

**Georgia Green Party 2003 Annual Convention
Pooler Georgia, Friday through Sunday, May 16th through 18th, 2003**

The Convention was convened at the Bradbury Suites, Best Western in Pooler Georgia, after signage and maps were placed in the lobby of the Comfort Inn, a half mile away. The Party's officers had agreed to move the Convention in cooperation with the Comfort Inn, who found themselves double booked, at a savings to the Party of \$450 in venue costs.

At 10:00 am Reverend Zack Lyde, Convener elected by the 2002 Macon Convention, took the podium to welcome Delegates and Observers to the 2003 Convention. He introduced Badili Jones, co-chair of the Georgia Green Party as well as co-chair of the Green Party of the United States who also offered welcoming remarks. Badili Jones then recommended, on behalf of the Quick Decision Council, that Dan Everett be accepted as the facilitator for the Convention's work. Without objection, Dan Everett was accepted as the Convention's facilitator.

Dan assumed the role. Adam Shapiro and Zack Lyde nominated Carol McChesney to serve as the Co-facilitator. Michael (qBear) Levy nominated himself to serve as Timekeeper. Chris Neely and Adam Shapiro nominated Tony Kin to serve as Timekeeper. Michael (qBear) Levy withdraws his name from nomination. Tony Kin is accepted as Timekeeper without objection. Badili Jones and Chris Neely nominate Hugh Esco to serve as the Clerk of the Convention. Without objection, this slate of Convention servants were seated.

Denice Traina and Peter Wright were recognized in their role as the Credentials Committee, having been appointed to that role by Zack Lyde, Convention Convener, to make the following report.

The Credentials Committee recommended that the following Delegates be seated with voice and vote on the Floor of the Convention. from Clarke County: Daniel M. Everett, from Dekalb County: Terence Courtney, Ian Fletcher, Allan Herman, Badili Jones, Eve Kerrigan, Tony Kin, Carol McChesney, Christopher Neely and Wayne Taylor; from Fulton County: James Jones, Michael (qBear) Levy, Adam Shapiro; from Glynn County: Velma Allen, Harry Lyde and Zack Lyde; from Grady County: Peter Wright; from McIntosh County: Nigel Mott; from Oglethorpe County: Francis Jeffers; from Richmond County : Denice Traina; from Towns County: Renee Bursey, Richard Colvard and Hugh Esco. A total of 23 delegates from nine counties. In addition a twenty-fourth Delegate from a tenth county later credentialled, namely Kelli Gasink from Chatham County. The Credentials Committee at that time and later in the day further recommended that the following Observers be welcomed to the Convention. From Chatham County: William Pleasant and Elizabeth Roney; from Columbia County: Kevin Mahoney; from Dekalb County : Darcel Courtney, William Greene and Martha McCurdy; from Glynn County:

Swinda Bolan, Noelle Bolan-Lyde.

On the motion of Hugh Esco, with a second by Zack Lyde, the Report of the Credentials Committee was accepted without objection.

Badili Jones was recognized to move the adoption of the Council's recommended agenda. Hugh Esco was recognized to offer the following amendment:

Hugh Esco offers the following:

Amend IDB #02-3:59, the Council's recommended agenda offered to the 2003 Annual Convention, as follows:

- 1) by striking those references to nominations in partisan races found in paragraphs 8. and 9.;
- 2) by providing for the election to the Coordinating Council, one person to serve a one year term, to succeed Nicole Jackel;
- 3) by providing for the presentation of the FY'04 Budget on Saturday afternoon during the 4:00pm plenary;
- 4) by providing for an oral Treasurer's Report on Saturday morning;
- 5) by addressing the certification of election results Saturday evening;
- 6) by moving the Coordinating Council meeting scheduled for Sunday up to 1:00 pm and expediting the consideration of Convention business wherever possible.

On the motion of Zack Lyde, with a second by Adam Shapiro, the Council's recommended Agenda, IDB #02-3:59, was adopted, as amended by the Esco amendment.

Hugh Esco, was recognized to speak as the Political Coordinator of the Party to make a Report on the Statewide Petition Drive. He explained that the Petition Drive Coordinator, Kerrie Dickson, was absent on Family Medical Leave and reported on ballot access activities to date. Convention participants were encouraged to join the two-signature-a-day pledge for ballot access.

Harry Lyde was recognized to present an oral Treasurer's Report. He promised to publish a write-up in the next IDB.

Each County was recognized in turn to report on its party building activities over the preceding year. The following individuals made reports for the indicated counties: Denice Traina for Richmond County, Ian Fletcher for Dekalb County, Renee Burse for Towns County, James Jones and Michael "qBear" Levy for Fulton County, Frank Jeffers for Oglethorpe County, Zack Lyde for Glynn County, Dan Everett for Clarke County, Peter Wright for Grady County, Nigel Mott for McIntosh County.

Adam Shapiro was recognized to make a report on work to build a Membership Development Committee.

We next heard readings and motions with respect to proposed changes to the Platform.

Proposed Platform Amendment CJ#1, related to protecting inmate families from price gouging by telephone service providers was read. On the motion of Adam Shapiro, author, and without objection, his paper was placed on the Consent Agenda.

Proposed Platform Amendment DM#1, related to ensuring the integrity of elections by requiring a voter auditable system, was read. On the motion of Hugh Esco, author, with a second by Zack Lyde, and without objection, his paper was placed on the Consent Agenda.

Proposed Platform Amendment EJ#1, related to creating a chronic disease registry was read. On the motion of Frank Jeffers, author, with a second by Zack Lyde, and without objection, his paper was placed on the Consent Agenda.

Proposed Platform Amendment HR#1, related to making reparations to descendants of enslaved Africans and removed Native peoples was read. On the motion of Renee Burse, co-author, with a second by Zack Lyde, and without objection, the paper was placed on the Consent Agenda.

Impeachment #1, proposing a new Plank to amend the Platform, related to the case for impeaching the President of the United States was read. On the motion of Hugh Esco, author, with a second by Badili Jones, and without objection, his paper was placed on the Consent Agenda.

With apologies that draft language had not been prepared for the consideration of the Convention, it was reported that Adam Shapiro had asked to sponsor a Platform amendment to strengthen the Party's position with respect to promoting broad based ownership of leases of, as well as democratic access to use the public airwaves. On the motion of Zack Lyde, with a second by Nigel Mott, the Convention was asked to delegate to the Quick Decision Council the task of crafting language on the subject and presenting its recommendation for the consideration of the Council for inclusion in Platform – 2003, as the Convention's Platform changes would be ratified by the Council. Michael qBear Levy, asked consent to a friendly amendment to include language in support of low-power radio licenses. The author accepted the Levy Amendment as friendly. The Lyde/Mott motion, as amended by the Levy Amendment was adopted without objection by the Convention.

The Platform proposals having been heard on a first reading and a Consent Agenda having been compiled, the Convention turned its attention to elections for internal offices.

Without objection, except where noted, the following candidates were placed on the ballot as nominees for the eight open seats on the Coordinating Council: those members

who had previously declared their candidacies: Badili Jones (DeKalb County), James Jones (Fulton County), Michael qBear Levy (Fulton County), Chris Neely (DeKalb County), plus from floor nominations: Carol McChesney (DeKalb County), Velmon Allen (Glynn County), Denice Traina (Richmond County), Kerrie Dickson (Townsend County), Frank Jeffers (Oglethorpe County), Martha McCurdy (DeKalb County – declined), Darcel Courtney (DeKalb County – declined), Ian Fletcher (DeKalb County – declined), Rovene Askren (Lamar County), Noel Bolan (Glynn County), Renee Burse (Townsend County).

On a point of information, Michael “qBear” Levy asked to be “considered as a person of color for purposes of this election”. This generated a number of questions and some discussion on the subject, but no objection.

Without objection, except where noted, the following candidates were nominated from the floor to be placed on the ballot for the three open seats on the Delegation on National Green Party Affairs: Adam Shapiro (Fulton County – declined), Badili Jones (DeKalb County), Michael “qBear” Levy (Fulton County), Al Herman (DeKalb County), James Jones (Fulton County – declined), Chris Neely (DeKalb County), Kerrie Dickson (Townsend County) and Velman Allen (Glynn County).

Without objection, the agenda was amended to permit the consideration of a rule change offered by Badili Jones, as follows:

Badili Jones offers the following:

A Resolution of the
Nominating Convention of
The Georgia Green Party

Resolved, that the Georgia Green Party Nominating Conventions Rules and Regulations, is amended, by striking Section B., related to Convention Convenors, of the Article VII., related to the Nominating Convention, and by inserting in its place a new Section B., to read as follows:

"B. Convention ~~Convenors~~ Conveners

"A Nominating Convention may be convened by: a) ~~any person elected as a convener at the previous Nominating Convention, or if no such person exists or will convene the caucus,~~ b) the member of the Coordinating Council designated to convene and coordinate the Nominating Convention, or if no such person exists or will convene the caucus, b) by either of the Co-Chairs designated by the Coordinating Council."

Michael “qBear” Levy, moved that the Jones paper be amended by striking the phrase, “the member of the Coordinating Council designated”, and by inserting in its place, “the Party member designated by the Coordinating Council”. The author of the original

motion accepted the Levy amendment as friendly. Without objection, the Jones paper, as amended by the Levy amendment was adopted without objection.

Having passed this rules change, delegating to the Council, the power to convene an annual Convention, the Convention declined to nominate Convention Conveners for 2004. Without objection, nominations were closed and the Convention directed that the ballots be prepared.

The Convention recessed for lunch and workshops before reconvening at 4:00 pm.

After the Convention reconvened, an Elections Committee was named – without objection, consisting of: Terrance Courtney, Hugh Esco, Dan Everett, Zack Lyde and Peter Wright. As the Elections Committee organized themselves, candidates for internal Party office were afforded two minutes each to make a candidate statement. Ballots were distributed, marked and returned. The Elections Committee retired to tabulate the ballots.

Next the following consent agenda was placed before the Convention and adopted without objection, with the intention of adopting each paper included on the Platform Consent Agenda:

CJ#1: Criminal Justice – Protect Inmate's Families from Gouging

Adam Shapiro (Fulton County) offers the following:

Amend the Criminal Justice Plank, by striking paragraph 5., in its entirety and by inserting in its place a new paragraph to read:

5. Rehabilitate Inmates, Protect their Families from Exploitation

Reclaim public resources from the prison industry for reinvestment in prevention. Make rehabilitation the purpose of incarceration. Respect for the humanity of all inmates must be the foundation of incarceration. We will redirect public resources from incarceration to fund drug rehabilitation programs available to all regardless of income or offender status. We will prohibit the price gouging by collect call telephone service providers under contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections which is exploiting the families of inmates. We must encourage, not discourage, communication between inmates and their families as part of preparing the way for their re-integration into our communities.

DM#1: Democracy: Ensure the Integrity of our Elections with a Voter Auditable System

Hugh Esco (Towns County) offers the following:

Amend Platform 2002 of the Georgia Green Party by striking from the

introduction of the Democracy Plank, the second unnumbered paragraph, and inserting in its place, the following:

Incumbents through the reapportionment process have more influence over who wins an election than do voters. Corporate lobbyists and wealthy campaign contributors have more influence over the direction of public policy than do the citizens and taxpayers of Georgia. And now the Georgia Assembly, following the lead of Secretary of State Cox, has spent millions in taxpayer dollars on new electronic voting machines which operate on proprietary software, protected from voter inspection by trade secret laws and which afford no method for recounting ballots, inspected by voters to confirm that their intention has been appropriately recorded.

Amend Platform 2002 of the Georgia Green Party, further, by striking paragraph 1., from the Democracy Plank, and inserting in its place, the following:

1. Eliminate Barriers to Voting

All citizens have the right to participate freely and equally in an electoral system free of onerous barriers to voter registration which protects the principle of one-person/ one-vote and which is designed to ensure public trust and the integrity of the results. We advocate that the new electronic voting machines implemented during the 2002 election cycle be retrofitted with printers to provide for a voter-inspected paper trail, which will be collected and tabulated to confirm the validity of preliminary results generated electronically. We insist that the election machinery be driven by open source and peer reviewed software, open to inspection by any voter.

EJ# 1: Environmental Justice: Create a Chronic Disease Registry

Frank Jeffers (Oglethorpe County) offers the following:

Amend Platform 2002 of the Georgia Green Party by inserting after the first un-numbered paragraph, a new paragraph in the introduction to the numbered policy initiatives of the Environmental Justice Plank, a new paragraph, to read:

The causes of death in the United States have shifted from infectious diseases, in the early part of the century, to 80% of deaths now resulting from chronic conditions. The cost of this trend is measured in shortened and diminished lives, as well as \$750

billion a year in increased medical expenses. Even so, our vital records are not being collected in ways which would facilitate the scientific correlation of all this illness and disability with environmental factors, which are believed to be major causes.

Amend Platform 2002 of the Georgia Green Party, further, by striking paragraph 4., from the Environmental Justice Plank, and inserting in its place, the following:

4. Compensate Victims of Pollution

Protect the rights of victims of environmental pollution to receive full compensation for damages and quality health care. Create a Pollution Victim's Compensation Fund to receive dedicated revenue from a Pollution tax on all releases reportable in the Toxic Release Inventory. The Fund is to be divided into separate accounts and disbursed to pay a) the health-care costs of Pollution Victims; b) providing technical assistance to community groups in holding responsible corporations accountable for containing and cleaning up uncontrolled toxic sites; c) funding grants for technical assistance by the Office of Pollution Prevention to be matched by and to assist polluting industries to retool production processes to reduce reportable discharges; and d) for retraining, job placement and worker transition costs associated with displacement created by production process changes motivated by pollution prevention efforts. In addition, we advocate the creation of national and state Chronic Disease Registries to facilitate the systematic gathering and correlation of data on chronic diseases (including: cancer, heart disease, diabetes, lupus, birth defects, asthma, and so on).

HR#1: Human Rights - Reparations to African and Native America People

Hugh Esco and Renee Burse on behalf of themselves and of the Green Party of Towns County, Badili Jones (DeKalb County), Zack Lyde (Glynn County) and Rovene Askren (Lamar County) offer the following:

Amend the Human Rights Plank, by striking paragraphs 3. and 4. and by inserting in their place new paragraphs to read:

3. Make Reparations to African-Americans

Officially acknowledge and apologize for Georgia's and the United States' historic wrongdoing in the enslavement of Africans. We commit to full and complete ~~Initiate substantive and practical dialogue on what~~

~~Georgians can do today to make~~ reparations to the African-American community for the past four hundred plus years of genocide, slavery, land-loss, destruction of original identity culture and the present-day conditions which have evolved from this history. We recognize that reparations are a debt that is owed to a collective of people and that the leadership on this question of right ought to come from the Black community, whose autonomy to chart the path to healing we fully recognize. While consensus is still evolving on what would constitute full and complete reparations, we support the following initial steps. Until the reparations process can be completed, we support an exemption on income tax for descendants of enslaved people. We support the creation of a claim of action and a right to recover inherited wealth and other profits accumulated from the slave trade for the benefit of a reparations trust fund. We will initiate the repeal of the slave clauses that survive today in the U.S. Constitution. We will work to restore lands stolen through a variety of tactics including: violence, terrorism and the discriminatory access to operating capital which together has robbed Black Farmers and the broader Black community of their lands. We support the release of political prisoners convicted of non-violent crimes. We will support new and existing Black Universities, as well as Education and Development Funds.

4. Make Reparations to Native Americans

Officially acknowledge and apologize for Georgia's and the United States' historic wrongdoing in removing Native Nations, and violating treaties with them, for the settlement of Georgia. We commit to full and complete ~~Initiate substantive and practical dialogue on what Georgians can do today to make~~ reparations for the past five hundred plus years of genocide, land-theft, treaty violations, destruction of culture and the present-day conditions which have evolved from this history. We recognize that reparations are a debt that is owed collectively to Native peoples and that the leadership on this question of right ought to come from the Native community, whose autonomy to chart the path to healing we fully recognize. While consensus is forged on what would constitute full and complete reparations, we support the following initial steps. Until the reparations process can be completed, we support an exemption on income tax for descendants of Indigenous People. We urge that Georgia fund a study in cooperation with Native Nations removed from Georgia of the dispossession and recommendations for correcting these injustices.

Impeachment#1: Impeach the President of the United States for War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, Treason, Bribery and other high Crimes and Misdemeneours

Hugh Esco and Renee Bursey
on behalf of the Green Party of Towns County
offer the following:

Amend Platform 2002 of the Georgia Green Party by inserting a new Plank related to the Impeachment of the President of the United States to read:

IMPEACHMENT

"Restore Integrity to the Oval Office"

The Constitution of the United States of America (in Article II, Section 4) provides that Congress shall have the power to impeach and try the "President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, (who) shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

The Georgia Green Party calls for the Impeachment of the President of the United States and urges its local affiliates and members, as well as the Green Party of the United States to also endorse and actively work in the movement to Impeach the President.

President George W. Bush has committed violations and subversions of the Constitution of the United States of America in an attempt to carry out with impunity crimes against peace and humanity and war crimes and deprivations of the civil rights of the people of the United States and other nations, by assuming powers of an imperial executive unaccountable to law and usurping powers of the Congress, the Judiciary and those reserved to the people of the United States, by the following acts:

- 1) Subverting the letter and the intent of the Constitution with a wide range of conduct including but not limited to: trying to suspend the constitutional Writ of Habeas Corpus; ramming the totalitarian U.S.A. Patriot Act through Congress; the mass-round-up and incarceration of foreigners; kangaroo courts; depriving at least two United States citizens of their constitutional rights by means of military incarceration; interference with the constitutional right of defendants in criminal cases to lawyers; violating and subverting the Posse Comitatus Act; unlawful and unreasonable searches and seizures; violating the First Amendments rights of the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceable assembly,

and to petition the government for redress of grievances; packing the federal judiciary with totalitarian judges and undermining the judicial independence of the Constitution's Article III federal court system; violating the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions and the U.S. War Crimes Act; violating the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; reinstatement of the infamous "Cointelpro" Program; violating the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, the Convention against Torture, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; instituting the totalitarian Total Information Awareness Program; and establishing a totalitarian Northern Military Command for the United States of America itself.

2) Violating the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution in that U.S. soldiers in the Middle East are overwhelmingly poor White, Black, and Latino and their military service is based on the coercion of a system that has denied viable economic opportunities to these classes of citizens. Under the Constitution, all classes of citizens are guaranteed equal protection of the laws, and calling on the poor and minorities to fight a war for oil to preserve the lifestyles of the wealthy power elite of this country is a denial of the rights of these soldiers.

3) In violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, the President has violated the U.S. Constitution, federal law, and the United Nations Charter by bribing, intimidating and threatening others, including the members of the United Nations Security Council, to support belligerent acts against Iraq.

4) In violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, has prepared, planned and conspired and finally executed a massive war of catastrophic aggression against Iraq by employing methods of mass destruction that resulted in the killing of thousands of civilians, many of whom were children. This included the threatened use of nuclear weapons, and the use of indiscriminate weapons and massive killings by aerial bombardment, or otherwise, of civilians, in violation of the Hague Regulations on land warfare, the rules of customary international law set forth in the Hague Rules of Air Warfare, the Four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Protocol I thereto,

the Nuremberg Charter, Judgment, and Principles, the Genocide Convention, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and U.S. Army Field Manual 27-10 (1956).

5) He has committed the United States to acts of war without congressional consent and contrary to the United Nations Charter and international law. From September, 2001 through January, 2003, the President embarked on a course of action that systematically eliminated every option for peaceful resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis. Once the President approached Congress for consent to war, tens of thousands of American soldiers' lives were in jeopardy - rendering any substantive debate by Congress meaningless.

In all of this and more George Walker Bush has acted in a manner contrary to his trust as President and subversive of constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States. George Walker Bush, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

Next, Harry Lyde, Party Treasurer, was recognized to present the Council's recommended budget. Michael "qBear" Levy was recognized to offer his substitute budget. After these presentations, the Convention recessed for dinner.

Following dinner, the Elections Committee offered its report on the tabulation of ballots in the internal elections:

To: The 2003 Annual Convention of
The Georgia Green Party
Pooler Georgia

Date: Saturday, May 17th, 2003

From: The Elections Committee

We the members of your Elections Committee have tabulated the ballots cast on this date in the Party's annual election for the Coordinating Council and for the Delegation on National Green Party Affairs. We are agreed that the results are as follows:

For the Delegation on National Green Party Affairs,
the following candidates have been elected:

Badili Jones, Kerrie Dickson, Al Herman for two year terms

For the Coordinating Council,
the following candidates have been elected:

Badili Jones, Velman Allen, Kerrie Dickson, Renee Bursey,
Carol McChesney, Denice Traina and Frank Jeffers for two year
terms, plus Michael qBear Levy for a one year term.

It is the recommendation of your Elections Committee that these results be
certified by Delegates to this Annual Convention.

Signed by:

Terence Coutney, Hugh Esco, Dan Everett, Zack Lyde, Peter Wright

Hugh Esco moved, with a second by Zack Lyde, that the results, as presented by the
Elections Committee be certified and that the candidates named be seated. Without
objection, the Report of the Elections Committee was accepted and the results were
satisfied.

Badili Jones was recognized to introduce Adelina Nichols, with the Coordinadora de
Lideres Comunitarios de Atlanta, as the keynote speaker for the evening. Ms. Nichols
spoke of her work building a statewide coalition in support of permitting undocumented
workers and their families to access drivers' licenses, including their efforts which
collected over 30,000 signatures on a petition to the Governor.

The Convention stood in recess, to be reconvened the following day, Sunday, May 18th,
2003 at 11:00 am.

When the Convention reconvened, the next morning, we began by taking up
consideration of proposed amendments to the By-Laws. Badili Jones was recognized to
present the following:

Proposal IDB #02-3: 79

offered by Badili Jones

To amend the By-Laws of the Georgia Green Party; to provide for the terms of
members of the Coordinating Council; to provide for the election and terms of
members of the Quick Decision Council; to provide for the certification to the
Secretary of State of the amended by-laws; and for other purposes.

A Resolution of the
Nominating Convention of
The Georgia Green Party

Whereas, on Monday, April 14th, 2003, the Coordinating Council gave its prior
review to the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Georgia
Green Party, as required by Article III., Section B. of those By-Laws.

Section 1.

Resolved, by the Annual Convention of the Georgia Green Party, that the By-Laws of the Georgia Green Party, Article V., related to Structure, Section A., related to the Coordinating Council, is amended by striking paragraphs 2. and 4., in their entirety and by inserting in their place new paragraphs to read:

"2. election of members

The Coordinating Council shall be elected for two year, staggered terms at the Annual Convention. The terms of office for members of the Coordinating Council shall begin on the first day of July immediately following the elections (unless the term has been set by a policy of the Coordinating Council or of the Convention) and shall continue until a replacement shall have been elected and assume office. The Convention may choose to elect the Council by a system of cumulative voting, modified for gender and race balance, where each delegate is afforded as many votes as there are seats to be filled by the election; and may cast any number of their votes for one or more nominees; or alternately the Convention may choose to elect the Council 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. Within the requirements of gender and racial balance, those candidates most frequently preferred by the delegates shall be seated on the Coordinating Council. Unused votes shall be transferred to the highest ranked candidate who may be helped by a particular ballot so that no vote is 'wasted' Within the requirements of gender and racial balance, those candidates receiving the largest vote counts shall be seated on the Coordinating Council."

"4. the division of responsibilities

"At the first Coordinating Council meeting following the election at the Annual Convention, there shall be an election from among the members of the incoming Coordinating Council of two Co-convenors, a Clerk, a Treasurer and such other coordinators as provided for by the delegates of the Annual Convention. The officers shall serve for a one year, renewable term beginning on the first day of July following each Annual Convention and continuing until a replacement shall have been elected and assume office."

Section 2.

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 By-laws amendments with the Secretary of State.

Without objection, the Jones paper, IDB #02-3:79, to amend the By-Laws, was adopted.

Without objection, Hugh Esco was recognized to explain why it was he would be asking the Convention for a Rules suspension, to permit the Convention's consideration of a proposed By-Laws amendment not previously reviewed by the Coordinating Council. He presented Section 2., of IDB #02-3:53, to amend the By-Laws and answered clarifying questions about its intent.

Hugh Esco was recognized to ask unanimous consent for a rules suspension to permit Convention consideration of a proposed By-laws amendment which had not been previously reviewed by the Coordinating Council. There was objection.

The Convention next took up consideration of the FY-2004 Budget. Harry Lyde, Party Treasurer, moved the adoption of the Council's recommendation, as published at IDB #02-3:61. There was a second by Badili Jones. Michael "qBear" Levy objected. He was recognized to summarize his concerns and to answer clarifying questions. The author moved that the objections be tested as to whether the Convention found they should block agreement. On the test of the Levy concerns, the vote was 2-17 and the Concerns were found to not block agreement. The author moved that the passage of IDB #02-3:61 be put to a vote. Without objection, the question was put to a vote. On passage, the votes were 17-2 and the budget was received by the Convention and returned to the Coordinating Council for action.

Next, Carol McChesney was recognized to present the Democracy Starts Here resolution on behalf of Dekalb County. IDB #02-3:78 was adopted without objection.

An organizational meeting of the newly elected Coordinating Council was announced to convene upon adjournment of the Convention.

There being no further business to come before the 2003 Annual Convention, the Convention, without objection, stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Esco
Clerk, 2003 Annual Convention
Georgia Green Party