A “Walking Caucus” Process for Delegate Allocation and Selection

Green Party of Minnesota
2012 State Convention
Goals

• Allocate delegates to presidential candidates based on proportional representation.
• Nominate delegates for each candidate from the pool of supporters.
• Use a process that is open and transparent to all participants.
Process

1. Individuals nominate candidate caucuses (including “no candidate” or “none of the above” as desired).
2. Chair designates locations in room for each caucus to gather.
3. Chair starts the process of people walking to the location of their desired caucus.
4. After a pre-specified period of time, the Chair checks caucuses for viability and indicates current status.
5. After a pre-specified additional period of time during which people move to other caucuses, the Chair “freezes” the caucuses.
6. The number of people in each caucus is counted, and divided by the total number of people to determine their number of delegates. Any leftover delegate due to fractional representation will be awarded to the caucus with the highest remainder.
7. Each caucus elects people from within itself to fill its number of delegate spots (and alternates), and reports results to the Chair.
1. Nominate Caucuses

- Candidate A!
- Candidate B!
- Candidate C!
- Candidate D!
- No Candidate!
2. Designate Caucus Locations

- Candidate A!
- Candidate B!
- Candidate C!
- Candidate D!
- No Candidate!
3. Walk to Your Caucus
4. Check Caucus Viability

Candidate A 
19 / 4 = 4.75

Candidate C 
9 / 4 = 2.25

Candidate D 
4 / 4 = 1.00

No Candidate 
5 / 4 = 1.25

# of delegates to be elected = 10
# of people voting = 40
# of votes to elect a single delegate = 40 / 10 = 4
Leftover delegate assigned to highest remainder
5. Move Between Caucuses

- Candidate A
- Candidate B
- Candidate C
- Candidate D
- No Candidate
# of delegates to be elected = 10
# of people voting = 40
# of votes to elect a single delegate = 40 / 10 = 4
Leftover delegate assigned to highest remainder
7. Each Caucus Elects Its Delegates

Candidate A: 20 / 4 = 5.00 → 5

Candidate B: 0 / 4 = 0.00 → 0

Candidate C: 11 / 4 = 2.75 → 3

Candidate D: 4 / 4 = 1.00 → 1

No Candidate: 5 / 4 = 1.25 → 1
Final Delegate Results

Candidate A = 5 Delegates
Candidate C = 3 Delegates
Candidate D = 1 Delegate
"No Candidate" = 1 Delegate
Candidate B = 0 Delegates