

On June 14, 2017, the Accreditation Committee (AC) of the Green Party of the U.S. (GPUS) received a formal complaint from members of the Green Party of Colorado (GPCO) regarding concerns about various practices by some party members, with the request that the AC consider several options in response, including possible steps to disaffiliate the state party and help them start over to build it anew.

On June 26, 2017, the AC received a copy of a response from GPCO leadership to the complaint. (Both the complaint and response had also been sent to the GPUS Steering Committee.)

While the national party does not really have any legal jurisdiction over, or get involved in, internal state party issues, except in extreme cases, the formal complaint required response from the AC.

Committee members agreed to respect confidentiality for all parties involved, and to commit to a fair and impartial review of the documentation. Members of the committee held a conference call with the complainants and another with the respondents. Both groups provided further documentation of their statements.

Committee members take into account that the complainants apparently took their complaint directly to the national committee rather than trying an internal grievance process, but felt that circumstances were such that it would have been very difficult or unfeasible.

The AC hopes that our recommendations and offer of assistance as needed, will be followed up in a spirit of good faith.