

GREEN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

August 12, 2023—State Membership Meeting

ELECTIONS COORDINATOR REPORT, Sherry A. Wells

"All politics is local."

I encourage all members to attend at least one of each: your local government meeting--city or township; school board and county commission. For some/most of those, one might find a recording of a recent one, and past and upcoming agendas are online, too. THEN look at the list of available citizen committees/boards/commissions on the respective websites, find one (or more) that fits your background and interests and apply for it.

I call it a "Green Foot in the Door." This is also the year most such elected offices are up. If you become inspired to run, the deadline is late July. Sherry will help set up a County Caucus to endorse local candidates.

Preparing for 2024: Contact me and I will email you How to Be a Candidate that my predecessor, John Anthony La Pietra (JALP), pulled together years ago. It includes the Vetting Questionnaire.

After starting out with the local politics suggestion and studying How to Be a Candidate, members interested in running for office may contact me ASAP and we'll discuss. I've run for local office and was elected to the Ferndale Charter Revision Commission (3 yr. term, chairing for two) and since joining the GPMI, ran for office every 2 years since 2014 and I'm one of Robin's "Green Golden Girls."

I'm hearing from those who want to help in campaigns. JALP told me of an enticing proposition for earning matching funds for our next Governor candidate. More about that soon.

AND finally, I'm planning a "campaign training camp" for November. Stay tuned.

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