Auburn Area Democratic Club General Meeting

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

AADC General Membership Meeting – Thurs, Oct. 1, 2026

A quorum being present, President Cindy Engen called the General Membership Meeting to order at 6:25pm.

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
Fundraising: (Vacant)

Absent: Leslie Moonshine

Guest(s) Present:

David Lawrenson,Sean Frame, Neva Parker, Kelley Davis,Tricia Caspers, Liza Stefani, Dennis Grossman, Kim Barry.

II: Introduction

Cindy Engen, President, Welcome

III: Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Gail Bartlow MOVED to accept the Thurs, Sept 3, 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes. Seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

IV. Officer Updates

President- Cindy Engen

AADC business - Presented EBoard members :

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.

Sandy Floyd nominated Emily Gaber to be President of AADC in 2027, Gail Bartlow seconded the motion.

Announcement by President Engen of a vote on change by Leslie Moonshine to AADC Bylaws to take place at the regular Nov. 3 meeting regarding the officer position of Controller to become Treasurer instead, Vote to be taken by membership on this issue at November General Membership Meeting.

A Day of Action will be held state-wide to elect Democratic or Nonpartisan candidates to office. Volunteers are requested to sign up on Mobilize. Refreshments will be offered in the early morning and a light lunch midday. Canvassing, postcarding and phone banking.

Don Ferguson, Vice-President - reported that we have had an excellent volunteer response to staffing the office. There are 32 days until the election. He urged everyone to recognize their limits and not do too much.

Emily Gaber, Controller - no update.

Joan Jernegan, Secretary. Reported that she has been scheduling Campaign Sign staffing in the AADC office for Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 1:00 pm until the last week of October.

Membership: Sandy Floyd and Edlene McKenzie, co-chairs
Membership Chair Floyd reported that the AADC membership total is currently 198. Beginning July 3, dues for 2026-2027 are due. Membership is as little as $25/year. She thanked Kurt, Don and Edlene for making telephone calls.

Voter Registration: Gail Bartlow, co-chair
Gail Bartlow reported that we have registered 63 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 AADC has 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 at the polls.

There is also a Placer Plug-in event this coming Saturday, for which volunteers are requested.

Speakers

Cindy Engen Introduces **Ben Allen**, Democratic Endorsed Candidate for California Insurance Commissioner on Zoom

Senator Allen reported that he is serving his third term in the California State Senate, working on consumer protection issues. He is a lifelong Democrat. He represents a big part of the area that was burned and was involved in the California government's response to the Southern California Fires. He is independent from corporations, and takes no money from utilities or insurance companies. He has a real track record of what can be delivered.

He answered questions from the audience.

Community Engagement: No report

Communications: Susan Roughgarden, chair

The Communications committee is 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. Susan introduces the League of Women voters to speak next.

Guest Speakers

Susan Roughgarden introduces Norma Sexton and Karen Engenson from the League of Women Voters to review the California Propositions on the ballot for Nov. 3, 2026.

Adjournment: President Engen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm