



Auburn Area Democratic Club General Meeting

Auburn City Hall. The Rose Room
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA, 95603

AADC General Membership Meeting – Thurs., Sept 3, 2026

A quorum being present, President Cindy Engen called the General Membership Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Officers Present:

President: Cindy Engen
Vice President: Don Ferguson
Controller: Emily Gaber
Secretary: Joan Jernegan

Absent:

None

Committee Chairs and Chairs Present:

Membership Co-Chairs: Sandy Floyd and Edlene McKenzie
Community Events Chair: (Vacant)
Communications Chair: Susan Roughgarden
Voter Registration Co-chairs: Gail Bartlow and Leslie Moonshine
Fundraising: (Vacant)

Absent: None

Guest(s) Present: None

II: Introduction

Cindy Engen, President, Welcome

III: Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Barbara Chapman MOVED to accept the Thurs, August 5, 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes. Seconded by Gail Bartlow. Minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

IV. Officer Updates

President- Cindy Engen

AADC business - Presented EBoard members and Committee chairs Reports from:

Cindy Engen, President -

Nominations are Open for Officers (President, VP, Treasurer/Controller and Secretary) for 2027. Must be nominated by November General Membership Meeting, required to be registered to vote in Placer County, and a member of AADC for at least three months.

A new Ad Hoc committee for an Art, Wine and Cheese event is forming, led by Susan Roughgarden.

We have the 11 day Midterm pollworker (Election Aide) event coming up. Gail Reports that we have 35 volunteers to date, of whom 19 are repeats. Leslie Moonshine will schedule staffing for work days.

Don Ferguson, Vice-President - no update.

Emily Gaber, Controller - no update.

Joan Jernegan, Secretary. Reported that she is Scheduling Campaign sign staffing in the AADC office. Mondays, Wednesday, Saturdays from 10am to 1pm, until the end of October.

Membership: Sandy Floyd and Edlene McKenzie, co-chairs

Floyd reported that the AADC membership total in June was 246, however as of today our total membership is only 194. Beginning July 3, dues for 2026-2027 are due. Membership is as little as \$25/year.

Voter Registration Co-chair Gail Bartlow reported that there have been requests for donations from AADC to nine candidates for public office. The EBoard recommends reallocation of \$4100 from other sources in the budget to Local candidates, including \$2,300 from funds set aside for prior outside Treasurer, for a total of approximately \$8,000. The EBoard has already approved spending \$4,100 to eight of the local candidates.

MOTION by Gail Bartlow, 2nd by Barbara Chapman, to spend up to an additional \$4000, for local candidates. Discussion. The monies will be shared equally among the candidates, just under \$1,000 each. The Motion is approved, unanimously.

Voter Registration: Gail Bartlow, co-chair

Gail Bartlow reported that we are registering 28 voters at Sierra College in Rocklin to date this semester. Need lightweight (no cans) food donations for students left in a box in the office.

Gail Bartlow reported that we have 19 returning election aides of the 35 volunteers, to date,, to work at the Vote Center in Auburn for 11 days up to and including the November 3 election.

Communications: Susan Roughgarden, chair

Susan Roughgarden thanked those who wrote Letters to the Editor. Seeking volunteers with journalism, social media, letters to the Editor experience. Encourages subscriptions to the Auburn Journal. The Communications Committee meets on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm.

Community Engagement: No report

Guest Speakers

Dorian Seamster introduces Atticus Zweig

Atticus Zweig attends West Park High School as a senior. He is starting a Democratic Charter Club on campus for students. Intends to expand it to other high school campuses. Desires to get youth involved in politics. Will accept financial donations in the future.

Susan Roughgarden introduces Keith Simmons, who is running for AUSD with Liza Stefani.

Keith Simmons knows Atticus Zweig. Simmons was a school counselor at West Park for more than

15 years. He is a strong leader with administrative experience. He values the teachers. He

made a request for financial donations and community input. keithsimmons4AUSC.com

Susan Roughgarden introduces Dennis Grossman, who is running for Sierra College Trustee.

Dennis Grossman has been recruited by the faculty union to figure out the issues and improve the system.

He has studied ecology, holds three degrees. He wants to translate information into action. He wants to

address the disparity between full time and adjunct faculty. He reports that Sierra College has the

second lowest salaries in the state. There is a disparity between the amount spent on infrastructure

(buildings) and faculty.

Susan Roughgarden demonstrates and explains a new approach to canvassing. Wants to wake up voters to the election through canvassing, phone banking and postcarding.

Speaker **Erik Robb** running for Auburn City Council. Spoke about Auburn as an economic center. Tech operators planning water treatment in Auburn, selling water to data centers. Flock cameras.

Membership Questions

Terry Rodriguez seeks volunteers to canvas and phone bank for Dr. Pan in District 6 on Wed, Sept 16, 2026. Dr. Pan is running against Kevin Kiley.

Adjournment: President Engen adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm