# STATE MEETING SCHEDULE

*America’s Best Value Inn, Corpus Christi, TX*

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

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| 8:00 – 9:00 AM | Welcome  
Registration & Introductions                                   |
| 9:00 – 10:00 AM | Opening Session  
- Meeting Orientation, Selection of Functionaries, & Agenda Approval (10 min) - Laura Palmer  
- Keynote Address (10 min) - Adrian Boutureira, GPUS Political Organizer  
- SEC presents updated resources, budget, & planning to delegates |
| 10:00 – 11:00 PM | Officer Nominations & Candidate Speeches  
- State Executive Committee: co-chair, secretary, 2 at-large & confirmation  
- National Committee: 9 delegates & alternates |
| 11:00 – 12:00 PM | Workshop Block  
- Candidate Recruitment & Development  
- Non-Violent Communication |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:00 PM | Workshop Block  
- Tech Tool Training  
- Undoing Isms |
| 2:00 – 3:00 PM | Workshop Block  
- Facilitation Workshop  
- Fundraising Workshop |
| 3:00 – 5:00 PM | Delegate Business |
| 6:00 PM | Informal Dinner Social  
@ Jalisco Restaurant |

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

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| 8:45 – 9:00 AM | Communications Presentation  
Eduardo Martinez & Herb Gonzales |
| 9:00 – 9:30 AM | GPTX Officer & National Delegate Voting |
| 9:30 – 11:00 AM | Vote Count & Review of Approval Voting Procedure  
katiya gruene |
| 11:00 - Noon | Delegate Business Wrap Up & Adjourn |
| 1:00 - 3:00 PM | New SEC & NC Orientation (offsite) |
**Elections**

**Current SEC:**
§ Co-Chair: Aaron Renaud (Dallas) - 2017  
§ Co-Chair: Laura Palmer (Harris) – 2018  
§ Treasurer: David Wager (Harris) - 2018  
§ Secretary: katija gruene (Travis) - 2017  
§ At-Large: Remington Alessi (Harris) - 2017  
§ At-Large: Martina Salinas (Tarrant) - 2017  
§ At-Large: Antonio Diaz (Bexar) - 2018  
§ At-Large: Wesson Gaige (Denton) - 2018  
§ At-Large: Mary Gourdoux (El Paso) - 2018*  

* serving by SEC appointment to a seat vacated by non-participation, needs confirmation by June2017ASM Delegates

**Current NC Delegates:**
Rachell Tucker - 2017  
Herb Gonzales - 2017  
Don Cook - 2017  
Paul Pipkin -2017  
Aaron Renaud – 2017  
katija gruene – 2017  
Art Browning – 2017  
Valerie Alessi – 2017  
George Reiter – 2017  
Alternate: AJ Worthey 2017  

*Less than 50% participation in voting duties disqualifies individual as an NC delegate

**SEC nominations** (2 at large, secretary, and co-chair):

Any Party member who is in attendance at the State Meeting or has declared her/his candidacy in writing may be nominated to serve on the State Executive Committee.

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**NC Delegate nominations:**

Any Party member who is in attendance at the State Meeting or has declared her/his candidacy in writing may be nominated to serve as a National Committee Delegate.

| Alison Bittick | Denton  | Adrian Boutureira | Travis  | Wesson Gaige | Denton  | Herb Gonzales | Bexar  | Laura Palmer | Harris  | Aaron Renaud | Dallas  | katija gruene | Travis  | Peyton Williams | Williamson | Travis Christal | Tarrant |

**Candidate Statements:**

**Wesson Gaige -**

I discovered the Green Party structure just 2½ years ago when we attended a reception for Jill Stein while she was visiting Denton. Since then it has been my honor to serve the Green Party as Denton County co-chair, then as Regional Coordinator for Region 5 (North Texas) and currently as an at-large SEC member. I have been active politically all my life. I was instrumental in the forming of the Collin County Green Party. I bring skill sets in management and administration along with specific skills in IT. But what I bring most is TIME since I am retired. It would be an honor to continue to grow the Texas Green Party by concentrating on fund raising, starting new locals and regaining ballot access. I would like to to serve you as the State Co-chair, but will continue to serve as I can.

**Shawn Gay -**

I would like to run for an at-large position on the SEC. I am actively involved in El Paso's local chapter of the Green Party, and I think our city's border-town status brings many Green issues to critical focus: environmental issues, trade, and immigration to name a few. These issues have high impact in our area and
need effective, progressive solutions. As a Ph.D. physicist and software developer, I am keen on helping our party take the lead on issues of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to build a more sustainable and just society. I am also founder and editor of the Earth Advocacy News website whose mission is educating the public about issues that the Green Party has historically fought for: peace, environment and a more just society. I am committed to further growing and improving the Green Party of Texas as I think it is the best way to fight for a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Herb Gonzales -

I want to submit my name for National Committee delegate and At-Large SEC delegate. I have been a member of Bexar County Green Party since 2000. I served on the SEC as At-Large member beginning in 2002-2004. I have served as Secretary for seven years and am currently the treasurer of BCGP. I have been a Green candidate for Lt. Governor in 2010 and State representative in 2012. I am currently GPTX delegate to the GP-US National committee and would enjoy to continue to serve. I have served on the National Committee in 2003-2005. I have been involved in Green campaigns since 2000 at the state, national levels and was involved in planning GPTX state conventions in San Antonio in 2004, 2010 and again in 2016. I am involved in the LatinX caucus since 2012. Thank you for your consideration of nominations.

Mary Gourdoux -

I want to submit my name to continue on as an SEC at-large delegate. Last year, I was appointed to fill out a term for a seat vacated due to non-participation.

I've been a member of the El Paso County Green Party since 2015 although I've been voting for Green Party Presidential candidates since 1996. Last year I represented the Green Party as a candidate for US House of Representatives, District 16. Being a retired elementary school teacher, I had time after 9/11 to become a peace activist trying to stop the US invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. Locally, some of the areas I've been involved in that reflect the key values of the Green Party are: working on protecting migrant rights, standing against the death penalty, supporting worker rights issues (wage theft is common in our border community), successfully placing truth-in-recruiting materials into high school counseling offices to counter military recruiting and most often working as a member of the Border Peace Presence since 2005 to educate Americans about US actions abroad. As a member of the SEC, I've had the opportunity to learn more about the state party and if confirmed to continue on, I'll work to strengthen and grow the party. Several of us in El Paso are working hard to increase our membership. Whether on the SEC or not, I'm dedicated to promoting the Green Party locally and at the state level.

Laura Palmer -

I would like to serve as a National Committee Delegate to attempt to improve the operation and performance of GPUS by integrating my perspective & experience from serving GPTX as SEC co-chair since 2014.

By-Law Amendments (12)

1. **July 2015 temporary change; SEC**

**Existing language & Suggested Amendments:**

Section 4: Withdrawal of Endorsement or Investiture

The GPTX reserves the right to withdraw any endorsement or investiture of a party officer at any time. The SEC is empowered to act for the GPTX in such matters if it finds that a candidate, officer, group, or organization has:

- Misrepresented the decisions and policies of the GPTX;
- Failed to support the Ten Key Values; or
- Acted in a manner that jeopardizes the credibility and/or continuance of the GPTX (this to include illegal or unethical actions).

When any endorsement or investiture is withdrawn, a written, dated notice will be provided and no further citation of the GPTX endorsement/investiture will be permitted.

2. **Expulsion; Dallas County**

**Existing language:**

Article X: Guidelines For Endorsement
Section 4: Withdrawal of Endorsement or Investiture

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**Suggested amendments - add:**

The GPTX reserves the right to expel any member who has been found by the SEC to violate the standards set within the withdrawal of endorsement/investiture in a continuous or egregious manner. The SEC is empowered to act for the GPTX in such matters in-between annual meetings.

When any expulsion occurs, a written, dated notice will be provided and the individual in question will be given the opportunity to be heard in a GPTX teleconference open to any party members.

The expelled member may apply for reinstatement after two years from the date of the decision. The decision to reinstate an expelled member will be determined at an annual meeting by a vote from the entire GPTX delegation. The decision will be provided to the individual in question as a written, dated notice.

3. **De-affiliation; Dallas County**

**Existing language:**

Article II: Party Organization

Section 2: County Organization

B) County Green Party Affiliation with Green Party of Texas:

i. To affiliate with the Green Party of Texas, County Green Party organizations shall make an application in writing (physical or digital) to the State Executive Committee. The application shall include written (physical or digital) democratic bylaws and a list of the County Officers or Executive Committee.

ii. The State Executive Committee has the authority to accept or reject any application for membership, subject to review by the next meeting/convention.

**Suggested amendments - add:**

iii. The SEC has the authority to de-affiliate County Green Party organizations that consistently do any of the following:

- Misrepresent the decisions and policies of the GPTX;
- Fail to support the Ten Key Values;
- Act in a manner that jeopardizes the credibility and/or continuance of the GPTX (this to include illegal or unethical actions);
- Violate State/Federal laws or GPTX/GPUS bylaws
- Exclude member participation without valid reason
- Are not actively participating or holding meetings

iv. The SEC must review all county chapters annually and submit the review notes in a manner that is accessible to the entire GPTX membership.

v. County Green Party organizations subject to de-affiliation will have the right to represent their case at a GPTX teleconference open to the GPTX membership.

vi. The GPTX membership may vote to re-affiliate any de-affiliated county organizations at the annual meeting immediately following the decision.

4. **Dues Membership; Dallas County**

**Existing language:**

**Suggested amendments:**

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Membership
Section 3:

A) Upon payment of monthly dues, membership is open to any person who supports the Party; is not registered as or participates with the Democratic or Republican parties; and who signs a form pledging to uphold the following 10 Key Values: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Feminist Values, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus.

Members will receive proof of membership in the form of a physical card.

Any member that is three months behind in dues payment loses their standing as a member, but may resume standing if the owed dues are paid in full. The loss of membership will terminate additional monthly dues, but does not wipe away previous missing dues. The SEC is responsible for maintaining payment records for each member.

B) Dues are set by the GPTX delegation during annual meetings but can be set by the SEC in-between annual meetings. If the SEC changes dues they will apply immediately, but must be confirmed by the membership at the following meeting. If the dues fail to be confirmed, the membership can set a new rate or restore it to the previous rate.

Dues will be provided on a sliding scale based on need and hardship and may be paid up to a year in advance.

5. Standards and Review; Travis County

Existing language:

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Membership

Section 3:

Membership is open to any person who supports the Party and who is in general agreement with the following 10 Key Values: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Feminist Values, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus.

Add to Article 1 Section 3 Suggested amendments:

MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

3.1 Standards - the GP will set membership standards and establish a process for dealing with members who behave in a manner inconsistent with the purposes, goals, and values of the GP, as specified in this document, including:

3.11 - committing the GP to actions, endorsements, and other policy positions outside of the GP’s decision-making process described in this document,

3.12 - misrepresenting the decisions and policies of the GP,

3.13 - making false statements when applying for membership,

3.14 - deliberate irregularities with or mismanagement of GP’s funds including knowingly receiving funds derived from illegal sources,

3.15 - advocacy or practice of racial, sexual, national, religious, or any other type of discrimination,

3.16 - advocacy or practice of violent action on behalf of the GP,

3.17 - acting as a strike-breaker, agent provocateur, or government or corporate informer,

3.18 - acting to disrupt and prevent the exercise of the rights of freedom of speech, press, or assembly to discuss or advocate ideas of any individual or group not advocating violence,

3.19 - behaving in a manner that violates the principles of grassroots democracy as embodied in this document,

3.110 - continually failing, after receiving written notice, to participate regularly in GP activities and functions,

3.111 - actively disrupting the work of the party.

Review Procedure

3.2 Review Procedure - the GP is responsible for reviewing the standing of Active Members who are charged with violating membership standards and may censure or remove Active Members for the behaviors listed above.

3.21 Charges - charges of violation of membership standards against any Active Member can be made by any Active Member. Such charges are to be submitted in writing to the
Administrative Workgroup. All such charges will be handled expeditiously by a workgroup created by the Administrative Workgroup for that purpose. That special workgroup shall hear charges, report findings, make recommendations to the GP at a regular decisionmaking meeting, and then dissolve. All Active Members charged shall have the right to appear, to bring witnesses, and to testify. The burden of proof shall be on those making the charges. After hearing the report of the workgroup, a statement from those making the charges, and a statement from those charged, the GP, or a body of mandated delegates representing the GP, shall have the right to decide on any sanction, including exclusion.

3.22 Appeal - sanctions and decisions on which they are based may be appealed by the accused only once. If the Administrative Workgroup cannot identify any cogent reason why an appeal should be honored, it may deny the appeal. If an appeal is granted, the process outlined in 3.21 Charges is repeated. Those Active Members who served on the original workgroup hearing the original charges will be ineligible to serve on the workgroup hearing the appeal.

6. SEC & NC requirements; Travis County & SEC

Existing language & Suggested amendments:

Article II: Party Organization

Section 1: State Executive Committee 2015-2016

D) To be eligible to run for SEC or NC, a candidate must have been an active member in good standing of their affiliated local party, student group, club, or caucus for a minimum of one year.

Any eligible Party member who is in attendance during the election or has declared her/his candidacy in writing may be nominated to serve on the Committee. All candidates are encouraged to submit brief personal statements for inclusion in the agenda packet.

7. Nomination process in single vote districts; SEC based on feedback from District Delegates

Existing language & Suggested amendments:

Article V, Part B: Precinct Conventions

Section 4: Precinct Ballots

D) These ballots are binding to the County, District, State, and National Delegates when casting their official votes, except in the event that the candidate was the only recorded vote, in which case delegates may exercise discretion in awarding the Party’s nomination.

8. Participation of student groups, clubs, & caucuses; SEC

Existing language:

Article VI: Annual State Meetings

Section 3 Delegates to State Meetings:

On years when the Texas Election Code does not mandate Conventions:

A) Affiliated local parties are empowered to select their delegates to Statewide Meetings that will, as applicable, otherwise follow the rules outlined in Article V, Part E Section 8 for State Conventions.

B) Unaffiliated Counties:

A member of the Green Party of Texas who resides in an unaffiliated county may attend as a voting member of a state meeting under the following conditions:

1) One submits a request to the Secretary no later than 25 days before the meeting.

2) The number of delegates from any one county shall not exceed the population guidelines given for affiliated counties in subsection F. In the event that the number of requests received before the deadline from an unaffiliated county exceeds the allowed number, the Executive Committee may choose the
appropriate number of delegates from among the submissions.

**Suggested amendments:**
Change “On years when the Texas Election Code does not mandate Conventions:”

To: “At state meetings, outside of mandated Nominating Conventions”

and add:

C) Student groups, clubs, & caucuses affiliated with the Party get two voting members at state meetings

9. **Broaden Article XI to include current social media, etc.; Media Committee, SEC**

**Existing language w/ Suggested amendments:**
Article XI: E-Mail Discussion Groups

No statewide, regional, or county e-mail discussion group or announcement list, nor any social media account, may use the name "Green Party of Texas" or "Texas Green Party" or “GPTX” or any other name implying affiliation with the Green Party of Texas without the express permission of the State Executive Committee or the state convention as a whole.

10. **Speaking on behalf of the party; SEC**

**Existing language:**

**Suggested amendments:**
Article IX: General Provisions

Section 5:

The only individuals empowered to speak on behalf of the Party are the state co-chairs or individuals specifically designated by them, and the Media Committee. Public facing communications such as social media will be operated at the discretion of the SEC. Volunteers are encouraged to distinguish when speaking for themselves, and for the Party, and to remain mindful of the 10KV & platform positions in order to avoid misrepresenting the Party.

11. **Removal of elected members of SEC; George Reiter**

Whereas the State Executive Committee(SEC), as an elected body of the Green Party is not self-selecting and

Whereas conflicts on the SEC may come to the point that some members of the SEC may wish to remove another member

And Whereas in keeping with our commitment to grassroots democracy, the decision to do this must be made by a representative body of the Green Party

Therefore the bylaws shall be amended as follows:

**Existing language:**

**Suggested amendments:**

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When any endorsement or investiture is withdrawn, a written, dated notice will be provided and no further citation of the GPTX endorsement/investiture will be permitted.

Any decision to propose that a member of the SEC be removed for cause other than failing to attend meetings, must be made by 2/3 of the members of the SEC. Only one proposal for removal may be made or be in process at any one time.

The proposal must state the specific grievances that led to the proposed removal and relate them to the relevant duties and responsibilities of the position as defined by these bylaws and/or the laws of the State of Texas. It is to be signed by those members of the SEC who voted for it.
A discussion group shall be created with all members of the previous two state conventions who can be reached by e-mail subscribed as members. The proposal shall be submitted to the member who is to be removed, and that member, within ten days, is entitled to produce a rebuttal. The rebuttal, together with any supporting material, shall be posted to the list, and all members of the list notified of its existence and purpose.

There shall be three weeks of discussion prior to a vote being taken online. It shall require 2/3 of those voting, not counting abstentions as votes, for the proposal to be sustained.

In the event that the proposal is sustained, the SEC shall have the power to appoint a member by the procedures in these bylaws for filling vacancies.

12. Duties of the Secretary; George Reiter

Existing language:

Article II: Party Organization

Section 1: State Executive Committee

I) The Secretary is responsible for taking SEC meeting and Statewide Convention meeting minutes and the timely dissemination and posting of these minutes. The Secretary is responsible for keeping a list of contacts for all in attendance at the Statewide Convention

The minutes shall include the names and county affiliations of all in attendance, and the text of all motions that came before the body, including elections. It will not contain selected points of the discussion. If the motions were adopted by consensus, that shall be recorded, if not, the number of blocking objections and the final vote shall be recorded.

The minutes of both SEC meetings and the Statewide Convention shall be disseminated as widely as practicable to Party members who were present at the meeting.

Suggested corrections to the minutes by members who were present may be made to the Secretary within ten days receipt of the draft minutes by the members present.

If there are no corrections, the minutes will be considered approved. If there are corrections, the SEC will decide whether the suggestions are to be included in the next draft, and the minutes will be recirculated, along with reasons for the SEC decisions, to the appropriate body, until there are no more corrections.

It is expected and encouraged that the Secretary will disseminate these approved minutes to all known Party members. This shall include posting such minutes to the Texas Green Party web site and email list and ensuring that contact persons in all known Party local organizations receive copies by e-mail or regular mail.

Suggested amendments:

Platform Amendments (2)

1. Submit proposal to National to change all instances of “IRV” in national platform to “approval voting”; and companion proposal to change internal elections to Approval Voting, Travis County

2. Add where appropriate to youth rights

(delegate) katija gruene, on behalf of several 16+yr old green activists nationwide:

“In agreement with Green parties worldwide, we fully support efforts of youth empowerment.

• We call for the lowering of voting age to 16. This ensures that youth workers have
their voices heard on equal ground with all other working people.

- We oppose age-based curfew laws.
- We call for the restoration of the drinking age to 18.
- We oppose efforts by to raise the smoking age to 21.
- We oppose the restriction of private marijuana usage to citizens over the age 21, and believe that no adult over the age of 18 should face charges for the possession and recreational use of marijuana.
- We oppose Federal laws and regulations that require a minimum age of 21 to purchase certain firearms.
- In order to bring our state into line with the vast majority of the world, we call for the lowering of the age of consent to 16.
- We support required representation of students aged 16 or older on local school boards.
- We strongly oppose the criminalization of youth, and the explosion of the for-profit “troubled teen” and school-to-prison industries. Furthermore, anyone sentenced to a youth correctional facility, after being charged as a minor, must be released upon reaching their eighteenth birthday.
- We demand American ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

The creation of a state governing body that remains accountable to the membership. It is the primary governance body of GPTX.

The Council is composed of delegates elected from each active County affiliate organization. This allows the interests of the counties to be represented and affords them a role in decision making at the state level which they are presently isolated from doing. They have a say in decisions that impact them.

It will help the Party to continually refresh itself and end the entrenched leadership that GPTX has been prone to having.

It serves as an intermediary body (buffer) between the GPTX-SEC and the GP counties. The SEC cannot remain the sole authority over the Texas Greens, such a small body without any oversite or checks on it, is simply inadequate.

This way County leaders can be freed of the petty meddling of the SEC who should otherwise have more than enough work to do on building a real state party. This body will concern itself with making GPTX a viable party again, statewide recruitment, re-acquiring ballot access and maintaining it, developing fundraising strategies, and regular auditing of the treasury accounts. It will support the county organizations.

Since Harris County is over-represented on the SEC, it presents a particular challenge to local leadership when SEC members decide to focus their attention on the county level rather than taking care of business at the state level. With a Council to help executive officers maintain the necessary focus at the state level, it will prevent GPTX from losing ballot access again.

The apportionment of delegates either by an equal number from each active county, or based on total members per county.

(The delegates to this year's Annual Meeting may possibly serve as the initial delegates to the County Council.) The Council is expected to meet PHYSICALLY at least twice a year, not including the State Annual Meeting. When I was in NOW-Texas, we had to meet quarterly. The Assembly holds the officers accountable.

2. Submitted by Frederick Clarkson (non-delegate) via Bernadine Williams:

Resolved:

1. The Green Party of Texas shall create a Statewide People’s Council (Henceforth known as PC) composed of

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Resolutions (3)

1. Submitted by Bernadine Williams (Delegate):

RESOLUTION: To Create a GPTX State Council Immediately
12 Regional Members provided by the local county parties either directly or through regional councils, which may be created as required to provide county oversight at the State level. The composition of said council should be demographically diverse and the Terms should be three years staggered with the first terms being of three, two and one. For the first election those receiving the greatest number of votes of the top twelve serving three and those the least number of the top twelve candidates one with the intermediates serving two respectively.

2. The PC shall create, when required, regions and they shall be composed of contiguous counties not to exceed 12 regions of approximately equal population as determined by the Census Bureau.

3. Participation in the PC shall be a requirement of affiliation of any county party to the state party.

4. The PC shall have exclusive powers over the following.

- Temporary Rules needed between general meetings and the formulation of Permanent rules approved by general meetings.
- The Removal of State Officers for Non-Compliance to the By-laws and Temporary Appointment of the same on a unanimous basis. The PC shall establish procedures for said removals that must be just and discourage frivolous charges.
- An Annual audit of State Finances.
- The PC shall serve as the court of last resort for any matters concerning the state and local parties.
- No member of the SEC may serve on the PC.
- The PC must meet physically at least twice a year
- The PC is empowered to amend the by-laws in order to implement this resolution.

3. Submitted by Roy Carl Stanley (non-delegate):

- Implement a 30 day mentor period after party elections where off-going officers train the on-coming officers and supervise their development, while not continuing to do any of the work themselves. This time should also be used to remove off-going executives from any passwords or permissions within their duties as Executives, and to ensure all resources and documents necessary to fully act within the position are available to the newly elected.

- Term limit structure change. 6 total terms limit within the executive committee. 2 total terms limit within a position within the executive committee IE Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, At-large etc. 2 consecutive terms within the executive committee will require a full term break. A person on a term break may not fill a vacancy.

- The SEC at large members will consist of 2 members from every senate district, one male and one female. No more than 2 representatives may join the SEC from any one senate district. If a representative is not selected at the state meeting anyone may submit an application to the local chapter for consideration and the application should be brought in front of the SEC for approval. SEC members do not have to be active in their local chapters but have the responsibility to hold an open communication with the local chapters to share news from the SEC and to receive concerns to be presented to the SEC.

- Precinct chair positions will be publically sought after and filled by the SEC; Recommendation from a local party should be sought but is not necessary. Anyone can fill these positions, however their is only one position for every precinct. A precinct chair is responsible for assisting the local chapter with voting related tasks such as signature gathering, organizing phone banking, volunteering at the elections office etc.

- Local chapters are required to record minutes for their monthly meetings and make them public. A record of these minutes must be maintained and kept public as long as possible by the local chapter and/or the state. A local chapter is considered inactive if they do not record and make public minutes for 2 consecutive months and the SEC then reserves the right to allow a new chapter to form or to investigate means of getting the existing local chapter back on track, to include putting in place a temporary steering committee.

- The SEC is required to record and make public as long as possible all meeting minutes.(already in process but a bylaw should exist to that effect)

- A standard meeting and bylaw format should be encouraged for all County chapters to include where to upload minutes and how soon to post the next meeting details. All paperwork for all positions that may ever come up should be included in an online start-up county kit(IE treasury report sheets, election documents etc).
Deviation from the standard outline should be reviewed at the State annual meetings.

- All treasury reports should be public and consistent with regulations; audited by the SEC semiannually.

- There should be an affidavit to be submitted to local chapters and reviewed by the SEC for access to nationbuilder (or listserv) lists. These lists should be printed by the local chapter or regional chair as opposed to giving all volunteers NB access. The affidavit should contain a statement that the applying party will be legally responsible to use the information shared with them for phonebanking for the green party only and not to share the information or abuse it. This should be signed by a notary. The purpose of this document is to alleviate security stress while still promoting active growth and accountable involvement within the membership. The SEC or local chair persons may decide how to disseminate lists (IE by county, region, zip election district etc).

- Every time the SEC or other deliberately goes against a bylaw, code, or other to that effect, it must be noted as to why and who was involved in the consensus and then reviewed at the annual state meetings.
Workshops (6)

One workshop in each block is focused on Green Party cultural development, and the other workshop track focuses on the party’s logistical needs. The SEC encourages delegations to allocate the attendance of their participants so as to make the most of the content being offered.

2:00 – 3:00 PM

**Candidate Recruitment** - katija gruene

Outgoing SEC secretary katija gruene will review a draft of the Candidate Development Plan created by the SEC and finalized at the Feb. State Meeting. Discussion on how proceed with the plan to develop an endorsable slate of candidates for 2018-2020. GPTX needs volunteers to staff the candidate vetting effort and to support endorsed campaigns.

**Non-Violent Communication** - Karen Starz

In consideration of non-violence as one of our four Green Party pillars, and in hope of aiding conflict resolution and communication within the party, the SEC has invited Karen Starz to facilitate this non-violent communication workshop.

Karen Starz, MA, MAEC is a Nonviolent Communication Practitioner, Facilitator and Speaker. Her background spans many areas, from interpersonal relationships to businesses and non-profit organizations. She currently sits on three boards in the Houston area. Other services she provides include mediation and conflict resolution, curriculum writing, and organizing services.

3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Tech Tool Training** - Nancy Gaige

Denton Green Nancy Gaige has been working with the SEC to implement Nationbuilder training & is offering this workshop to walk volunteers through the basics of posting calendar events, sending email blasts, and using the GPTX database to help develop the party. She will also elaborate on the uses of slack and trello to facilitate communication & committee work.

4:00 – 5:00 PM

**Undoing Isms** - Remington Alessi

Outgoing SEC at-large member Remington Alessi will lead a workshop with guided exercises to help individuals unpack & examine their own internal biases and how they impact movement building.

**Fundraising Workshop** - Dr. Rachael Robertson

GPTX fundraising committee chair Dr. Rachael Robertson will review her fundraising plan with delegates and help to jumpstart our fundraising efforts.

**Facilitation Workshop** - Laura Palmer

Currently serving SEC co-chair Laura Palmer will review guidelines for conducting meetings via consensus facilitation & lead participants in exercises to improve their facilitation skills.