

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

This is Proposal ___-17: c. Voting procedures clarification

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: Voting procedures clarification

3. Text of the actual proposal:

Change the last sentence of bylaws 3.2 Membership

From:

Members of a Green local may vote on state issues at general state meetings and may serve on the Council.

To:

Members of a Green local and members at large may vote on state issues at general state meetings and may serve on the Council and may place nominations for state offices and representatives from the floor at a state meeting including for co-chair, secretary, treasurer, representative(s) to the National Committee and all members are eligible to run for any of these offices/positions.

Assign cleanup of bylaws and Procedures and Guidelines that conflict to the committee recommended by another proposal.

4. Background:

Historically nominations for state offices have been made from the floor at GPCO annual meetings.

Andrea as made unprecedented announcements that *“Nominees must be affiliated with the Green Party for at least six months prior, must be members in good standing of an active local”* and *“The deadline for all nominations is 9 pm on Saturday, August 5, 2017”*.

5. Justification/Goals:

There is some confusion about who can vote for what. The bylaws and Procedures and Guidelines are a little vague on state office positions. Andrea has issues a set of criteria that goes far beyond GPCO precedent and that essentially disqualifies the vast majority of GPCO members from running for office and/or making nominations.

6. Pros and Cons:

The key values of Grass roots democracy and Decentralization will be far better served by inclusion of all GPCO members in the decision-making process and removing barriers like pre-submittal requirements.

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/>