

11/6/23 NOTES iSOS

NEW MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY: Lauren, Lina and Yahne, WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Reports from all the election activity we've been doing – For Sarah Boses, Phil Lucero, mansion tax, Lina Germann
2. Rachel has been appointed as a member of the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Council, one of the two committees established by SB19 to overhaul law enforcement training in New Mexico.
3. The Veterans for Peace will hold a vigil and bell-ringing ceremony on Armistice Day (Veteran's Day) Sat Nov 11 in the Santa Fe plaza, and the **Raging Grannies** will lead the songs. Please reply to let Marcy marcymatasick@msn.com know if you are interested in participating, singing or not, many of us may want to go.
4. Fair Districts Webinar on Redistricting looking at **incumbency protection**, both historical and present, for New Mexico Legislature Senate and House districts. Great Panel! **Link to register:**
5. https://www.nmopenelections.org/townhallredistricting?utm_campaign=n=redistricting_town_hall_email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nmopenprimaries
6. The Democratic State Platform And Resolutions Committee (SPARC) is meeting in Santa Fe to review and refine sections of the Democratic State Platform. The public meeting will be on Sunday November 12 from 10:00am to 3:00pm, in person at 1420 Cerrillos or attend via Zoom. You can attend all, or the segments that interest you. **Link to register:**
7. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86934684456?pwd=VHNjeE9EcUR3ZDZGbtIxz1BOQVZUUT09>. The whole announcement has been sent out twice and it gives the times, topics, and speakers of the different panels.
8. Dottie and Monica are working the polls tomorrow! Mary is as well!
9. Phone banking opportunities for VA all day today and tomorrow. Contact Marti for more info.
mrbconsulting.nm@gmail.com
10. Nov 18, 4-5:30 EWNM Elisa Swotkin rep, running for senate in MI. Non- members minimum contribution of \$100. R Peter Meyer, is a strong candidate. Contact Chris to register.
cwaddill@ufl.edu

11. Millionaire tax is for Santa Fe City only, not SF County. We could start advocating for the county to take this up.
12. 3rd Quarter Financials have gone out, any questions? Send questions to Dottie. dottie@cybermesa.com

POSTCARDS

All of our postcards are in the mail and reaching voters. Thanks everyone for an inspired performance. No more until next year, maybe February.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Legislative members we have hosted as speakers in prep for the session:

- Rep. Reena Szczepanski (District 47 and Majority Whip),
- Sen. Moe Maestas (2022 sponsor of “our” SB19 legislation) and
- Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (co-chair of Senate Finance and chair, co-chair, or member of 8 other committees).
- We have several more legislators coming to talk with us before the session starts. See “Upcoming Speakers.”

Civil Rights/Criminal Justice Reform Committee continues its activities related to law enforcement reform that will include some legislative action this year.

PARTY!!

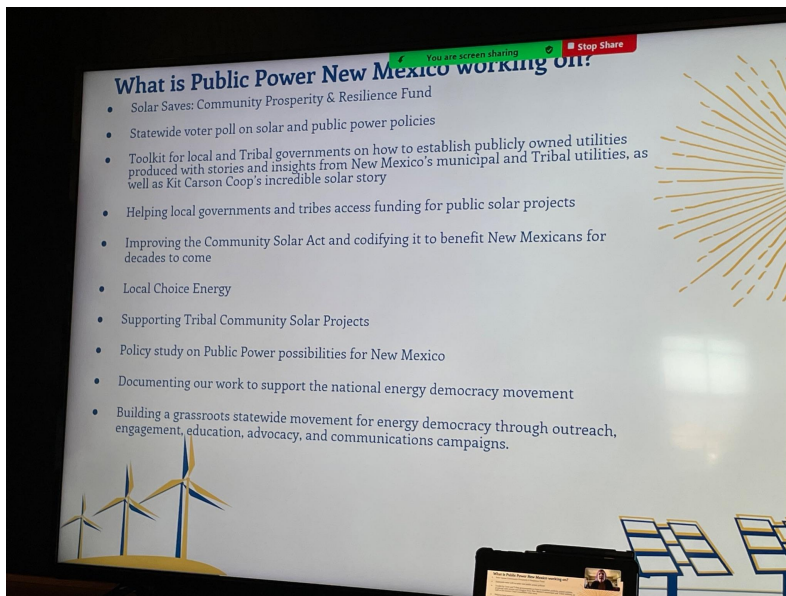
HOLIDAY PARTY – SAVE THE DATE. Sunday, December 17 at Betsy’s. 5-5:30-ish start time. This will be a catered affair and is a great time to bring along women who might be interested in becoming members! Betsy may need a little help with decorating this year—maybe we could have a mini-house-decorating party to give her a hand. Bev Hedin volunteered to help decorate.

TODAY’S SPEAKER

Alysha Shaw is the Director of the Public Power Working Group (PPWG). PPWG is dedicated to helping New Mexico make the transition from fossil fuels to renewables as quickly and sustainably as possible. It has sponsored solar power legislation in the last two legislative sessions, and works with communities to get solar projects going locally—among many other things.

From Power Point:

- PPWG is working on both brick and mortar projects as well as legislative. Findenergy.com for NM Electricity Fuel Mix. Community Owned Electricity
- NM has 7 municipally owned, 3 tribals and 21 rural cooperative providers. The best example is Kit Carson Power Taos County plus a bit more. Aztec County has a public power system and is going more solar.
- Local choice energy is an area they will continue to work
- Solar Saves Fund. Is grant writing an area iSOS could help with? Rural communities struggle to access federal money due to no one to write the grants.
- Santa Fe public works manager Regina Wheeler.
- Weekly meeting Thursdays at 3; postcards to governor (send out in a couple weeks), RESISTBOT GOVERNOR, showing up at the legislature, writing legislators, LTEs. alysha@publicpowernm.org



Random comments, Q&A:

- A poll is being done around the state, releasing results in January. Solar is very popular.
- Utility scale solar facility and concern over battery fires. Proposed solar array in the El Dorado area and concern over people who live near as well as intact ecosystems and wildlife corridors. The visual of the layout is an important way to “sell” people on solar.
- Our reps seem to have a lack of imagination around a “lack of jobs and income” from losing O&G. Getting workers/unions and environmentalists together to get a plan and legislation. We must invest in retraining
- Broadband is going to create a lot of jobs in the future

- Legislators: Szczepanski and Pope
- Working on a tool kit on how to start one's own community utility to release after the session.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 11/13 - no speaker; open meeting for members to discuss whatever's on your minds, committee/issue reports and discussions
- 11/20 - Representative Javier Martinez, Speaker of the NM House
- 12/4 - Representative Andrea Romero
- 12/11 - Peter Wirth, Senate Majority Leader

We are thinking of having these speakers/activities soon after the 2024 legislative session, which ends in mid-February:

- Training for all those who would like to canvass—last year we had DeeDee Feldman do this for us and she was very well-received. We'll try to get her again
- Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez
- People from Homewise, Santa Fe's leading affordable housing developer, to tell us all about affordable housing, how it works, for whom, how it is funded, etc., and, assuming it passes, how the Mansion Tax will be deployed
- Congressman Gabe Vasquez, some time in the summer—we made a major commitment to help Gabe win his seat in 2022, and will do so again in 2024.

Please suggest other speakers you would like to hear from in the coming year!!!

Someone from EWNM

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DATES TO NOTE

No meetings: November 27th, December 18th and 25th and January 1st.