

## **The Green Party of Pennsylvania**

### **Presidential Caucus and Presidential Nomination Convention Delegate Plan**

#### **Presidential Nomination Caucus**

The Green Party of Pennsylvania (GPPA) will hold Presidential Nomination Caucuses (Caucus) during the month of April 2020.

Affiliated Green Party County Organizations (Counties) will schedule and promote their Caucus schedule.

To be eligible to vote in a Caucus an individual must have declared their party affiliation as Green with the Pennsylvania Department of State 30 days prior to the major party primary.

Eligible registered Greens may attend and vote at the Caucus of any county that is convenient to them. They may only vote at one caucus. Registered Greens who cannot attend an in-person Caucus may apply for an absentee ballot by providing notice to the GPPA Steering Committee by March 31, 2020.

Selection of candidates shall be by secret ballot.

GPPA shall furnish ballots to the County and those individuals who have applied for absentee ballots. The ballot will include the Presidential candidates recognized by the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) as of February 29, 2020, 'none of the above', 'no nominee' and a write-in option. If the Steering Committee wishes to do so it may randomize order of names on the ballot and provide several versions.

Voters will select ONE candidate from the ballot.

Caucus results (a tally of ballots) and a list of attendees shall be transmitted by the County to the GPPA Steering Committee and individuals in possession of an absentee ballot shall deliver their ballot to the GPPA Steering Committee who shall tabulation and proportionately distribute all votes to the State Delegation that will be sent to the GPUS Presidential Nomination Convention (PNC). All ballots must be in the possession of the GPPA Steering Committee by April 30, 2020.

#### **Presidential Nomination Convention Delegate Plan**

The Delegate Plan shall be submitted to the GPUS Credentialing Committee at least 120 days prior to the PNC [GPUS PNC Rules 2-7.1(a)]. Per GPUS Proposal 967 the PNC is scheduled for July 9-12, 2020; therefore, the Delegate Plan is due March 11, 2020.

Reporting the results of the selection the State Delegation members is due no later than 14 days following an action to fill the State Delegation [GPUS PNC Rules 2-8.1]. The reporting of results shall include vote totals and the proportion of support enjoyed by each candidate seeking the nomination of the party, as well as a list of delegates and alternates and an explanation of how each has been instructed to vote in the first round of voting in the convention's Presidential Nominating process

A Credentialing application for the State Delegation members is due to the Credentialing Committee no later than 30 days after the State Delegation has been made and 45 days prior to convening the PNC [GPUS PNC Rules 4-3.4]. Therefore, based on Proposal 967 the last day to submit a Credentialing application is May 25, 2020 and no later than 30 days after the State Delegation has been made.

The size of the Delegation shall be determined by GPUS in accordance with Article III of the PNC Rules. Therefore, it is recognized that the schedule described herein is predicated by the GPUS delegate apportionment process. According to Article III the minimum number of delegates to be apportioned to GPPA is 4 with an equal number of alternate delegates; however, more delegates may be available determined by the results of the GPUS delegate apportionment process.

GPPA will select State Delegation members by receipt of application. Only registered Green Party members from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may apply. Applicants must provide credentialing information as required by 4-2.4 of the GPUS PNC Rules and must be willing to travel to attend the GPUS PNC in Detroit on July 9-12, 2020. GPPA will commit reasonable resources to assist with travel and lodging for the State Delegation to attend the GPUS PNC.

Applications for State Delegates will be received by the GPPA Steering Committee up until the March 22, 2020 GPPA State Meeting. Should more applications be received than the size of the State Delegation allowed the Steering Committee will announce an election to determine Delegates and Alternative Delegates. The election and tabulation of results will occur no earlier than April 25, 2020 and later than May 25, 2020 (the period of 30 days prior to the deadline to submit the Credentialing Application to the GPUS Credentialing Committee).

Within 14 days of selecting State Delegation members, the results of the GPPA Caucus will be announced and the State Delegation members will be provided directions for casting votes in the GPUS PNC [GPUS PNC Rules 2-8.1]. Each State Delegation member will be assigned and required to cast a vote for one Presidential candidate to be determined by the proportional representation of the votes cast in the GPPA Caucus. If the assigned candidate of a State Delegation member does not pass the first round of voting then the State Delegation will hold a consultation and decide a new assigned candidate for that State Delegation member. This process will continue for all subsequent rounds of voting by the GPUS election administrator at the GPUS PNC.

The State Delegation members shall appoint a State Delegation Reporter and an Alternative State Delegation Reporter from among its delegates and provide the GPUS Election Administrator with their contact information at least 5 days in advance of the nominating session. The State Delegation Reporter and an Alternative State Delegation Reporter shall fulfill duties required by GPUS PNC Rules 5-4.