



District Convention Basics

Time and Date

- **Second Saturday after the 2nd Tuesday in March [Election Code (EL) §]**
- **Time usually set by state cochairs for teleconferences**

This year: 2018 March 24, time usually set by state cochairs

What is a District Nominating Convention?

District Nominating Conventions are to nominate candidates whose district boundaries cross county lines. Examples are US Reps, State Board of Education, State Senate, State Representative. If the boundaries fall completely within one county, those nominations are made at County conventions.

If a candidate files for a U.S. Rep District, does not reside in said district, and no counties in said district hold nominating conventions, the candidate's nomination shall occur at a statewide teleconference of all District delegates elected at every county convention held.

Forms you'll need:

Before your convention, download the documents at http://www.txgreens.org/convention_documents under "Convention Forms and Documents"

- Attendance List
- List of Nominees

What do we do at the District Convention?

Required:

- Fill out an Attendance list with voter registration numbers – one list per District
- Inform attendees about the ballot access petition drive, if applicable
- Nominate candidates for your district
- Keep Minutes
- (optional) The District Executive Committee shall be selected at the District Convention. The manner of selection and duties of the District Executive Committee shall be decided by each District Convention as each deems appropriate. (Election Code § 181.004)

How do we get started?

The County Co-Chairs should have delivered lists of duly elected district delegates from the County Conventions from the previous Saturday to the State Cochairs who will be on the teleconference call. The Chair of the District Convention needs to be selected and this person will:

- Prepare a new Attendance list containing the name and residence address of each person who is admitted to participate in the convention. Only persons named on the lists from the County Conventions are eligible to participate as voting delegates and are the only people listed on the official Attendance List.

Important notes:

- EACH District must have a Convention Chair, an attendance list, and minutes
- IF you are the only one in your District, then you are the Convention chair, the only one on the attendance list and the keeper of the minutes.

How do we nominate candidates?

You should have online access to all the ballots from the Precinct conventions in your district. Those vote results will be used to determine the nominees. In the case of a win by NOTA, no candidate is nominated.

Certify in writing the position, name, and residence address of each candidate who is nominated by the convention. After the convention, deliver the certified list to the Secretary of State and the State CoChair. [EL §181.068]

The vote results from the ballots from all Precinct conventions held in the District are binding for your district delegates to nominate candidates. (Article V, Part B, Section 4)

What goes in the minutes?

Who the functionaries were (temp. chair, perm. chair, etc.); what you did, e.g. filled out attendance list, verified ballots from all counties in district, certified nominees.

MEGAIMPORTANT: What happens with all this paperwork?

From Green Party Bylaws and Electoral Rules Article VII, Section 4:

Each District Convention Chairperson shall certify in writing the name, address and office sought of each candidate nominated at the Convention to the authority responsible for having the ballot prepared, no later than the 20th day after the Convention. (Election Code § 181.068) i.e. Secretary of State

Also, provide a copy of the information to the State CoChairs is: Green Party of Texas, PO Box 271080, Houston, TX 77277-1080 or email a photo/scanned copy to cochair@txgreens.org.

(If Applicable) Petition Drive? What?

By now, we are 11 days into the petition process leaving 64 days to go! Please inform your attendees of the import of obtaining signatures from everyone they know and strangers. It is a great party building tool and educational campaign. Most Texans have NO idea how the system is designed to limit choice on the November ballot! See "Petition Drive Basics" publication for details on petitioning.