

Green Party of the United States (GP-US) 2012 Presidential Nomination Convention Delegate Credential Application

For the Arizona Green Party (AZGP); amended/updated on July 7, 2012 by state co-chair Angel Torres; (602)305-7496 (home); (623)202-3747 (cell); aaortres29@hotmail.com

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 Open Office or any other open source spreadsheet software.

- 1) Please provide for each delegate and/or alternate: [See attached spreadsheet](#)
 - a. Name
 - b. Residential address
 - c. State (two letter abbreviation)
 - d. Year of Birth
 - e. Phone (if available)
 - f. Fax (if available)
 - g. Email (if available)
 - h. Political Party with which they are registered/enrolled to vote (in states where this is possible)

- 2) Please answer question #2 below yes or no
 - a. Is your state party an accredited member state Green Party of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS)? [Yes, since June 1st, 2001.](#)

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.

[Arizona State Legislature, Title 16—Elections and Electors, Chapter 2—Election Dates, Article 4—Presidential Preference Election \(16-243\). National convention delegates; pledged support to candidates \(see attached PDF document\).](#)
www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/16/00243.htm&Title=16&DocType=ARS

- 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, : [The Arizona Green Party \(AZGP\) has no specific policy on this issue. However, we have always honored our affiliation agreement with the Green Party-US, in which we agree to place the GP-US Presidential nominee on our ballot.](#)

 - 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,; [See answer to questions #3 and 4.a. We agree to support the Presidential Slate nominated at the Presidential Nomination Convention.](#)

 - 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, See the attached document, the AZGP Presidential Primary Process (approved January 2008); section titled "The Delegates":

"The delegates shall be chosen by approval vote at the AZGP meeting where the results of the primary election are presented by the tabulation committee. The appropriate number of delegate candidates, who receive the highest votes of approval, shall be elected, provided each receives at least 50% approval. No one receiving less than 50% approval shall be elected.

The delegates shall vote as bound at the convention. Should any relevant candidates be removed from the ballot, prior to any round of voting including the first, the delegates shall caucus and decide how best to represent the will of Arizona Greens and will vote accordingly. A candidate may be determined, by the delegation, to have removed themselves from the ballot, de facto, at which point the delegation will caucus to reallocate his or her support. Examples of de facto removal would include: by support for tickets that will oppose the chosen Green Party presidential candidate team, or by advocacy against the Green Party of the United States or the Arizona Green Party, or by unambiguous advocacy against the Ten Key Values. The AZGP empowers its delegation to revoke the convention credentials of any delegate whom the delegation, by the unanimous decision of the other delegates, is discovered to be attempting to cast a convention vote which is markedly contrary to their consensus perception of the will of the Arizona Green voters."

d. Any other policy of the state party regarding its post-convention relationship to the Presidential Slate nominated by the Presidential Nominating Convention. We have no specific policy on this issue. We have recruited our 11 Presidential Electors, and filed the necessary paperwork with the Arizona Secretary of State's office on May 30th, 2012. We also have the State of Arizona Official Certification of Presidential Nomination form (see attached PDF document) ready to be signed by the Green Party candidates for President and Vice-President. This form will also need to be signed and notarized by the chairs and secretary of the 2012 Green Party-US Presidential Nomination 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. N/A

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. For the first time in our 22-year history, the Arizona Green Party (AZGP) participated in the Arizona Presidential Preference Election (PPE) held on February 28th, 2012. There were six Green Party presidential candidates on the ballot. Only two of them, Dr. Kent Mesplay, and Dr. Jill Stein, had been officially recognized by the Green Party-US Presidential Campaign Support Committee (PCSC). Jill Stein received 385 votes (68.6% of the vote), and Kent Mesplay received 50 votes (8.9% of the vote); see attached document, Arizona 2012 Presidential Preference Election, February 28, 2012, Official Election Canvass of Results, and website link: www.azsos.gov/election/2012/PPE/canvass2012ppe.pdf.

The AZGP State Committee agreed (based on our affiliation agreement with the GP-US) that our delegates to the 2012 GP-US Presidential Nomination Convention would only cast votes for presidential candidates that had been officially recognized by the GP-US PCSC. Based on the results of the Arizona PPE of February 28th, 2012, the AZGP State Committee held a poll to determine how our delegates would be distributed to candidates Mesplay and Stein. The results of the poll: 4 delegates to Jill Stein, and 1 delegate to Kent Mesplay (see attached document; <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/azgpstate/surveys>).

At our last AZGP state meeting (May 26th, 2012) held in Flagstaff, Arizona, we nominated and elected our five delegates to the 2012 GP-US Presidential Nomination Convention. The five approved delegates are: Erik Andersen, Celeste Castorena, Leenie Halbert, Haryaksha Gregor Knauer, and Angel Torres. The five individuals and their contact information are listed in the spreadsheet (answer to question #1). At this time, the AZGP State Committee has still not approved the meeting minutes. However, the relevant section of the minutes is listed below (and a printed copy attached):

"Leenie asked if we could take this vote formally, on our delegation. Who are our delegates? She moved that Celeste, HGK, Eric, Angel and Leenie be delegates. Angel said that since we will have proxies, we don't need alts. If in a situation it's not allowed, then we'll need to start over. His opinion is that because we have proxies there's no need for alternates. Any opposition? No. All twinkle for those 5, Celeste, Haryaksha, Eric, Angel and Leenie."

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. [The answers and documentation for question #5 are accurate and authentic.](#)

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.) [We certify that the delegates representing the Arizona Green Party \(Erik Andersen, Celeste Castorena, Leenie Halbert, Haryaksha Gregor Knauer and Angel Torres\) are the duly chosen delegates to the 2012 GP-US Presidential Nomination Convention.](#)

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. [The paperwork that we need to submit to the Arizona Secretary of State to ensure that the GP-US Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees will be on the ballot is the State of Arizona Official Certification of Presidential Nomination form \(mentioned in answer to question #4, d; PDF document attached\).](#)

>From Rules of the Presidential Nominating Convention of the Green Party of the United States

4-3.2 Each Accredited Caucus or state Green Party (or grouping of Greens where there is no state party) that desires to credential a delegation to the Presidential Nominating Convention shall submit both an original and duplicate hard copy of their Delegate Credential Application by U.S. Mail, as well as an electronic application by email. No application shall be accepted unless both original and duplicate and electronic versions are submitted.

4-3.3 Delegate Credential Applications must be submitted prior to the application deadline, unless granted an extension by the Credential Committee. Accredited Caucuses or state Green Parties that anticipate submitting their Delegate Credential Application after the deadline are encouraged to seek an extension before the deadline and as early as possible.

4-3.4 The deadline for postmarking a credentials application to be considered prior to the convention shall be forty-five days prior to the convening of the Presidential Nominating Convention, and not later than thirty days later than the delegation has been named.

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Section 4-4 Delegate Credential Applications - Process for Consideration of Late Filings

4-4.1 Any application which is not submitted by the filing deadline may be considered by the Credentials Committee if:

4-4.1(a) before the filing deadline, a majority of the active Committee members voting find that the applicant has demonstrated that the functioning of the applicant's state law operates to make meeting that deadline and serving the internal democracy of the party mutually exclusive, and has agreed to grant an extension of the filing deadline by their vote; or,

4-4.1(b) either before or after the deadline, a two-thirds majority of the active Committee members voting find that the applicant has demonstrated that justice in the credentialing process would be served by granting the application, and has agreed to grant an extension of the filing deadline by their vote.