

Policy on the Presidential Nominating Convention of the Georgia Green Party

(adopted by the Coordinating Council, Tuesday, September 7th, 1999)

To provide for a process for the consideration and adoption of the Georgia Green Party's position on the ASGP – Platform 2000; and for other purposes.

A Resolution
of the Coordinating Council
of the Georgia Green Party

Whereas, the Association of State Green Parties has circulated a Draft Platform 2000, has called a Presidential Nominating Convention for Boulder Colorado, June 23-25, 2000; and

Whereas, the Georgia Green Party has called a Nominating Convention for March 18th, 1999 to elect delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention, scheduled for June 2000; and

Resolved, that the Party adopts the following Policy on the Presidential Nominating Convention:

I. I. Title

This policy may be cited as the Policy on the Presidential Nominating Convention and shall govern the election, duties and discretion of the Georgia Green Parties' delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention.

II. II. Delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention

Delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention shall be elected by a system of single transferable vote, modified for gender and race balance, where each delegate shall rank each nominee to state their preference among the candidates, under rules adopted by the Coordinating Council on December 11, 1998 as amendments to the Nominating Convention Rules.

III. Presidential Preference Caucus of the Georgia Green Party

A ballot shall be cast among credentialed delegates to the Convention of the Georgia Green Party to determine the Party's preferences for the Green Party nomination for President of the United States. The ballot shall be tabulated by preference voting. Any Presidential candidate may be nominated by a state Convention delegate for inclusion in the Georgia Presidential Preference ballot when that Presidential candidate has or will appear on the ballot of any Green Party presidential preference primary in a state where the Green Party (or any affiliate of the Association of State Green Parties) has ballot access.

IV. Committee on a National Green Party Platform

A. Committee on National Green Party Platform

There shall exist a Committee on National Green Party Platform. The Delegation on National Green Party Affairs shall appoint two of its members to serve as co-chairs of the Committee. The co-chairs shall convene all meetings of the Committee, appoint chairs for any sub-committee and lead the Party's delegation in national level deliberations on, amendment of and final adoption of the national Platform for the any Presidential election year. The Committee shall coordinate input from Greens in Georgia on the Draft Platform 2000 circulated by the Association of State Green Parties and on like documents being considered in future Presidential Election years. The Committee shall coordinate the Party's Platform Process, and present to the last Georgia Nominating Convention preceding each Presidential Nominating Convention, a proposed Party position to govern the participation of the Delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention in the Convention's consideration, amendment and adoption of the Platform.

B. Platform Committee Process

1. The Platform Committee Co-Chairs shall publish a call for Greens in Georgia to participate in the Committee's work. The Call shall be published by mail to each member of the Party, on the grns-ga-forum and grns-usa-forum listserves, on the Party's website, in the Party's organizing guide, in Party publications and flyers, as a part of the Call to the Convention and by other means as appropriate.

2. The Co-Chairs shall compile a committee membership list of Party members who respond to the Call and request membership with the Committee. All Party members who are on the committee membership list shall be notified of the Party's Platform process and of the Platform Committee face-to-face meeting and of the state Convention.
3. The Committee shall work with the clerk and web-clerk to provide for the establishment within the members-only section of the Party's web site of an on-line copy of the draft Platform – 2000, with links to amendments proposed by Greens in Georgia and to amendments proposed by Greens in other states. The site will include a feedback form to collect the input of Greens in Georgia and to forward these proposed changes to the Platform Committee.
4. The Committee shall establish a committee-specific listserv to facilitate input and discussion on the draft Platform. Its existence shall be published in the members-only section of the web site and in other ways to the members.
5. The Committee shall host a face-to-face meeting not later than six weeks prior to the state Convention (except that it may occur no later than February 11th, in 2000) to consider and adopt a report to the state Nominating Convention. The report shall include 1) a summary of Committee activities, 2) a National Platform Consent Agenda of Platform Amendments supported by 80% or more of the Committee, 3) a National Platform Agenda deserving Convention consideration consisting of proposed Platform Amendments which are supported by a majority of the Committee, and 4) a minority report of Platform Amendments which failed to receive majority support of the Committee. All votes taken by the Committee shall include all Party members present at the face-to-face Committee meeting.
6. Convention Platform Process
7. The Committee shall present both a written and oral report to each Nominating Convention of the Georgia Green Party which immediately precedes a Presidential Nominating Convention. The Committee co-chairs, or other committee members designated by the Committee co-chairs shall present the report.
8. The National Platform Consent Agenda shall be presented. The floor shall be open to motions to strike or add amendments to the consent agenda. A proposed Platform

Amendment shall be removed from the consent agenda upon a motion, properly seconded to do so when 20% of the credentialled delegates support the motion. A proposed Platform Amendment shall be added to the consent agenda on the affirmative vote of 80% of the credentialled delegates on a motion, properly seconded to add the Amendment. All motions to strike and add proposed Platform Amendments to the consent agenda shall be considered without discussion.

9. After the consideration of all motions to strike or add have been decided, the amended National Platform Consent Agenda shall be put to the Convention and may be adopted with the consent of the credentialled delegates. The effect of the adoption of the National Platform Consent Agenda
10. The National Platform Agenda shall next be presented. The floor shall be open to motions to strike or add amendments to the National Platform Agenda. A proposed Platform Amendment shall be removed from the consent agenda upon a motion, properly seconded to do so when a simple majority of the credentialled delegates support the motion. A proposed Platform Amendment shall be added to the consent agenda when a simple majority of the credentialled delegates support a motion., properly seconded to add the Amendment. All motions to strike and add proposed Platform Amendments to the consent agenda shall be considered without discussion.
11. After the consideration of all motions to strike or add have been decided, the amended National Platform Agenda shall be presented for approval to the Convention. If adopted, it shall govern deliberation on the Platform and no amendment may be considered unless it is germane to the subject matter of the proposed platform amendment under discussion. Each proposed Platform Amendment shall be considered by the credentialled delegates in accordance with existing rules for the consideration of any substantive proposal before the Convention.

12. After the consideration of all proposed Platform Amendments, the question shall be on the adoption of the amended Platform to serve as instructions to the Party's delegates. The Convention shall seek consensus on its adoption, or failing consensus, shall take and record a vote on the Amended Platform Report.

III. V. Responsibility and Discretion of Party's national delegates

A. Instructions to Party's national delegates on Candidate Nomination

The Georgia delegates shall organize among themselves so as to cast their ballots for the Presidential Nomination at the Presidential Nominating Convention to reflect the ratios of preferences expressed at the state Convention for the candidates under consideration at the Presidential Nominating Convention.

B. Instructions and Discretion of Party's national delegates on Platform deliberations

Should the Amended Platform Report be approved by 2/3 or more of the credentialled delegates, it shall serve to instruct the Party's delegates to the Presidential Nominating Convention. Should the adoption of the document achieve fewer than 2/3d, the delegates are instructed on any item considered which was supported by a 2/3 majority and have the discretion of the state Party on any item supported by less than 2/3 of the delegates.