

Proposal for vote at the Green Party of Colorado Annual meeting on August 12, 2017.

This is Proposal \_\_\_-17: Bylaws and Rules committee

Per Section 4.3 of the GPCO Bylaws: All decisions concerning policy, finance, and objectives shall require consensus or a vote of at least 60% of the membership present at a state meeting and/or the Council. The Green Party of Colorado may adopt a party Platform by consensus or a vote of at least 60% of the membership present at a state meeting.

Per Section 4.1.1. of the GPCO Bylaws: In order for official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in the Green Party of Colorado) equal to twice the number of local chapters represented.

Per Section 3.2.5 of the GPCO Procedures and Guidelines: Proposals brought to the agenda of a state meeting must be made by local chapters or a minimum of 5 individuals at large, by the Council, or by any Officer of the GPCO. A written statement of the proposal must be sent to the Council by a representative of the sponsoring local, or by a member at large accompanied by evidence of at least 4 other member's endorsements. The statement and evidence may be done by email or on paper.

Per Section 4.2.4. of the GPCO Bylaws: All decisions of the Council are subject to review at the next state meeting and may be overturned by a 60% vote.

There are currently 11 active voting chapters in the Green Party of Colorado. Adoption of this proposal requires an AGREE of at least 60% of all votes cast and also requires a minimum quorum of at least one response from seven (7) chapters.

Active Chapters  
Adams County  
Arapahoe County  
Denver  
Douglas County  
Greater Boulder  
Pikes Peak  
Poudre Valley  
Mesa  
San Miguel  
Longmont  
Ouray

Passage of this proposal will be sought via a vote of 60% of the members present at the GPCO State Meeting on August 12, 2017.

1. Basic Info:

Date proposed: August 5, 2017

Names of the sponsors: Kevin Alumbaugh, Susan Hall, Tom Hall, Michael Haughey, Scott Lupo, Gary Swing

2. Title: Bylaws and Rules committee

3. Text of the actual proposal:

Set up a new committee to develop proposals to move all non-procedural items from the bylaws to the Procedures and Guidelines with the exception of a reference in Purpose to the GPUS Ten Key Values

4. Background:

The current bylaws have items such as requirements for Green Locals to make undefined “good faith efforts”, items that are in conflict with items in the Procedures and Guidelines, and items such as voting eligibility, nominations, who can vote for what, etc. that could be more clear. Endorsements and sign-ons are covered in both the bylaws and the Procedures and Guidelines.

5. Justification/Goals:

A lot of time is spent trying to figure out what is actually required by the bylaws and the Procedures and Guidelines. Both need to be cleaned up as well as to address the existence of the forum and its’ use.

6. Pros and Cons:

With less time spent arguing about what the bylaws and Procedures and Guidelines require, more energy could be spent on substantive issues.

7. Alternatives to the proposal: Take no action.

8. References:

Green Party of Colorado Bylaws:  
<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/bylaws/>  
[<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/bylaws/>].

Green Party of Colorado Procedures and Guidelines:  
<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/procedures-guidelines/>

The Four Pillars of the Green Party of the United States: <http://www.gp.org/>