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**Delegate Credential Application
Massachusetts
Green-Rainbow Party
2012**

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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:**
 - 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)**

See Enclosure 3 and separate file, delegate_cred_app2012MA.xls, sent by email.

- 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?**
Yes, the Green-Rainbow Party is an accredited state Green Party.

- 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. We have four seats on the National Committee.

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.

Massachusetts General Law

Part 1, Title 8, Chapter 53

Section 70A. Sections seventy B to seventy H, inclusive, shall apply to presidential primaries.

Section 70B. In any year in which candidates for presidential electors are to be elected, the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to national conventions of political parties shall be by that system adopted by the state committee, provided such system shall not include the placing of the names of delegates on the presidential primary ballot; and provided, further, that the distribution of delegates under any such system shall reflect the preference expressed by the voters on the presidential preference portion of the ballot at the presidential primary. The system adopted by the state committee shall be set forth in written rules and procedures covering all aspects of the delegate selection process and a copy of such rules and procedures shall be filed with the state secretary on or before October first of the year preceding the year in which presidential electors are to be elected. The number of district delegates and alternate district delegates, not less than two from each congressional district, and the number of delegates and alternate delegates at large shall be fixed by the state committee, who shall give notice thereof to the state secretary on or before the first Tuesday in January. At such primaries, members of the state, ward and town committees shall also be chosen as provided in chapter fifty-two.

Section 70I. If there is a roll call vote for president at the national convention of a political party, all delegates and alternate delegates whose selection is subject by party rule to the approval of a presidential candidate shall vote on the first such roll call for that presidential candidate unless released by such candidate.

Massachusetts General Laws are available at
<http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws>

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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.**

Section 12.3 of the bylaws of the Green-Rainbow Party (as adopted April 15, 2012) addresses nominations and reads as follows:

Candidates nominated for national office by the national nominating convention of the Green Party of the United States shall be considered to have received the nomination of the Green-Rainbow Party without the need for additional action under this Section.

This ensures that the ballot line of the state party is available to the nominees selected at the Green Party nominating convention.

Section 8.4 of the bylaws states that State Committee members must "Refrain from publicly criticizing party nominees."

A proposal adopted by State Committee on 22 January 2012 reads:

As part of its overall electoral and party-building strategy, the Green-Rainbow Party encourages its members to use the 2012 presidential campaign to recruit party volunteers, increase GRP voter enrollment, increase our donor database, strengthen support for other GRP candidates, strengthen our locals, recruit new local candidates, and preserve our party's ballot status. Unenrolled voters should be encouraged to take a Green-Rainbow ballot in the March 6 presidential primary.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 54, Section 78A, no later than sixty days before the date of the presidential election, the co-chairs shall provide to the Secretary of the Commonwealth an acceptance form. This form shall include the following items:

- 1) The surnames of our candidates for president and vice president;
- 2) A list of the persons nominated for presidential electors;
- 3) The signed acceptance for each candidate for presidential elector.
- 4) A pledge by the presidential elector to vote for the candidate named in the filing.

Item 4 above requires the electors to vote for the nominated candidates.

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.

Minutes of the State Committee meeting of April 15, 2012 are included as Enclosure 2.

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.)

See attached letter and copy of minutes of State Committee minutes of 4/15/12.

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.**

IN REGARDS TO CERTIFYING CANDIDATES:

Under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 53, section 5, the Green-Rainbow Party must provide a certificate from the GPUS convention which must be **signed by the presiding officer and secretary and include their residences**. The Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth has furnished the Green-Rainbow Party a copy of what the RNC filed in 2008; this is attached/enclosed (Enclosure 5: filename: RNC Certificate MASS.pdf).

IN REGARDS TO CERTIFYING ELECTORS:

Under Massachusetts General Laws, the Green-Rainbow Party must submit a form containing the names of the candidates for President and Vice-President along with the names, residences and written acceptance of the 11 elector candidates. This form has been furnished to the GRP and is enclosed/attached (Enclosure 4: filename: Green-Rainbow.Electors.Form.pdf).

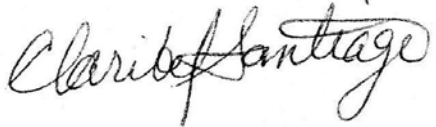

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 53, section 8, the Green-Rainbow State Committee must nominate such electors at a meeting called for such purpose. We must file this form with the Elections Division by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2012**.

===== END OF DELEGATE APPLICATION FORM =====

Enclosure 1

Certification Letter from State Party Officers

We, being duly elected officers of the Green-Rainbow Party, hereby certify that the delegates named in the attached State Committee minutes of 15 April 2012 are the duly chosen delegates to the Green Party nominating convention as provided for under the rules and bylaws of the Green-Rainbow Party.

NAME (print)	OFFICE HELD	SIGNATURE	DATE
Claribel Santiago	Co-chair		6/7/2012
Anthony Barrows	Co-chair		6/7/2012

Enclosure 2

Minutes of 4/15/12 State Committee Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 15 APRIL 2012 STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT STATE COMMITTEE MEETING 6/23/2012

11:00 organizing state committee convened

Present:

Scott Laugenour (elected from state senatorial district)

Mike Heichmann (party secretary)

Mike Heichman reappointed Secretary and Nat Fortune reappointed Treasurer.

Approved by consensus with no concerns

11:15 appointment of state committee members

all regionally elected representatives and alternates in room appointed to state committee as reps and alternates as appropriate, all others appointed effective 4:59 pm

[Members of 2012 State Committee](#), as of 4:59 PM 4/15/2012

11:30 convening of full state committee, review of agenda, appointments

- quorum confirmed
- Adding note that strategic plan is part of presentation of reports
- Concerns expressed and discussed regarding meeting location

Meeting chairs: Elie Yarden, Merelice

Minute taker --Nat Fortune

Timekeeper---Joyce Palmer-fortune

Stacker-- Isabel Espinal

Parliamentarian: John Andrews

Vibes-Rick Purcell

11:40 review and approval of minutes

Minutes of Approved as corrected (and posted on website)

Approved time and place of next meeting: Sat 6/23 In Worcester (location TBA)

Meeting facilitators: Dick Vaillette, Nat Fortune

11:50 general orientation for new members

[Structure of the Green-Rainbow Party](#)

Working Committees: State Committee sets policies and priorities, but the party's [working committees](#) carry out the party's day to day tasks. Each member of State Committee has the responsibility to help implement party decisions by participating in at least one but no more than two working committees. To sign up, follow this link and select your committee of interest: http://www.green-rainbow.org/working_committees

Financial Contributions: state political parties with major party ballot status — the Massachusetts Democratic Party, the Massachusetts Republican Party, and The Green-Rainbow Party — can contribute up to \$3,000 in cash to each of our party's candidates, plus an unlimited amount of aid in in-kind contributions. Political designations are considered PACs, and can only contribute up to \$500/candidate/year. To make a one-time contribution, visit <https://greenrainbow.nationbuilder.com/donate>. A yearly membership is \$25 (\$10 low income). Monthly contributions can be made for as little as \$5.95/month.

Political Parties and Designations: because one of our candidates for statewide office won at least 3% of the vote last general election (November 2010), we became a political party with major party ballot status. To retain major party ballot status, we need to increase our percentage of registered voters in the state from 0.25% to 1.0% or win

3% of the state vote for our presidential party candidate in the November 2012 general election.

Party Websites, Calendars, and Blogs: Members can post events on the party's [calendar](http://www.green-rainbow.org/events) at <http://www.green-rainbow.org/events>. There is also a broader [Community Calendar](#) available. The community calendar allows you to search for upcoming events by location. Members interested in posting articles on one of the party's [blogs](#) are encouraged to join the communications committee. All posts must follow these [rules](#): Support our candidates and party, respect everyone's time (no spam), be civil (no personal attacks), clearly identify yourself (1 account per person), and be in support of our [10 key values](#): grassroots democracy, ecological wisdom, social justice and equal opportunity, nonviolence, decentralization, community based economics, feminism, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility, future focus and sustainability.

Listserve: All state committee members are automatically subscribed to the [StateCom Business listserve](#); they are strongly encouraged to subscribe to the [StateCom Discuss listserve](#) as well. To [sign up for listserve](#), visit <http://greenrainbow.net/mailman/listinfo>.

Bylaws, Standing Rules and Proposals: StateCom is the Governing Board of the Party. It is important for all members of StateCom to read and understand the by-laws and standing rules for meetings. To [review these documents](#), visit: <http://www.green-rainbow.org/procedures>.

State Committee members can upload and review proposals for upcoming meetings by following the links on the [State Committee webpage](#): http://www.green-rainbow.org/state_committee. Proposals require a co-sponsor and need to be submitted at least 2 weeks before an upcoming meeting. Proposals can also be submitted by working committees and by local chapters.

12:30 pm proposal presentation and ranking

A. Participation fund: Proposal to defray expenses for delegates to national convention on financial hardship basis

B. GRP T-shirts: Proposal to develop t-shirts

C. Initiatives mini-summit

Explanation of ranking and 'concerns: Rank 10,9,8 in decreasing priority, omit lowest number(s) if don't want to take up.

12:40 pm reports and presentations

Co-chairs report: reported on recent tasks and thanked volunteers for their assistance on them: David Gerry for regional conventions, Isabel Espinal for listserve, Nat Fortune for database/website migration, Merelice for bylaw updates, John Andrews for keeping delegate selection on task, Scott Laugenour for putting himself on ballot for state committee.

Treasurers report: \$8770.94 in state and federal bank accounts as of today. Raised \$2342 this year so far. We need to raise \$8-10,000/year to maintain our current level of work. State com members are encouraged to become monthly sustainers. Levels start at \$5.95/month, \$12/month, and \$20.12/month. To become a monthly sustainer, please visit <http://www.green-rainbow.org/membership>.

Secretaries report: Mike Heichman announces his intent to resign upon conclusion of meeting.

State Committee thanks Mike for his service. Nomination papers distributed; election to take place later this meeting for new secretary, appointment to be effective 5 pm.

Locals reports (part I)

Greater Boston: activities centered on advancement of human rights, including right to water. Urgent action on MAAPL legislation needed (to encourage passage). GRP is a founding member of MAAPL.

Lunch break 1:00 pm - 1:55 pm

Reconvened 1:55 pm

Elections

1: 55 PM Solicitation of candidates for Party Secretary and distribution of ballots. Merelice elected as secretary without opposition. Term begins 4:59 PM today.

2:15 pm Wes Nickerson from Cambridge/Middlesex county nominated for and appointed to state committee by acclamation.

2:20 pm Gonzalo Bermudez (male --- Pittsfield /Berkshire county) nominated and approved for a position as a diversity representative on Ad Com.

Urgent matters

Confirmation of Party Bylaws: http://www.green-rainbow.org/confirmation_of_party_by_laws

2:25 pm discussion of confirmation of current bylaws are as presented today. A link to the current [text of the bylaws](#) can be found here:<http://www.green-rainbow.org/procedures>

Discussion: Any desired changes can be proposed once bylaws before us are accepted as current bylaws. Interest expressed in establishing when each change (since 2008) occurred. Effort will be made to do so. Concern expressed we may have missed some changes, but will standing aside. Bylaws required 3/4 vote for approval.

DECISION: Bylaws adopted as posted by consensus (100%).

Presidential delegate plan approval: http://www.green-rainbow.org/2012_delegate_plan

2:40 PM Explanation of delegate assignment rules and determination of seating priority provided by CDLC representative. Appreciation expressed for work done by CDLC.

Delegates awarded

Kent Mesplay: 1

Harvey Mikkelson: 1

Jill Stein: 7

No preference/uncommitted: 2

DECISION: Massachusetts delegation unanimously approved as specified below:

Delegates:

- John Andrews, Stein
 - Anthony Barrows, Stein
 - Sean Connell, Stein
 - Dave England, Mesplay
 - Isabel Espinal, Stein
 - Joyce Palmer-Fortune, Stein
 - Nat Fortune, uncommitted
 - David Gerry, uncommitted
 - Wes Nickerson, Stein
 - David Rohrllich, Mikkelson
 - Jill Stein, Stein
- Alternates:
- Shirley Kressel
 - Tar Lerner
 - M.K.Merelice
 - Elie Yarden

Candidate Endorsements

Peter White, independent for US Congress, 9th district. CDLC representative presented in candidate's absence. Energetic discussion followed. Committee chooses to postpone endorsement to later meeting when candidate can be present.

3:25 Reports (Part 2)

Pioneer Valley: UMASS-Amherst college chapter formed. Two new state committee members. Energizing regional convention. Presentation by pres candidate Jill Stein and former vp candidate Rosa Clemente.

Worcester/Nashua River : presentation by rep from group Awakening the Dreamer. Presentation by local high school student on human rights. David Spanagel is town moderator for Lancaster. Many members working local food production and food assistance. Have given awards to thank community members and promote party in the past.

Berkshire: held regional convention, worked hard to promote growth in voter registration. Consideration of diversity. Two presentations: common good economy & ecological issues. Presentation by pres candidate Jill Stein. have formed official town committee in Lenox.

Communications: need volunteers! Video production, social media, web pages. Need writers, Spanish language materials. Listserves changed from @green-rainbow.org to @greenrainbow.net. Can choose daily digest if you like. To sign up for listserves, visit <http://greenrainbow.net/mailman/listinfo>.

Strategic Planning: want to help dramatically expand party to increase influence. How do we become the imperative? This requires goals, a direction, and money, and raising money requires a plan and a message. Developing a plan and message requires more effective and efficient internal communications.

Example: raising \$20 each from 50,000 supporters would yield \$1 million for party activities identified in strategic plan. What message will allow us to expand to 50,000 financial supporters (1% of public)?

Fundraising: first-class mailing in January raised \$2400. September is another good month for mailings. April is good month for email blast.

Membership: State Committee members encouraged to join and help with the work of the committee. Membership director Rick Purcell will convene a meeting of volunteers following this meeting..

CDLC: many current members taking on other tasks, so need replacements to help support candidates (and encourage potential candidates to run).

Platform: A written report was distributed in lieu of an oral presentation.

PROPOSAL DELIBERATION

Participation fund (proposal A): http://www.green-rainbow.org/364/establishment_of_a_participation_fund

Would have special fundraising in support of set aside for those needing financial assistance to participate in party events. Would also keep track of contributions for that purpose. In this year's budget, we could afford to spend up to \$1600 on miscellaneous non-recurring occasional expenses. Want this to be a sustainable fund. Concerns expressed about cost of proposal, doubts raised whether creation of this fund would actually help grow the party. Question raised: will this help grow the party? Answer: Intended to support and grow party by enabling new low-income members to join and participate. No consensus reached, proceeds to a vote: 17 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstain. Proposal Passes.

DECISION: STATE COM APPROVES PARTICIPATION FUND PROPOSAL.

Initiatives mini summit (proposal C): http://www.green-rainbow.org/823/initiatives_mini_summit_at_summer_statecom_meeting

Discussion: hope this is a way to help us focus our message, have unifying activities and work on follow up. Would need to address relationship between initiatives and strategic planning, to ensure these are part of a strategic plan and would help advance it, and that the strategic plan takes into account these areas as part of its plan.

DECISION: Mlni-summit proposal adopted by consensus.

Proposal b: development of GRP t-shirts:

http://www.green-rainbow.org/natfortune/growing_the_grp_with_our_grp_t_shirts

Design contest. State com approval. Will cost \$5 each to produce locally. Request for a pocket, if possible. One concern: would rather make a single issue t-shirt instead. no amendment proposed.

No consensus reached, drops to a vote: 20 in favor, 1 opposed.

DECISION: Proposal to develop Green-Rainbow Party T-shirts passes.

5:00 PM Round Robin Meeting Feedback/Committee breakout sessions

5:20 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Enclosure 3

Contact Information for Massachusetts Delegation

Email and telephone numbers are provided below. For full information, including street addresses, see Excel spreadsheet delegate_cred_app2012MA.xls

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† = alternate as of 4/29/12. All others are delegates.

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