

James Logue
Secretary
O'ahu County Democrats
via email

Aloha Secretary Logue,

This response is by no means an agreement from me, Michael Golojuch, Jr., that the O'ahu County Committee (OCC) has any jurisdiction over the LGBT Caucus, our meetings or how we operate under our By-Laws that have been approved by the State Central Committee (SCC). In fact, it is my assertion that neither the OCC or any County Committee has any over jurisdiction over any Caucus and this is because Caucuses are state wide organizations and we are certified by the SCC, as are all of our By-Laws, pursuant to the Democratic Party of Hawaii's (DPH) Constitution - Article 5, Section 7 and the DPH By-Laws - Article 5, Section 7. Given these facts listed above I am requesting that the O'ahu County Committee forward this complaint to the SCC's Rule Committee for their adjudication. I am fully aware that in transferring it directly to the SCC that I will have no other body to appeal their decision to if the SCC were to rule against me. If Oahu County does not comply, I will be requesting DPH Chair Keali'i Lopez to convene a special SCC meeting to ensure the complaint is properly filed with the correct body.

I am also calling for OCC Chair Richard Halverson to recuse himself from having anything to do with this complaint. The reason for this request is that Chair Halverson has shown a negative bias against me in this case and in fact anything to do with me. This was shown at the OCC meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2018 when he posted this complaint to the OCC website before I was even notified about the complaint being filed, this goes against protocol. Then there was his tirade about me and the other complaint that was dismissed unanimously by the OCC. He further showed his bias when I requested to make an announcement at the end of the Sept 22 meeting, he almost did not call on me and this is again going against protocol, about the DPH Membership Committee events that being the DPH Booth at the Senior Fair and Poll Watching on behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawaii as well as the LGBT Caucus upcoming events.

To help speed this process along here is my response to alleged violations in the complaint:

The fact is, the LGBT Caucus never violated any By-laws (DPH or LGBT Caucus) and held the meeting at a publicly accessible location that would allow for greater participation. Regrettably, the previous Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii signed a lease that prohibits Democratic Party of Hawaii's members from parking in the parking lot and therefore requiring some of the meetings to be held off-site. It saddens me that the LGBT Caucus is unable to use the Democratic Party of Hawaii Headquarters for certain meetings especially as the top donor for the current video-conferencing system. It is my hope that the parking situation will be solved in the near future to allow members easier access to use the headquarters. Until that situation is resolved, we may be required from time-to-time to utilize off-site locations to ensure maximum participation.

The complaint alleges a violation of DPH By-Laws Section 7, paragraph 2 and I am assuming it is Article 5, given the page and line numbers listed, but the complaint does not say which

Response from Michael Golojuch, Jr. to Complaint filed by Ms. Hackney

Section that Ms. Hackney is referring to. This Section and Article has to do with the requirements for any Caucus's By-Laws to be considered for certification by the SCC. Given that the LGBT Caucus By-Laws had already been approved by the SCC and not the running of any Caucus's meetings. So long story short this section cannot be violated by a Caucus or a Chair of a Caucus as this section are guidelines for those drafting or re-drafting By-laws for a caucus and the SCC Rules Committee to ensure that these requirements are met.

The other allegation is a violation of the LGBT Caucus's By-Laws Article 5 Section 3 and at no place in this Article, or anywhere in the LGBT Caucus By-Laws for that matter, is there a requirement for telephonic or videoconference for the LGBT Caucus meetings. The complainant even stated in the complaint that the LGBT Caucus does not always offer teleconference or videoconference for the LGBT Caucus meetings. At no time does the complainant list any By-law that appears in the DPH By-laws or the LGBT Caucus By-laws that require teleconference or videoconference.

Ms. Hackney does allege that there was insufficient notification of the August 21, 2018 LGBT Caucus meeting but never gave any proof. The reason that there was no proof to this allegation is that it is flat out wrong as an email was sent out to all members of the LGBT Caucus on July 22, 2018 at 6:25 pm which was posted to the LGBT Caucus Facebook page at the same time. (See attachment 1 & 2)

Ms. Hackney added to her complaint with an addendum and it is unclear if she got this approved by the additional signatories to the complaint. This addendum goes to show that this complaint seems to be based on a personal bias against me and my family and not on the rule of law.

It is my hope that the SCC Rules Committee will reject the complaint as no violation of the DPH or the LGBT Caucus By-Laws has taken place.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate a response and decision within the next seven (7) days to my request to transfer the complaint to the State Central Committee. If you have any questions please contact me at michael@hawaiidemocrats.org.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair
LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

cc: OCC Executive Committee
Cynthia Rezendes, Co-Chair SCC Rules Committee
Carlos Santana, Co-Chair SCC Rules Committee
Keali'i Lopez, DPH Chair
Laura Nevitt, DPH Executive Director

Attachments: Proof of email