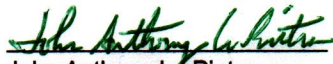


**Green Party of Michigan – Credentialing Information for GPUS 2012 Nominating Convention**

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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)?<br>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?<br>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.

