

Green Party of the United States
2012 Presidential Nomination Convention
Delegate Credential Application

Please return your response to this application according to the deadlines specified in the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention Rules – via email as soon as possible to delapp@gp.org by 11:50 Pacific Standard Time, Wednesday, May 30th, and also – via U.S. mail, with an original plus a copy, postmarked no later than Wednesday, May 30th, to David McCorquodale, 1235 Ipswich Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808, and in both cases – no later than thirty days after your delegation has been named.

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See the end of this document for the text of the rules that apply to deadlines and extensions.

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:
 - 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)

Included as an attachment (GPMN Delegates and Alternates.xlsx)

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)? If not, has your party submitted an application to the Accreditation Committee, which demonstrates its eligibility for membership?

- 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?

Yes (2a), the Green Party of Minnesota is an accredited member state Green Party of the Green Party of the United States.

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.

The Green Party of Minnesota is currently classified as a "minor party", and as such has no requirements defined by the state of Minnesota for determining delegates to the GPUS national convention. The definition of a "minor party" in Minnesota and the current status of the Green Party of Minnesota can be reviewed in the attachments (GPMN Minor Party Definition.jpg and GPMN Minor Party Status.jpg) and at the following URL:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=237>.

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.

The Green Party of Minnesota does not have a documented policy in its bylaws or constitution with regard to these subjects. However, as an accredited member state party, we are bound

by Article I, Section 1.II.4 of the Rules and Procedures for the Green Party of the United States, which states that such a party “Agrees to support national candidates selection by Green convention”. As such, we intend to obtain the necessary ballot access petition signatures (2000) within the timeframe required by the state of Minnesota (between May 22 and August 21) to put the Presidential Slate nominated by the convention on the ballot in Minnesota.

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.

No minutes were recorded. However, attached is a presentation describing the “walking caucus” process used for delegate selection (GPMN Walking Caucus Process.pdf), and photos of the resulting lists of members, delegates and alternates for each caucus:

- **GPMN Caucus Members – Jill Stein**
- **GPMN Caucus Delegates – Jill Stein**
- **GPMN Caucus Members – Roseanne Barr**
- **GPMN Caucus Delegates – Roseanne Barr**

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.)

A signed letter from the chair of the Green Party of Minnesota has been attached to this application (GPMN State Party Officer Signature).

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.

Because the Green Party of Minnesota is currently classified as a “minor party” by the state of Minnesota, it does not have a designated ballot line. Minor party candidates are placed on the ballot using ballot access petitions that are submitted to the State of Minnesota with presidential and vice-presidential nominees and a slate of ten presidential electors. No additional paperwork is required to be signed by the GPUS.

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.