

Please note: Everyone, RSVP by 4/17 in re the 4/19 meeting and PLEASE email back confirmation of areas of interest. We need to get our host committees identified as well as outreach, statistical analysis, editorial and publicity.

Platform Steering Meeting March 22, 2007

In attendance:

Rebecca Browning

Nino Gallo

John Hagenbrok

Jonathan Singer

Recap of 4/5/7 Platform Steering Committee agenda/concerns:

- Host committees and scheduling of issues forums.
- Our first Wednesday forum April 11th on education.
- Ways to coordinate program, wordsmith and blog development.
- Publicity.

Program

Again, we spent much of the evening addressing program development. **We have decided to compress the schedule whether or not we move the caucuses up to February.** The June scheduled focus on civil liberties will be split into both the Ethics and Government and the Economic justice and prosperity forums. In the former, it is more relevant to the question of abuse of power and in the latter it is more relevant to the issue of civil rights.

Note that the host committees that form around these issues can and should refine the titles and focus as we go along. Also note that keeping this compressed schedule will give us flexibility should we have any major red flags needing attention after we finish our public forums in October.

The following is the schedule we hope/expect to follow and the names of those who have stepped up to the bat for hosting issues so far:

April: Education with Andrew Romanoff [Rebecca](#)

May: Ethics and government (campaign reform/impeachment/freedom of information/civil liberties) [Rick](#), [Ivan](#)

June: Foreign Policy and National security

July: Conservation/environment [Rick](#), [Ivan](#)

August: Healthcare [John](#), [Rebecca](#), [Pete Dawson \(hopefully\)](#)

September: Immigration [Nino](#)

October: economic justice and prosperity, civil rights [Jonathan](#)

We talked about this **upcoming April 11th forum** as a model, albeit limited, for forums ahead, including the **coordination of blog/program/wordsmith development.**

For this event, Rebecca is asking Andrew Romanoff to suggest what in the '06 platform needs to be included or excluded and what current priorities need to be added. She is also reaching out to Cindy Carlisle, Evie Hudak and Jared Polis to do the same.

Forum Survey: Rushed as we are, Rick will synthesize whatever info from these leaders we can gather by Tuesday. We will end up with a questionnaire with three components that participants will vote up or down for inclusion in the '08 survey and platform. These are:

1. Policy recommendations from the '06 platform
2. Recommendations from Dem leadership and (if we have any) blog input of new items for inclusion now
3. Blank space for participants to suggest items for inclusion.

Platform format: We reviewed the format for 2006 platform to keep in mind what we want host committees to achieve from their efforts before and during monthly forums. The format includes **core Democratic values statements and policy recommendations**, all voted for inclusion by the caucus participants and/or the County Assembly. We need to keep in mind that any of the great recommendations we propose are intended for incorporation in City, County, State and Federal legislation, i.e., we are asking government to act on these recommendations and assuming they can.

IT/Blog: Jonathan will ask Bill Hyde to work with him on updating the blog to include an area for elected official/candidate feedback as well as public input preceding future issues discussions.

Immigration: Nino stressed that many of the issues we will be exploring are of concern for the Latino community, particularly education, healthcare and economic justice. He is reaching out to several leaders in the Latino community before Wednesday's education meeting to invite them to come and to help with the planning for ongoing outreach to this community.

Other Committees: We need to formalize our **outreach committee** ASAP to prepare for the February events that will most likely soon have to be rescheduled for January, if the caucus gets moved up to February. We will also want to get the wheels turning for the **statistical analysis committee**. Jonathan will be doing what he can to muster help for our **publicity** needs.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR APRIL 19:

- Review outcome of 4/11 evening for necessary revision and improvements for upcoming forums.
- Anchor host committee for May and determine its needs
- Report from health and immigration host committees
- Anchor other host committees
- Anchor outreach, editorial/wordsmith and statistical analysis committees and publicity point person/s.
- Break down into sub-committee planning groups
- Other: Please submit any other agenda suggestions by 4/15.

Updated contact list and areas of interest (note, again, that if I have colored interest areas, that is because I am not absolutely sure that someone has agreed to this or if I am just making assumptions—we'll get this right in time. Also, a question mark denotes someone tentative about their involvement) **PLEASE CONFIRM:**

Name	Phone	Committee/s	Host Committees
Rick Blauvelt:	303-516-1274	Editorial/Program	Ethics/Environment
Rebecca: Browning	303-444-2177	Program/Community Outreach	Education/as needed
Alison Burchell	303-499-2717		
Barbara Connors:	303-710-0701 (?)	Editorial only if at all	
Rachel Dane:	720-470-2617	Podcast	
Ken Debow:	303-440-1321	Statistical Analysis	Ethics and Government
Angelique Espinoza:	303-818-2032	Community outreach/Program	Immigration
Judy Feland:	303-444-5008		
Nino Gallo:	303-817-8115	Community outreach/Program	Immigration
Todd Grant:	303-319-9772		
John Hagenbrok:	720-323-9027	Program	Healthcare
Bill Hyde:	303-499-8422	IT	
Diane Johnson	505-779-3343	Community Outreach	
Angie Layton:	303-926-1197		
Ivan Meek:	303-807-3858	Program	Ethics/Environment
Linda Palmer:	303-440-1321	Editorial	
Heather Pauze:	303-875-4448	Statistical Analysis/outreach	
Alan Roberts	303-415-1589 (?)	Statistical Analysis	
Jonathan Singer:	303-875-4727	Statistical/leadership liaison/blog	
Larry Smith:	303-443-3678		
Sam Weaver:	303-545-2563		