

## Meeting Start Time: 1:42 PM

### Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Matt Hughes (NC) for Credentials report

- Good on quorum
- Good on proxies
- Recommend approve SD charter

Charles Myers (WI) motion to accept credentials report

Chris Clevenger-Morris (OH) seconds

Motion approved

## WELCOME SOUTH DAKOTA!

Consent calendar has been accepted

## OFFICER REPORTS

### Josh Harris-Till (OK)

- DNC
  - Chairman Tom Perez DNC communicated this week that he believed that the Executive Committee did not need to meet before the end of the year. He put out a call to cancel the last meeting of 2020.
- Press
  - Speaking slot on Al Jazeera
  - I'm really happy to say that I've been able to get over members in this organization opportunities to speak in National media over 50 times since taking office. To find people I usually go to state President's and ask who they want to reward. So if you want that opportunity make sure you're killing it in your state.
  - Spoke on NPR's 1A, a nationally syndicated talk show that reaches millions of listeners through more than 400 public radio stations across the country. I bring this up to say you should take these opportunities not just to boost your platform but because I got 3 follow up emails from random strangers saying I did a good job and because of so they would be donating to YDA. Put yourself out there more so you can expand the reach of your networks
  - More press releases coming from YDA
  - Identifying opportunities to speak on different news
  - Wanting you to send up the news articles mentioning your chapter so that we can elevate your amazing work on social and the website
- Opportunities
  - I've been working really hard at finding us a great option for YDA merch. I'm in conversation with a Women/Minority union business that may be able to fulfill those

needs. Fingers crossed that we can get this established soon. Justin Conley has some great ideas that I want to get out to you all.

- In conversation with Jesse Wineberry the I-1300 Manuel Ellis Washington Anti-Discrimination Act, named in honor of Manuel "Mannie" Ellis, the innocent, unarmed young 33 year old African American father of two, who was killed by Tacoma Police on March 3, 2020. They would like a National endorsement, but are seeking conversation with the Washington Young Democrats first.
- Internal
  - Maine Young Dems reached out as they are trying to reinvigorate their chapter. They don't have to re-charter because they are still currently chartered with us so I'm connecting with the immaculate Chapter building chairwoman to help them navigate the process.
  - Seamus- Partnership with ballot ready that provided a code to our website, that helped voters:
    - register to vote/check registration
    - return their absentee ballot or find their polling locations
    - research every down-ballot candidate and referendum on their ballot
- Partnerships
  - Grassroots Democrats HQ again. They are hosting daily phone banks that we will be sharing on social media and providing to you via email as they will be providing the information for our signs ups. Always happy to work with this progressive and driven organization.
- International
  - Riccardo Liberatore, I'm a journalist for Open, an online paper that was founded in Italy by well known television anchor and journalist Enrico Mentana. We currently have over 5 million unique users a month.
  - Invited to be a recurring contributor on Triple J Hack which is an amazing news radio show located in Australia and we got a chance to go against the young Republicans on the election results. I like to think just like Joe Biden we won repeatedly.
  - I was given the amazing and undeserved opportunity to moderate an international panel with phenomenal representatives like
  - Speaking with National Action Party
  - Spoke with All African Student Union
- Biden transition team:
  - I'll be having weekly conversations with the Biden transition team and I have tasked our DNC members with helping me in the upcoming discussions.
  - be on the lookout for an upcoming email which will contain a Google doc on what we as YDA thinks the transition teams highest priorities should be.
  - looking to create a task force to meet with the Biden transition team on behalf of YDA. If you would like to be considered for this task for please feel out the form that will be in an upcoming email

### **Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Carrie McFadden (CA)**

- As the two officers who are aging out after this biennium and thus not running for anything at the Convention, Rebecca and I are part of the Convention Committee. We are still hoping and planning for it to be in person but FYI if there is still a COVID-19 state of emergency declared at any level of government (state, local and/or federal) then we are off the hook for the convention. The Convention will be held at the Westin Downtown Cincinnati -- a UNION hotel! Convention will take place from Wednesday, August 11 - Saturday, August 14. We negotiated a room rate of \$109/night, and our attrition rate was negotiated down to 70% with the understanding that folks will still not be able to or want to travel if we are able to meet in person. The Convention host committee is made up of folks from Ohio, folks from Kentucky, and a few other YDA leaders. We've already kicked off the planning and have formed 4 subcommittees to work on planning, fundraising, and securing speakers.
- Continued to work with the Legislation Committee on best practices, upcoming business, and how they'll work with our Issues Advocacy Director, we had a great session yesterday and Sam will give an update a little later.
- Work with a handful of YDA members on formulating a YDA trauma-informed trainings which we hope to kick off next meeting.
- I was invited to speak on a panel hosted by members of the European Parliament right before the election to discuss what's at stake (spoiler alert: a lot), so it was an honor to do that.
- Finally -- trivial!

### **Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Quentin (MN)**

I've worked extensively with our Meetings Director Steph Campanha Wheaton and YDA Secretary Rebecca Pinn to plan and finalize the logistics of this meeting. I also wanna thank our two DNC Representatives Christen Hebrad and Jamarr Brown for working with us on getting together some amazing outside programming and helping us generally brainstorm what we could do during this virtual meeting. It was a lot of work to pull this meeting off, especially with everyone rightly being focused on the election - there was a lot of work especially in the last few weeks that needed to be completed so I want to thank everyone for the quick responses, patience, and flexibility.

Other parts of my report are as follows: I've worked with Charles Myers and a coalition of other national Committee members to create a proposal on how to deal with sensitive content that comes before this body. That revised proposal will come before you today and I just want to thank everyone and the Rules Committee for that important feedback as we continue to grow and make changes as an organization.

Additionally, I'm really excited that we were able to approve the charter of South Dakota today. I was happy to be a line of support for their President, Heather Krause, and am looking forward to a resurgent Midwest region in YDA.

I won't talk too much about it but I am also working with Terri and our advocacy director Kim along with Ratasha on the upcoming joint effort with CDA around college debt. I will let Terri talk more about that in her report but I am really excited to be a part of this effort.

And as always, if any chartered would like my support on any issue I'm always available to connect with you - I was able to connect with a few units on items relating to bylaws since our last meeting and am happy to support your chapter in any dispute or issue that may arise.

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Tazbir Alam (NY)**

- Fundraising efforts from last online national meeting to now
- Founders Day planning - program, speakers, fundraising, tickets
- IFLRY - candidates forum, international meeting next week, YDA members running for office for international officers
- GA efforts from NY
- Conversations with Biden Transition team - youth efforts and policies

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Terri Chapman (AL)**

- Worked closely with Jeniece Brock on YDA's peer to peer texting program where we provided Hustle to chartered units who applied
- Currently working with our Issue Advocacy Director, Kim A. and Connecticut national committee representative Ratasha Smith on upcoming lobby day(s) to push for the cancelation of student debt

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Rebecca Pinn (MA)**

- Ongoing: Google Drive organizing, National Committee emails, keeping our documentation up to date, managing Zoom, answering questions best I can
- Supported officers where I could
- Privilege to represent YDA in various media outlets
  - Guest speaker at the Young European Federalists biweekly Digital Get Together on Monday, 9 October with a perspective on the US Election
  - New England Cable News throughout the general election and victory
  - A few written publications
- Coordinating phone-banking for YDA in GA
- Planning for this meeting
- Helping with convention planning

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Dunxi Guereca (CA)**

- Land recognition
- Admin Account: \$31,221.03

- Super PAC: \$16,887.08
- Federal: \$67.47
- Two candidates in the International Youth Liberal election. Sam Huddis is running for VP. Justin Meyers is running for Treasurer

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Christen Hebrard (CA):**

- YDA WMA Partnership
  - 2.2 million text sent
  - 15 states partnered
- Guest of Honor: California SOS Alex Padilla
- Chapter Building: Network Development and Fundraising Trainings
- Winter Meeting: Organization of 2 panels - Impact of the Youth Vote in 2020 and Youth + Tech Democracy
- Next Chapter: Leadership Development Intra-State Parties, Youth impact at the DNC, Fundraising and potential research project with CIRCLE Center @ Tufts to chart impact of YDA voter engagement in 2020
- DNC in 2021: New Chair + Caucus Connections

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Jamarr Brown (TX):**

- Election 2020: Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of the amazing and transformative work that happened in this election cycle. We voted out the most racist and dangerous president in our modern history and gained wins in key states/communities across the country. I was excited to support our national partnership with WMA, along with states in this election.
- DNC Members were invited to a briefing with staff and DSCC leaders to hear about the strategy and investment in the Georgia Senate runoffs. This is important for the balance of power for VP-Elect Harris and also policy that is important to young people and our communities
- In October, we launched a DNC Member Speakers Series with Ron Harris, a DNC Member from Minnesota who serves as the DNC's Midwestern Caucus Chair. Christen and I have forged some great connections and feel it is important to be a conduit to build support for state and local chapters.
- After any Meeting with DNC members about diversity and equity within DNC/leadership. Members are looking at reforms around the Chair's At-Large Appointments and more transparency around the DNC budget and Finance Committee.
- We anticipate that the DNC will meet in early 2021. Leadership at the DNC level will look different, both with COVID and a new chair that is appointed by the President-Elect.

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Charles Myers (WI):**

I am honored to take over as the Chair of the Association of Chartered Unit Presidents. I would like to thank Sasha for her friendship, leadership, and service to the Young Democrats of America.

Yesterday we elected a new Vice Chair, Arielle Maffei of Illinois, and I am looking forward to working with her! The Association of Chartered Unit Presidents membership success committee met in November to discuss ways in which ACUP can be more of a resource to its members. We expect to present a draft report with recommendations at our next regularly scheduled National Committee Meeting.

I expect to have a draft guide for rechartering for the new Biennium written, finalized, and available for all State Presidents in our shared Google Drive by mid-January. If you or your chartered unit have questions, comments, or concerns about rechartering or any other matter, please consider me a resource. If you do not already have my contact information, I am putting it in the Zoom Chat at the end of this report.

YDA's January Zoom call, at the request of our members, will be a crash course in campaign finance. If you are a subject matter expert willing to volunteer your time and energy, or you know someone who is, please reach out to me - I would like to finalize a date before the holidays.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who worked together on the rules package designed to address how our National Committee deals with sensitive subject matter and Judicial Council reports which come before this body. This rules package is a great step in making our General Sessions more trauma informed, and I am thankful for all of the work done by dozens of members of our National Committee on it.

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Hannah Wroblecki (NE):**

- CoRDinated Weekend of Action
  - 48-hour GOTV push across eight YDA regions on Oct 17-18
  - 987 volunteers
  - 116,998 phone calls made
  - 29,200 texts sent
  - Supported 26 Democratic candidates and the New York State Senate, New York State Assembly, Kentucky State House, and President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris
  - 50% of the selected candidates were Young Democrats
  - 7 candidates won their election on Nov 3:
    - Rep Andy Kim (NJ-3)
    - Mitch Gore (IN state house)\*
    - Sen Tina Smith (MN)
    - Daniel Corona (NV Mayor)\*
    - Calvin Schrage (AK State House)\*
    - Tarra Simmons (WA State House)
    - Shemia Fagan (OR SoS)\*

\*Young Democratic candidates

- Democrats took control over both the State Senate and State Assembly in New York
    - NE-2 BLUE DOT <3
  - Vols who made the most calls/texts:
    - Northeast: Seamus Campbell (NY) & Tyler White (NY)
    - Mid Atlantic: Maureen Coffey (VA)
    - Southeast: Johnnie Huff (KY)
    - Great Lakes: Matthew Kocheaver (IN) & Candice Harris (IL)
    - Midwest: Justin Simmons (NE)
    - South Central: Jazmin (OK)
    - Southwest: Mike Betterton (CO)
    - Pacific: Lucy King (WA)
- Next steps for CoRD
  - Organizing some action for city elections in 2021
  - Upcoming Region Conventions

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Nnedi Stephens (NV) on Chapter Building:**

- Land recognition
- Chapter-in-a-box
- Chartered units looking to gain best practices
- Panel series

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Mayra Mendoza (TX) on Diversity and Outreach:**

- Met with morning
- Spaces for fun (no alcohol), safe, practicing prayer, breast feeding
- Reminder to always thinking about who you are and aren't including in meetings

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Sam Hudis (NY) on International Affairs:**

- Event with venezuela speakers
- ILFRY
  - David de la Fuente (TX) posts a super sunday session on the election
  - I gave an interview around 2020
  - Election meeting coming up and YDA is running 2 candidates

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Seamus Campbell (NY) on Technology, Training, and Digital Integration:**

- Digital tools
- Cleaning up google accounts to give caucuses google accounts
- Migrating to VAN
- Streaming meetings better, limitations currently
- Future in-person meeting you can call in

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Jeniece Brock (OH) on Campaigns:**

- We elected Biden!
- YDA hosted voter registration week
- Host weekend of action for Jamie Harrison
- Helped with CoRD weekend of action
- Texting with Women's March Action
- Partnering with GA to flip the senate - please sign-up to host a phonebank
- Many thank you's to various individuals within the organization helping

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Sam Bauman (VA) on Legislation:**

- Land recognition
- No submissions for this meeting
- Discussed procedures for upcoming meeting in anticipation of more bills
- Tracking bills once we support them

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Gabi Medina-Marrero (PR) on Resolutions:**

- Met and considered 9 resolutions
  - YDA disavow Aaron Coleman and recruit a young person to challenge him, passed unanimously
  - Calling upon Biden to extend relief, approved
  - Eliminate debt, approved
  - PR statehood, approved
  - Honoring Young Dems who ran, approved
  - Commemorating Joseph Kitchen (MD), approved
  - Call Speaker of House to refuse to sit 126 Reps who have been undermining our democracy, approved
  - Condemning Tulsi, approved
  - Support of raising fuel taxes, tabled
- Move to adopt report
  - Second Christopher Cleavenger Morris (OH)
  - 74 - 1 - 2 resolutions passes

**Josh Harris-Till (OK) recognizes Matt Kochevar (IN) on Rules:**

- Read report ignore old reference, note is in the report
- Considered 5 changes, the committee voted to include 4 of the proposed amendments
- A 5th proposal, the committee has voted to postpone until next meeting
- Motion to move
  - Sharon Solomon (MA) seconded the motion
- Matt Kochevar (IN) there was overwhelming support, urge people to vote
- Vote to accept the report

- 78 - 0 - 4, rules passes

### **Announcements**

- Tia Hopkin (MD) - region did an event for march on washington, will be doing an event for the auguration, convention dates are not official until BoD meets
- Carrie McFadden (CA) - Shout out to Justin Conley (NC) who did a ton of work on editing videos
- Christopher Clevenger-Morris (OH) - amazing job Gabi on resolutions team
- Amber Sherman (TN) - stop killing black people and we need reparations; defund the police
- Jeni Atchley (SC) - thank everyone for your love and support after my father recently passed away
- Arielle Maffei (IL) - thank you everyone for such a fantastic conference this weekend and have felt so welcome this year
- Zach Shartaig (IN) - Happy Hanukkah
- Rachel Paule (GA) - need your help hosting phone banking
- Lora Greer Walker (WV) - proud to be part of this organization
- Jen House (OH) - shout out to host committee for convention; it's the one weekend the hotel available
- Charles Myers (WI) - thank you everyone for your hard work into WI
- Devin Murphy (CA) - excited to be part of the national committee and wanted to introduce myself
- Cory Paris (CT) - thank you for help with our fundraiser; thank you Ratasha!
- Kim Agyekum (OH) - pushing advocacy effort for cancelling student debt
- TJ DeLuca (PA) - thank you Rebecca and Q for helping with an issue; thank you for everyone who helped turn PA back to blue! Elected 25 young dems
- Dontavius Jarrells (OH) - thank you caucus members; special shout out to our candidates who ran in elections; make sure to phone bank into GA
- Reem Subei (OH) - thank everyone and shout out to steph who brought Bernie's campaign manager to the caucus; someone from our caucus will be running for city council
- De'Juan Stevens (OH) - Acknowledging Casey Goodson Jr. who was murdered by a Franklin County Sheriff Deputy in Ohio

Arne Nelson (WA) motion to adjourn

Christopher Clevenger-Morris (OH) second

Adjourned at 3:50PM