

Minutes - April Monthly Meeting

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Time: Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Place: Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse (UUCP), 420 E 2nd St, Moscow, ID

The note taker was Ginny Lohr. These minutes were prepared by Rob Briggs.

CCL National Call (Part 1)

We listened to the first half of the Citizens' Climate Lobby national call featuring Scott Nystrom, economist with Regional Economic Models, Inc. Scott discussed a study of projected impacts of a revenue-neutral carbon tax in California. The study found positive impacts on employment and the California economy. The full study can be found [here](#).

Local Chapter Logistics

Regular Meeting Time - We discussed what would be the best time to hold monthly chapter meetings. CCL recommends that meetings happen during or soon after their national conference call, which takes place the first Saturday of each month with holiday exceptions.

Bertie Weddell agreed to set up a Doodle Poll, which we will be emailing you a link to shortly. If you are not comfortable using the Doodle Poll, please reply to this message and indicate the times at which you expect to normally be available. Here are the options we're considering:

Saturday 10:00 am - noon	(listen to national call live)		
Monday 5:30 - 7:00 pm	(listen to call on your own)		
Monday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	"	"	
Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	"	"	
Wednesday 5:30 - 7:00 pm	"	"	
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	"	"	
Thursday 5:30 - 7:00 pm	"	"	
Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm	"	"	

There has been a suggestion that we serve pizza if we convene at the 5:30 pm time slot.

Regular Meeting Place - We discussed the possibility of holding meetings at some other location than UUCP. CCL advises that the most important attribute of the place you meet is that it be free. UUCP has generously offered use of a space, and the only reason for considering an alternative venue is concern that the general public may infer some political or theological association with UUCP that is unhelpful in broadening CCL participation. Possible alternative locations that were suggested were Jack in the Box, Fireside Grill (Pullman), Pullman Library, other churches, and university spaces that might be available if we had university student group participation.

We agreed to hold the May CCL meeting at UUCP, but to consider a different location should someone identify a viable alternative.

Finances - We discussed ways to handle donations and expenses. Expenses are likely to be low and involve things like posters and printed materials for tabling. Pat Rathmann (an income tax preparer) asserted that it was essential that a formal and transparent accounting process be established for chapter finances. She and Rob Briggs will bring a proposal for opening a chapter bank account to the May meeting.

Banner, Posters, Materials - CCL's web site [<http://citizensclimatelobby.org/>] has designs for banners, posters, and tabling materials under the Resources | Tabling and Outreach tab. There was broad agreement that the group should obtain professionally printed poster(s) and/or banners for tabling and other events. Expected cost would be under \$200. The Tabling task group is to move forward on this. A small initial order (40 each) for CCL tri-fold brochures, postcards to members of congress (MOCs), and cards with information on CCL's weekly introductory cards have already been placed.

CCL Business Cards - A design for CCL business cards is available, and you can have someone at CCL customize the design for you and have them printed locally. (See attachment.) Optionally, the back side of the cards can be printed with information about CCL's weekly introductory calls. Cards (printed two-sides) can be obtained at local print shops, like Allegra Print and Imaging, in small quantities (10+) for about 25¢ a piece.

CCL National Call (Part 2)

We decided not to listen to the second half of the national call. Below is an overview of the content of the remainder of the call.

33:00 - A representative of the Showtime series *Years of Living Dangerously* described the series and its objectives. The film was screened Sunday, April 13 at 7 pm at the Kenworthy in Moscow. Local screenings of subsequent episodes of the nine-part series are planned.

44:50 - A representative from Senator Barbara Boxer's (D-CA) office provided advice on how to maximize the impact of written communications with members of congress.

You can listen to the national calls independently, although CCL asks that you not listen to the calls live except as a group, due to the expense of additional lines for live conference calls. Calls are posted within several hours of the 10:00 - 11:00 am Pacific Saturday time they are recorded. Find past calls here: <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/resources/monthly-conference-calls-and-actions/>.

If you want to download the mp3 file to your computer or smart phone, right click on the time bar and select Save Audio as...

Discussion of CCL Chapter Culture

Rob Briggs offered some comments on how he hoped the chapter would operate and reiterated some important themes that Bill Barron talked about during the Group Start Workshop.

- **Nonpartisan** - CCL is nonpartisan and works to build relationships with elected representatives regardless of party affiliation or position on climate issues. CCL does not endorse candidates, including their own members when they run for office.
- **Welcoming to all political viewpoints** - Although concern about climate has come to be associated with the left side of the political spectrum, it is imperative to CCL's success that it be welcoming to all regardless of political persuasion and that we avoid language that might be viewed as dismissive or disrespectful of anyone.
- **"Flat" organization** - We want to empower our task groups to act autonomously, while encouraging them to share successes and requests for needed assistance at chapter meetings. Please "opt in" to task groups (see below) that are doing work that interests you by emailing the task contact persons. We'll try to keep chapter-wide emails at a low but efficient level.
- **Rotating leads** - Frequently rotating leadership roles in various CCL activities seems like a great way to tap new energy and avoid burnout. We hope that will be the norm.
- **Empowering group members** - One way to empower members of the group is to encourage them to experience new roles that may take them outside of their normal comfort zone. For example, meeting with members of congress or newspaper editorial boards or being on the radio may take some of us outside our comfort zones. Think about inviting others to participate and grow our collective chapter capabilities with each CCL activity.

Getting Organized (Part 2 - Forming Task Groups)

We passed around a sign-up sheet to indicate areas of interest and identified individuals to serve as initial points of contact for each group. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please email the contact person listed for each group.

- Tabling** Initial contact person: Pat Rathmann [patty0727@hotmail.com]
Meeting attendees expressing interest: Mary Dupree, Bob Johnson, Pat Monger, Cary Lindsey, Pat Friel, Jeff Ramsey, Zoe Cooley
There are tabling opportunities on Earth Day (Tuesday, April 22).
- Newspapers/Media** Initial contact person: Al Poplawsky [alpopsky@gmail.com]
Meeting attendees expressing interest: Bob Johnson, Steve Flint (copy editing), Pat Friel, Jim Cooley
We are planning an editorial board meeting with the Moscow-Pullman Daily News in a few weeks.
- Presentations** Initial contact person: Pat Friel [speakfriely@hotmail.com]
Meeting attendees expressing interest: Cary Lindsey, Rachel Clark, Jim Cooley, Al Poplawsky
Activity involves identifying and arranging presentation opportunities and making presentations.
- Outreach** Initial contact person: Jeff Ramsey [jeffra@uidaho.edu]
Meeting attendees expressing interest: Rachel Clark, Zoe Cooley, Rob Briggs

Examples of what this might include: getting CL chapters started in Boise and Spokane, reaching out to area agriculture interests to gain their support for revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend.

Lobbying

Initial contact person: Rob Briggs [rsb@turbonet.com]

Meeting attendees expressing interest: Steve Flint

Sitting down with our very own congress critters is obviously the most fun activity that CCL does.

Announcements

Come to the Citizens Climate Lobby **International Conference June 22-24** in Washington, DC so we can turn up the heat on Congress to cool off the world. There are some "scholarship funds" available. If you think you might want to attend, please contact Rob Briggs.

Years of Living Dangerously - Don't miss this important new series, which will be shown on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 7 pm at the Kenworthy in Moscow.

CCL Book Club - CCL has a [book club](#) that meets once a month on a national conference call to discuss the month's book with its author. The book for April is *Storms of My Grandchildren* by James Hansen. It will be discussed on Sunday, April 27 at 5 pm Pacific. **To participate, call 1-866-642-1665, the enter pass code is 440699#.** Several CCL members own this book, so contact Rob Briggs [rsb@turbonet.com, 509-332-5819] if you can't lay your hands on a copy.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm