

# **GREEN PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI**

## **Methods and Procedures for Selection of Delegates and Delegate Alternates to the 2016 National Nominating Convention of the Green Party of the United States**

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-1055 and the Bylaws of the Green Party of Mississippi (GP MS), the State Executive Committee of the GP MS adopts the following Methods and Procedures for selection of delegates and delegate alternates to the national nominating convention of the Green Party of the United States:

On or before December 12, 2015 - These Methods and Procedures will be adopted by email poll of the State Executive Committee.

Within 7 days of adoption, a copy of these Methods and Procedures will be delivered to the office of the Secretary of State.

Also within 7 days of adoption, a copy of these Methods and Procedures, as well as a copy of the Bylaws of the GP MS will be distributed by the GP MS email facilitator to each member of the GP MS by email, US Postal Service, or in person. These Methods and Procedures will also be posted on the web site of the party, [www.greenpartymms.com](http://www.greenpartymms.com). The same information will be sent within three days to each new member thereafter whose membership form is received by the Treasurer by the time of the Convention. The names and contact information for all members in their county shall be sent to the Chair and Secretary of the county executive committee in each county having a county executive committee. The names and contact information for all members in their county will be sent to each member living in a county not yet having a county executive committee.

The State Executive Committee affirms that the Bylaws and these Methods and Procedures adequately describe for members the legal and practical qualifications of officers, representatives, delegates and alternates of the GP MS. The GP MS web site will have links to information about all prospective candidates for President and Vice President of the Green Party of the United States.

All precinct caucuses in each county will be held at the same site as the county convention, the site to be designated by the County Executive Committees of the counties in which such committees have been chosen before January 16, 2016. In other counties, the members of the GP MS will confer and agree upon a location at which they will meet for the precinct caucuses and the county convention. Members in each county will report the location of their caucuses and convention to the Chair of the State Executive Committee or her designee by March 12, 2016.

Decisions will be made on all matters at all caucuses and conventions by consensus if possible, otherwise by majority vote and/or according to Robert's Rules of Order.

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March 31, 2016:

The State Executive Committee will designate a site for the Congressional District and State Conventions.

May 7, 2016 - 10:00 AM:

**Precinct caucuses** will be held starting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 7, for all precincts in which reside two or more persons who were members of the Green Party of Mississippi by the time of the caucuses.

For precincts in which only one member of the GP MS resides, that member will be the voting delegate of that precinct to the county convention. Such persons in single-member precincts will meet with each other at the time of the precinct caucuses to discuss suggestions and concerns and may formulate resolutions for the county convention which may be signed by any or all of them.

Each member of the GP MS, before the convening of his or her precinct caucus, will sign a list of attendees which includes the precinct and county names and, according to the Bylaws of the GP MS, the statement: "I am a member of the Green Party of Mississippi and am not affiliated with any other Mississippi political party."

Each precinct caucus will convene as soon after 10:00 AM as possible and will first select a chair of the caucus and a secretary of the caucus to keep the minutes and any other records to turn in to the secretary of the county convention. Members will discuss any suggestions or concerns any of them have regarding the platform or any other party business and may formulate one or more resolutions to present to the county convention. The members will choose a chair and a secretary for the precinct to lead the party business within the precinct until the 2016 precinct caucus or until their successors have been chosen.

Members will affirm the decision of the State Executive Committee that all members present at the county convention will be voting delegates to the convention.

May 7, 2016 - 11:00 AM:

**County conventions** of members of the GP MS will be held on Saturday, May 7, at 11:00 AM at the same location as the precinct caucuses.

Each member of the GP MS, before the convening of the county convention, will sign a list of attendees which includes the county name and, according to the Bylaws of the GP MS, the statement: "I am a member of the Green Party of Mississippi and am not affiliated with any other Mississippi political party."

The members present will choose a convention chair and a convention secretary to receive the precinct minutes, keep the convention minutes, and turn in a copy of all records of the caucuses and convention to the Secretary of the State Executive Committee.

In every county in which there are five or more members, the members will adopt or may amend Bylaws and may adopt or amend rules for the GP MS in the county (a copy of which will be sent to the Secretary of State and to the Secretary of the State Executive Committee within 7 days).

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### **County Conventions, continued:**

The members will discuss any proposed resolutions and may adopt resolutions to present to the Congressional District and State Conventions.

The members will discuss potential candidates for 2016 and later years, especially for the offices of President, Vice President, and U.S. Representative from their district(s), as well as Levee Commissioners (Tunica, Washington, Bolivar/Rosedale, Issaquena, Yazoo, Warren, Sharkey, Leflore, Humphreys, Holmes, Coahoma, DeSoto, Sunflower, Quitman, Tallahatchie) and County School Board members, if applicable, and County Election Commissioners (one per supervisor's district; need signatures of 50 or more voters to get on ballot, which shows party affiliation).

After other business, in every county in which there are five or more members, the members from each supervisor's district will meet separately to choose, by consensus if possible, or if necessary by nomination and majority vote, members of the county executive committee according to the Bylaws of its County Executive Committee and/or the Bylaws of the GP MS.

Members will affirm the decision of the State Executive Committee that all members present at the Congressional District and State Conventions will be voting delegates to the convention, coordinated if necessary by the chair of the County Executive Committee.

Names of any new county executive committees will be registered with the Secretary of State's office within 30 days per Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-1061.

May 21, 2016 - 10:00 AM

**Congressional District Conventions** will be held separately by the members of the GP MS living in each district at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the same site in central MS set by the State Executive Committee on March 31.

Each member of the GP MS, before the convening of the Congressional District convention, will sign a list of attendees which includes the CD number and, according to the Bylaws of the GP MS, the statement: "I am a member of the Green Party of Mississippi and am not affiliated with any other Mississippi political party."

The members present will choose a convention chair and a convention secretary to keep the convention minutes and turn in a copy of all records of the convention to the Secretary of the State Executive Committee.

In every Congressional District, the members may adopt Bylaws for the Congressional District Executive Committee and may adopt rules for the GP MS in the Congressional District (a copy of which will be sent to the Secretary of State and to the Secretary of the State Executive Committee within 7 days).

The members will discuss any proposed resolutions and may adopt resolutions to present to the State Convention.

The members will discuss potential candidates for 2016 and later years, especially for the offices of President, Vice President, and U.S. Representative from their district.

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### **Congressional District Conventions, continued:**

After other business, the members will choose, by consensus if possible, or if necessary by nomination and majority vote, members of the Congressional District executive committee according to the Bylaws of the Congressional District Executive Committee and/or the Bylaws of the GP MS.

Members will affirm the decision of the State Executive Committee that all members present at the State Convention will be voting delegates to the convention.

Names of new Congressional District executive committees will be registered with the Secretary of State's office within 30 days per Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-1061.

### May 21, 2016 - 12:00 noon

The **State Convention** will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the site in central MS set by the State Executive Committee on March 31.

Each member of the GP MS, before the convening of the State Convention, will sign a list of attendees which includes, according to the Bylaws of the GP MS, the statement: "I am a member of the Green Party of Mississippi and am not affiliated with any other Mississippi political party."

The members present will choose a convention chair and a convention secretary to keep the convention minutes and turn in a copy of all records of the convention to the Secretary of the State Executive Committee.

The members may amend the Bylaws of the State Executive Committee and may adopt rules for the GP MS (a copy of which will be sent to the Secretary of State and to the Secretary of the State Executive Committee within 7 days).

The members will discuss potential candidates for 2016 and later years, especially for the offices of President and Vice President.

The members will discuss any proposed resolutions and may adopt resolutions for the GP MS.

The members will discuss any proposed amendments to the Platform of the GP MS and may adopt amendments or adopt the Platform without amendments.

The members will discuss and select three delegates and three alternates (or its allotted numbers, if different from these) to represent the GP MS at the National Convention of the Green Party of the United States, to be held August 4-7, 2016, in Houston, TX.

The members will discuss and select six Presidential Electors to be listed on the General Election ballot in Mississippi in November 2016 as electors for the candidates of the Green Party of Mississippi, which shall be the same as the candidates chosen at the National Convention as the candidates of the Green Party of the United States.

The members will discuss and select National Committee-persons as designated by the Green Party of the United States.

After other business, the members will choose members of the State Executive Committee according to the Bylaws of the GP MS.

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Following the State Convention, the Secretary of the State Executive Committee will file with the Secretary of State's office the names of the members of the State Executive Committee and the national committeepersons, as required by Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-1061.

After the National Convention of the Green Party of the United States, the GP MS delegates will obtain, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-785, a certificate of nomination signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the national convention and by the Chair of the State Executive Committee of the GP MS and file the certificate with the State Board of Election Commissioners by filing it in the office of the Secretary of State not less than 60 days before the date of the General Election. The certificate will also include the names and addresses of the 6 presidential electors chosen at the State Convention of the GP MS. Attached will be a statement from each of the 6 electors stating, "I do hereby consent and do hereby agree to serve as elector for President and Vice President of the United States, if elected to that position, and do hereby agree that, if so elected, I shall cast my ballot as such for \_\_\_\_\_ for President and \_\_\_\_\_ for Vice President of the United States" (inserting in the blank spaces the respective names of the nominees of the GP MS/GP US).

This plan of the Green Party of Mississippi approved by the State Executive Committee of the Green Party of Mississippi December 12, 2015, and submitted to the office of the Secretary of State of Mississippi.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
William Ashley Vaughan, Secretary, GP MS