

Summary of Illinois Green Party Presidential Preference Process

Note: Rules are attached as an appendix to this summary.

Beginning February 1 and ending February 19, the Illinois Green Party, in lieu of access to a state-administered primary, administered an online primary vote to stand as its primary presidential preference process. The ballot options consisted of Jill Stein, Kent Mesplay, Undecided, and Write-In, with a space for entering a Write-In vote. In the determination of the Election Administrator, Patrick Kelly, 152 valid ballots were cast, with the vote breaking down as follows:

Jill Stein – 108
Roseanne Barr – 26
Kent Mesplay – 8
Undecided – 7
Ralph Nader – 1
James Michael Jenne – 1
Cynthia McKinney – 1

Following from these results, delegates were proportionally allocated as follows:

Jill Stein – 22 delegates
Roseanne Barr – 5 delegates
Kent Mesplay – 2 delegates
Undecided / Unbound – 2 delegates

This allocation was approved by consensus at the Illinois Green Party Coordinating Committee meeting of February 20.

Subsequently, at the Illinois Green Party State Convention, March 2-4 in Macomb, delegates were selected in accordance with the allocation. Delegates will vote in accordance with the candidates to whom they are allocated, except that the two unbound delegates are free to cast votes as they wish.

The names of delegates have been sent separately to the GPUS Credentials Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Huckelberry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Phil Huckelberry
Chair, Illinois Green Party

Illinois Green Party 2012 Presidential Preference and Delegate Selection Processes
Approved – November 21, 2011
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Note: These processes were approved by the ILGP Coordinating Committee, as authorized by the ILGP Membership at its July 2011 Membership Meeting, pursuant to Section 10-E of ILGP Bylaws, which reads in its entirety:

10-E. President and Vice-President of the United States.

10-E-1. Compliance with Nomination. The Illinois Green Party shall take all actions necessary to comply with the results of the nomination vote held by the Green Party of the United States at its quadrennial presidential nominating convention.

10-E-2. National Convention Delegation. The nature and method of selection of the Illinois Green Party delegation to the Green Party of the United States quadrennial presidential nominating convention shall be approved by the ILGP Membership, or, if so designated by the ILGP Membership, by the Coordinating Committee.

I. Online and Supplementary Paper Preference Vote

A. By February 1, formal notice will be sent to ILGP members of the presidential preference process. Included in the notice will be information about alternative non-electronic forms of voting.

B. A paper ballot will be mailed to any member who requests such a ballot.

C. On February 1, a formal online ballot will be posted on ilgp.org. This ballot will be in the form of a combined presidential preference ballot plus ILGP Membership Form. The specifics of the design of the form will be approved by the ILGP Executive Committee.

D. Online balloting will close at 11:59 pm CST on February 19. Paper ballots must be received in the ILGP PO Box, or submitted to the Election Administrator in some other manner, by 11:59 pm CST on February 19.

E. Formal party caucuses will be held the weekends of February 11-12 and/or February 18-19. At these caucuses it is expected that online connectivity will be available so that caucus participants can cast their votes online.

II. Form of Ballot

A. The only candidates who shall be included on the ILGP Presidential Preference ballot are persons who:

1. Have submitted a Statement of Intent to the ILGP Election Administrator by January 27, 2012.
2. Are officially recognized by the Green Party of the United States as of January 27, 2012.

B. The Statement of Intent shall request that a candidate pledge to file withdrawal paperwork in the event that he/she is included on the Green Party petition but subsequently is not the nominee of the party, and shall be developed and approved by the ILGP Executive Committee.

C. In addition to included candidates, there shall also be an option on the ballot for “No Preference / Undecided / Some Other Candidate”.

III. Election Administration

A. The Executive Committee shall appoint an Election Administrator.

B. The Election Administrator is empowered to utilize assistants in the completion of his/her duties.

C. Presidential Preference vote results will be announced on February 20.

IV. Delegate Selection

A. At the ILGP 2012 State Convention, members supporting particular candidates shall caucus to select delegates to the Green Party National Convention.

B. Delegates will be apportioned proportionately based on the number of delegates allocated to Illinois and the results of the Presidential Preference vote.

C. Delegates must be members in good standing of the Illinois Green Party.

D. Individuals should not stand as delegates unless they expect to be able to attend the National Convention.

E. Caucuses may select one alternate for each delegate but are not required to do so.

V. Elector Selection

A. The Green Party petition must include the names and addresses of 20 electors, preferably representing all 18 congressional districts.

B. People should not be electors if they anticipate changing their residential address before Election Day.

C. Persons interested in being electors should notify the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will prioritize geographic diversity followed by gender balance to the extent possible and shall develop and submit a slate to the Coordinating Committee for approval on February 20.

D. It should be stressed that the role of the elector is primarily ministerial and emphasis here should be on being able to get paperwork approved. The electors are primarily for paperwork purposes.

VI. Candidate Placement on Petition

A. The Coordinating Committee will select the persons whose names will appear as candidates for President and Vice-President on the Illinois Green Party statewide petition. This selection will occur on February 20.

B. The Coordinating Committee should consider the results of the preference vote in deciding who to place on the petition for President, but need not necessarily be bound by the preference vote results.

C. The Coordinating Committee, in selecting a person to appear as the Vice-Presidential candidate on the ballot, should consider the practicality of naming a “favorite child” candidate so as to facilitate easier replacement.