

Proposed Change to Green Party of Minnesota Bylaws

Proposed new language is underlined. Language to be replaced is in strikeout.

Article VI. Local Party Organizations

4. Issues-Based Caucuses

An issues-based caucus is defined as a group of Green Party members who are organized around a specific set of issues, and whose mission statement is aligned with the principles and values of the Party.

~~A. Provisional Caucuses Requirements:~~

- ~~1. a mission statement and a democratic decision making process;~~
- ~~2. 20 members, including a minimum of five from the twin cities metropolitan area and five from greater Minnesota;~~
- ~~3. one in-person meeting of at least five caucus members;~~
- ~~4. an elected contact person to be listed on mngreens.org~~

~~B. Full Accreditation Requirements:~~

- ~~1. All provisional caucus requirements~~
- ~~2. Bylaws~~
- ~~3. 20 GPMN members, who:~~
 - ~~1. attend a statewide GPMN membership meeting;~~
 - ~~2. attend local Green Party membership meetings, and/or~~
 - ~~3. vote on major caucus decisions by mail, phone, e-mail or other remote communication media;~~
 - ~~4. send a representative to a minimum of two GPMN Coordinating Committee meetings per year.~~
- ~~4. These requirements must be fulfilled each year.~~

A. Accreditation Requirements:

1. A minimum of 8 members of the Green Party of Minnesota; geographical diversity is encouraged
2. Bylaws, which must include a mission statement and a democratic decision-making process
3. One in-person meeting of at least five caucus members each year
4. An elected contact person to be listed on mngreens.org
5. Attendance by a representative of the caucus at a minimum of two GPMN Coordinating Committee meetings per year.

~~C. B. Accreditation of Statewide Caucuses~~

1. The CC has authority over the statewide caucus accreditation process.

2. A ~~supermajority~~ two-thirds vote of the CC is required to block, or remove, the accreditation of any caucus that meets the criteria.

~~D.~~ C. Benefits to Caucuses

~~1. Provisional caucuses shall be listed on the GPMN website, the Sunflower and all other GPMN media; be allowed an e-mail listserv through lists.mngreens.org; and request agenda time at GPMN meetings.~~

~~2. Full caucuses shall, in addition, have access to GPMN membership data; be awarded a line item in the annual budget to be decided by the CC in cooperation with the caucus; be allowed the same Internet resources as local party units.~~

1. Caucuses shall be listed on the GPMN website and allowed the same communications resources as local party units.
2. Caucuses shall be offered table space at all GPMN membership meetings.
3. Caucus-sponsored events shall be promoted by GPMN.
4. Caucuses shall have access to GPMN membership data for the purposes of further organizing; the scope of this access is to be determined cooperatively by the caucus and the CC.