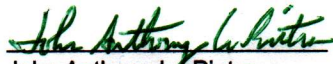


Green Party of Michigan – Credentialing Information for GPUS 2012 Nominating Convention

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This is the best answer GPMI can provide to the questions as asked. Among other limitations on our response is the fact that GPMI has not yet held its state nominating convention, and so cannot finalize its delegation to the GPUS convention until after the state convention closes on June 3. And, as indicated below, some items do not apply to GPMI's situation.



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Please provide the answers to question #1 below in the attached spreadsheet in your email response, and with a hard copy in your postal mail response. If you don't have Excel for the spreadsheet, you may use OpenOffice or any other open source spreadsheet software.

1) Please provide for each delegate and/or alternate:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| a. Name | d. Year of Birth | g. Email (if available) |
| b. Residential address | e. Phone (if available) | h. Political Party with which they are registered/enrolled to vote (in states where this is possible) |
| c. State (two letter abbreviation) | f. Fax (if available) | |

An OpenOffice spreadsheet showing this information for 15 delegates selected at GPMI's February State Membership Meeting (SMM), and for one additional delegate selected between SMMs by the State Central Committee (SCC), is attached. (Note that Michigan does not have voter registration by party, so item 1h is not applicable.) However, since the GPMI State Convention will be held June 2-3, the list may not be final as to delegates, and does not include any alternates who may be elected at the GPMI convention. When final information is available, it will be provided to GPUS via e-mail.

2) Please answer question #2 below yes or no:

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| a. Is your state party an accredited member state Green Party of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS)?
If not, has your party submitted an application to the Accreditation Committee,
which demonstrates its eligibility for membership? | Yes. |
| b. Is your caucus accredited and eligible for representation on the National Committee of the GPUS?
If not, is it planning on doing so before the Presidential Nominating Convention? | (n/a) |

For questions #3 - #5, please attach either an .rtf or .pdf document and/or web link to the appropriate document in your email response, and a hard copy included in your postal mail response.

3) Please provide copies of all portions of your state's election law, which are relevant to the selection of delegates to a national convention, whether by primary, caucus, or petitions for national candidates.

Michigan's Election Code is at: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-116-of-1954>

MCL 168.613a Statewide presidential primary election; time; limitation on participation; conduct.

(1) A statewide presidential primary election shall be conducted under this act on the fourth Tuesday in February in each presidential election year.

(2) A political party that received 5% or less of the total vote cast nationwide for the office of president in the last presidential election shall not participate in the presidential primary election.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in sections 614a to 616a, 624g, 759a, 759c, and 879a, the statewide presidential primary election shall be conducted under the provisions of this act that govern the conduct of general primary elections.

MCL 168.618 Allocation of delegates to national convention; qualifications of delegates; selection procedures.

The allocation of all delegates and alternates to a national convention shall be made by the state central committee of each party. All delegates shall be registered electors of this state. Delegates elected from congressional districts shall be registered electors of those districts. All national convention delegates shall be chosen according to procedures and any other qualifications as may be established by the state central committee of that political party. The procedures and qualifications may include, but are not necessarily limited to guarantees that discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, or economic status does not occur.

MCL 168.620a Law applicable to selection of delegates; state or national political party rule.

For purposes of this act, a state political party shall follow state law pertaining to the selection of delegates if required to follow state law by a state or national political party rule. If there is no such state or national political party rule, a requirement of this act pertaining to the selection of delegates applicable after the election of delegates to the county convention shall not apply to a political party if that requirement conflicts with a rule of that political party.

MCL 168.686 State convention; canvass of returns; certification of nominees; presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Within 24 hours after the conclusion of the state convention before a general election, the state central committee of each political party shall canvass the proceedings of the convention and determine the nominees of the convention. Not more than 1 business day after the state convention, the chairperson and secretary of the state central committee shall forward to the secretary of state, a typewritten or printed list of the names and residence, including the street address if known, of all candidates nominated at the state convention. In each presidential election year, the state central committee of each political party shall, not more than 1 business day after the state convention or the national convention of that party, whichever is later, forward to the secretary of state the typewritten or printed names of the candidates of that party for the offices of president of the United States and vice-president of the United States certified to by the chairperson and secretary of the committees. A party is not required to certify nominations made at an official primary election. The secretary of state shall forward a copy of a list received under this section to the board of election commissioners of each county, in care of the county clerk at the county seat.

4) Please provide the policy of your state party/caucus regarding support for the Presidential Slate nominated at the Presidential Nominating Convention, specifically:

- a. Support of the Presidential Slate nominated by the Presidential Nominating Convention through the provision of its presidential ballot line where it exists; or, through the qualification of such nominated candidates as write-in candidates, if such is possible under the election laws of their state; and/or,
- b. Support of the Presidential Slate nominated by the Presidential Nominating Convention by its Presidential Nominating Convention delegates and/or its Presidential electors; and/or,
- c. Any prohibition to the opposition of the Presidential Slate nominated by the Presidential Nominating Convention by its Presidential Nominating Convention delegates and/or its Presidential electors and/or Presidential Nominating Convention delegates; and/or,
- d. Any other policy of the state party regarding its post-convention relationship to the Presidential Slate nominated by the Presidential Nominating Convention;
- e. If there is no current policy on these subjects, the application shall state that the state Green Party has not adopted a policy on these subjects.

GPMI has no formal, explicit, ongoing policy which fits these categories. However, GPMI has in fact put a Green Party ticket on the Michigan ballot every Presidential year since 2000, when it gained ballot access. In 2004, GPMI voted to make sure that a ticket could be put on the Michigan ballot even if GPUS did not nominate one – and empowered its delegation to vote to pick that ticket if needed.

5) Please include a copy of the approved minutes of your state convention, or other body authorized to name the delegation, which documents the delegates' selection. If approved minutes are not available, the Application shall include other documentation of the delegates' selection.

As noted above, GPMI selected 15 delegates at its February SMM, and SCC has selected a 16th delegate since that meeting. At the upcoming state convention June 2-3, GPMI members may select alternates – and/or delegates to replace some of those previously elected but now unable to serve, etc. GPMI does not have a formal process of approving minutes from either conventions or SMMs. Attached is page 6 of the “raw notes” SMM minutes taken by John Anthony La Pietra (who generally serves as de facto recorder), and a message dated 5/25/12 from SCC Whip Art Myatt confirming SCC's selection of the 16th delegate.

For Question #6 please attach a scanned copy of your signed document (if possible) in your email response, and a signed hard copy in your postal mail response. If you cannot provide a scanned copy in your email response, please provide an electronic document that includes the names of the signers, even if it does not have their signatures.

- 6) Please submit a letter bearing the signature of your state party or caucus officers certifying the authenticity of the minutes. By signing this application, your state or caucus officers certify that the delegates included in the minutes are the duly chosen delegates to the convention as provided for in the rules of the caucus or state Green Party (or grouping of Greens where there is no state party).

This request does not specify which officers are to certify the requested records – and, as noted in #5 above, GPMI does not have a formal approval process which could lead to authentication of minutes documents. John Anthony La Pietra, signer of this document, is both the de facto recorder of minutes and a GPMI state party officer (Elections Co-ordinator), as well as a practicing attorney admitted to the State Bar of Michigan. GPMI trusts that this is adequate certification in the circumstances; we note that there has never been any controversy over who is authorized to represent GPMI at any previous GPUS convention, and none is expected this year either.

- 7) What paperwork do you need to submit to your Secretary of State (or other Government Agency) to ensure that the presidential and vice-presidential nominees will be on your ballot line? Often this paperwork needs to be signed by the nominees themselves and/or by a representative of the national party. Please bring any such paperwork with you to Baltimore to the PNC and we will try to get it signed and notarized. Please contact Holly Hart of the Ballot Access Committee -- hhart@avalon.net -- with any questions you have about this request.

As shown above, MCL 168.686 says the chair and secretary of GPMI's State Central Committee need to certify our Presidential ticket to the Secretary of State -- effectively, the Bureau of Elections -- the business day after either the national or state convention, whichever is later. This year, that would have to be done by Monday, July 16. So neither the candidates nor any GPUS official will have to sign anything to put the ticket on the Michigan ballot. But we ****do**** need to get the residential street addresses (not PO boxes) of both candidates on the ticket – and their names as they want them to appear on the ballot – and we need that information no later than the end of the GPUS convention, so we can include it in the Certification of Nomination we turn in to the Bureau of Elections the Monday after the election. Fortunately, all three of GPMI's current co-chairs and the secretary/(recordkeeper) have been elected as GPUS delegates, so putting the nominees on the ballot in Michigan will be easy – as long as we have those names and addresses.

(Note: MCL 168.42 requires us to certify our list of Presidential electors to the Bureau of Elections the day after our state convention ends. But that will be done before the GPUS convention, and does not require any information or assistance from GPUS.)



John Anthony La Pietra, Elections Co-ordinator, GPMI

Green Party of Michigan
GPUS Convention Delegates
as of 5/29/2012

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Green Party of Michigan					
GPUS Convention Delegates					
as of 5/29/2012					
First Name of Delegate	Last Name of Delegate	E-mail	Year of Birth	Party Registration	Status
Doug	Campbell	NaderLaDuke2000Detroit@Yahoo.com	1959	n/a	delegate
Candace	Caveny	candaceinthethumb@yahoo.com	1939	n/a	delegate
Lloyd	Clarke	clarke.lloyd@yahoo.com	1942	n/a	delegate
Matt	de Heus	mdeheus@ymail.com	1965	n/a	delegate
Priscilla	Dziubek	peekd@lppals.com	1959	n/a	delegate
Derek	Grigsby	DEREKNJCK@YAHOO.COM	1957	n/a	delegate
Margaret	Guttshall	mguttshall@sbcglobal.net	1950	n/a	delegate
Richard T.	Kuszmar	linneamari@aol.com	1950	n/a	delegate
Jennifer	La Pietra	jennysweetheat@yahoo.com	1980	n/a	delegate
John Anthony	La Pietra	jalp@triton.net	1957	n/a	delegate
Lynn	Meadows	lynnmeadows@provide.net	1937	n/a	delegate
Harley	Mikkelson	votegreen_mi@yahoo.com	1946	n/a	delegate
Merry	Mikkelson	MikkelsonMerry@gmail.com	1954	n/a	delegate
Lou	Novak	lmn@lppals.com	1958	n/a	delegate
A. J.	O'Neil	ajamesoneil@gmail.com	1962	n/a	delegate
Fred	Vitale	freddetroit@sbcglobal.net	1951	n/a	delegate
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and we also *TWINKLE* to starting with "current" rules for GPML convention

GPUS Convention (7/12-15; Baltimore, MD): national delegates:

multiple steps – how did we do them before?

JALP talks about straw polls . . .

Harley suggests two votes – one on delegates, who state their preference but aren't bound to it

and another on the preferences of people at the state convention which could be used as guidance

Richard suggests electing as many delegates as we can today, let SCC fill the remainder if any more come forward

there is early registration and room-booking

who's interested?

Jennifer La Pietra

JALP

Matt de Heus

Candace Caveny-Collins

Doug Campbell

Richard Kuszmar

A J O'Neil

Lou Novak

[Fred Vitale]

[Margaret Guttshall]

Priscilla Dziubek

Harley Mikkelson

Derek Grigsby

Merry Mikkelson

Lloyd Clarke

it's also possible for SCC to select alternates

Lloyd C says we want to cancel the old land-line number

Lou N suggests letting the old number refer to the new number (313-815-2025) for a month or so

and all after Cary's campaign uses the number for the rest of this month

1:00 pm **Media Relations**

[3:16]

AJ is willing to share info on how he's worked with the press

don't forget Cary's election-night party at Cobblestone Restaurant & Lounge . . . take the Dort Hwy exit from I-75

food until 10pm, we can stay until midnight

Jennifer suggests getting into as many popular platforms as we can, and cross-referring to each other

Ron adds YouTube – and Matt says LWV/Flint videographer Ernestine is willing to help us

Richard K says we need to update our Website (eliminate obsolete locals) – updating gives people a reason to come back

Jennifer says the most important part is content – and no single person can provide all the content

Harley gives a plug for Erik Shelley, too

best/worst places for ads, collecting e-mail contact points, etc.

2:30 pm **Strategy for November Elections**

[3:30]

Matt says we started out the day agreeing that this is about as good an opportunity, as good a climate, as we've had

in terms of strategy, one thing we've discussed is focused elections – some races we can win (look at others' budgets before)

another key point is redistricting

discussion of who's thinking of running (or standing) for what –

JALP mentions Ellis B & Tom M CD 01 & 04 respectively (Pat T also wants to run for CD 04), reviews his suggested possibilities

<no, that letter was sent by Tom M, but it was written by Pat Timmons>

Charlie Shick for Kent Co Clerk

Matt Abel for Wayne Co Prosecutor

Matt de Heus has a candidate for Co Clerk too (he's in a new Co Comm district)

Subject: [GPMI SCC] SCC business update
From: "Art Myatt" <almyatt@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 25 May 2012 11:24:43 -0700 (PDT)
To: green-party-of-michigan-central-committee@lists.riseup.net

John pointed out that I had neglected to note that Lynn Meadows was approved as a delegate to the GPUS national convention. To make it official, I've added the following paragraph to the SCC Business timeline (shared document on Riseup):

On March 19, John La Pietra proposed that Lynn Meadows be recognized as the 16th delegate from GPMI to the GPUS national convention in Baltimore in July of this year. He forwarded a letter from her volunteering for the position. (the other 15 delegates had been selected at the State Membership Meeting in February.)

the proposal was supported by Art Myatt and Richard Kuszmar. With no objection (and very little discussion) during the next week, the proposal passed by consensus.

[end notice of Lynn meadows as delegate]

On forgiving a debt of \$296 owed to GPMI by GPUS, I've also revised the timeline to read:

On May 11, Richard Kuszmar proposed to donate the sum of \$296 to GPUS. This sum is the "state sharing" portion of money raised by GPUS in 2009 from donations originating in Michigan. In other words, this will not cost us any funds that are already in our treasury. it just means the GPUS' will no longer be required to send that amount to us. The idea was supported by Linda Myatt and, on May 16, by myself. Thus, on May 16, this became an official proposal. Discussion continues through May 23.

There was one objection to this course, but it was not a blocking objection. The action was supported by several other people. There was no formal voting on the proposal because there was no blocking objection, so the measure passed by consensus.

[end of debt forgiveness notice]

Since the debt forgiveness, there has been discussion of several topics, but nothing requiring the SCC to make a decision. Also, there were no messages at all on the list for two days. I think this is normal when we are close to a State Convention & Membership Meeting. Any urgent issues can be settled at the face-to-face meeting, and there is no need to bring it to the SCCC e-mail list.

I believe the updated "SCC busiess timeline" will constitute my SCC Whip report to the convention. Fred, feel free to condense the format to print it for distribution as a document at the convention. I do not expect any update to be needed between now and then. Let me know if you have any problem getting it from the shared documents area.

I've participated in two face-to-face meetings of the media Committee, but Jennifer should be doing that report, and those meetings are the extent of my "Committee Manager" work for the quarter. Once we have candidates, I think the Elections Committee will logically become more active. I expect a face-to-face meeting or two of the elections Committee will be helpful in the next few months.

Also - I've purchased some caps, and had them embroidered "Green Party of Michigan." I'll bring them to the convention. They will be \$15 each (cost). They are very stylish. I'm sure you'll want one for yourself, and more for gifts to friends and relatives.

Full disclosure: The caps were purchased through Urban Press, a union printer, and embroidered at a union shop in Oak Park. I was surprised to find out the caps themselves were made in China, but you won't be surprised if you buy one.

Art Myatt