



Auburn Area Democratic Club

161 Palm Ave, Suite 8 & 9
Auburn, CA, 95603

AADC E-Board Meeting – Friday, Jan 16, 2026

Officers Present:

President: Cindy Engen,
Vice President: Don Ferguson,
Controller: Judy Gomez,
Secretary: Joan Jernegan

Committee Chairs and Chairs Present:

Membership Co-Chairs: Sandy Floyd and Edlene McKenzie,
Community Engagement Chair: Vacant
Voter Registration Co-Chairs: Gail Bartlow
Communications Chair: Susan Roughgarden
Fundraising Chair: Judy Gomez

Committee Chairs Absent:

Voter Registration Co-Chair: Leslie Moonshine

Guest(s) Present:

None, closed meeting.

I. Call to Order

President: Cindy Engen called the meeting to order at 12:45pm

II: Introduction

Cindy Engen, President, Welcome

III: Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Gail Bartlow moved to accept the December E-board minutes, the motion was seconded. Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

IV: Officer Updates

Controller: Judy Gomez is officially qualified. President Engen has met with Gail and Judy regarding budget and working with Julie. She is also Chair for Fundraising.

President Engen has been getting lots of requests from the field as to ways to use the money and time in our budget. She reported that we first need to understand the budget, before we start making changes to it.

Vice President: Don has volunteered to monitor Coffee and Conversation. He has also volunteered to respond to questions received from info@auburnareademocrats.com. Don proposed adding a “jobs list” or “task needed” to the website to promote more volunteering. Don will follow up on getting a list together and posting it as needed.

Secretary: Joan Jernegan is secretary and is also the back-up for Susan for PCDDC Zoom calls as a liaison.

Treasurer Report: Gail reported that she has circulated the estimated budget for 2026. The EBoard must decide on priorities, and allocate funds to support those priorities. Cindy will review with Judy and present the new proposed budget resented at the February EBoard meeting, and a vote taken to accept and publish. In March the budget will be presented to General Membership meeting for vote to approve.

President: Cindy recommended using Dominos for General Membership Meeting pizzas instead of Old Town to save costs. Cindy proposed starting a member discount card for local businesses for the membership. Dominos has agreed to offer discounts for AADC members. Cindy will work on details and post when finalized. Members are encouraged to ask their favorite local food or coffee places if they would be willing to give AADC discounts in exchange for promoting them.

Preparation for next General Meeting. Speaker is the Managing Editor of The Auburn Journal, Susan Rougharden will introduce him.

V. Committee activities

Communications Committee: Chair Susan Roughgarden reported that she is a delegate to the PCDCC Pre-Endorsement Conference the weekend of Jan 17-18, 2026, and has a vote, as she is the liaison for AADC to that organization.

Susan will ask Emily to put the AADC email address in a more apparent place on the website, perhaps under Resources or Contact us.

Susan proposes that the Google Doc Calendar be circulated to anticipate future volunteer needs.

Susan will order 1,000 additional business cards for AADC, after reviewing prices for front and back printing as an option.

Susan recommended that the AADC Constant Contact account be upgraded from \$42/monthly for one user, to pay a year in advance, at a 15% savings for three users, for a total of \$704/year.

Motion by Cindy Engen to upgrade our Constant Contact account as proposed, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Membership Committee – Chair Sandy reported that 47 members attended our January 2025 General Membership Meeting and 17 guests.

The total AADC Membership now stands at 219 members.

AADC pays for a CANVA application. Only Dorian, Neva and Mollie have access. Access needs to be transferred to current board members.

In 2025 Membership committee used to call with reminders of meetings. Need to start doing it again.

Intend to prepare New Membership 101 handouts for new members.

Discussion as to length of social hour before General Membership meetings. Propose meeting start time remain at 6:30pm, but social time with pizza start at 5:45pm, instead of 5:30pm. Emily to provide notice.

A Membership drive was held in April 2025, very successful. Held raffles, gave away swag, provided food. Susan wrote an article in The Auburn Journal about it. Plan to do it again on April 18th, 2026. Dues are due not later than July 31, or a member is considered a new member. We need to make plans for April raffle at the office.

Edlene brought a suggestion box to be used at the office, Coffee and Conversation and General Membership Meetings.

Voter Registration Committee - Sandy reported that the singing group Voices for Victory is appearing at Sierra College regularly on Tuesdays, during voter registration. The AADC permit with Sierra College currently does not include Voices for Liberty. Discussion about Voices for Victory use of free speech area only to avoid liability.

Fundraising Committee – Cindy and Judy met with Ruth Cox, President of the Lincoln Democrats and got ideas for fundraising there.

Judy proposed ideas for fundraising: Poll worker event coming up. Judy proposed working with Lincoln group to raise money for children's sports. Judy proposed a children's art scholarship. Circle supper conversation areas offered by Carol Koons of SFUU church called social democracy circles training. Judy will contact Carol about speaking to our group in the future. High school outreach/ Judy requested that suggestions be emailed to her. Other ideas- house parties for candidates, Celebrity Chef fundraiser for March, which needs to be promoted in February. Good exposure for AADC.

Judy Gomez presented expenditure request from member, John Otti, to fundraise for Neva Parker, State Assembly candidate for Dist. 5. AADC cannot endorse

individual candidates without approval by the Endorsement Conference. We are already providing her with office space, post carding, canvassing.

Community Engagement - Vacant

VI. Old Business:

It was reported that NorCal Resists could provide a speaker for future General Membership meeting. They provide training to assist immigrant families. Susan Roughgarden will invite them to speak to General Membership Meeting in March.

Preparation for next E-Board. We anticipate we will have guests.

VII. Adjournment:

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.