

Bylaw SC members,

- Here is Central's alternate process for Rep/Alt elections.
- A slightly refined version of what was posted to you early last year.
- We've changed (almost) nothing, only outlined it more clearly.
- We are using 3 greens who aren't running to be an election committee.
- This is the exact email that has been sent to the Central listserve.
- The Central list contains all active co's, & at least 1 councilor from each.
- I am posting to Bylaw SC members only 1st for purposes of expediency.
- This contains: cover note, election process, applicable GPCA bylaws.

Thanks, Michael

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Hello Central,

The following is a synopsis of Central region's election procedure for Regional Representatives and Alternates. This procedure was consensed to in December 2003, and used for our January 2004 election. It is required to comply with GPCA bylaws here, by using the same method and precedent that is on file with the GPCA.

GPCA bylaw 7-1.5 cites parameters for holding these types of elections. 7-1.5 is attached at the bottom of this email.

When regions use an 'alternate process' to elect, it is necessary to have the process on file with the state Bylaw SC and the Coordinating Committee. Any changes would have to be agreed upon by the counties of the region and then filed again with the the state.

Three good Greens from Central's member counties have volunteered to help monitor this election - Larry Mullen/Fresno, Tracy Herbeck/Stanislaus, Wilson Shealey/Yolo.

Central region is sanctioned by the GPCA to have 3 Regional Representatives. We may also elect Alternates to each of these positions. 7-1.6 covering alternate members is also attached. Having multiple 'Alts' for any one Rep seat is permitted.

Central Region's 'Alternate Process':

- Election to be facilitated using Central Region's listserve. With phone contact being made to each member county to ensure participation.
- We open the process with a two week window to solicit candidates. Candidates may post their statement of intent to run and/or bio on the Central listserve.
- Then a three week window to garner the votes of the counties.
- Each active county has the amount of votes equal to the amount of delegates it was allotted for the most recent GPCA General Assembly.

[Note: All our counties have 1 vote, except Butte/2 and Sacramento/4.]

- Central's southern section Rep/Alt is elected by all active counties in the south. Current southern counties: Stanislaus, Fresno, Tulare, Inyo.

[Note: Mono and Merced no longer have active status]

- Central's northern section Rep/Alt is elected by all active counties in the north. Current northern counties: San Joaquin, Sacramento, Yolo, Calaveras, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Butte, Shasta.
- Central's 'At-large' Rep/Alt is elected by all of Central's active counties.
- 2/3rds quorum of counties participating in each section is required.

Note: In that all our Rep and Alt elections since Central Region was established by the Jan. 2002 General Assembly, Central has had only single candidates running and seated via consensus. The following election rules may be subject to change. Any change would have to be agreed upon by the counties of the region and then filed again with the the state.

- Each section's Rep and Alt election are held separately.

Note: Following the precedent of the Central elections since 2002, this process is intended to run the Rep election first, then run the election for Alt. This will avoid the circumstance of a 2nd place candidate in the IRV election being automatically assigned to the Alt position. Some counties may not want an individual 'automatically' assigned. 2nd place finishers have the option to then run for the Alt position.

- A single candidate for an election may be seated by standard Green consensus process, provided that quorum in their section is reached. Unresolved concerns for any candidate will necessitate a vote. 2/3rds majority is required for a passing vote.
- IRV will be used for multiple candidates for a single seat. The winner of the IRV election is seated.
- A second round of elections will be held for Alt positions.
- NOC (no other candidate) will be included in all balloting.

Note & example: Candidate A and B run for Rep. Your county does not want candidate A seated. Your county then votes for candidate B as your first choice and NOC as your second choice. You then have succeeded in voicing your county's opinion that you do not want candidate A seated. The same methodology is then applied to the Alt election cycle.

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7-1.5 Selection of Regional Members

Regional members shall 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 consistent with the ten key values, GPCA bylaws, and California law; and approved by all the County Councils of the active counties of a region; and filed with the Coordinating Committee and the Bylaws Committee. Regions with two or more seats are encouraged to strive for gender balance.

7-1.6 Alternate Members

Alternate members may be elected for regional members. Alternates will be designated for specific members and will serve for terms concurrent with the members for whom they are serving. An alternate may participate in CC meetings, but may only vote when the regular member he/she is an alternate for is not present. If the regular member vacates his/her Coordinating Committee seat before the completion of his/her term, the alternate shall fill the vacated position for the remainder of the term for which they were elected.