

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

A. Name

The official name of this organization is the DuPage County Green Party, hereafter referred to in this document as the "DCGP."

B. Purpose and Mission

1. The mission of the DCGP shall be to advance the Green Party, based on the Ten Key Values, through political and non-political means.
2. The purpose of the DCGP is to support candidates for office in DuPage County on the Green Party ticket.

C. Ten Key Values

The Ten Key Values of the Green Party are: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus

ARTICLE II

Membership

A. Commitment to Ten Key Values

All members must be committed to the Ten Key Values of the Green Party.

B. Dues

1. All members must pay dues or request a dues waiver based on need; all ILGP members who reside in DuPage County are automatically members of the DCGP, unless otherwise requested by the member.

C. Removal

1. Any member may be removed from the organization by a 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee or a 3/4 secret ballot vote of the members at a Membership Meeting.
2. The member affected shall have a right to hear the charges against them, the right to be heard and to present evidence, and the right to confront witnesses against them.
3. A member may only be removed for cause.
4. If a member is removed by the Executive Committee, the member can appeal that removal at a Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE III

Quorum and Formal Consensus

A. Quorum

1. Three members, including at least two members of the Executive Committee, shall constitute a quorum in a Membership Meeting.
2. Two members shall constitute a quorum in a committee meeting.
3. Unless a greater vote is required by these Bylaws, the affirmative vote of at least a majority of members who are present and voting at a meeting, at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of that body, assuming that consensus

can not be reached.

B. Formal Consensus

Decisions at Membership, Executive, and other committee meetings shall be made using the Formal Consensus process.

C. Officer Voting

The Executive Committee only votes to break a tie; must come to a consensus for vote.

ARTICLE IV

Membership Meetings

A. Significance

1. The highest decision making body shall be the Membership of the DCGP.
2. All decisions made at a Membership Meeting shall be binding upon all committees and officers of the DCGP.
3. The Membership can overturn an Executive Committee vote by 3/4 majority.

B. Participation

1. Decisions at Membership Meetings shall be made only by members of the DCGP who are in good standing with the ILGP.
2. Guests may be invited to attend Membership Meetings, and are encouraged to participate.

C. Meeting Times

The DCGP shall have at least one Membership Meeting per calendar month; meetings may be canceled by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. Cancellation or changes of time and venue for meetings shall be done at least 7 days prior to the meeting, and notice shall be communicated to all members and posted on the DCGP web site, as appropriate.

ARTICLE V

Officers

A. General

1. ELIGIBILITY:

All Officers of the DCGP must be members in good standing with the ILGP. Additionally, members shall be eligible for Chair if and only if they cast a ballot in the previous Green Party primary, so long as the Green Party remains a statewide "established" political party.

2. REPORTING:

All Officers must report to the Membership at Membership Meetings.

3. OFFICER POSITIONS:

The Officers of the DCGP shall be: County Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Political Director.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

a. The Officers of the DCGP shall be elected at the statutory County Convention held approximately one month after the Illinois Primary; terms shall last for two-years or until the next statutory County Convention.

b. The County Chair and Secretary shall be elected by weighted votes of precinct committeepeople elected at the previous primary. Votes for ineligible candidates shall not be counted.

c. The Treasurer and Political Director shall be elected by DCGP members in good standing using instant run-off voting.

5. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

a. An Officer may be removed from office by a 3/4 vote of the Membership at a Membership Meeting.

b. The Executive Committee cannot remove an Officer.

6. TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT:

If it becomes necessary to temporarily replace an Officer, the County Chair may appoint a new Officer to serve until an election can be held at a subsequent Membership Meeting.

B. County Chair

1. DESCRIPTION:

The County Chair shall preside over all Membership and Executive Committee meetings of the DCGP.

2. TEN KEY VALUES:

The County Chair shall ensure that DCGP acts in accord with the Ten Key Values of the Green Party at all times.

3. REPRESENTATION:

The County Chair shall serve as the primary representative to the Illinois Green Party and serve on the Coordinating Committee of the Illinois Green Party. The County Chair may appoint alternative representatives to the Coordinating Committee as needed.

4. SLATING:

Per Illinois statute, the County Chair shall make slating decisions for most offices that intersect the county, as well as appoint precinct committeepeople. The County Chair shall appoint or slate only those candidates who are members of the Illinois Green Party and who adhere to a platform that is generally acceptable to members of the DCGP. It is strongly recommended that the County Chair seek consensus from DCGP members in making slating decisions and appointments.

C. Treasurer

1. DESCRIPTION:

The Treasurer shall manage all of the financial matters of the DCGP, other than campaign funds for partisan races.

2. REPORTS:

The treasurer shall prepare reports on the finances of the local for Membership Meetings.

3. LEGAL ISSUES:

a. Treasurer shall submit the financial records of the DCGP to the applicable bodies as necessary by law.

b. The Treasurer shall file all documents necessary to ensure the DCGP can endorse candidates and questions of public policy supported by DCGP.

c. The Treasurer shall ensure legally required records are maintained for all funds collected.

d. The Treasurer shall return all corporate or PAC campaign contributions to the donor, or in cases where that is not possible, make a donation in the same amount to a deserving local charity, as determined by a vote of the Membership or Executive Committee.

4. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

The Treasurer shall disburse and manage the DCGP funds based on the direction of the Membership and/or the Executive Committee.

D. Secretary

1. DESCRIPTION:

The Secretary shall handle all records and correspondence of the DCGP. The secretary shall maintain lists of current and lapsed members, voters and other contacts.

2. MEETINGS:

- a. The Secretary shall keep and distribute the minutes for Membership Meetings.
- b. The Secretary shall retain a copy of approved bylaws to be referred to during meetings.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. The Secretary shall handle mail, email, and phone calls on behalf of the DCGP.
- b. The Secretary shall process all membership applications.
- c. The Secretary shall inform the Illinois Green Party of changes to the DCGP bylaws.

4. ASSISTANTS:

The Secretary may enlist the help of other members to assist in the completion of these duties.

E. Political Director

1. DESCRIPTION:

The Political Director shall coordinate the following:

- a. Candidate recruitment/support
- b. Ballot access, petitioning
- c. Voter registration, get-out-the-vote efforts
- d. Pollwatching and central tabulation observation
- e. Public policy development

2. CANDIDATE MANAGEMENT:

- a. The Political Director shall serve as primary liaison between Green Party candidates and potential candidates and the DCGP.
- b. The Political Director shall distribute and receive candidate questionnaires, and make completed questionnaires available to other members of the DCGP.
- c. The Political Director shall advise the DCGP on candidate recruitment opportunities and report to the Executive Committee on the status of recruitment efforts.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Composition

The officers of the DCGP shall constitute the Executive Committee of the DCGP. No person serving in more than one officer role shall have more than one vote on Executive Committee decisions.

b. Agendas

The Executive Committee shall organize and propose agendas for Membership Meetings.

c. Duties

The Executive Committee shall carry out business of the DCGP between Membership Meetings. The Executive Committee create, oversee and dissolve Ad Hoc Committees.

d. Expenditures

The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures and reimbursements by 2/3 vote.

2. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

a. Duties

Ad Hoc committees shall perform tasks determined by the Executive Committee including, but not limited to: Bylaws modifications, membership recruitment, promotion, fundraising, special events.

b. Oversight

Ad Hoc Committees shall report to the Executive Committee

ARTICLE VII

Bylaws

These Bylaws may be modified only by the Membership of the DCGP and only at a Membership Meeting by a 3/4 vote. Bylaws modifications must be submitted to Executive Committee for review and comment at least two weeks prior to a Membership Meeting.

These bylaws were unanimously approved at the DuPage County Green Party County Convention, held March 3, 2010, at the Wheaton Public Library in Wheaton, Ill. Members present: Steve Alesch (Winfield Twp Chair), William Edgar (County Chair, Treasurer), Patrick Kelly (Secretary, Milton Twp Chair), Bob Mueller (Downers Grove Twp Chair), Jill Versace (Naperville Twp Chair).