Here is where some of the processes I described back in September now stand.

**informing members about candidates**
* initial candidate list compiled; updated based on updated source info and on contact responses
* initial contact with 11 visibly active campaigns (Web presence and working contact info)

- candidates who have responded:
  - Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry
  - Howie Hawkins
  - Dennis Lambert
  - Susan Bucher Lochocki
  - Kent Mesplay
  - David Rolde
  - Chad Wilson

- no substantive responses yet:
  - Dario Hunter (auto-replies only)
  - Roland Aranjo (error messages only)
  - Ivan-Jan Cruz Desuasido (no replies yet)
  - Ian Schlakman (no replies yet)

* planning for our proposed "virtual meeting" has stalled somewhat

  campaigns seem so far to be willing to consider most weekend dates/times before the March SMM
  but without a set-up to tell them about, it's hard to set a firm schedule

  Eric Borregard is the current Elections Co-ordinator . . . and perhaps our most experienced interviewer and producer
  but he's been focusing on Skype at the March SMM (where we'll have limited time at best around officer elections etc)
  Communications Manager and Media Committee have also been invited to help, but response limited
  Membership Manager has suggested EZTalk Meetings as a medium

  my target was originally to hold this "meeting" last year, dodging the holidays
  now I'm not sure if we can get things together to hold it before the March SMM

  need to co-ordinate this event (if it still happens) with live meetings -- and straw poll
  hold virtual meeting before or during the polling period -- doesn't do us much good afterward

**determining member preferences among Presidential candidates**
* three rough drafts of ballot for straw poll prepared – depending on how we decide who's included:
  - all 11 visibly active candidates
  - only the 7 candidates who have responded "actively"
  - 7 "active" responders + 1 auto-reply responder (if that shows enough of an active campaign)
  - we could also contact some or all of the "not visibly active" candidates

* need to decide how the poll will work:
  - should we count IRV/RCV style again (as we've done in past years)?
  - should we (as before) bind our delegation to vote on the first ballot in Detroit in proportion to members' first choices in the poll?
  - when can members vote in the poll? (should the voting period finish at the GPMI convention? or before it?)
  - how can members vote? (hard copy, electronic ballots, or both?)
  - if we get multiple ballots from a member, which should we count?
  - we may need to write/adopt a rule for that – should we put it on the ballot itself?
  - do we need a Polling/Counting/Canvassing Committee?
**selecting delegates (and alternates) to the GP-US nominating convention**

* we've been allocated 15 delegates (out of 400) . . . if things go as in the past, we'll also be able to get up to 15 alternates accredited

  obviously it'll be easier to get to this GP-US convention than to others before
  OTOH, more of us may be busy running/supporting the convention

  if we don't select delegates at the March SMM, we'll have to do it at our convention in June
  (even if we do select delegates in March, we may want to plan for last-minute changes in June)

* credentialing process TBA, AFAIK (but probably not too different from before)

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**other tasks**

* the date (Saturday, June 20) and place (LCC-West) for the state convention have been decided – but we still need to:

  tell the Presidential candidates/campaigns – and notify the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Elections

  establish at least draft state convention rules
  how much updating do we think they need? (aside from changing dates, etc)

* select Presidential electors at our state convention – state law requires that be done there

  we'll certify them to Bureau of Elections the first business day after the convention – Monday, June 22
  the same deadline as for the convention's other nominees to go on the November 3 ballot

  state law also requires that electors chosen to represent a Congressional district
  must be residents of that district for at least a year before the election,
  and electors chosen to represent the state at large must have lived in the state for at least a year

  this suggests that we nominate 2 at-large electors and 1 for each of Michigan's 14 Congressional districts

  OTOH, IMO the statute doesn't require that we have district electors – only that, if we do, they be residents of the districts

  we have nominated slates of electors that weren't perfectly "distributed" among the districts, and nobody's questioned it

  of course, none of them have gotten to vote yet

* certify nomination of Presidential ticket

  the deadline for this is July 13 – the first business day after the GP-US convention
  since that event is later than our state convention

  we don't need signatures/etc from candidates, but we do need their names as they want them on the ballot

  AND we need their home street addresses, not PO boxes

  we can start asking for this info now

  NOTE: winning Presidential nominees generally get to pick their running mates –
  so if the choice for Vice President is someone who didn't run for President, we may need to get their info quickly

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Roland G. Aranjo <so far, error messages only>
8A Camino Court; Bisbee, AZ  85603
FEC candidate ID #P00010900
FEC committee:  Roland for President (ID #C00699686)
249 E Ocean Blvd, Ste 685; Long Beach, CA  90802
www.rolandforpresident.org
info@rolandforpresident.org
https://www.facebook.com/RolandGARanjo/
https://twitter.com/rolandaranjo
https://www.linkedin.com/in/roland-g-aranjo-66a08b18
(520) 220-0473  [previously listed as (520) 727-1207]

Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry <responded>
(other forms of name:  Sedinam KCM Curry, SKCM Curry)
1103 West Gardena Blvd, Suite 33; Gardena, CA  90207
FEC candidate ID #P00013094
FEC committee:  Sedinam2020 (ID #C00715292)
24721 Parklawn Street; Oak Park, MI  48237
treasurer:  Eric Siegel <eric@aquapolling.com>; (401) 954-9038
www.sedinam2020.com
Website sends visitors to Sedinam 2020 public group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/2340273269629886/
therealMsSKCMCurry@gmail.com
Twitter Account:  @sedinam2020
Instagram Account:  msskcmcurry

Howie Hawkins <responded>
410 West Beard Street; Syracuse, NY  13205
FEC candidate ID #P00012211
FEC committee:  Howie Hawkins 2020 (ID #C00708024)
PO Box 562; Syracuse, NY  13205
https://howiehawkins.us/
(howie2020.com and howie2020.us both re-direct to this)
"Message Us" function icon in homepage lower right corner
also has a contact form page
Media Inquiries -- Kevin Zeese <kzeese@howiehawkins.us>;
(301) 996-6582
All other inquiries <mobilize@howie2020.com>  (315) 220-0101
Twitter:  @HowieHawkins20
Facebook:  facebook.com/runhowierun2020
Instagram:  https://instagram.com/howiehawkins2020/
YouTube:  howie2020.us/youtube
Green Party bio:  https://www.gp.org/howie_hawkins

Dario [David] Hunter <so far, auto-replies only>
PO Box 2601; Youngstown, OH  44507
FEC candidate ID #P00010124
FEC committee:  Dario for America (ID #C00697896)
Website gives same Youngstown PO Box address as above
with David Jette as treasurer
[formerly listed at 134 N. 81st St.; Seattle, WA  98103-4204]
https://www.dariohunter.com/
contact form page:  https://www.dariohunter.com/contact

Dennis Lambert <responded>
47 Private Drive 830; Ironton, OH  45638
FEC candidate ID #P00013185
FEC committee:  Dennis Lambert for President (ID #C00716266)
same address as candidate; treasurer Tim Gladeau
https://www.dlpotus2020.com/
front page has a "Contact" form toward the bottom of the page
& a link to a "Contact Us" function in the bottom right corner
dlpotus2020@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/dlpotus2020
https://twitter.com/dlpotus2020

Susan Buchser Lochocki <responded>
378 South End Ave, 28L; NYC 10280  cand ID #P00014357
FEC committee:  Friends of Susan Buchser Lochocki for
President of the USA (ID #C00728014; same address)
Website:  To be provided later.
Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/Susan-Bucher-Lochocki-for-President-of-the-United-States-of-America-105930097531875/?modal=admin_todo_tour
susanbuchserlochoki@gmail.com OR s.m.b@hi-speed.ch
phone:  (765) 740-4733 OR 0041 76 518 5521 (mobile)

David Rolde <responded>
PO Box 72; Weston, MA  02493
FEC candidate ID #P00013292
committee:  David Rolde 2020 (ID #C00717371; same address)
https://www.davidrolde2020.org/
davidrolde2020@gmail.com
contact form page:
https://www.davidrolde2020.org/contact.html
https://www.facebook.com/GreenPrez/

Ian Schlakman <so far, no response>
822 Guilford Avenue #126; Baltimore, MD  21202
FEC candidate ID #P00008920
FEC committee:  People for Ian Schlakman (ID #C00690248)
PO Box 972; Baltimore, MD  21203
https://www.schlakman.com/
contact form page  https://www.schlakman.com/contact
ian@schlakman.com  call or text:  410-996-4848
http://facebook.com/IanSchlakman
http://twitter.com/iSchlakman
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMykU4bDhRr15ptfR0UqxJw
http://medium.com/@ischlakman
[still listed by GPUS,
but Wikipedia says campaign was suspended 2019-10-18]

Chad Wilson <responded>
https://chadwilson.us/  Twitter:  @chadwilson2020
https://www.facebook.com/ChadWilson2020  OR
https://www.facebook.com/thesirchad  (lives in Nashville, TN)
alternate Website (empty?):  http://www.stateofsirchad.com/
candidates not listed by GP-US, but contactable & showing signs elsewhere online of at least "talking about" running

Ivan-Jan [Cruz] Desuasido  <so far, no response>
(other form of name: Jivan Ivan) Ballotpedia, FEC, Politics1
31 Heath Ct; Daly City, CA 94015 candidate ID #P00009480
committee: Jivan Ivan (ID #C00694620); same address
https://www.facebook.com/jivanivan1 Instagram: veganboy

Kent P. Mesplay <responded> FEC, GPMI Facebook page
1712 E Riverside Dr #42; Austin, TX 78741 ID #P40003279
Mesplay for President (committee ID #00395475) and treasurer
https://mesplay.org David Morrison, same address
https://mesplay.org/contact/ old e-mail info@mesplay.org
https://www.facebook.com/prezkent
https://twitter.com/KentMesplay

candidates not listed by GP-US, not showing enough(/any?) signs online of seriously running – so <not contacted yet>

Jason Robert Barnes Ballotpedia, FEC
2837 W 42nd St; Los Angeles, CA 90008 ID #P00008409
committee: Mr. Jason R. Barnes (no ID # yet); same address

Duane Lee Heppner Ballotpedia, FEC
80 Huntington St, Spc 649; Huntington Beach, CA 92648
candidate ID #P00013748 (714) 849-3822
committee: NuEarth (ID #C00720961; same address)
DUANETHEGREATWRITER@INBOX.COM
some campaign-like posts at:
http://www.wonderfulworldwideeducators.com/_blog
https://www.facebook.com/Real-People-Support-Duane-Lee-Heppner-For-President-of-ALLEarth-101774507916156/

Kerry Kizer Ballotpedia, FEC
7539 Marthas Cove; Germantown, TN 38138
cand ID #P00007518; "Kerry committee", no ID #; same address

Robert Milnes Politics1 (says he’s from New Jersey)
https://rwm4prez2012.wordpress.com/ no contact info
[refers to http://www.robertwmilnesforpresident.com/ (empty)
and to http://www.robertwmilnes.com/ (does not exist)]

Curt Nichols Ballotpedia, FEC, Politics1
15299 Rains Ct.; Moorpark, CA 93021
candidate ID #P00008722 curt.nichols@gmail.com
cmte: Curt Nichols for President (#C00691188; same address)

Eduardo Manuel Torres Jr. Ballotpedia, FEC
319 W Hermosa; San Antonio, TX 78212
candidate ID #P00004952 (original filing dated 2015-12-16)
The Eduardo Torres for President Cmte (no ID #; same address)

Jason Vaughan was on PCSC’s active-candidates page, but not on its front page
http://vaughan2020.simplesite.com/ no contact info
 cf also: http://www.globalgreensforvaughan.simplesite.com/
http://www.globalgreensidaho.simplesite.com/

Jesse Ventura Politics1 (& miscellaneous)
https://twitter.com/GovJVentura
offers link to: https://www.facebook.com/jesseventura
that offers: Twitter: @govjventura
see also: https://www.facebook.com/Jesse-Ventura-2020-1023264721045028/
{exists:} https://www.facebook.com/JesseVenturaPresident2016/
{NOTE: looks like an effort to draft Ventura, not a campaign}
{now not found:} https://jesseventura2020.com/
https://www.facebook.com/jesseventura2020

Jennifer Walters / Eugene Patilio Ballotpedia, FEC
candidate ID #P60017050 (original filing dated 2015-10-20)
committee: Jennifer Walters for President (no ID #)
https://www.facebook.com/SheHulkforPresident/
Walters2020@yahoo.com
candidate ID #P00005827 (original filing dated 2017-04-13)
committee: Eugene Patilio for Vice President (no ID #)
www.facebook.com/EugenePatilioForVicePresident
Patilio2020@gmail.com
address given to FEC for both candidates and both committees:
135 W 50th St; NYC 10020 (= Marvel Entertainment)
[NOTE: a/k/a She-Hulk and the Fabulous Frog-Man]
in-universe, Walters is a respected New York civil-rights attorney
(maybe better qualified than some so-called "real" Ds & Rs]
[Patilio (the Fabulous Frog-Man) was born in Brooklyn; if he lives
there still, he & Walters couldn’t both get NY electoral votes]

Kanye Deez Nutz West Ballotpedia, FEC
candidate ID #P00004903 (original filing dated 2015-08-31)
listed at 1977 Gold Digger Ave., Suite Yeezus; Chicago, IL 60649
principal campaign committee: "Back Dat Azz Up Committee"
(no ID #; address:
1982 Lil Weezyana Dr., Carter Bldg; New Orleans, LA 70117)
other authorized committee: "Get Crunk Committee"
(no ID #; address: 1971 East Side Boyz Blvd.,
Suite Ahh Skeet Skeet; Atlanta, GA 30318)

candidates withdrawn from (or never active in) the race
for the GP-US 2020 nomination – so <not contacted yet>

Alan Augustson was on PCSC lists but withdrew
https://run-alan.run & see also:

Rhett [Wilkinson] Meier FEC, Politics1
[NOTE: FEC filing says he’s running as a Democrat]

James Orlando Ogle III Ballotpedia, FEC
[NOTE: FEC filing says he’s running as a Libertarian]

Gary Swing was on PCSC lists but withdrew
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ve70Yg1mR-s

some whose names were reportedly raised but who didn’t run:
Ajamu Baraka
Darryl Cherney
Isaiah Manley
Jill Stein
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Rules – 2020 GPMI Nominating Convention (Saturday, June 20, 2020)

I. Delegates

A. Each county is entitled to as many voting delegates to the convention as there were GPMI members in good standing living in the county as of sixty (60) days before the convention (Tuesday, April 21, 2020). (Members affiliated with multi-county GPMI locally or not affiliated with any GPMI local, shall be counted with their counties of residence.)

B. If a county caucus selects delegates to the state convention, the caucus shall send the Meeting Manager a list of those selected, so the Meeting Manager can verify that they are GPMI members in good standing and pre-credential them as delegates. If anyone selected as a delegate is found not to be a GPMI member in good standing, the Meeting Manager shall notify the caucus officers who sent in the list.

If a selected delegate cannot attend, and/or if the caucus does not select a full delegation, then any GPMI member in good standing on April 21, 2020 who lives in that county and attends the convention is automatically eligible to fill a vacancy in the delegation. Any GPMI member who achieved or regained good standing after April 21, 2020 who lives in that county and attends the convention is eligible to be considered by a credentialing committee (if any) and approved by the convention to fill a vacancy in the delegation.

C. Any GPMI member in good standing on April 21, 2020 who lives in a county for which no caucus was held and who attends the convention is automatically eligible to fill a vacancy in that county’s delegation. Any GPMI member who achieved or regained good standing after April 21, 2020 who lives in such a county and attends the convention is eligible to be considered by a credentialing committee (if any) and approved by the convention to fill a vacancy in the delegation.

D. The Meeting Manager, working with others as necessary, shall have a list of membership at the check-in site for the convention. This list shall include at least the name and county of residence of each GPMI member. It shall say whether that member was in good standing on April 21, 2020 – and whether the member was selected as a delegate by a valid 2020 nominating caucus for the member’s home county.

E. If there are more GPMI members present from a county who are eligible to serve as convention delegates than that county is entitled to have, then:
   * those members from that county shall decide among themselves who shall be seated as delegates; or
   * the Meeting Manager shall assign delegate spots based first on whether or not a member was in good standing on April 21, 2020 and then on the order of registering at the convention.

F. The convention’s first order of business shall be to receive and decide on a report from the Meeting Manager working with other officers (and a report, if any, from a credentialing committee) on delegate credentials. The report(s) shall cover, to the extent possible:
   1) how many delegates each county is entitled to, based on the GPMI by-laws;
   2) the number of GPMI members in good standing from each county, with information on how many joined or renewed since April 21, 2020 and if any members have been expelled or suspended in 2020;
   3) the number of GPMI members present from each county who either were pre-selected to serve as delegates or are automatically eligible to fill vacancies and serve as delegates;
   4) the number of GPMI members present from each county who can only serve as delegates if they are approved by the convention to fill vacancies, and the number of vacancies remaining for each such potential delegate;
   5) information on any cases where someone’s qualification to serve as a delegate is questioned or disputed, with any recommendation from the credentialing committee.

All of the pre-selected and automatically eligible delegates present shall decide whether to approve this report as is or make any changes. Decisions shall be by consensus or a 2/3 vote, and approval shall have the effect of credentialing as delegates the people described in 4) above and recognizing or revoking the credentials of people described in 5) above (according to the recommendations from the credentialing committee as amended from the floor).

G. If and as practical, each delegate’s credentials shall indicate the county where he/she lives.

II. Nominations

A. The Meeting Manager shall prepare and coordinate a schedule for the consideration at the convention of nominations to appear in the GPMI column on the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 general election ballot as a GPMI candidate for any office or seat for which GPMI is entitled to nominate a candidate at the convention. To the extent practical, this schedule shall allow possible candidates to make brief statements in support of their candidacy (and to answer questions from the convention).

B. The Elections Coordinator shall compile into one document all replies to the GPMI vetting questionnaire he/she receives – in hard copy, plain text, or text-based Adobe Acrobat format – at least thirty (30) days before the convention (Thursday, May 21, 2020) from any candidate who asks to be considered for nomination at the convention. The Elections Coordinator shall make and provide copies of this document for all delegates.

Candidates may bring their own copies of their questionnaire replies, and/or any other campaign materials, to distribute to delegates.

C. If only one person seeks the GPMI nomination for a single office or position, that person must be approved by consensus or a 2/3 vote in order to be nominated by GPMI for that office.

D. If two or more candidates seek the GPMI nomination for a single office or position, an instant-runoff vote shall be taken by secret ballot (unless some other method is approved) to determine the general order of preference between or among the candidates. Once that order is determined, the first-choice candidate shall be presented to the convention for approval by consensus or a 2/3 vote. This shall be done with each candidate in order of preference until either enough candidates are nominated to fill all spots on the ballot or all candidates have been considered. If there is a spot left unfilled, the convention shall decide whether to reconsider any or all not-yet-nominated candidates, invite more nominations and repeat the instant-runoff vote with the new list of candidates, try again later in the convention, or give up on nominating anyone more for the office or position.

E. All convention delegates shall take part in any decision whether to nominate someone for any statewide office or position. If an office or position would serve a district or constituency crossing county borders but which is not statewide, the convention can decide to limit only delegates representing all counties wholly or partly in that district to participate in the nomination process. Similarly, if an office or position would serve a district or constituency entirely within a county’s borders, that nomination process may be limited to delegates representing only that county.

District or county delegates may choose to caucus separately or with all other delegates at the convention, and to include or exclude other delegates at the convention in the nomination decision. (But no county or district caucusing may be done at the convention if there are no delegates from the affected county or district present.)

F. If no caucus has been held for a county, then GPMI may nominate someone at the convention (by the whole convention or by a separate caucus) for any partisan office up for election in that county. If a caucus was held for a county, but the caucus did not nominate anyone for any partisan office or position, then (to the extent permitted by law) the convention may consider requests for nominations for such office or position. (This would be done by the convention as a whole, since a caucus could not be held and closed could not be reopened.) However, any discussions or decisions on such a nomination by the previous county caucus shall be considered by the convention, and no such nomination shall be approved without consensus or a 2/3 vote from both the convention as a whole and the delegation of that county.

III. Endorsements

By state law, GPMI may not nominate candidates for any non-partisan offices (except the nominally non-partisan Supreme Court Justices). However, it may endorse candidates for non-partisan offices. After all decisions have been made about whether or not to nominate GPMI candidates for office, any GPMI member or other person attending may ask the convention to endorse a non-partisan candidate. As the convention schedule allows, those who ask GPMI for endorsements may have a brief opportunity to introduce themselves and answer questions from the convention. The convention shall also hear any report from a caucus which has also considered the endorsement.

Any decision to endorse must be made by consensus or a 2/3 vote.

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On 8/29/2019 3:22 PM, Rita Jacobs rjacobs@arq.net [MIGreensSCC] wrote (in part):

> Hi JALP,
> >
> > . . . 2020 Is a presidential election year. I am somewhat aware of what's supposed to take place because I somehow managed to live
> > through that year as Membership Manager when we held our state convention and also doubled our membership. And I recall that we
> > had the presidential candidates appear via Skype at one of our SMM's, giving equal time to all so as to prevent their individual
> > information and platform. As I recall we need to choose electors to represent us at the National Convention, and we need to do a
> > state vote on national Presidential candidates so as to instruct our electors (or delegates) to the national convention. Does the entire
> > membership vote? Do we also need to hold a state convention? As I recall in 2016, one of the presidential candidates actually came
> > to our state convention. And if so, when, and what needs to be done to prepare for the state convention. And what else takes place in
> > an election year that I may have missed in asking about?
> > >
> > > <SNIP>
>
> Let's see if I can do this step by step. (Well, sort of.)

* [======] * [======] * [======] *

**informing members about candidates**

We've tried various ways in past years to give our members chances to become informed about Presidential candidates. We've
invited candidates to attend our meetings, or send representatives or materials. (I'd say they'd be welcome to attend even after our
polling of our members' preferences is done, but we should let them know the schedule for that.) We've also asked campaigns to
check our lists of contact information, so we could provide our members with the best information on how to contact campaigns.

One sub-task that was delaying this summary was compiling a good *initial list of candidate contact info*. It's necessary for the
activities noted above -- and particularly for a somewhat new approach we've talked about a bit: holding a "virtual meeting" before the
holiday season to give serious candidates a chance to introduce themselves to GPMI members.

I'm attaching what I think/hope is a decent first draft of such a list; I want to work with relevant officers and the Media Committee to
start finalizing that list, sending out the list to members so they can judge it for themselves and think about asking us to include more
candidates, sending out invitations, and organizing the event itself.

**determining member preferences among Presidential candidates**

We've never been in any of Michigan's Presidential primaries, and I doubt Rs or Ds will let us in next year -- so we've had to poll
our members for their Presidential preferences ourselves. We have usually voted IRV/RCV style -- to practice what we preach and
give our delegation in-depth guidance.

We've often tried to allow either hard-copy or electronic ballots, to make voting easier. But that means we need some kind of rule
about what would happen if we get more than one vote from a member. Ideally, we should use the ballot a member says contains their
final answers -- or set a rule for deciding which ballot to count if we don't have any word from the voter as to which is their final answer.
We also need to verify that members and ballots are valid -- so we need a Polling/Counting/Canvassing Committee or the like.

Voting must happen late enough that members can inform themselves, but not so late that we don't have time to use the results. It
may be good to have the deadline be at an SMM or the state convention, so people can bring their ballots or send them with others
they trust; such a deadline would also, I hope, be timing that members will remember.

**selecting delegates (and alternates) to the GP-US nominating convention**

The early conventions were bigger -- 800 delegates or so, versus half that these days. GP-MI got 32 delegates in 2004, which let
us allocate one to each active local to choose with the other half elected at the February SMM. These days, conventions are smaller,
about 400 delegates in total and probably close to 16 for us next year -- so we may not be able to decentralize that way. (We can
usually pick as many alternates as delegates -- and those who suddenly can't attend can either be replaced if there's time or covered
by alternates or proxies.)
But who should be in our delegation? Well, the stronger the guidance we give our delegation, the less their personal preferences may matter -- unless it's a deadlocked multi-ballot convention. So willingness and ability to attend are crucial, though maybe not as much of a problem for a convention in Detroit. A few more points:

* If selection of our delegation is early enough, we can react easily to drop-outs/etc.
* We'll have to prepare an accreditation packet for our delegation, with info about delegates and alternates. (We may also be asked as hosts to help the Accreditation Committee co-ordinate with other delegations to get them "validated".)

The **2016 "credentialing application" cover message** was attached to the November 2018 message I re-forwarded a few days ago. I've attached a slightly later document file here, along with the final spreadsheet of delegate/alternate info; there might be some changes to what GP-US wants, but I'd guess not too much. (In fact, in 2016 we had two final spreadsheets -- the one attached here was filed with GP-US and shows who we named as delegates and alternates; the other, for our eyes only, showed who was actually going . . . but again, that's likely to be less of an issue in Detroit next year than it was in Houston last time.)

**Instructing delegates (and alternates) on how to vote at the GP-US convention**

As I noted above, we usually poll our members, giving them **IRV/RCV style ballots** to express their Presidential preferences -- with extra options, as it were: write-in slots, None Of The Above, Uncommitted, maybe even No Nominee. The poll must be done in time to inform our delegation -- so they know how they'll be expected to vote.

Generally, the delegates have been directed to vote on the first ballot (at least) in proportion to the percentages of total first choices in the poll. If there are more ballots, the delegation could consider IRV rankings, approval voting, and maybe then their own preferences (à la Edmund Burke). We can use different rules this time, of course. But IMO we should decide on these rules before selecting the delegation, too.

**Selecting and nominating Presidential electors**

Section 42 of the state's Election Code (MCL 168.42) says we have to nominate electors at our state convention, and certify those nominations the next business day (the same as for our other nominations as a state party). The certificate is supposed to be signed by the chair and secretary of the "convention" -- which may or may not be the same as the chair and "secretary" of GPMI. We generally pick two people at the convention to sign certificates and help make sure they're delivered to the Bureau of Elections. Our state convention rules should either name names (or offices) to serve as these convention officers or specify how and when we'll choose them; we've been told in the past that having a rule gives us some protection in case of challenges or controversies. (Though the section that explicitly mentions party rules superseding state laws, MCL 168.620a, refers in its language only to the selection of delegates.)

MCL 168.41 says electors chosen to represent a Congressional district must be residents of that district for at least a year before the election, and electors chosen to represent the state at large must have lived in the state for at least a year. This suggests, but IMO does not require, that we nominate two at-large electors and one for each of Michigan's 14 Congressional districts. (We have in the past nominated slates of electors that weren't perfectly "distributed" among the districts, and nobody's questioned it. Of course, none of them have gotten to vote yet.)

**Certifying nomination of GP-US Presidential ticket**

MCL 168.868 says we have until the next business day after the state or the national convention, "whichever is later", to certify the Green nominees for President and VP. The certificate is supposed to be made by the chair and secretary of the SCC -- but since we have two co-chairs and no secretary by that exact name, we can fudge a bit. Again, it might be good to decide in advance what our rule should be.

We do seem to have certification of the Presidential ticket a bit easier than some other state parties. But there is a catch: we must certify not only the names of the two candidates as they want to appear on the ballot, but also their "home street addresses" (not PO boxes). This is probably to prove that we're not nominating two people who are both from Michigan, since the US Constitution would then prohibit Michigan's 16 electors from voting for both the nominees. (Some of us may remember a bit of controversy in 2000 over whether Dick Cheney actually lived in Wyoming and not Texas; the latter would have made him ineligible to get votes with Shrub from Texas -- and in that case, one or the other of them might not have been elected.)

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A few points about state conventions should be borne in mind. Here is the text of the first two sections of By-Laws Article VIII (Nominations) with some *emphasis* added to text relevant to Presidential processes, and a few explanatory NOTEs.
Article VIII – Nominations

Section 1 – State Convention:

A) GP-MI shall hold a state convention (which may coincide with a state meeting/SMM) every major election year in accordance with party rules and state law, to nominate candidates for statewide and multi-county partisan offices, *including electors in Presidential election years*, and endorse candidates for statewide and multi-county nonpartisan offices. The convention may also nominate or endorse candidates for any office serving constituents entirely within one county or district if there is no nominating caucus scheduled for that county or district. *GP-MI may select delegates to a national convention to nominate a Green Presidential ticket at a state convention or an SMM*.

[NOTE: IIRC, we have had the SCC fill vacancies a time or two -- most likely between the last SMM or state convention before the national convention and the GP-US convention.]

B) The Meeting Manager shall send written notice of the date(s), times, and place of the convention by US mail and/or e-mail to all GP-MI members, all GP-MI locals, *and all known candidates for the Green nomination for President or Vice President (or their campaigns)*, at least 50 days before the start of the convention. The Meeting Manager shall also present all scheduling information known about the convention at each of the two preceding SMMs.

[NOTE: After the "THE Tea Party" controversy of 2010, MCL 168.686b was passed to require date, time, and place notice of conventions and caucuses must also go to the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Elections at least ten days in advance. (No, I don't know why both, since the latter is under the former.)]

C) Each county is allocated as many state convention delegates as there are GP-MI members residing in that county as of 60 days before the convention. The state convention may fill any county's delegate vacancies with GP-MI members residing in that county as of 60 days before the convention who attend the convention, in accordance with party rules, state law, and relevant court cases. The Meeting Manager shall notify all eligible members 50 days before the convention and they must inform the Meeting Manager at least 30 days before the convention if they plan to attend.

[NOTE: Basically, all those who will have been GP-MI members at least 60 days before a state convention are delegates if they attend; newer members can serve if they're elected at a county caucus before the convention or if they attend the convention and enough others from that county don't that there are vacancies. See the 2018 convention rules attached (in PDF).]

Section 2 – County and district nominating caucuses:

A) At the request of at least three GP-MI members in a county or district, GP-MI shall call a county or district nominating caucus in accordance with party rules and state law to nominate candidates for partisan offices and endorse candidates for nonpartisan offices serving constituents entirely within that county or district. *The caucus request shall be made either at a SMM at least 50 days before the state convention for that year or to the SCC at least 50 days before the state convention*, and shall include the planned date(s), times, and place. *A nominating caucus may be held at the state convention if the requesters so desire*.

B) GP-MI shall send notice to all GP-MI members who live in the county or district for which a nominating caucus is called of the date(s), times, and place of the caucus, by US mail or e-mail, at least 14 days before the start of the caucus. Notice shall also be sent to others if the requesters so desire.

[NOTE: This notice needs to go to the SOS and Bureau of Elections at least ten days in advance, as for a convention.]

C) After a nominating caucus, the chair and secretary of the caucus shall arrange for the filing of required nomination paperwork, and report to the Elections Coordinator on all nominations and endorsements made by the caucus.

D) A county nominating caucus held before the convention may elect up to the allocated number of delegates. The chair and secretary of the caucus held before a state convention shall inform the Membership Manager of any delegates elected. The Membership Manager shall verify the GP-MI memberships of those people, contact the caucus chair and secretary with any questions, report on elected delegates to the convention, and organize an ad hoc credentials committee with members from different parts of the state if any question or dispute arises about a person's qualification to be a state convention delegate.

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Maybe I'd better let this go before I spend another week polishing it. I hope I've at least made a good start at answering everyone's questions about this somewhat tangled topic. But I would encourage those who have read through this (and the re-forwards I sent on Friday) to ask follow-up questions if they have some.

One follow-up I have is what if any other old materials SCC would like to see. More sets of convention rules? Old certificates of nomination for Presidential tickets and/or electors?

e-mails on 2020 Presidential processes (discuss at Redford SMM 2019-10-12; original attachment docs highlighted)
On 9/2/2019 10:17 AM, Rita Jacobs rjacobs@arq.net [MIGreensSCC] wrote:

> Thank you, JALP
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> > Thanks so much for putting this information together for us. I know that it is a time-consuming task. I hope everyone on the SCC
> > reads this and understands at least some of what needs to be done.
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> I hope so, too -- thank you (and everyone else) for reading it.

> You mention that we have several decisions to be made concerning the activities that must take place, as well as the voting on
> > candidate preferences, and selection of delegates, instructions to the delegates, and selection of Chair and Secretary of the
> > convention. Should these decisions be made by the SCC, or at an SMM? Would it be helpful to have a committee to handle the
> > arrangements, as I don't really see a breakdown of who handles what.

> The By-Laws (Article IV, Section 8) say the Elections Co-ordinator "shall keep GP-MI aware of and following laws and regulations
> in its election-related activities" -- in particular, those related to "the party's nomination/endorsement processes, including advance/draft
> convention rules". But I expect that the answer to the question of which officers and groups are best positioned to help the EC may
> vary from task to task. (Meeting Manager is one such officer for some tasks, and the Election Support Committee is one likely group --
> at least if it wants to be; I'm not sure how much more they want to focus on supporting the candidates than on supporting the process
> by which we nominate our candidates.)

> The most urgent tasks now are probably finalizing the invitation list, drafting the invitation, and reaching the campaigns on the list
> in time for them to tell us when they could take part in a virtual meeting such as we've discussed. (If we can't get this done before
> Thanksgiving, my presumption is that we'd want instead to aim for just after New Year's but safely before the winter 2020 meeting . . .
> whenever and wherever that's going to be.) Those first three tasks Eric B and I can probably handle -- with help if anyone wants to
> volunteer it.

> The next highest priority would be getting meetings firmed up -- with locals or other groups volunteering to host meetings on dates
> (and if possible in places) we can discuss here. The By-Laws say the Meeting Manager "shall arrange state membership meetings and
> nominating conventions, and provide a yearly schedule of these by date and region." Right now, I don't have anything more I can say
> about dates and places than I reported in Mount Pleasant. I need volunteers to step forward, at least tentatively.

> One major uncertainty that may have been nudging potential hosts to stay quiet has now been settled -- Detroit is hosting the
> national convention July 9~12. To me, that suggests we should have our first SMM of 2020 in early March or even February -- and our
> state convention in May or early June. Which other Presidential-process steps we want to take at each of those two meetings is IMO
> something we should discuss, here on this list and at the fall SMM in Redford -- starting with Eric B's thoughts on top of my own above.

> The technical savvy of Media Committee members and others will be important to making that e-debate or e-town hall event happen. SCC could have input on who gets on the invitation list, and/or could decide whether to invite input from others on that.

> Updating the ballot should be pretty easy, especially if we're okay with keeping the same general polling process. Updating
> convention rules might be a bit harder -- but not, I hope, too much harder. (BTW, my apologies for not having managed to attach the
> 2018 convention rules to my original post on this thread; it's here this time.)

> The SCC or an SMM could discuss and decide whether to revise the general instructions (or "meta-instructions"?) to our
delagation; I'm expecting to mention that in my report for the Redford SCC next month. (I'm also hoping to post that message and this
one at the SCC FreeForum, once I figure out how best to do that within the limit of three attachments per posting.)

> Selecting the chair and secretary of the state convention is done by the convention, though there could be some advance
> notification/discussion of what we'll want them to do. It helps to have people who can work together easily, and who'll be available to
> resolve any paperwork crises that may arise the Monday after the state convention.

> Would it be helpful to have a committee to handle the arrangements, as I don't really see a breakdown of who handles what.

I'm okay with a committee to at least help handle the arrangements -- as long as members do help. I'm also okay with it being Election
Support (or somebody else), as everyone here (or at the next SMM or so) prefers.

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e-mails on 2020 Presidential processes (discuss at Redford SMM 2019-10-12; original attachment docs highlighted)  jalp  pg 4
I see that you have come up with a list of presidential hopefuls. Where and how did you get that list? That is of interest to me, as I have been attempting to get a list of serious candidates in order to send them the Peace Pledge developed by GPAX that the GPUS urges the candidates to sign. I seem to get brushed off when I ask for it (told it's a moving target or a WIP, and then out of thin air a link to a list appears in someone's comment on the National Committee site).

I compiled the list from information on two national-party Webpages:

- **GPUS list of "active" Green Presidential candidates:**
  https://gpus.org/committees/presidential-campaign-support/2020-active-green-presidential-candidates/

- **cross-referenced with links shown on PCSC front page:**
  https://www.gp.org/2020

- **plus the FEC's records of filings with it by candidates claiming to be running for the Green Party's nomination:**
  https://www.fec.gov/data/candidates/president/?election_year=2020&cycle=2020&election_full=true&party=GRE

- **plus a few other fairly non-partisan resources I know:**
  https://ballotpedia.org/List_of_registered_2020_presidential_candidates
  https://www.thegreenpapers.com/P20/candidates.phtml
  https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_United_States_presidential_election#Green_Party and

When there were Weblinks offered by these sources, I tried to visit them to see if they were working (and what if any additional or corrected contact info they showed). Inconsistencies I tried to resolve as part of my compilation effort.

Now, I wouldn't be surprised if some of my categorizing of candidates is colored by my past experiences preparing similar lists for previous Presidential years. That's one reason I want Eric B and others here to look over that list and offer any suggestions they have for who should or shouldn't be invited. And eventually I'd also presume we want to let members know about everybody, with some indication of why we invited A but not B (and again some openness about whether we should edit the list for updating of the preference ballot).

And my list too is subject to updating. It's just that we need to have a list we can use, one that's as good as it can be at a practical point in time. (Actually, I have an inquiry in to one campaign, and will want to update the list if I hear from them with any changes to my educated guesses.)

> We have so many communication problems in this party, that I think we really need to have an in-depth discussion about how all this is supposed to get done, who makes sure everything does get done, and who is responsible for what. This lack of accountability created some problems a couple of years ago, and those who are on the SCC need to pay attention to what's going on. Some very important party functions need to take place, and although JALP is very knowledgeable about what needs to be done, we should not leave it up to him or our new Elections Coordinator to take care of everything. A lot of work needs to get done. Those who serve on this committee need to understand that they should not sit back and expect someone else to do all the work.

> Rita Jacobs
> National delegate

> We still have some time -- but OTOH we need to have some things settled soon, and others at least as far along as possible so any transition to new officers for 2020 won't cause problems.

And there is one more very important thing to bear in mind. Our column on the ballot is one of our top political assets (pardon the phrase) -- distinguishing us from nominally green NGOs etc. as well as from any other close-to-ecosocialist parties or movements in Michigan. To keep that asset, we need at least one of our nominees for partisan office to get at least 22,133 votes (1% of the winning total for SOS in 2018):


If we don't, we lose that ballot status -- and have to collect at least 42,506 petition signatures (1% of *all* 2018 votes for governor) to get it back:

On 9/3/2019 10:14 AM, Rita Jacobs rjacobs@arq.net [MIGreensSCC] wrote:

> Responding to JALP's question:
> > "One follow-up I have is what if any other old materials SCC would like to see. More sets of convention rules? Old certificates of nomination for Presidential tickets and/or electors?"
> >
> > I don't think we need more sets of convention rules. But if you have any suggestions for improving the rules we have, we'd like to hear that.

I asked you first. . . . :}

But a bit more seriously, I wrote the rules for many years. (The 2018 edition has Eric Siegel's name on them, but they look pretty similar to my 2016 version.) I honestly think that having other hearts, minds, and eyes focus on the rules -- starting now, and up to the convention -- may be one of the better ways to improve them.

> Are the rules different for a presidential election year? If so, we'd like to see the 2016 convention rules.

I don't think they're that different from 2018 -- but maybe *I* wouldn't. So I'll attach them, just in case.

> Old certificates of nomination for presidential tickets and electors would also be helpful.

Here are three Certificates of Nomination for 2016 -- regular candidates of GPMI, our electors, and the Presidential ticket. (Only the first one is a scan of a signed copy, but the other two were properly signed and filed. You may also notice that the Presidential certificate file is dated before the GP-US convention in Houston; since the ticket was all but certain anyway, I was able to draft it up and send it to the proper officers ahead of time. We didn't need the candidates to sign, just give us their preferred name forms and home street addresses.)

> I would also like to see the most recent questionnaire that potential candidates are asked to answer.

I have Eric's 2018 edition, but it looks to me as though the main change he made from the 2016 version in the "How to Be(come) a GPMI Candidate and Nominee" article for that year was to update the convention date and location. So I'll just attach both of those, too.

> And anything else you might think might be helpful.

> Rita Jacobs
> National Delegate

Too many nights in a row up well past midnight for me to go into this very far tonight; sorry. But I did find a bit of correspondence from 2008 while I was searching for other stuff, and it might be helpful on the general situation.
We have rules, in part, so that we *have* rules. Seriously. One big reason we have rules is so that, if someone disputes the validity of a membership, or a nomination, we can tell them -- and (as necessary) the Bureau of Elections, and the courts -- that we have rules, here they are, we passed them, and we followed them.

The Bureau of Elections has told us repeatedly that, where the law is silent, they will tend to give a fair amount of respect to our party rules. In fact, in some situations state law explicitly defers to party rules.

Nader got in trouble here in 2004 because one of the two paths he tried to follow in getting on the Michigan ballot was the Reform Party -- which had split into two factions, each of which offered its own slate of candidates. The Secretary of State decided neither slate was good, and neither path for Nader's name on the ballot was valid. It wasn't a good or a decent decision -- but it was defensible enough that the courts upheld it.

I don't want that to happen to us. I don't even want us to have any more confusions among ourselves over how we're going to count votes. So I try to draft rules that are both clear and comprehensive enough to let us do what we want to do.

Most other parties don't let just anyone -- or even any member -- just show up at a state convention and vote. If we want to do that, we have to find a way to do it in our rules and within state law.

Instant-runoff voting aims at ensuring majority support for a candidate. But nominations are at least as important as our other decisions, and we have set a basic decision standard of consensus or 2/3 vote. So how to adapt IRV to that? I've tried to do that by using IRV to rank multiple candidates by preference and then offering each in turn for consensus or a 2/3 vote until we select one to be our nominee (or decide not to approve any of them). It wasn't an easy process for me to think up -- but I think, I hope, it does what we seemed to want to do.

If you have ideas, now is the time to mention them. Discussion is open, and I certainly don't claim to have a monopoly on good ideas. What I do have is a determination to see to it that we have *some* decent rules. Because we may need them. (Though I hope we don't -- any more than I want to need to disturb firefighters from washing their trucks or playing poker or whatever else they do...)

jalp

linneamari@aol.com wrote:

> Why all this bureaucratic nonsense. anyone who is a member of GPMI as of a certain date before the convention who shows up
> should be allowed to particpate. Anyone who shows up and joins can particpate if the GP convention body approves their participation
> Richard Kuszmar
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: John Anthony La Pietra <jalp@triton.net>
> To: MI Greens State Central Committee <MIGreensSCC@YahooGroups.com>
> Sent: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 1:05 am
> Subject: [MIGreensSCC] [*PROPOSAL*] Adopt Convention Rules
> 
> > The 2006 rules have been posted on the Wiki for four weeks now. No comments there, and none that I recall seeing here.
> > So I have corrected the dates mentioned in those 2006 rules to reflect the 2008 election schedule and the starting date of our
> > convention. The text is below; I have also posted the PDF file on both the Wiki and the SCC "Files" page. (Heck, I'll attach the PDF
> > file, too, in case it does anyone any good for right now.)
> > And I *PROPOSE* that we adopt these rules for the 2008 GPMI convention (to be held July 26-27 in Marshall).
> > I propose this now so that we have a little time for discussion in case anyone wants to discuss.
> > jalp
> > [====================  text of rules <*>SNIP*ped>