



Wisconsin Green Party Newsletter

Fall 2021

WI Green Party 2021 Fall Gathering with Jill Stein to be held 11/13

The Wisconsin Green Party 2021 Fall Gathering state membership meeting will be held on Saturday November 13, 2021. The theme of the gathering will be "Facing the Climate Crisis" and we're excited to welcome special guest speaker Dr. Jill Stein, pioneering environmental health advocate and 2-time Green Party presidential nominee.

The Fall Gathering is the deadline to self-nominate for officer positions, and will offer space for candidates to make their case to their fellow members. After nominations are finalized, ballots will be sent to all dues-paying WIGP members in good standing. Officer positions up for election include one Co-Chair position, Operations Treasurer, Elections Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary, as well as Coordinating Council positions for each Congressional District and up to 8 At-Large seats. More information about these positions and their responsibilities is available on the Wisconsin Green Party website.

Due to the ongoing pandemic this gathering will be held virtually via Zoom. Members will be sent information about how to join the gathering online after they [RSVP on the WIGP website](#).

WIGP state gatherings are a great opportunity to participate in grassroots democracy, make your voice heard, and get involved in your party. Join us 11/13 with your ideas about how to grow the Green Party and support the movement for peace, justice, democracy, and ecology!



WI Green Party calls for 2022 candidates

Have you ever thought about running for office? Even if you haven't, consider the following: more and more people are ready for a grassroots uprising against the political establishment. For years, national polls have shown that roughly 60% of Americans - and over 70% among the younger generations - agree that the establishment parties are failing us, and that we need a new major party.

With 2022 elections coming up for local, state, and federal offices, now is a great time to think about running for office as a Green to help build the movement for people, planet and peace over profit.

If you'd consider running for office, let us know at <https://www.wisconsinngreenparty.org/contact-us> or info@wisconsinngreenparty.org and we'll get in touch to discuss the possibilities!

Virtual Green Campaign School to be held 12/11

The WI Green Party will hold a virtual Green Campaign School on Saturday December 11th for prospective candidates, campaign managers, and anyone who would like to gain the skills and knowledge needed to be an essential part of a successful campaign.

Help organize a Green Party chapter in your Congressional District!

The WI Green Party now has dues-paying members in all 8 congressional districts across the state, and we are looking to organize and activate chapters in every district. Congressional district chapters can help the WIGP to get plugged into issues in your district, and they can also help bring people together to organize more local chapters as the party grows. All that it takes to start a chapter is 5 dues-paying members who are willing to have regular online organizing meetings. If you're interested in getting involved, or even in helping to organize a chapter in your district, contact us at info@wisconsinngreenparty.org and let us know!

Wisconsin Green Party Updated Membership Dues Policy

The Wisconsin Green Party is a dues-based membership organization. The party and its operations are funded by members paying annual (or monthly) dues. To be a member in good standing, and therefore be entitled to participate in decision-making and voting, a WIGP member must be current on their dues. Suggested minimum dues can be found at <https://www.wisconsinngreenparty.org/contribute> and begin with a minimum of \$12.00 for the student/low-income level.

Being current on membership dues means a member has paid a minimum of \$12.00 in dues to the WIGP within the past year. Any donation to the WIGP counts toward this, whether specified as dues or not. In addition, there shall be a 1-month grace period for members whose dues have lapsed. For example, if a member paid dues in March 2020 and their dues lapsed in March 2021, they will still be considered a member in good standing in April 2021. This grace period shall be in effect as long as the member paid dues anytime within the preceding month of the preceding year.

Members are encouraged to pay their dues regularly to support the WIGP. Setting up an automatic monthly sustainer contribution is an excellent way to do so. The WIGP will make every effort to contact members whose dues have lapsed in order to remind them to renew their membership, especially in the run-up to state membership meetings. If any member has questions about the status of their dues, they can contact the WIGP treasurers Bill Breihan at wcbreihan@aol.com or Patti Ashby at wigpmembership@gmail.com.

Proposed changes to the WIGP bylaws for discussion Fall 2021

The following changes to Wisconsin Green Party bylaws are proposed by Jo' Nathan Kingfisher. According to the usual process, the proposals will be brought for discussion at the Fall 2020 Gathering, and brought for decision at the Spring 2021 Gathering (with possible revisions based on discussion).

Proposed change to Article 10: Discrimination, Section 1: Conduct, eliminating the phrase "or mental":

from:

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Help grow the WI Greens: volunteer for a WIGP Committee!

In addition to the Coordinating Council, the WI Green Party has 7 standing committees where we do the work of the party: Communications, Dispute Resolution, Elections, Finance, Information Technology, Membership Outreach, and Platform and Policy. If you want to help

grow the Green Party and feel you can help with any of these areas, we want to hear from you! Go to <https://www.wisconsinngreenparty.org/committees> to learn more about our committees and submit a statement of interest. Dues-paying WIGP members in good standing can apply to join our state committees (as well as Green Party US committees) through the Fall Gathering, and applications will be considered after Coordinating Council elections are finished.