

Georgia Green Party 2001 Nominating Convention

Athens Georgia, Saturday, May 19th, 2001

*as approved by the Party's Coordinating Council,
at it's June 10th, 2001 meeting in Wrightsville Georgia*

The Convention was convened at about 11:30 am by Hugh Esco, who introduced Party Co-Chair Zack Lyde, who introduced Party Co-Chair Kerrie Dickson.

Will Jackson of Clarke County presented a Credentials Report asking that the Convention seat thirty-seven delegates from sixteen counties. The report was adopted by unanimous consent. The delegations included: Clarke County (Gary Causby, Melanie Causby, Jim McGown and Cy Routh); Cobb County (Regina Etheridge and Vicki Pierce); Dekalb County (Nannette Garrett, Al Herman, Badili Jones, Todd Knudson, Leigh Ann Ledbetter, Chris Neely, Harry Rezzemini and Lester Shepherd); Dougherty County (Emily Sacco); Fulton County (Ashley Alford, James Jones and Alisa Norvelle); Glynn County (Rev. Zack Lyde); Grady County (Reid Robinson and Peter Wright); Habersham County (Glenn Schlafer); Lee County (Geoff Pfeiffer and Richard Pfeiffer); Oconee County (Ken Starratt); Newton County (Roy Evritt and Jim Justus); Richmond County (Kevyn Jacobs, Paige Patton and Denise Traina); Towns County (Renee Bursey, Kerrie Dickson and Hugh Esco); Union County (Sara Evans and Constance Wright); Walton County (Frank Jeffers); White County (Bev Baker). In addition a number of observers were present throughout the day with seventy being served for lunch. Also, Phil Sanderlin of the Athens Observer was present from convening until adjournment.

Will Jackson, for the Credentials Committee, moved that the Rule be suspended requiring the apportionment of votes among the Delegates and that each Delegate be seated, one Delegate - one vote. Without objection, the motion passed, the rules were suspended and each Delegate was apportioned one vote.

Kerrie Dickson opened the floor for nominations for a Facilitator for the day's work and offered on behalf of the Convention Conveners, Kerrie Dickson and Hugh Esco, the name of Regina Etheridge for the Convention's consideration. There being no further names offered, nominations were closed without objection and Regina Etheridge was seated by acclamation as the Facilitator of the 2001 Nominating Convention of the Georgia Green Party.

Hugh Esco, Clerk of Council, offered the Council's proposed Convention Agenda (IDB#00-5:7). He then asked the Convention's support for two published proposals (IDB#00-5:23 and IDB#00-5:24) offered by the Convention Conveners to amend the Council's proposed agenda. Without objection, both amendments were adopted and the proposed agenda was adopted as amended.

We next did a roll call of the County delegations and heard oral reports from a representative of each Delegation.

Next we heard a first reading of the proposed Platform amendments. On the motion of Hugh Esco, and without objection, we adopted a process for hearing the first reading of each Platform proposal and the facilitator's or author's motion that each paper be included on a Platform Consent Agenda. If there was unanimous consent, the paper would be placed on the Platform Consent Agenda. If there was objection, the objected to paper would be placed on a Platform Debate

Agenda.

The facilitator proceeded through the Platform proposals and the following items were placed on a Consent Agenda: ED#1 Repeal the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act; EJ#2 Co-Generation; EJ#4 Stop MTBE Pollution; ER#1 Net Metering; HR#2 Medicinal Marijauna; TLU#1 Support Conservation Land Trusts (by substitute).

There was objection to the following papers which were each placed on the Debate Agenda: CJ#1 Mandatory Minimums; CJ#2 Decriminalize misdemeanor possession of marijauna; DM#1 Bush's Faith Based Initiative; EJ#1 Halt the Transportation of Nuclear Wastes; EJ#3 Protect State Waters from Waste Heat; Family Plank - a new plank, by Substitute; FP#1 Stop Clinton's Plan Columbia; FP#2 Create a Lasting Peace in the Middle East; TX#1 Tax Capital Gains at the same rate as other income; HI#1 Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives; HI#3 State Health Planning Agency Approval Process (not previously published).

We next heard a three or five minute presentation by Nannette Garrett (DeKalb County) on the subject of Statewide Team Politics.

Next we considered motions to open and close districts for the Party's nomination. There were motions to open the following seats for the Party's nomination or endorsement: for 2001 - - Mayor of Atlanta and Mayor of Fort Valley; for the 2002 Cycle - - Governor of Georgia, State Senate from Newton County, Mayor of Brunswick and Richmond County School Board. Each of these seats was opened for the Party's nomination without objection, except as noted below in the Minutes of the nominations themselves.

We next opened the floor for nominations for each open seat. Nannette Garrett was nominated for Governor of Georgia. Harry Rezzemini of Dekalb County objected to the Party's contesting statewide office prior to winning races for local offices and building a broader base of support. Clarifying that his objection was actually to opening the seat and not to the candidacy of Ms. Garrett for that office, he withdrew his objection and asked that it be noted in the minutes. Ms. Garrett's name was placed on the ballot.

Without objection the following names were also placed on the ballot for the indicated offices: Dr. Gloria Bromell-Tinubu for Mayor of Atlanta, Marvin Crafter for Mayor of Fort Valley, Roy Evritt for State Senate in a Newton County district yet to be drawn. Each of these candidates has published their "Notice(s) of Intent to Seek the Endorsement or Nomination of the Party" consistent with the Rules of the Party. There was no nomination for Mayor of Brunswick.

Hugh Esco asked unanimous consent to suspend the Rules to permit an additional Notice of Intent by Denise Traina of Richmond County, filed on the morning of the Convention to be considered by the Convention. Without objection, the Rules were suspended and the Notice was accepted. On the motion of Kevyn Jacobs, and without objection, Denise Traina was added to the Convention ballot for consideration as the Party's nominee for Richmond County School Board.

We next considered nominations for the Party's Coordinating Council. Regina Etheridge was nominated by Nannette Garrett, with a second by Leigh Ann Ledbetter. Nannette Garrett was nominated by Todd Knudson, with a second by Hugh Esco. Peter Wright was nominated by Kerrie Dickson, with a second by Harry Rezzemini. Leigh Ann Ledbetter was nominated by Roy Evritt,

with a second by Badili Jones. Chris Neely objected to this nomination. On a test of the objection, a majority of Convention Delegates supported placing Ms. Ledbetter's name on the ballot. Todd Knudson was nominated by Leigh Ann Ledbetter with a second by Nannette Garrett. Badili Jones was nominated by Leigh Ann Ledbetter, with a second by Hugh Esco. Roy Evritt moved, with a second by Nannette Garrett that the remaining candidates who had submitted biographies for publication in the Internal Discussion Bulletin, be placed on the ballot as candidates for the Coordinating Council. Without objection his motion passed and Patrick Fulton, Russ Howard, Will Jackson, Roy Evritt, James Jones and Cy Routh were each added to the ballot. Margie Rece was nominated by Kerrie Dickson, with a second by Nannette Garrett. Without objection, nominations for the Coordinating Council election were closed.

We next considered nominations for the Delegation on National Green Party Affairs. The following nominations were made: Cy Routh, nominated by Leigh Ann Ledbetter with a second by Nannette Garrett; Badili Jones, nominated by Leigh Ann Ledbetter with a second by Nannette Garrett; Reverend Zack Lyde, nominated by Nannette Garrett with a second by Hugh Esco; Nannette Garrett, nominated by Leigh Ann Ledbetter with a second by Badili Jones; Marc Schuler, nominated by Chris Neely with a second by Denise Traina; Harry Rezzemini, nominated by Leigh Ann Ledbetter with a second by Badili Jones. Without objection, nominations for the Delegation on National Green Party Affairs were closed.

On the motion of Hugh Esco, and without objection, the adopted agenda was amended to provide for the election of the Party's Convention Conveners for the 2002 Annual Convention. The following names were placed on the ballot: Regina Etheridge, nominated by Nannette Garrett with a second by Roy Evritt; Nicole Jackel, nominated by Hugh Esco with a second by Zack Lyde; Ken Starratt, nominated by Hugh Esco with a second by Zack Lyde; Al Herman, nominated by Kerrie Dickson with a second by Todd Knudson. Without objection, nominations for Convention Conveners were closed.

Kerrie Dickson conducted a pledge campaign for the 2002 Statewide Ballot Access Petition Drive. Convention attendees - Delegates and Observers - pledged 27,000 signatures of our 80,000 signature goal.

We broke for lunch, planning to resume the nominations after we ate.

Following lunch we heard a key note address by Stephen Gaskin, 2000 candidate for the Green Party nomination for President of the United States. He was introduced by Ken Starratt of Oconee County and spoke for about thirty minutes.

We next considered nominations for names to be submitted to the 2004 Presidential Exploratory Committee of the Association of State Green Parties. The following names were placed on the ballot without objection: Jello Biafra, Dr. Noam Chomsky, Dr. Angela Davis, Jim Hightower, Representative Cynthia McKinney and Ralph Nader.

We next considered nominations for names to be submitted to the Shadow Cabinet Committee of the Association of State Green Parties. The following names were placed on the ballot without objection: Todd Knudson for Secretary of Defense, Sister Helen Prejean for Attorney General, Stephen Gaskin for Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, Dr. Oakley, Molly Ivins and Depok Chopra for Secretary of Health and Human Services, Michael Moore for Secretary of

Labor, Jeff Gates for Chair of the Federal Reserve, Glenn Carroll for Secretary of Energy, Connie Tucker for Secretary of the Interior, Reverend Zack Lyde for Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, J.D. Salinger and Dr. Howard Zinn for Secretary of Education, Steve Sprinkle and Hugh Lovel for Secretary of Agriculture. Without objection, these nominations were closed.

Reverend Zack Lyde made a presentation on the persecution of Black Elected Officials. His presentation was followed by some Q&A and some limited discussion.

The ballots were printed and distributed by the Credentials Committee to Credentialed Delegates.

We next turned our attention to the consideration of the Platform proposals. The facilitator asked for unanimous consent to accept the following Consent Agenda:

ED#1 Repeal the 1947 Taft-Hartley Act

Al Herman, on behalf of the Green Party of Dekalb County, offers:

Amend the Economic Democracy Plank by adding at the end of the un-numbered introductory paragraphs, the following:

"The Berlin Wall was toppled over a decade ago, yet a barrier to freedom erected in 1947 as an extension of the Cold War still exists here in this country, The Taft-Hartley Act. Architects of this legislation viewed the defeat of organized labor domestically as part of the war against global communism. Organized labor has historically won wage, safety and benefits victories for workers, and this and other laws limiting labor from effectively organizing conflict with constitutionally guaranteed rights to freely organize and associate, and unfairly compromises worker's safety and quality of life in Georgia and other so-called 'right to work' states."

Amend the Plank further by striking paragraph 3., in its entirety and by inserting in its place the following:

3. Repeal the Taft-Hartley Act: Guarantee Livable Wages and the Right to Organize

Guarantee the right to a safe, secure job at a livable wage, with protection of the right to organize, to bargain collectively, to join a union and to strike without fear of retaliation, reprisal or firing. Prohibit companies from busting unions and attacking living standards through the use of scab replacement workers, prison labor, economic blackmail, taking reprisals against whistle-blowers or the payment of unlivable wages to their workers. We call for the immediate repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and related legislation that prey on workers, their families and communities, embrace corporate profit over peoples needs, and expand the widening gulf between classes in this nation.

EJ#2 Co-Generation

Frank Jeffers, Walton County, offers the following:

Amend the Environmental Justice Plank by striking in its entirety, paragraph #3, and inserting in its place, the following:

3. Prevent Pollution

Shift environmental policy from pollution control (which hasn't worked to protect human health or to conserve non-renewable resources) to pollution prevention - - not producing toxics in the first place. We support the establishment of a Zero-Waste Goal for the State of Georgia. We advocate a comprehensive program of education and other measures aimed at industrial, institutional, office, household and consumers generators of waste to reduce both the toxicity and the quantity of waste they produce. We urge container deposit legislation and other economic incentives and disincentives to promote the re-use of both products and materials. We urge the creation of household, community, municipal and agricultural composting programs to divert clean organics from disposal from household kitchens and yards, from institutional kitchens and from agricultural waste generators to both reduce the load on waste disposal systems and to build soil. We call for segregating industrial discharges from municipal sewage systems in order to protect the usefulness of these wastes for composting and non-food agricultural uses. We support bans of compostable materials from disposal facilities. We urge the development and public funding of programs for segregating and gathering used materials for recycling. We support an ongoing survey of the waste stream destined for disposal to determine the potential for additional waste and toxic reduction, products re-use, organic composting and materials recycling. Whenever possible, utilize waste energy from one process to run another process, thereby saving the burning of additional fuel. This is called 'cogeneration' and should be applied as widely as possible to reduce fuel and energy consumption and pollution.

EJ#4 Stop MTBE Pollution

Frank Jeffers, Walton County, offers the following:

Amend the Environmental Justice Plank by striking in its entirety, paragraph #7 and inserting in its place, the following:

7. Make the Switch to Renewable Fuels

Greens advocate the conversion of the economy to truly renewable and clean fuels. Out of sight, out of mind pollution schemes are discouraged including electric power derived from coal burning and nuclear power plants. But we encourage the development of electric cars that derive their power from green energy, in particular, solar, wind and organically grown biomass (ethanol) fuels and power sources. ~~We urge that ethanol be substituted for lead as a no-knock additive.~~ We urge that all American gasoline be standardized at 5% ethanol to raise octane and absorb fuel system moisture, as well as achieve a partial switch to renewable gasoline. That the use of MTBE as a fuel oxygenate be discontinued because the breakdown products

of MTBE in the air cause more lung damage than the ozone it is claimed to reduce, as well as MTBE being a profound water pollutant.

ER#1 Net Metering

Ken Starratt, Oconee County, offers the following:

Amend the Electric Re-Regulation Plank by renumbering the Plank as appropriate and by adding after paragraph #3, a new numbered paragraph, to read as follows:

4. *Net Metering: Funding the Transition to a Solar Economy*

We support legislation offering incentives to small (less than 10 kilowatts) independent power producers, using clean renewable energy sources such as photovoltaics, wind generators, and bio-mass generators. These incentives should include tax credits, rebates on equipment cost, and "net metering", also known as bi-directional metering, ie. the electricity meter moves forward for incoming power from the utility company, backwards for outgoing power produced by the independent power producer in excess of their needs, thus providing equitable compensation.

HI#2 Medicinal Marijauna

Sara Evans, of the Green Party of Union County, offers the folowing:

The Health Care Plank is amended by striking paragraph 7. and inserting in its place, the following:

7. Fund and Study Alternate Forms of Medicine

Only 150 years ago, physicians talking about *bacteria* and *germs* were labeled kooks. Today, progressive thinking and research should not be similarly derailed. Alternative health therapies should be carefully researched. Marijauna, although listed as Schedule 1., suggesting it has no medicinal value, has a long history of effective use as a healing agent and we urge that it be de-listed and that the Governor of Georgia use his existing discretion to appoint a Panel to oversee the use Marijauna for its medicinal qualities in Georgia. ~~Currently illegal drugs, such as marijuana, should be studied to determine potential health benefits.~~ By the same token, legal drugs, such as nicotine and alcohol, whose harmful effects are already known, should be more closely regulated.

TLU#1: Substitute - Support Conservation Land Trusts

Will Jackson, of the Athens-Clarke County Green Party offers the folowing:

Amend the Transportation and Land-Use Plank by adding at the end, after paragraph #8, a new numbered paragraph, to read as follows:

9. *Conservation Land Trusts*

We encourage the formation of conservation land trusts whose dual goals are land preservation and affordable energy-efficient housing. We support a holistic approach to sustainable development which combines environmental, economic, and community needs. Greenspace should be protected with conservation easements and transferrable development rights (TDR's), which will remove high assessments on the potential development value of farmland and forests. We encourage preservation of urban areas through rehabilitative reuse of existing structures, historic district designations and tree protection ordinances.

With the effect of passing each paper included on the Consent Agenda and without objection, the preceding Consent Agenda was adopted.

We next began consideration of Platform proposals on the Debate Agenda.

Sara Evans presented her paper, as follows:

CJ#1 Mandatory Minimums

Sara Evans, of the Green Party of Union County, offers the following:

Under Criminal Justice, strike paragraph 1., in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

1. Create a Restorative Justice System

Create a justice system that focuses on police accountability, public safety, rehabilitation and re-integration into the community and court and judicial accountability (which includes: speedy trial, the rights of the accused, the rights of prisoner, the rights of ex-offenders and the rights of victims). The criminal justice system must be equally fair and accessible to all people, regardless of wealth. To that end, every person accused of a crime should be offered competent, adequately funded legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings. We urge the repeal of the mandatory minimum sentencing laws adopted at the state and federal levels which serve to bind the hands of Prosecutors and Judges.

On the motion of Roy Evritt, Ms. Evans accepted as friendly an amendment to strike the words: "Prosecutors and", from the last sentence. The paper was adopted as amended without objection.

Kevyn Jacobs presented his paper.

CJ#2 Decriminalize misdemeanor possession of marijuana

Kevyn Jacobs, of the Green Party of Richmond County, offers the following:

Under Criminal Justice, strike paragraph 3., in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

3. Declare Peace in the War on Drugs

Police officers do and sell drugs from confiscation rooms. The DEA and CIA make

millions on drug laundering, sales and use. Corruption exists in all levels of drug enforcement. The Drug War is a waste of money and a counterproductive policy. In the interest of ending corruption in law enforcement, saving tax dollars and maintaining non-violent offenders as contributing members of our communities, we urge that the state offer treatment for addictions instead of a war on drugs. Replace a criminal justice response to substance abuse with treatment and addiction counseling. Focus on shifting resources away from the prosecution of victimless crimes. We advocate that simple misdemeanor possession of marijuana be ~~dealt with with minimal fines~~ decriminalized and that we stop incarcerating our citizens for this offense or using this, unsupported by other evidence, as a basis for a finding of deprivation. We advocate the repeal of all mandatory minimum sentences for simple drug possession. We will correct the sentencing disparities between crack and powder cocaine that have resulted in the disproportionate incarceration of African-Americans in Georgia and across the country. We will extend amnesty to any offender who was previously sentenced in a manner inconsistent with these sentencing parameters.

Todd Knudson offered an amendment to strike the first two sentences of Paragraph 3. The author and others objected. Hugh Esco made a substitute motion to move those two sentences deeper into the paragraph. The Esco Substitute motion failed. The Knudson Amendment then failed 14-16. Both amendments having failed, and there still existing objections to the adoption of the paper, the author moved to test the concern as a blocking concern. The Convention failed to find the concern a blocking concern and the author moved that the paper be put to a vote. The Convention agreed to put the question to a vote. The paper then passed on a vote of 29-0, as introduced.

Zack Lyde presented his paper:

DM#1 Bush's Faith Based Initiative

Zack Lyde of Glynn County offers:

Amend the Democracy Plank by adding at the end a new paragraph, as follows:

10. We oppose the new Bush administration Faith Based Initiative because by piercing the wall of separation between church and state, this initiative threatens the integrity and independence of churches, while simulataneously funnelling public tax dollars through religious institutions, therefore coloring the fulfillment of public priorities through a religious lens, in violation of the First Amendment Establishment Clause.

Nannette Garrett, pointing out that the Faith Based Initiative was actually initiated by the Clinton administration, moved that the words, "new Bush Administration" be struck. The Garrett Amendment was accepted as friendly by the author. The paper was adopted as amended and without objection.

Kerrie Dickson offered the following paper:

EJ#1 Halt the Transportation of Nuclear Wastes

Kerrie Dickson, Towns County Green Party, offers the following:

Amend the Environmental Justice Plank, by striking paragraph 1., and inserting in its place, the following:

1. Phase Out Toxic Technologies

Phase out toxic technologies such as nuclear power plants, the automobile, waste incinerators and landfills. We will fight to stop the transportation of trans-uranic and radioactive wastes and too require the U.S. Department of Energy Weapons Complex, the commercial power reactors and the academic research reactors to develop plans for the long term storage and containment of existing radioactive wastes on the site at which these wastes were produced.

Ms. Dickson asked that the paper be amended to correct a spelling error, striking the word: "too" and inserting in its place the word: "to". Without objection, the amendment was adopted and the proposal passed as amended and without objection.

Frank Jeffers presented the following paper:

EJ#3 Protect State Waters from Waste Heat

Frank Jeffers, Walton County, offers the following:

Amend the Environmental Justice Plank by striking in its entirety, paragraph #5, and inserting in its place, the following:

5. Protect our Water Resources

We believe that the provision of a secure source for clean, potable water is one of the primary roles of governments. We recognize that many communities in Georgia can no longer offer uncontaminated water to their citizens. We insist that poor people be provided with clean bottled water. We oppose the privatization of public water and waste-water systems. We believe that responsibility for protecting our water resources is the most fundamental role of our governments and recognize this as a public function necessary to the security and the promotion of general welfare of Georgia's citizens. We are deeply concerned with the threats to our water security posed by surface and ground water contamination from agricultural, industrial, sedimentation and non-point run-off sources and by the depletion of the Floridian (and other) aquifers. We advocate that the issuance or renewal of surface or aquifer withdrawal permits for industrial use be conditioned on the existence of water conservation programs and on-site water recycling programs. We would condition the renewal of public withdrawal permits on educational and other programs including the Georgia Friendly Yard and Neighborhood Program to promote the conservation of water, the use of indigenous vegetation, water efficient irrigation and efficiency standards for household, institutional, commercial and industrial water appliances and processes. We urge the prompt separation of septic sewage lines from storm water lines to protect from the accidental discharge of untreated sewage into our streams and rivers. We support the use of sewer tap-on

moratoriums in those drainage basins which lack the capacity to safely handle the existing and anticipated load on waste water systems. To insure the protection of ground water resources, we urge counties and municipal governments to provide for special use permits to encourage the experimental use and development of onsite composting toilets in the place of septic tanks. We urge riparian corridor and wetlands protections. We urge the application of cooling towers to all steam cycle power plants to avoid the discharge of vast quantities of waste heat into bodies of water, which reduces oxygen content and their ability to process municipal and agricultural waste, killing aquatic life and turning rivers into open sewers. We insist that Georgia pursue an environmentally responsible resolution to the Tri-State Water Conflicts.

Harry Rezzemini offered an amendment to strike the phrase: "with clean bottled water" and to insert in its place, "with uncontaminated bottled water". The Rezzemini Amendment was adopted without objection. The Jeffers paper was adopted, as amended, without objection.

In the absence of the paper's authors, the following paper was presented by Hugh Esco.

FP#1 Stop Clinton's Plan Columbia

Doug Hertzler and Jodi-Beth McCain, of the Sumter County Green Party, offers the following:

Amend the Foreign Policy Plank by inserting after the first un-numbered introductory paragraph, the following:

The cause of the violence and the 40 year-old civil war in Colombia is economic and political inequality. All armed actors in this war have repeatedly violated human rights. The U.S. aid in Plan Colombia rewards the paramilitary groups supported by the Colombian Army who have committed the vast majority of the murder and torture, and who are often connected to international drug trafficking. Those who are paying the price are the poor farmers in areas controlled by leftist rebels who have little choice but to grow the coca plant for economic survival. Our tax dollars indiscriminately destroy their fields with herbicides and our arms shed the blood of these farmers as we repeat the errors and crimes of the Viet Nam War. With the war currently at a stalemate the US should allow peace to be negotiated, rather than adding fuel to the fire.

In Bolivia and Peru the War is being fought against indigenous people who have grown the coca plant for centuries for their own medicinal and ritual use, and who now rely on it as their major source of income. Draconian drug war policies and laws, adopted under pressure from the US government, have subjected these indigenous people to living in a militarized environment where they are regularly subjected to: unreasonable search of their bodies and properties, lengthy prison stays without trials or convictions, physical abuse and theft of their belongings by the a corrupt "anti-drug police." Military force in Bolivia has been used to repress the legal political activities of indigenous farmers' unions.

In Peru, US mercenaries, paid by the CIA, have encouraged the Peruvian airforce to carry out the routine shooting down of planes and which has resulted in the killing of innocent people simply because anyone who they fail to identify is considered to

be a drug trafficker.

These crimes are repeated around the world wherever the war "on drugs" is being fought. The only way to slow the flow of drugs is to reduce demand in the US. We must just stop the military war on drugs.

Amend the Foreign Policy Plank further by striking paragraph #3., and inserting in its place, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

3. Demilitarize the International War on Drugs

We oppose the expansive ~~new~~ powers granted by the Clinton administration to the Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy (the Drug Czar) to conduct militaristic foreign policy missions under the cover of drug production intervention. We oppose the massive arms sales being conducted in the name of fighting international drug trafficking and production. In particular we oppose Clinton's Billion Dollar Plan Columbia and the massive military aid funded with our tax dollars that are being used in the name of putting down so-called Narco-Terrorism, but which are actually being used in a genocidal war to repress and control indigenous communities and movements for land reform and justice in Columbia, South America. We oppose similar U.S. policies in Bolivia, Peru and wherever around the World our government funds war against poor people in the guise of halting drug flow into this country. We will stop the military war on drugs, not just in this country, but wherever our tax dollars fund such activities around the world. We will instead focus resources on treatment for addiction and drug abuse prevention at home. We will respect the traditional use of herbs by other cultures. We will stand in solidarity with poor farmers around the World in their struggles for economic justice.

With little discussion, the paper was adopted without amendment or objection.

Melanie Causby offered the following paper:

FP#2 Create a Lasting Peace in the Middle East

Melanie Causby, of the Athens Clarke County Green Party, offers the following:

Amend the Foreign Policy Plank by adding after the first un-numbered paragraph, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

Ever since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, the United States has extended to it a hand in friendship and support. Israel owes much of its political survivals and economic success to the United States' unwavering support. In recent years, America has increased its support of the Palestinian People in an attempt to alleviate the suffering of its masses. Both sides have fostered the creation of radical groups which have in turn, led to the surge of violence.

Amend the Foreign Policy Plank further by adding at the end, after paragraph #11, a new numbered paragraph, to read as follows:

12. Support Peace in the Middle East

Our position must support the quest for peace at any cost. In order to achieve such a goal, we must make the following demands of the warring parties: Halting of any further settlement development in the Palestinian territories; rolling back of present settler communities; establishment of a contiguous Palestinian State with parts of East Jerusalem as its capital; a sustained campaign to educate both sides of each other's language, heritage, and plight. This would include access for Palestinians to Israeli educational institutions;. Maintaining an open border between the states to facilitate commerce and free movement of the labor force aimed at raising the standard of living in the Palestinian State; and immediate and irrevocable suspension of all acts of terror perpetrated by members radical groups on both side. The United States is called upon to maintain its position as an honest broker of peace between the Palestinians and Israel.

The paper attracted several objections. Todd Knudson urged an amendment to strike the words: "with parts of East Jerusalem as its capital". We took a stack of three speakers pro and three speakers con on this amendment. With unanimous consent we suspended the rules to permit an observer, Natan Zeichner of Clarke County, the original author of the paper presented by the Clarke Delegation to address the Convention. Nannette Garrett made a substitute motion < ??? >.

After debate, the Knudson Amendment was defeated on a vote of 3-25. Harry Rezzemini offered an amendment to strike all but the first and last sentence. Hugh Esco made a substitute motion to insert after the period following the word, "plight", the following: "While Greens are divided on the appropriate disposition of Jerusalem, we urge the warring parties to seek cooperation on providing full access to holy sites in disputed territories." After Natan Zeichner stated his objections to the Esco Substitute motion, the author withdrew his motion. On the question of adopting the Rezzemini Amendment to strike all but the first and last sentence, the vote was: 8-17 and the amendment failed. Without objection, the author and sponsor accepted as friendly an amendment to strike the words: "demands of" and to insert in their place, the following: "recommendations to". Objections still remaining, the sponsor moved to test the unresolved concerns as blocking concerns. The Convention did not feel that the unresolved concerns should block agreement. The author moved that the paper be put to a vote and the Convention agreed. On the author's motion, the paper, as amended, was put to a vote and the paper passed 27-2.

The author offered the following paper:

HL#1 Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives

Sara Evans, of the Green Party of Union County, offers the following:

The Health Care Plank is amended by striking paragraph 6. and inserting in its place, the following:

6. Promote Reproductive Health

Create maternity care that results in healthy mothers, babies, and families.
Guarantee access to a full range of reproductive health services in and out of the

hospital including prenatal care, delivery and post-partum care, midwifery care. Also provide access to and funding for family planning information, contraceptives for both men and women and as a last resort, abortion. We urge that Health Insurance providers liscenced to operate in Georgia be required to cover the costs of contraceptives.

Nannette Garrett offered an amendment to strike the word: "cover" from the final sentence and to insert in its place: "offer comprehensive healthcare including coverage of". The author accepted this amendment as friendly. Without objection, the paper was adopted as amended.

Hugh Esco moved that the agenda be amended to move consideration of the proposed new Family Plank so that it might be taken up next and that an interested Delegate might be able to return home early for another commitment. Without objection, the agenda was so amended. The author presented the following substitute paper:

Floor Substitute: Family Plank - - a New Plank

Hugh Esco, Towns County Green Party, offers the following:

Amend Platform-2000 of the Georgia Green Party, by inserting, immediately after the Environmental Justice Plank, a new Plank, as follows:

Family

All life is of woman born. Let nothing be done to harm the children.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Georgia states that document's purpose as: "To . . . insure justice to all, preserve peace, promote the interest and happiness of the citizen and of the family . . ."

We believe that the State in its responsibility to its citizens has a duty to support and not interfere with loving, well functioning families. We also believe that the State has an equal responsibility to utilize every appropriate means possible to protect children from deprivation and abuse. We decry the negative long term consequences of the physical and sexual abuse and assault that far too many of our young people have endured and continue to endure.

We are deeply concerned that a significant number of marriages and partnerships involve some type of abuse.

We know that stopping the violence will involve individuals making conscious choices to stop perpetuating the violence.

We find unacceptable the hetero-sexism and homophobia in our culture and public institutions that would deny willing and capable persons from knowing the joys, sorrows and responsibilities of parenthood.

As Greens we will:

1) Family

Our view of family is welcoming of every committed voluntary loving partnership that Georgians might make with one another, that puts first, the support and care of whatever children may be a part of that family. We make this statement without concern for the sexual orientation, gender or gender-identity of the parents. We support access to adoption without discrimination based on one's gender or affectional preferences.

2) Marriage and Divorce

We recognize a right to marry or to form similar committed relationships, regardless of sexual orientation, gender or gender identity. We will support appropriate changes to Georgia's Marriage Statutes that will afford those state privileges and responsibilities, currently offered to married couples, to committed Domestic Partnerships. We support the changes necessary in Community Property Laws so that Courts may fully recognize the contributions that Home workers make to permitting marriage partners outside the home to build wealth and equity, which ought to be shared equitably when dissolving a marriage and the partner's assets. We acknowledge that disparate access to money among divorcing partners creates a disparate access to effective counsel and almost always negatively impacts women in divorce, custody, visitation and support controversies.

3) Family Planning

We support women accessing education and family planning services on their own terms. We oppose policies for coercive sterilization or contraception, currently being imposed by many state DFACS offices and by some of Georgia's Juvenile Courts. We urge sensitivity in these educational efforts to the diversity of cultures in Georgia. We urge respect for cultural integrity and personal autonomy with respect to family planning issues. We must reduce infant mortality here in Georgia, by focusing on preventative, prenatal and post-partum health care. Pending the full implementation of a system of universal health care, we urge that priority be given to maternity care that results in healthy mothers, babies, and families. We will work to guarantee access to a full range of reproductive health services in and out of the hospital including prenatal care, midwifery care, delivery and post-partum care, including home visits and new parents mentoring programs. We will provide access to and funding for family planning information, contraceptives for both men and women and access to safe abortion for those who choose them.

4) Custody, Visitation and Support

We recognize that we live in a culture where 50% or more of primary partnerships are marked with violence and abuse. We support existing laws that require that the probability of abuse is taken into account when handling divorce and subsequent matters brought to courts. We support the continued use of the best interest of the child standard, in deciding custody, visitation and support controversies. We believe that this best interest standard is served by using custody orders to maintain

existing caregiving relationships and ties, including with the effected child's siblings and by providing continuity and stability in the child's homelife. We oppose efforts to change custody laws to create a rebuttable presumption of joint custody. We urge that judges be given the discretion and develop the discernment to recognize when a petition to change existing custody, visitation or support orders are used in ways that perpetuate the abuse and control that has been exercised by a petitioning parent over an ex-partner. We urge that judges exercise their discretion to protect children from becoming a pawn in court proceedings used to perpetuate the abuse and harassment of an ex-partner over a custodial parent, where a history of abuse exists.

5) *Domestic Violence*

We will increase resources to prevent and respond to domestic violence. We will commit funding, resources and personnel to build a coordinated community based response to the domestic violence in our homes, that emphasizes the accountability of the perpetrator and the protection of those victimized by abuse. We will implement the recommendations of the *Commission on Gender Bias in the Judicial System* in their June 1992 Report to the Supreme Court of Georgia. We will urge the allocation of resources to train police and court personnel to do their part to end domestic violence. We urge Georgians to challenge the sexist assumptions of our culture which are used to justify family violence. We urge the wide spread adoption of batterer's intervention programs, based on the Duuth model, with ultimate accountability to the feminist battered women's movement.

6) *Deprivation*

While we would agree that children must be protected from deprivation. We find that we do not always agree with what case workers consider deprivation. We urge that DHR employees with responsibilities for intervening in family situations be trained to respect the spiritual, religious and cultural practices of Georgia's diverse peoples, and to distinguish from foreign practices and actual abuse. We would clarify governing statutes so that case workers need not mistake poverty for deprivation. We advocate that simple misdemeanor possession of marijuana not be used, unsupported by other evidence, as a basis for a finding of deprivation. We believe that a parent's refusal to put their children on ritalin is not sufficient grounds to support a charge of deprivation.

7) *Education*

We are committed to Georgians being able to access life long education. We urge family and community involvement in Primary and Secondary Education. We will protect parents abilities to attend to, review and participate in their children's education. We urge employers to support parental involvement in their children's education with comp time and personal leave policies which are family supportive. We urge purchasing and contracting preferences that reward employers who adopt such policies.

8) *A Family Supportive Economy*

Many of the pressures which families currently face are related to the economic conditions in our communities. We support livable wages, family friendly work schedules, flextime, life long education, support for family owned farms and community scale businesses. We oppose public and private housing policies that discriminate against families, particularly families with children. We urge employers to permit work-at-home arrangements with appropriate protections to protect labor rights. We oppose those aspects of Workfare which we feel violate the Constitutional prohibition against *involuntary servitude* and the punitive sanctions created by the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Act and the 1997 Georgia Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act. We commit to restructuring the public welfare program so that children have the benefit of their parent's time and energy; and that respects the autonomy of single parents. We recognize that children are entitled to housing, food, healthcare, education, and the care of their parents.

The author, in his initial presentation, accepted as friendly and offered the following four amendments: 1) Strike the tag line after the Plank's title, which reads: "All life is of woman born. Let nothing be done to harm the children." and insert in its place, the following: "Children are entitled to housing, food, healthcare, education and the care of their parents." 2) In the last sentence of Paragraph 2., strike the words: "negatively impacts" and insert in its place, "harms", and after the comma following the word "divorce", insert: "and almost always harms children in". 3) In Paragraph 3., insert prior to the period following: "and post-partum health care", the following: "including reducing the epidemic of neural tube defects through folic acid education campaigns". 4) In Paragraph 4., strike "50% of more of" and insert: "too many".

In debate, the author accepted an additional amendemnt as friendly, to amend amendment #1, above, by striking: "parents" and inserting "family or guardian". He objected to another amendment offered by Beverly Baker to insert at the end of Paragraph 3., after the words: "and access to safe abortion for those who choose them", the words: "as a last resort". The Baker Amendment was put to a vote and failed 4-22. The author moved to test the outstanding concerns. The Convention failed to consider them blocking concerns. The author moved that the paper be put to a vote. The Convention agreed to put the adoption of the paper to a vote. On a vote of 26-1, the paper passed by substitute and as amended.

Frank Jeffers presented the following paper:

TX#1 - Tax Capital Gains at the same rate as other incomes

Frank Jeffers, of Walton County, offers the following:

Amend the Foreign Policy Plank further by adding at the end, after paragraph #11, a new numbered paragaph, to read as follows:

3. Institute a Progressive Tax Policy

Change the tax code so that it no longer benefits the extremely wealthy at the expense of poor and working people. The marginal utility of increased wealth is far

lower for the rich person than it is for the poor. This is the reason we need a progressive tax system that equalizes the burden of the system rather than the dollar amounts paid. We support increasing the amount of capital gains taxed to 100% of the gains, to be counted as taxable income. This will put working for money on the same footing as making money by financial speculation, which is presently favored by the government with special tax incentives. Financial speculation drives urban sprawl, ostentatious consumption, and drives the greed of corporations. Existing Capital Gains Tax rules permits tax payers with wealth to discount their income from Capital Gains so that it is taxed at a lower rate than is income from salaries, wages and tips, earned by working Georgians.

There was objection to this paper and a stack was taken. In debate, Leigh Ann Ledbetter offered an amendment to insert the words: "for members of the highest tax bracket" after the words: "100% of the gains". She later withdrew her amendment. On the author's motion, the outstanding concerns were tested for whether they blocked agreement. On a vote of 15-12, the concerns were found to be blocking concerns and the paper was defeated.

Richard Pfeiffer presented the following paper:

HL#3 - SHPA Approval Process

Richard Pfeiffer, of Lee County, offers the following:

Under Health Care, strike paragraph 10., in its entirety and insert in its place the following:

10. Acknowledge that Resources are Limited

We urge community input and involvement, including public hearings and community referenda as a part of the Certificate of Need process, administered by the State Health Planning Agency, when evaluating the need for additional medical services. We support ~~Support~~ increased study in the outcomes of medical procedures. Adopt a plan similar to the plan proposed in Oregon, one in which the allocation of health resources is based on the expected outcome related to the expense. Expensive procedures that only marginally prolong life, or sacrifice quality of life, should not be funded by the single payer system. This should be left to the individual or family as an option for private funding.

On the author's motion and without objection, the following friendly amendment was adopted: strike the words: "when evaluating the need for additional medical services", and insert in their place the following: "when selecting the institution that wants to provide these additional services". The author objected to an amendment offered by Hugh Esco to strike the words: "and community referenda". The Esco Amendment failed on a vote of 7-11. The author moved that the unresolved concerns be tested as blocking concerns. The Convention failed to find that these concerns blocked agreement. The Convention agreed to put passage of the paper to a vote. The paper as amended, passed 19-2.

Hugh Esco moved that the Convention appoint an Elections Committee to collect and tabulate the ballots and to report the results of the election back to the Convention. The motion passed without objection. Without objection the following were named to this committee: Matt Earnest,

Hugh Esco, Delane Garner and Jessica Perlove. The ballots were collected and the Committee retired to tabulate the votes.

We next took up consideration of non-Platform proposals before the Convention, including proposed By-laws amendments previously reviewed by the Coordinating Council and the Council's recommended Budget for the 2001 Calendar Year. Each paper was presented by Hugh Esco, in his capacity as Clerk of the Council.

Proposal IDB#00-5: 63

The Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party offers the following:

To amend the By-laws of the Georgia Green Party; to permit the Convention or the Council to provide for a system of dues sharing; to direct the filing of the amended by-laws of the Party with the Secretary of State; and for other purposes.

A Resolution of the
2001 Nominating Convention of
The Georgia Green Party

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party at its Phone Conference Meeting, Monday, April 16th, reviewed the following proposed by-laws amendment, as it had been published as IDB#00-4:33, as required by the By-laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article III., Ratification and Amendment of By-Laws, Section B. Amendment; and

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party has resolved that the following proposed by-laws amendment be put before the Annual Convention called for May 19th, 2001.

Resolved, by the Annual Convention of the Georgia Green Party, that the By-Laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article VII., Membership, Section A. Qualifications and standards for members, is amended by striking paragraph 3, in its entirety and inserting in its place a new paragraph to read:

3. Dues

Members in good standing shall have their dues paid up to date as specified in policies and procedures adopted by an Annual Convention or the Coordinating Council. While no member shall be assessed for dues to a confederal level in which s/he or they do not wish to be an active or supporting member, all members of the Georgia Green Party shall be encouraged to support the Greens at all confederal levels.

(a) Dues for individual members who are also members of their local Green chapter may be set at a lower level than for unaffiliated individual members where those dues are paid by their local to the Georgia Green Party. The Coordinating Council shall adopt policies and procedures for accepting in-kind service in lieu of membership dues and/ or assessments on a sliding scale from applicants of modest means.

(b) The Annual Convention ~~shall set~~ may provide for an annual assessment for affiliated local chapters, providing for a sliding scale to accommodate locals with small or poor memberships. The Convention or the Coordinating Council may provide for a policy on dues sharing and may provide for discounted local assessments for Local Affiliates who participate in a dues sharing program.

Resolved, further, that The Secretary and a Co-Chair of the Party are directed to file with the Secretary of State, and consistent with O.C.G.A. 21-2-110, the By-laws of the Party as amended to reflect the adoption of this amendment, a copy of this amendment, their certificate that such rules are a true and correct copy of the Nominating Convention Rules of the Party and a \$2.00 filing fee. The Treasurer is authorized to expend or to reimburse from Party funds, the costs of filing such Rules amendments with the Secretary of State.

After a brief presentation and some questions, this paper was adopted without objection or amendment.

Hugh Esco presented the next paper:

Proposal IDB#00-5: 65

The Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party offers the following:

To amend the By-laws of the Georgia Green Party; to the powers of the Coordinating Council; to permit the Council to adopt and administer policies; to amend the definition of quorum, so as to exclude from the calculation of quorum, Council members who are not active; to direct the filing of the amended by-laws of the Party with the Secretary of State; and for other purposes.

A Resolution of the
2001 Nominating Convention of
The Georgia Green Party

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party at its Phone Conference Meeting, Monday, April 16th, reviewed the following proposed by-laws amendment, as it had been published as IDB#00-4:35, as required by the By-laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article III., Ratification and Amendment of By-Laws, Section B. Amendment; and

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party has resolved that the following proposed by-laws amendment be put before the Annual Convention called for May 19th, 2001.

Resolved, by the Annual Convention of the Georgia Green Party, that the By-Laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article IV. Decision Making, Sections A., Meetings, is amended by striking Paragraph 2., Coordinating Council Responsibilities and Discretion, in its entirety and inserting in its place a new paragraph to read:

2. Coordinating Council Responsibilities and Discretion

The Coordinating Council shall plan each Annual Convention providing for a Nominating Convention in accordance with the Georgia Code when deemed

appropriate in their judgement or in the judgement of the previous Annual Convention. The Council may meet in person or by telephone conference. The Council may adopt rules providing for the conduct of business by mail referendum for when a Council meeting, properly publicized, fails to achieve a quorum. The Coordinating Council shall provide for notice, adopt and amend the Rules and Regulations of its Nominating and Annual Convention, implement decisions and administer its own policies and those of the ~~membership~~ Convention and perform other tasks necessary for the functioning of the Georgia Green Party. The Coordinating Council may adopt policies and procedures to implement forward the purposes of the Party and not inconsistent with policies established by an Annual Convention. The Coordinating Council may, endorse events or actions or join coalitions, alliances or networks on behalf of the membership, and initiate or respond to communications on behalf of the membership. The Coordinating Council shall convene two meetings of the Coordinating Council with one meeting immediately following adjournment of the Annual Convention. The Coordinating Council may convene such other meetings of the Council as are required to serve the mandate and needs of the Georgia Green Party. At each meeting of the Council held upon adjournment of the Convention, the Council shall name a treasurer, clerk and two co-convenors. At subsequent meetings of the Council, the Council may choose to replace those servants of the Georgia Green Party who have resigned or failed to attend two or more Council meetings in a year. The Coordinating Council shall publish to every member of the Council and to every affiliated local of the Georgia Green Party notice of these meetings at least two weeks prior to each meeting. A quorum for such meetings shall consist of at least a simple majority of the active members of the Coordinating Council, except that no Council member shall be considered active, where the Council has given notice of its intention to remove that member due to that member's failure to attend two or more Council meetings held previous to the Council action to give notice to remove and where a third or subsequent Council meeting properly called, convenes without that member's presence. The Coordinating Council may delegate its responsibilities and authority to committees of one or more members accountable to the Council and to the membership.

Resolved, further, that The Secretary and a Co-Chair of the Party are directed to file with the Secretary of State, and consistent with O.C.G.A. 21-2-110, the By-laws of the Party as amended to reflect the adoption of this amendment, a copy of this amendment, their certificate that such rules are a true and correct copy of the Nominating Convention Rules of the Party and a \$2.00 filing fee. The Treasurer is authorized to expend or to reimburse from Party funds, the costs of filing such Rules amendments with the Secretary of State.

After a brief presentation, this paper was adopted without amendment or objection.

Hugh Esco then presented the final Council proposed By-laws amendment:

Proposal IDB#00-5: 67

The Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party offers the following:

To amend the by-laws of the Georgia Green Party; to provide for anticipated changes to the

name and structure of the Association of State Green Parties; to clarify that members of the Delegation on National Green Party Affairs shall serve two year, staggered terms; and for other purposes.

Resolution of the
2001 Nominating Convention of
the Georgia Green Party

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party at its Phone Conference Meeting, Monday, April 16th, reviewed the following proposed by-laws amendment, as it had been published as IDB#00-4:50, Section 3, as required by the By-laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article III., Ratification and Amendment of By-Laws, Section B.

Amendment; and

Whereas, the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party has resolved that the following proposed by-laws amendment be put before the Annual Convention called for May 19th, 2001.

Resolved, by the Annual Convention of the Georgia Green Party, that the By-Laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article VI. Affiliations, Sections A., Association of State Green Parties, is amended by striking the Section in its entirety and inserting in its place a new paragraph to read:

"A. Association of State Green Parties

"The Georgia Green Party shall be affiliated with the Association of State Green Parties, or such national Green Party, by whatever name, that may legitimately succeed the Association. The Georgia Green Party shall provide for the annual election of a delegation to represent the views and concerns of its membership with the Association of State Green Parties. The Georgia Green Party shall provide for an annual the bi-annual staggered election of four delegates a Delegation on National Green Party Affairs with each member to serve a two year staggered term to represent the views and concerns of its membership in national matters with the Association of State Green Parties. The Delegation on National Green Party Affairs shall consist of a number of members sufficient to name one Delegate and one Alternate to each seat to which the Georgia Green Party may be entitled on the Coordinating Committee of the Association of State Green Parties, or on such other National Committee as may be created to govern any organization that may legitimately succeed the Association. By agreement of and from among the four delegates those elected to the Delegation on National Green Party Affairs, two delegates and two alternates shall be designated to serve on the Coordinating Committee of the Association of State Green Parties, or on such other National Committee as may be created to govern any organization that may legitimately succeed the Association."

Resolved, further, that The Secretary and a Co-Chair of the Party are directed to file with the Secretary of State, and consistent with O.C.G.A. 21-2-110, the By-laws of the Party as

amended to reflect the adoption of this amendment, a copy of this amendment, their certificate that such rules are a true and correct copy of the Nominating Convention Rules of the Party and a \$2.00 filing fee. The Treasurer is authorized to expend or to reimburse from Party funds, the costs of filing such Rules amendments with the Secretary of State.

After a brief presentation and several questions, this paper was adopted without amendment or objection.

Next Harry Rezzemini moved that the agenda be amended to consider the following By-laws Amendment to increase the size of the Council to 21 members.

Proposal IDB#00-5: 91

Harry Rezzemini, of the Green Party of Dekalb County, offers the following:

To amend the by-laws of the Georgia Green Party; to provide for expanding the Coordinating Council of the Georgia Green Party from a maximum of fifteen members to a maximum of twenty-one members.

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2001 Nominating Convention of
the Georgia Green Party

Resolved, by the Annual Convention of the Georgia Green Party, that the By-Laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article V. Structure, Section A., Coordinating Council, is amended by striking paragraph 1., in its entirety and inserting in its place a new paragraph to read:

1. establishment

There shall exist a Coordinating Council to consist of between four and ~~fifteen~~ twenty-one members. The delegates, at an Annual Convention, may establish policies which provide for the size, terms, duties, the qualifications and election of the Coordinating Council. At least half of the members of the Coordinating Council shall be women and at least half shall be people-of-color.

The agenda was amended. On the author's motion to suspend the rules to consider a by-laws amendment which had not been previously reviewed by the Coordinating Council, there was objection. Lacking unanimous consent, the rules were not suspended and further consideration of the proposal was blocked.

Hugh Esco next presented the Council's proposed budget for the 2001 Calendar year, attached. Roy Evritt offered an amendment to strike the line item allocating \$1,800.00 for a Legislative Contract. Jim McGown offered an amendemnt to 1) establish a fiscal year for the Party running from July 1st until June 30th, and 2) to increase the budget to \$38,520.00 for the period January 1st, 2001 through June 30th, 2002. We took a stack. After extensive debate, the Evritt amendment was defeated 2-27 and the McGown amendment was adopted without objection. The Council's proposed budget was adopted, as amended and without objection.

The Elections Committee made its report as follows:

Convention Conveners: Regina Etheridge and Nicole Jackel

Coordinating Council: Regina Etheridge, Patrick Fulton, Nannette Garrett, Badili Jones, Leigh Ann Ledbetter, Cy Routh and Peter Wright for two year terms, expiring at the 2003 Annual Convention. Margie Rece for a one year term to expire at the 2002 Annual Convention.

Delegation on National Green Party Affairs: Zack Lyde and Cy Routh for two year terms, expiring at the 2003 Annual Convention. Badili Jones for a one year term to expire at the 2002 Annual Convention.

Endorsements: Gloria Bromell-Tinubu for Mayor of Atlanta, Marvin Crafter for Mayor of Fort Valley.

Nominations: Nannette Garrett for Governor of Georgia, Roy Evritt for State Senate in Newton County and Denise Traina for Richmond County School Board.

Presidential Exploratory Committee: Jello Biafra, Dr. Noam Chomsky, Dr. Angela Davis, Jim Hightower, Representative Cynthia McKinney and Ralph Nader.

Shadow Cabinet Committee: Todd Knudson for Secretary of Defense, Sister Helen Prejean for Attorney General, Stephen Gaskin for Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, Dr. Oakley, Molly Ivins and Depok Chopra for Secretary of Health and Human Services, Michael Moore for Secretary of Labor, Jeff Gates for Chair of the Federal Reserve, Glenn Carroll for Secretary of Energy, Connie Tucker for Secretary of the Interior, Reverend Zack Lyde for Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, J.D. Salinger and Dr. Howard Zinn for Secretary of Education, Steve Sprinkle and Hugh Lovel for Secretary of Agriculture.

Hugh Esco moved that the Election Committee's Report be certified. Without objection, these results were accepted as accurate.

On the motion of Zack Lyde, with a second by acclamation, the Convention adjourned without objection.

I certify that these minutes are as corrected and approved by the 2001 Coordinating Council at its meeting of June 10th, 2001 in Wrightsville Georgia and represent a true account of the business conducted by the 2001 Nominating Convention of the Georgia Green Party in Athens Georgia, May 19th, 2001.

Hugh Esco
2001 Clerk, Georgia Green Party