th</sup> Amendment Committee report

- We currently have seven AP pledge signers.
- Acknowledgment and thanks were given to volunteers Beth and Bob Detwiler for successfully recruiting Ed Moreno, SF County Commissioner, as a pledge signer; to John House for his success with NM Senator and gubernatorial candidate Joseph Cervantes.
- Co-Chairs met recently to strategize about new directions for the Committee, including an emphasis on working with potential pledge signers on 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment-friendly actions, whether or not they choose to sign the pledge. Also, a new emphasis is being developed on assisting various elected officials in creating local initiatives.
- Planning is currently underway for announcing signers online and on Facebook
- 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment Committee meeting to be scheduled soon

Achieving a Fair Political System conference. Report and discussion.

- Conference breakout session leaders presented brief reports on goals and strategies discussed.
  - Education and Media Initiatives
  - Local Initiatives
  - State Initiatives
  - National Initiatives
  - Movement-Building Initiatives

Tabulation of evaluations from 4-9-18 NM MOP General Meeting were read by Ishwari. Full text is at bottom of these notes\*.

Featured Presentation: Lobbying, by Michele Korri of New Mexico Indivisible Congress, followed by Q and A.

Next General Meeting June 11, 2018

\*Tabulation of evaluations from 4-9-18 NM MOP General Meeting

- We have come a long way in our first year, organizationally, and through growing our membership in Santa Fe area.
- We want to expand into the rest of NM.

- We want to become clearer on our direction, going forward, and continue developing our organizational structure, including more people in the decision-making process.
- Many members have been very committed and active, and achieved a lot.
- We want to get more members to be more active. We need to get better at recruiting, effectively engaging, and retaining more volunteers.
- We want to develop strategy and action plans for local and statewide issues.
- We want to continue and increase our ability to attract diverse members (racially, conservatives, youth, etc.)
- We want to step up our Goal or Issue-related activities, establishing committees for more of our goal areas.
- The quality of our work is good - our presentations, educational efforts and actions have been good, intellectually.
- We want to also develop and increase our emotional, personal messaging, to more successfully attract members, and to more effectively engage volunteers in our goal issues.
- We have had many successful events.
- We want to improve in our ability to plan and develop or events, for example, less stressful timelines.
- We work well together and have communicated well.
- We want to develop even better communications, practically and personally, internally and externally.
- We have achieved some name recognition and presence in the community.
- We want to increase this and to do more PR and publicity. We want to develop better and more comprehensive branding.
- We want to get our events, achievements, and activities covered by local news.
- We are growing relationships with politicians, candidates and other groups.
- We want to increase these interactions and relationships, forging and developing more collaboration and interaction.
- We want to develop ways of interacting, supporting, and engaging with the efforts of candidates and politicians who are working on getting money out of politics. This list includes the NM SOS, as well as all levels of elected officials, from City through County, State and up to federal.
- We need to develop ways to do this within the framework of being a nonpartisan 501c3.

- We want to reinvigorate 28thAmendment Pledge Drive and other efforts of the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment Committee.
- Some Achievements noted:
  - 501c3, Website, Facebook, Meetup, Monthly General Meeting presentations, Mayoral Candidates Forum, several 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment events, 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment language subcommittee work, Outreach Survey, Coalition Conference.