

MDP State Central Committee Update.

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The meeting was held in Traverse city on Saturday August 12. The body engaged in democratic discussion and ultimately voted to take actions that support transparency and improved tools for building membership and winning elections. Two of those actions, brought forward as motions by Michigan for Revolution, were for the creation of two new committees. The motion to create a Technology Committee was referred to the executive committee and the motion to create an Election Dissection committee was discussed, amended, and passed. In Addition to these motions, Michigan for Revolution brought two resolutions to the meeting as well. Both were referred to the Resolutions Committee without challenge. The first resolution is in support of increasing green stewardship in each congressional district and at state level events and functions. The second resolution provides balanced guidance for addressing a range of national security issues, as well as our other domestic needs. This resolution was submitted by Chuck Altman, an active member in many activist groups, including Oakland for Revolution. In addition to these resolutions, another delegate (Lynne Van Ness CD1) brought forth a motion that the MDP adopt the People's Platform. Chairman Dillon suggested this be put forth as a resolution and one member of Michigan for Revolution offered assistance in formatting the documents for submission.

Several delegates asked questions and made comments about the \$500,000 FEC fine. As a result of that discussion, it was revealed that \$100,000 has already been paid from a soft account. The source of that money was not revealed. The MDP is due for an audit by December 2017. When asked if the audit covers ALL accounts, chairman Dillon said that it did. He was also asked if there are other soft accounts and we were told there are not. Questions about the finance committee revealed that they still have not met. Initially, Michigan for Revolution had planned to motion for a full independent audit. After the great democratic discussion and chairman Dillon's statements that all accounts will be audited, including soft accounts, and the results reviewed by the financial committee we decided to forego the motion.

Another concern that arose came from CD13 delegates. This discussion came about during the chairman's report. He reported on three appeals. Two had been denied and one granted. Both of the denied appeals came from CD13. The appellate stated during the meeting the CD chair physically assaulted her when he slammed a door into her as she was trying to gain access to a statutory executive meeting. The appellate stated that there was a police report filed. One delegate asked chairman Dillon what the MDP position is when members put hands on other members. Chairman Dillon did not comment on the position or refer to any policy of the MDP but simply stated that that is a 'law enforcement issue'.

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