

## **CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

### **PROPOSED VOTING GROUP 1**

**Constitution** (Article III.B deleted; also references to the term “supporting member” either removed or replaced throughout both Constitution and Bylaws)

**Bylaws** (Article III Membership: A, B, and C deleted; D. modified)

Remove “Supporting Members” concept:

Simplifies voting by allowing all registered Greens in Oregon to participate fully in the Pacific Green Party of Oregon. Gets past errors and difficulties in administering the supporting member distinction.

**Bylaws** (Article XII.A deleted)

Remove the ability of the party to expel individual members.

The party would not have authority to do this without the “Supporting Member” distinction.

### **PROPOSED VOTING GROUP 2**

**Bylaws** (Article VII deleted)

Removes Advisory Board language from Bylaws.

The Advisory Committee would continue to function although not specifically defined in the Bylaws; there would be greater leeway in defining its functions.

### **PROPOSED VOTING GROUP 3**

(There were no other items specifically differentiated by the committee as requiring a separate vote for ratification. It is hoped that, if other items are found in discussion to be going beyond the goals of updating, simplifying, and removing ambiguities, they could also be designated for separate voting. )

#### **Constitution**

Reduce the number of required conventions from three to one each year.

The three-convention requirement is unnecessary for conducting party business. Additional conventions can be scheduled as required.

#### **Bylaws**

Remove the two-meeting rule for convention voting rights.

This would be less practical with fewer conventions.

Shorten deadline for submitting convention agenda proposals from 30 days to 20.

Post all agenda proposals on the PGP web site as they are submitted.

Remove the requirement for chapters to notify the SCC of local nonpartisan endorsements.

Allows more autonomy for PGP chapters.

Remove the requirement for a candidate Legislative Committee.

Candidates can set up their own campaign organizations. The Legislative Committee is not currently operational and should not be in the Bylaws.

Clarify definitions of Chapter responsibilities for financial reporting.

Allow candidates to create their own literature.

Allow more autonomy for PGP chapters and candidates.

Streamline the decision-making process for administrative types of items at convention.

“Policy” items will be decided using consensus before entering a voting process.

“Administrative” items will be decided by the voting process.

Streamline the convention proposal process.

Replace the functions of the Agenda Committee with the Process Committee.

Give individual members more latitude in submitting proposals.

Allow state party standing committee chairs to appoint members to their committees.

Currently the CC must appoint all committee members.

Allow more autonomy to standing committees.

Remove use of absentee ballots.

Simplifies a currently difficult and controversial process. This should not be taken as either supporting or opposing the concept of mail or internet voting if a proposal for these methods is introduced at a later date.

Remove recommendation of reading of Mission Statement and Statement of Principles at all meetings.

Insert wording requiring candidates to accept Statement of Principles and be in agreement with priority items of the party platform.

Make other minor wording changes with the goal of updating and simplifying.