

**Bylaw Proposals Adopted
by the General Assembly on February 1999.**

Proposal 1: Voting and CC Elections
Proposal 2: Gender Stacking
Proposal 3: Social Justice Working Group

Underline = new language
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* * * = no change

Final Language: Bylaws Proposal – Voting and CC Elections

SECTION 1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE

7-1.1 Membership and Term of Office

The State Coordinating Committee will be comprised of 20 voting members. Fourteen members will be selected to provide regional balance. 8 members will come from the largest regions (2 each), with regional size being calculated annually by number of registered green party voters on the 1st registration count after January 1st of each year. 6 members will come from the remaining regions (1 each). Members will also be balanced by gender, age, culture as much as possible and the committee will have 6 additional at large members who will be chosen with this balancing in mind. Voting members of the coordinating committee will serve a term of 1.5 year but shall not vacate their seat until the first business meeting of the General Assembly following the end of the 1.5 year term. In addition, the Liaison to the Secretary of State and the Treasurer shall be non-voting members of the State Coordinating Committee, and may not concurrently hold a voting seat on the Committee.

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7-1.3 Selection of Regional Members

- a) Regional members will be selected by regional caucus of delegates at General Assembly meetings, unless the active counties of a region select another process. Any such alternative process must be approved by all the County Councils of the active counties of a regions to be effective; and a detailed description of the process must be submitted to the Coordinating Committee. Regions with two seats are encouraged to fill at least one seat with a woman to represent the region.
- b) ~~Selection of the 6 at-large members will be made by the General Assembly. A list of nominees will be developed by the General Assembly and will be placed in order of number of votes received. Members will be selected to fill positions by list position, highest number of votes first. Voting will take place without nominees present.~~

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7-1.4 Selection of At-large Members

After the Regional CC member have been chosen and announced to the General Assembly, whenever any of the At-large seats are vacant, the Coordinating Committee shall call for nominations and place the election of At-large members on the agenda of the next General Assembly. The Coordinating Committee shall appoint three election officials to conduct the election in a manner consistent with the following specifications.

a) Only One Nominee Seeks Office

When one nominee seeks office, each delegate will be provided a written secret ballot containing the name of the nominee seeking office. The ballot will allow the opportunity to indicate a "yes" or "no"

preference on the seating of the nominee. The nominee must receive "yes" votes on at least two-thirds (2/3) of ballots cast to be seated.

b) Only One Seat is Vacant and Two or More Nominees Seek Office

When only one seat is vacant and two or more nominees seek office each delegate will be provided a written secret ballot containing the names of the nominees seeking office. The names will appear in random order. The ballot shall also include a "No other candidate" (NOC) option. The delegates will rank the nominees along with the NOC options in order of preference. The ballots will be tabulated utilizing instant runoff voting. No nominee will be seated who does not cross the threshold before NOC.

c) Two or more At-large seats are Vacant and Two or More Nominees Seek Office

When two or more at-large seats are vacant and two or more nominees seek office, each delegate will be provided a written secret ballot containing the names of the nominees seeking office. The names will appear in random order. The ballot shall also include a "No other candidate" (NOC) option. The delegates will rank the nominees along with the NOC option in order of preference. The ballots will be tabulated utilizing a "choice" voting system which includes the use of a Hare threshold based on the number of vacant at-large seats. The Hare threshold is the percentage of votes equal to 1 divided by the number of vacant at-large seats (1/N). No nominee will be seated who does not cross the threshold before NOC. Ballots will be transferred according to the following process, as spelled out in section 5-4.7b-f of the San Diego bylaws, which read as follows:

1. The preference votes are then used to eliminate the low preference candidates. The ballots are sorted by first preference votes. The candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated, and their ballots are 'transferred' to the candidate listed as the next preference. This process is repeated until the number of remaining candidates is equal to the number of seats to be filled.
2. If while eliminating low-preference candidates, two or more candidates are tied for last place, all those tied are eliminated and their ballots transferred to the candidate listed as the next preference.
3. If while transferring ballots, the candidate listed as the next preference has already been eliminated, then the ballot shall be transferred to the most-preferred choice among those not yet eliminated;
4. In the event of a tie in the winning position, the candidate(s) with the most first preference votes is elected. If still a tie, then the second preference votes are used, then third preference votes, etc..

7-1.4 Terms of Office

a) Members will serve for 1.5 years. The first committee only will be chosen in order to stagger terms of office as follows:

- b) One fourth of the membership will serve for a period of 9 months.
- One fourth ... 12 mo,
 - One fourth ... 15 mo,
 - One fourth ... 18 mo

Generally those members receiving the highest number of votes will serve longest.

Final Language: Bylaws Proposal– Gender Stacking

5-6.1 Facilitation Team

- a) Coordinating Committee will present a team to the General Assembly for approval at the beginning of each plenary session
- b) Team provides nonüdirective leadership, process clarity, honors agenda contract, promotes good will; a facilitator does not give personal opinions unless clearly stepping out of her/his role as a facilitator.
- c) Responsibilities: must be registered Green Party voter (if eligible to vote in CA), must have a working knowledge of "formal consensus" as defined in the GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA, must be in agreement with the "key values" of the GCoC, must have a working knowledge of the GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA bylaws and guidelines, must be experienced at facilitation or have attended a workshop on same.
- d) The use of gender-stacking; that is that the order of the "stack" would alternate; one woman-one man, shall be considered as first choice for use by the facilitators.

Final Language: Bylaws Proposal – Addition of Social Justice Working Group

ARTICLE VII. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 13. SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP

SECTION 13. SECTION 14. MEDIATION COMMITTEE