

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

This is Proposal ___-17: Decentralization of the Green Party of Colorado (GPCO)

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: Decentralization of the Green Party of Colorado (GPCO)

3. Text of the actual proposal:

Add Bylaws section 4.5.10 as follows:

When qualified volunteers are available, no one person shall hold more than one position in the GPCO. These positions include Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Forum Administrator, Forum Facilitator, Forum Moderator, Website Administrator, Website Facilitator, Representative to the Green Party of the US (GPUS) National Committee, and any other influential position.

All positions that become available in the GPCO shall be announced on the General portion of the forum, in an email to all members, and published in a recognized Colorado publication. When there are more than one volunteer, selection shall be made by vote of the council.

4. Background: In 2017 one individual has held the position of Co-Chair; Alternate GPCO delegate the GPUS National Committee without due process, vote, or notification to the GPCO membership; On the GPUS Steering Committee; On the GPUS Accreditation Committee; Has control of the State website; Is the primary forum administrator (now a relocated rogue forum); Self-appointed as forum moderator, not following requirements to consider other candidates (and other candidates did volunteer); Self-appointed as forum facilitator, not following requirements to consider other candidates (and other candidates did volunteer); Uses forum admin access to exercise forum control beyond facilitator functions, such as editing and removing posts or portion of posts with which she disagrees; Appointed Sean Friend as Treasurer without soliciting volunteers from the general membership; Acts as sole forum moderator using admin access; Is the GPCO Facebook Administrator; Is the GPCO Twitter Administrator.

5. Justification/Goals: The GPCO has become extremely fractured and many members have left as a direct result of excessive control and influence by one person.

6. Pros and Cons: Adherence to the Ten Key Values of Decentralization and Grass Roots Democracy is best achieved with a maximum number of individuals involved in decision-making and influence at the local lever

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 Ten Key Values of the Green Party of the United States:
http://www.gp.org/ten_key_values_2016

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