

# **Georgia Green Party**

## **Policy on Local Affiliation**

*(as amended July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1999)*

### **I. Affiliation by Local Associations**

Any local association in Georgia may affiliate or reaffiliate with the Georgia Green Party for a period of up to 18 months when they meet the following conditions:

- 1) they are in basic agreement as an organization with the Ten Key Values and the Political Practices of the Greens as a framework for organizing and political action;
- 2) they hold a publicly advertised Annual Meeting in which the call for the meeting gives notice of intention to elect local officers and delegates to the Convention of the Georgia Green Party, consider platform documents, consider fielding candidates for public office and conducting other local Party business;
- 3) they designate a local contact with name, address and phone number;
- 4) they file the minutes of their Annual Meeting, a roster of servants elected by the local, a copy of their credentials roll, a description of the publicity for their Annual Meeting, including copies of publicity, and a copy of their by-laws, if any, or if previously filed, any amendments adopted to the local by-laws on file with the Georgia Green Party;
- 5) they file a completed application for affiliation with the Affiliation Committee or the Clerk of the Coordinating Council; and
- 6) they are paid up to date with their annual assessment for affiliated local chapters.

### **II. Affiliation Committee**

#### *A. Members, Power and Decision-Making Rules*

There shall exist an Affiliation Committee of the Coordinating Council which shall consist of two Council members, designated by the Council at a Council meeting. The Affiliation Committee shall have the powers to:

- 1) receive and consider petitions to convene Local Affiliates and caucuses or petitions to serve as a Local Contact;
- 2) name local convenors or County Contacts in unorganized jurisdictions;
- 3) examine affiliation applications, ruling on their compliance;
- 4) accept and act on challenges to local committees.

The Committee shall designate a convenor and a clerk who shall not be the same person. The Affiliation Committee shall make decisions by unanimous consent. When the Committee can not reach agreement on a matter before the Committee, it may forward a report of the questions which divides the Committee to the Coordinating Council, or if the Council will not meet before the next Annual Convention, then to the Convention itself.

#### *B. Naming County Contacts*

The Affiliation Committee may grant a petition to serve as a County Contact in an unorganized jurisdiction when:

- 1) the petitioners are members and certify that they are in basic agreement with the Ten Key Values, Political Practices and the Platform of the Georgia Green Party; and

- 2) the Affiliation Committee or a member of Council designated by the Affiliation Committee has made a site visit with the petitioner and believes the petitioner is committed to the task and has the capacity to serve the Party's growth.
- 3) They pledge that in cooperation with Party officers, they will serve the development of the Party in their County by:
  - a) subscribing to the Internal Discussion Bulletin,
  - b) serving as a point of contact for the Party in their community,
  - c) granting permission for their name, mailing address, phone number and email address to be published by the Party as a Local Contact,
  - d) responsibly represent the Party,
  - e) developing a database of people who reside or work in the County who are friendly to the Party, have volunteered or otherwise contributed to the party, and
  - f) sharing that database with members of the state Council for the purposes of organizing informational meetings, fundraising events or local organizing meetings.

In granting a petition to serve as a County Contact, the Affiliation Committee shall define a jurisdiction limited to one County for the local contact which shall not overlap with the jurisdiction of any other local contact, or of a local, affiliated or organizing. In the event that a petition to serve as a County Contact is submitted for a jurisdiction where another petition (to convene, affiliate or serve as a local contact) has already been granted, the petitioners shall be encouraged to work together for the organization of the Local Affiliate.

#### *C. Naming Convenors, Granting Jurisdictions*

Any two or more residents of Georgia may petition the Affiliation Committee for authority to organize a Local Affiliate with jurisdiction over their county, municipality, district or other defined community. A local association which has submitted a petition to convene and organize a local affiliate may be referred to as an organizing local. The Affiliation Committee shall grant any petition to convene a Local Affiliate in an unorganized jurisdiction when:

- 1) the petitioners certify that they are in basic agreement with the Ten Key Values and Political Practices of the Georgia Green Party; and
- 2) they submit a viable plan for broadly and effectively publicizing an Annual Meeting for organizing the Local.

In granting a petition to convene, the Affiliation Committee shall define a jurisdiction for the organizing local which shall not overlap with the jurisdiction of any other non-campus local, affiliated or organizing. A Local may organize as a county or campus party. In the event that a petition to convene is submitted for a jurisdiction where another petition has already been granted, the petitioners shall be encouraged to work together for the organization of the Local Affiliate.

#### *C. Examination and Ruling on an Application of Affiliation*

Upon receipt of an application for affiliation, any Council member shall immediately ensure that both members of the Affiliation Committee have a complete copy of each application and that the Clerk of the Council has been notified of the receipt of such an application. Within two weeks of receipt, both members shall examine the application to determine whether the application is in compliance with the requirements of this policy. If the application is in compliance, then both committee members shall sign the application certifying that the local is entitled to affiliate and indicate the number of delegates the local is entitled to in the next Convention. If the application is not in compliance with these rules, then both committee members shall sign the application certifying that the local is not entitled to affiliate. In either instance, the original of the application with all of its attachments shall be placed

on file with the Affiliation Committee, and a copy of the application without the attachments shall be filed with the Clerk of the Coordinating Council, along with, if applicable, the reasons why the application was found to not be in compliance. The local contact shall also be notified of the decision of the Committee by first class mail within one week of a decision with a copy of the certified application and if applicable, the reasons why the application was found to not be in compliance. The Committee shall prepare and forward a report of its activities to each meeting of the Council and to each Convention for ratification.

### **III. Suspending the Powers of a Local Affiliate**

Reserved.

### **IV. Annual Assessments for Locals**

#### *A. Authority and amendment process*

As provided by the by-laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article VII. Membership, A.3(b), The Annual Convention shall set an annual assessment for affiliated local chapters, providing for a sliding scale to accommodate locals of small or poor memberships.

#### *B. Assessments -- Reserved*

A Proposal for consideration by Party Convention of Local Delegates:

Each local to be considered in good standing shall have its dues paid up to date by the convening of the Annual Convention and the credentialling of their delegation. The Annual Assessment for an affiliated local shall be \$???.??, except that a local which claims a small or poor membership shall be assessed \$???.??.

End of Proposal for Convention

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*If you would be interested in organizing an affiliated local of the Georgia Green Party, please direct your request to the Georgia Green Party Affiliation Committee and ask for a copy of the "Petition to Serve as a Local Contact", a "Petition to Convene a Local Affiliate of the Georgiaa Green Party" and a "Local Affiliation Application." Send mail to P.O. Box 5332; Atlanta GA 30307 or call 800/447-6694 or send email to ggp@greens.org*

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