

State Committee Meetings Quorum and Proxies bylaw amendment proposal

CURRENT

Article V: Meetings

D. Quorum and Proxies:

A quorum shall exist if there is a minimum of two thirds (2/3) of the organized County Green Parties present. Proxies will not be recognized by the AZGP.

PROPOSED

Article V: Meetings

D. State Committee Meetings Quorum and Proxies:

Fifty-one percent (51%) of the elected officers in filled positions on the State Committee must be present to constitute a quorum at any State Committee meeting. Vacant positions, on-leave positions and non-voting, appointed officer positions do not count in the quorum requirements. Additionally, at least 60% of all active recognized county chapters must be represented in a quorum in order to ensure geographic diversity. Proxies will not be recognized by the AZGP.

Summary Discussion Notes*

Questions, comments, concerns and clarifications	Responses
Geographic diversity	incorporated
Specifying exact “before” and “after” language	incorporated
“50% +1” language mathematically confusing	Eliminated and replaced with 51%
Suggested use of 10% or 40% or 45% instead of 51%	These percentages do not meet the bare minimum criteria of just a simple majority in order to prevent minority decision-making
Suggested use of 67% (GPPC-SC) or 89% (rolling average) or 100%	While these percentages do exceed the minimum criteria to avoid minority decision-making, they might be unnecessarily strict and pose other problems
Concerns about hypothetical denial of quorum	Not mathematically valid when using 51%; however, could be a valid concern with respect to using 67% or 89% or 100%
Question on examples of non-voting, appointed officer positions	answered
Punctuation consistency concerns	incorporated
Question about this proposal not addressing quorum requirements for General Membership meetings	While this could be addressed in a separate additional proposal, it should be noted that Maricopa County, Pima County and Yavapai County all specify NO quorum requirements for their General Membership meetings

*All concerns are documented with a proposal if adopted.