

RULES

1 DEFINITIONS

1-1 Organizational Definitions

For purposes of conformity with New Mexico Election Code, the following definitions apply: State Convention equals State Central Committee.

1-2 Local Organizations

A Local Organization is a contiguous group of precincts formed by the Green Council to conduct Green Party activities within its borders.

1-2-A Local Organization may cross over county lines.

1-2-B The State Convention or Green Council can approve the creation of new Local Organizations.

1-2-C A Local Organization is charged with fostering community empowerment and Party growth within its borders.

1-3 Voting Percentage Calculations

For the purpose of counting a vote on any action, abstentions do not count for or against the percentage required for said action. (E.g. With 100 people voting and a 75% required vote, a result of 70 yes, 20 no, and 10 abstentions, the vote passes because 70 is 77% of the 90 people who cast a non-abstention vote.

1-4 Operating Guidelines

The Green Council shall be empowered to develop and amend a set of "operating guidelines" which will establish rules for the daily workings of the Green Party of New Mexico. The "Operating Guidelines" shall remain in effect from year to year unless specifically amended by a 2/3 supermajority vote by the Green Council according to any applicable rules described in this document or the most current version of the "Operating Guidelines".

The State Secretary shall be responsible to maintain a record of the current "Operating Guidelines" and inform the Council when a decision being made would be included as an amendment to the current "Operating Guidelines" document.

2 PARTY NAME - SEAL

2-1 Party Name.

The name of the Green Party organization shall be the "Green Party of New Mexico".

2-2 Local Organization Names.

The Name of each Local Green Party organization of each county, Pueblo, tribe, or region in the State of New Mexico Shall be the "Green Party of _____" with the appropriate name inserted.

2-3 Seal.

The official seal of the Green Party of New Mexico and the Green parties of each of the counties of the state of New Mexico shall be a modified Zia symbol rising over a mountainscape roadrunner, as shown in Appendix B. A facsimile of the seal is attached to these rules.

3 PARTY MEMBERSHIP

3-1 Party Membership

3-1-A Any qualified voter in New Mexico whose properly registered Political Party affiliation is "Green" shall be considered a member of the Green Party of New Mexico and of the Green Party of the County in which the voter is so registered and is eligible to participate in Green Party affairs in accordance with these rules.

3-1-B Individuals who are dedicated to supporting the goals of the Green Party of New Mexico, but are not qualified to register to vote, may participate as full party members to the degree permitted by state legal requirements.

3-2 Qualification for elective party office No person shall be qualified to be elected to a party office unless they are registered with the Green Party of New Mexico or unless otherwise excepted in these Rules and Regulations.

4 GOVERNING BODIES

4-1 Representative Bodies

The affairs of the Green Party of New Mexico shall be governed by representative bodies which at the state level shall be the State Convention, and, at the local level shall be interested greens who reside in the Local Organization.

4-2 Officers

4-2-A The officers of the State Party organization shall constitute a steering committee comprised of:

Two Co-Chairs (One of each gender);

A Secretary;

A Treasurer;

and the Vice Chairs designated by the Green Council

4-2-B The officers of Local Organizations shall consist of:

Two Co-Chairs (One of each gender);

A Secretary;

A Treasurer;

and the Vice Chairs designated by the local organization.

4-3 County Central Committees

4-3-A The Green Party of New Mexico shall have no standing County Central Committee. For the purposes of fulfilling state law, if a County Central Committee is required to conduct an official action, the County Central Committees shall be comprised of the state convention delegates elected at the last county convention.

4-3-B Any officer of a local organization may petition the State Co-chairs for a recalculating of state convention delegation apportionment.

4-4 Terms of Office

The terms of all elected officers and elected representatives of governing bodies are approximately one year beginning on the first day after that person's election until that person's successor is elected or appointed.

When an officer is filling a vacancy the term of office will last only to fulfill the term of the officer whom they are replacing.

4-5 Recall.

State Party officers can be recalled if they fail in the duties listed in section 6-3. If the Green Council deems it necessary to initiate a recall process on a State Party Officer, a legal notice ad must be placed in a locally distributed newspaper calling for a recall election without specifying by name the member up for recall. Such member shall also be notified by registered mail and any other forms of communication necessary. Recall of Green Council members and Local Officers is done by the Local which that Council member is from.

5 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

A Local Organization is charged with fostering community empowerment and Party growth within its borders. It is also responsible for soliciting input from, and providing representation for Green Party members within its region.

Local Organizations shall be the decision making body of the Green Party on the local level. Local organizations can represent all of the Greens in a single county, or a multi county region. Multiple organizations within a single county shall share a single county convention and develop processes for cooperation on the local level. Apportionment of Green council representation shall be proposed by a joint committee of the sub-county organizations subject to Green council approval.

5-1 Election of Officers

At an organizational meeting of each Local Organization to be held before the regular Annual State Convention and immediately following the selection of the new representatives to the State Green Convention, the Local Convention shall elect:

Two Co-Chairpersons (One of each Gender);

A Secretary;

Treasurer;

and Members to the Green Council.

5-2 Term of Office

The term of each elected officer of each Local Organization shall begin the first day following their election, and that person shall serve for one year until their successor is duly elected or replaced.

5-3 Local Origination Officers

Duties and Powers

5-3-A Co-Chairs The powers and duties of the Local Party Co-Chairs are as follows:

Duty to call, with proper notice, the day of the elections of the Local Organization during the week of the State Co-Chairs call as required by these Rules;

Duty to appoint a facilitator for meetings of the Local Organization;

Power to act as general spokespersons for the Local Organization and the duty to use this charge with great responsibility and sensitivity to the consensus of the Local Organization;

Duty to act in accordance with the consensus of the Local Organization or as mandated by votes of the Local Organization.

5-3-B Secretary

The Secretary of the Local Organization shall carefully preserve all of the minutes of the Local Organization. in a form that can be effectively archived and will be passed along to their successor.

The Secretary will preserve an updated record of all local party rules for operation, and keep the local group informed when a particular action would effectively amend the local party rules.

The Secretary will be responsible for filing all appropriate documents with the county clerk as required by any applicable laws of the State of New Mexico and the county or counties, which the local operates in.

5-3-C Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Local Organization shall keep the financial accounts of the Local Organization in a form that can be effectively archived and will be passed along to their successor.

5-4 Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in the office of any Local Organization officer shall be filled in accordance with policies and practices developed by the Local Organization.

6 STATE CONVENTION

6-1 Powers and Duties

6-1-A Delegation of any part of its authority to an elected State Green Council can be granted by the State Convention.

6-1-B The State Convention shall have the power to:

Elect the officers of the State Party (Majority by Preferential Vote);

Adopt changes to the Rules and Regulations of the State Party (66% Vote);

Adopt changes to the New Mexico State Party Platform (66% Vote);

Recall State Officers (75%);

Conduct a Special Election to fill a vacancy on the ballot as per state law ;

Elect Presidential Electors; and settle factional differences and to prevent damage to the Party welfare.

6-1-C If the State Convention, finds that any Local Organization's election was improperly held, where any dispute involving factional differences is presented, to the State Convention, it shall have the power to resolve that dispute.

6-2 Apportionment of Members

The State Convention members shall consist of a membership of members as follows:

One Member from each Local Organization

One additional member from each Local Organization for each percent of registered Green Party voters as a total of the statewide Registered Green Party voters;

and a number of Non-Voting constituency representatives as deemed appropriate by the Green Council.

6-3 State Officers - Powers and Duties

6-3-A Co-Chairs

The powers and duties of the State Party Co-Chairs are as follows:

Power to call, with proper notice, meetings of the State Convention at such times they deem as proper and shall have the duty to call such meetings when required by these Rules;

Duty to convene the Green Council at regular intervals or when requested to do so by five (5) or more Green Council members from three (3) or more locals;

Duty to appoint a facilitator for meetings of the State Convention or the Green Council;

Duty to specify the week for the holding of meetings to elect any party officers and governing body representatives;

Power to act as general spokespersons for the State Party and the duty to use this charge with great responsibility and sensitivity to the consensus of the State Party.

Duty to act in accordance with the consensus of the Green Council or as mandated by votes of the Green Council.

6-3-B Secretary

The Secretary of the State Party shall preserve all of the minutes of the State Convention and Green Council in a form that can be effectively archived and will be passed along to their successor.

The Secretary will preserve an updated record of the "Operating Guidelines" and inform the Council when a decision being made would be included as an amendment to the current "Operating Guidelines" document.

The Secretary will be responsible for filing all appropriate documents with the Secretary of State as required by any applicable laws of the State of New Mexico.

6-3-C Treasurer

The Treasurer of the State Party shall keep the financial accounts of the State Party in a form that can be effectively archived and will be passed along to their successor.

The State Treasurer shall act as facilitator of a State Budget Committee.

6-3-D Green Council

The Green Council shall serve as the executive committee to the state party organization. It has authority to act as the State Convention in between Convention meetings with the exception of bylaws and platform changes. The Council, however, can amend the bylaws to meet specific legal challenges. All decisions shall be made by consensus. If consensus is blocked, then actions can be approved by the following schedule:

75% for recall of State Party Officers;

66 2/3% for Approving endorsements or substantive proposals; motions to close or extend debate, table, or send to committee;

50% + 1 for meeting specific process motions not already specified.

6-3-D-i The Green Council shall consist of members from all Local Organizations.

6-3-D-ii Green Council members shall be "active" members of their Locals and are expected to consult their Locals on a regular basis.

- 6-3-D-iii Green Council members, if not mandated by their Locals, are free to vote as they wish. Members must consult their Locals on major issues if there is time available.
- 6-3-D-iv Proxies. Proxy votes can be accepted under the following conditions:
 - 6-3-D-iv-a The Green Council must have written notification of the proxy from another Council member.
 - 6-3-D-iv-b The member giving the proxy needs to specify the nature of the proxy. (General or Specific)
 - 6-3-D-iv-c A proxy may be given to a Council member from another Local, but it must be a specific proxy to a certain issue.
 - 6-3-D-iv-d No more than one proxy can be held by a Green Council member. Proxies cannot be held by non Green Council members or Alternates.
 - 6-3-D-iv-e Locals may elect Alternates at their regularly scheduled Local election. Such Alternates shall act as full voting members of the Council in the absence of that Local's representative.
- 6-3-D-v Membership on the Green Council shall be determined by the following schedule:
 - 6-3-D-v-a Each local shall receive one Green Council member for each digit in the number of registered Greens within the area which the local represents. For example:
 - From 1 to 9 the local gets 1 representative.
 - From 10 to 99 the local gets 2 representatives.
 - From 100 to 999 the local gets 3 representatives.
 - From 1000 to 9999 the local gets 4 representatives.
 - and so on
 - 6-3-D-v-b Green Council Voting
 - The Votes at Council shall be allotted to representatives from the various locals in the mandated numbers, and also one each to the elected co-chairs, secretary, and treasurer of the GPNM. these officers are expected to vote with the state Party's interests in mind.

6-3-D-vi Recall.

Council members can be recalled if they fail in the above duties. If a Local deems it necessary to initiate a recall process on a Green Council member, a legal notice ad must be placed in a locally distributed newspaper calling for a recall election without specifying by name the member up for recall. Such member shall also be notified by registered mail and any other forms of communication necessary.

6-4 Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in the office of any State Party officer shall be filled by the nomination of a qualified replacement by the Co-Chairs and approved by the State Convention or Green Council, except for Green Council members, who are elected by their Local Organizations. Vacancy occurring

in the office of Co-Chair shall be filled by nominations from the Green Council and approved by the Green Council.

7 PARTY ELECTIONS

7-1 State Convention Elections

All State Convention Elections will be decided by preferential voting as described in Appendix A.

7-1-A Regular Annual State Convention Elections At least thirty (30) days prior to the convention to be held annually in the month of March, the Co-Chairs of the State Party shall make the Call for the purpose of Fixing the time, date, and public place for holding of the State Convention; Determine the number of delegates to the State Convention from each Local Organization; Provide for the nomination of Temporary Officers of the State Convention; Fixing the time frame for holding of local conventions to elect delegates to the State Convention; and Place for consideration any other proper business. The Secretary of the State Party shall mail the Call to all officers of local organizations, current Green Council Members, and the mailing addresses of all Local Organizations.

7-1-B State Convention - Special Elections

At least thirty (30) days prior to a special election, the Co-Chairs of the State Party shall make the Call for the reason to:

Fill a vacancy on the statewide ballot as per state law;

Elect Presidential Electors;

or, to call the State Convention for consideration of any proper State Party business.

The call shall be published by the Co-Chairs of the Local Organizations and in a newspaper of general circulation at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.

The notice shall specify the time, public place, and date for holding the meeting.

7-1-B-i Voting Systems and requirements - State Convention

The voting system for all offices shall be preferential ballot.

7-1-C State Pre-Primary Convention Elections

Regular Biennial State Pre-Primary Convention Elections At least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date for the Pre-Primary Convention on every even-numbered year, the Co-Chairs of the State Party shall make the Call for the purpose of:

Fixing the time, date, and public place for holding of the State Convention;

Determine the number of delegates to the State Pre-Primary Convention from each Local Organization;

Provide for the nomination of Temporary Officers of the State Convention;

Fixing time and place for consideration of contests to election of a delegation to the State Convention;

and Place for consideration any other proper business.

The Secretary of the State Party shall mail the Call to all officers of local organizations, current Green Council Members, and the mailing addresses of all Local Organizations.

7-1-C-i Voting Systems and requirements - State Pre-Primary Convention

The voting system for all delegates is by preferential ballot as explained in appendix A.

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7-3 Non-Primary Nominating Convention

7-3-A In election years in which the Green Party of New Mexico does not qualify to hold a Preprimary Convention under NM Statutes, the following procedure shall be used to nominate candidates:

7-3-B State Nominating Convention

At least one week prior to the State Nominating Convention, candidates for offices other than those wholly contained within the boundaries of a single county shall provide to the Secretary of the State Nominating Convention a notice of intent, including a copy of the nominating petition, proof of registration as a Green Party member before the date of the governor's proclamation, and an affidavit that the candidate is not seeking any other office in this election.

7-3-C County Nominating Convention

For the purpose of nominating candidates for public office, Local Organizations shall call County Nominating Conventions during the time period described in the State Cochairs Call.

For purposes of voting at the county conventions, members must with the county clerk on the date of the State Cochairs Call.

At least one week prior to the County Nominating Convention, candidates for offices wholly contained in or composed of that county shall submit a statement of intent, including a copy of the nominating petition, and proof of registration as a Green Party member before the date of the governor's Proclamation.

7-3-D Voting systems and requirements

The voting system for all offices shall be Instant Runoff Voting.

8 NONE OF THE ABOVE

8-1 Pre-Primary Convention

On the Pre-Primary Convention ballot the ballot option of "None of the Above" shall be placed with the names of candidates appearing on the ballot. A plurality of votes for "None of the Above" does not disqualify a candidate for the primary ballot if said candidate acquires at least 20% of the pre-primary convention's vote as per state statute.

8-2 Nominating Convention

On the State and County Nominating Convention ballots the ballot option "None of the Above" shall be placed after names of candidates appearing on the ballot. If, after counting the votes, "None of the Above" is the winner, the secretary and chairman of the convention shall not certify a candidate for that office to the proper filing officer.

8-3 Primary Ballot

All positions with candidate names on the primary ballot shall have the ballot option "None of the Above" printed on the ballot. "None of the Above" shall occupy the last position where it appears. If "None of the Above" receives a plurality of the votes cast for that office, no candidate is nominated for that particular position.

Appendix A - Preferential Voting Procedures

For both single seat and multi-seat contests each voter ranks as many of the candidates as s/he desires in accordance with her/is preferences.

Decide ties by eliminating the candidate with the fewest number of potential transfers to her/im from the next preferences of voters whose votes are for the other tied candidate were the latter eliminated. If the candidates are still tied, have them or their designated representatives draw straws. Eliminate the candidate who draws the shortest straw.

When transferring a vote, extinguish a vote if the voter has no further preference or if all further preferences are for eliminated candidates.

End the procedure when the number of candidates elected equals the number of seats to be filled.

Single Seat Contests

- Step 1. Assign each vote to the voter's first preference. Tally the votes for each candidate. If a candidate has a majority of votes, s/he is elected. If no candidate has a majority, go to
- Step 2 Eliminate the candidate with the fewest votes. Transfer each of that candidate's votes to each voter's next preference among the remaining candidates. Tally the votes for each remaining candidate. If a candidate has a majority of the unextinguished vote, s/he is elected. If not, repeat Step 2.

Multi-Seat Contests

The amount of vote needed to be elected is any amount greater than the total number of unextinguished votes divided by the sum of the number of seats plus one seat.

- Step 1. Assign each vote to the voter's first preference. Tally the votes for each candidate. If any candidates have more than the number of votes needed to win, they are elected. Go to Step 2. If not, go to Step 3.
- Step 2. For each candidate elected in this round, multiply each contributing vote by the ratio of the candidate's vote in excess of the vote needed to the total vote for that candidate. (The result may be a fraction of a vote.) Transfer the result to each of that candidate's voter's next preference among the remaining candidates. After that is done for all candidates elected in this round, tally the votes for each remaining candidate. If any candidates have enough votes to be elected, repeat Step 2. If not, go to Step 3.
- Step 3. Eliminate the candidate with the fewest votes. Transfer each of that candidate's votes (which may be fractional) to the remaining unelected candidate who is the voter's next preference. Tally the votes for each remaining candidate. If any candidates have enough votes to be elected, go to Step 2. If not, repeat Step 3.