

NOTE: This proposal is intended for action at the state meeting.

This is Proposal 0xx-17: Content of By-Laws

Per Section 4.3 of the 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 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.

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: Content of By-Laws

3. Text of the actual proposal:

The following wording will be added to the by-laws.

3.1.1.1 By-laws of local chapters and the state party shall contain the 10 Key Values and shall describe the operating procedures for the chapter or party. Descriptions of the local chapter's or the state party's areas of emphasis shall not be included in the by-laws. The state party and the local chapters are welcome to pass resolutions describing their areas of emphasis or special projects that they wish to pursue, but such content is inappropriate for by-laws.

4. Background: A few chapters have recently included in their by-laws declarations that they will give special emphasis to certain interpretations of philosophy or to certain social goals included in the 10 Key Values. This language is inappropriate for inclusion in by-laws, as recommended by these web sites

<http://charitylawyerblog.com/2010/06/07/nonprofit-bylaws-what-to-include-and-what-to-leave-out-2/>

<http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/structure/organizational-structure/write-bylaws/main>

<https://www.501c3.org/nonprofit-bylaws-the-dos-and-donts/>
among others.

5. Justification/Goals: By-laws are written to describe the functioning of the organization. They are not intended as platforms for political rhetoric. The 10 Key Values adequately describe the purpose of the party. The specifics of how that purpose is to be accomplished are better left for resolutions and plans.

6. Pros and Cons: A short set of by-laws, unencumbered by transitory and faddish opinions, will contribute to the proper functioning of the organization.

7. Alternatives to the proposal: Take no action.

8. References: Bylaws, Green Party of Colorado:

<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/bylaws/> [<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/bylaws/>],

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