



Green Party of

Rhode Island

DELEGATE CREDENTIAL APPLICATION

Green Party of Rhode Island
37 Sixth Street
Providence, RI 02906

1. Delegates (Elected by GPRI State Committee on May 5, 2012)

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Gerritt, Greg

Greg Gerritt, 37 6th St, Providence, RI, 401-331-0529, 000-000-0000,
gerritt@mindspring.com, 1953, Independent.

Affigne, Tony

Tony Affigne, 97 Lauriston St, Providence, RI, 401-935-6558, 000-000-0000,
affigne@greens.org, 1954, Independent.

Siegel, Eric

Eric Siegel, 218 Waterman St #301-A, Providence, RI, 401-954-9038, 000-000-0000,
esiegel@cox.net, 1966, Independent.

Fourth Delegate

To be named prior to Convention.

2. Green Party of Rhode Island : Accreditation Status

YES—the Green Party of Rhode Island is an accredited state Green party, first with the Association of State Green Parties from 1996 to 2001, and now with the Green Party of the United States, from 2001 to the present.

3. Election Laws Re: Nominating Conventions (see “Statutes” link, below)

Rhode Island Secretary of State
Advisory Correspondence with Roseanne Barr and Jill Stein Campaigns
May 18, 2012

Farheen and Ben:

Here are links to our “2012 Election Calendar”, state law and our “For Candidates” webpage. The beauty of the “Election Calendar” is that the description of every milestone in the process includes the cite for the underlying law, so you can drill down for all the details.

<http://sos.ri.gov/documents/elections/RunForOffice2012.pdf>
<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/>
<http://sos.ri.gov/elections/candidate/>

Because the Green Party is not a “recognized” political party under state law, follow the steps for “independent” parties. Assuming the person who will be the Green Party nominee for President is already a registered voter, the first milestone will be June 25-27, when candidates for federal office must file official Declarations of Candidacy with us.

Lastly, I “cc’d” my colleague Mike Narducci in our Elections Division. He’s the go-to-guy for answers to Elections-related questions.

Chris Barnett
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Find out more at:
www.sos.ri.gov

4. Policy on National Nominee

It is the policy of the Green Party of Rhode Island that we will support the nominee selected by the Green Presidential Nominating Convention. We have done so for every presidential election since Ralph Nader's first Green Party campaign, in 1996. Since then, we have achieved "Green Party" ballot placement for Ralph Nader (2000), David Cobb (2004), and Cynthia McKinney (2008). A unified convention in Baltimore will ensure that Rhode Island's Green activists are excited enough to put this year's nominee on the ballot as well.

5. Minutes

Green Party of Rhode Island

State Committee Meeting/Convention
May 5, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m.

Three of the state's five counties were represented with state committee delegates: Providence, Kent, and Washington (Newport and Bristol counties were not represented).

Tony Affigne (Providence) was asked to preside until the arrival of state committee chair Eric Siegel. After discussion of the party's current organizational status and challenges, a motion to suspend the bylaws for 90 days, to allow a reorganization, was made by Richard Walton (Warwick), seconded by Greg Gerritt (Providence). Motion was approved unanimously. State chair Eric Siegel (Providence) arrived, to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report—Donna Schmader (Warwick):

Current balance of checking account \$1119.34

Donna will confirm that the annual \$22 fee has been paid and the yearly report completed for the Secretary of State's office. Kathy Rourke (Providence) will check her records. Lynn Schultz (Lincoln) had been handling it previously.

GPRI Leadership Elections:

After discussion of leadership responsibilities, Tony Affigne was nominated to be sole state committee chair, and he accepted the nomination, with provisos: Tony requested that his term begin with the state meeting in August, giving him time and authorization to meet with party activists, appoint other officers, and develop revised bylaws. This request, and Tony's election as state chair, term beginning at August meeting, were approved unanimously.

Tony will serve as Chair-Elect and Eric Siegel will continue as Chair until that time. In the meantime Tony will organize small mobilization and planning meetings to grow the party. Richard Walton and Greg Gerritt will continue as International Committee delegates; Richard will continue as delegate to the Green National Committee. Other CC members present agreed to stay on for now—John Gallagher (Providence), Nick Schmader (Warwick), and Donna Schmader (Warwick). Absent were Liz Marsis (Providence) and Lynn Schultz (Lincoln).

John Gallagher suggested that we develop a training/mentoring program for new volunteers. Greg & Tony have the ability to train new volunteers and this can be done at the small meetings. This suggestion was approved.

The next state meeting was set for Saturday August 18th at a place and time to be determined. In the meantime we will all meet informally with Tony to develop organizational plans and recruit candidates for the coordinating committee, for election at the August meeting.

2012 Rhode Island Elections:

Abel Collins (Wakefield) is considering a run for US Congress as an progressive independent or as a Green candidate, for Jim Langevin's seat (2nd District-RI). Abel explained his goals for such a campaign, and addressed questions from the state committee. Tony and Richard made several good points, encouraging him to run as a Green rather than an Independent, helping to build the Green Party, linking himself to the global Green movement, and bringing new activists into the party. Abel said that he would consider his choices and communicate with us when he has made a decision. Petitioning time for US Congress is July 3- July 10th; 500 signatures must be obtained and verified.

The committee reviewed a list of interesting state legislative races, in which open seats, recent scandals, or weak incumbents, may offer opportunities. No immediate action was taken, but the committee will continue to look for promising candidates and electoral options. To help with this discussion, Eric will distribute by email, a list of this year's local and municipal elections.

Presidential Candidate Preference Poll:

John Andrews of the Massachusetts Green-Rainbow Party represented Jill Stein, explaining her platform and answering questions about her policy views. In executive session, the committee discussed Andrews' presentation, the current state of the Green presidential campaigns, and correspondence from other candidates. Following this discussion, and with the encouragement of previous convention delegates, the committee voted to split the Rhode Island delegation to Baltimore. Richard Walton (Warwick) and Kathy Rourke (Providence) moved that we allocate our four convention delegates in this manner: 2 votes for Stein, 1 for Barr and 1 uncommitted. The motion was approved unanimously. The petitioning time for the presidential candidate is July 3 – September 7.

Delegates to the National Convention:

Tony Affigne (Providence), Eric Siegel (Providence), and Greg Gerritt (Providence) were elected convention delegates. They will recruit and appoint a fourth delegate, with a directive from the committee that this delegate be female.

Kathy Rourke (Providence) made a motion that we pay the \$100 registration fee for 4 delegates, Donna Hayden (Wakefield) seconded. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Submitted by Donna Schmader, Treasurer, GPRI

6. Party Certification Letter

_See file: "RI_Party_Certification.pdf"