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Floor Rules 101:

The following is information about the Floor Rules passed by the National Coordinating Committee concerning what your state party needs to do to prepare for the presidential nominating portion of the GPUS Convention in Milwaukee.

Your state must select a Reporter and Alternate Reporter from among your delegates and provide their contact information in advance of the convention to the Election Administrator at an email address to be announced. The State Reporters will attend a preliminary meeting at the convention in the early morning of Saturday, June 26th, at a location to be announced.

Please be aware that each state party is responsible for its own delegation - including voting instructions, mandates, and internal disputes. Once your delegation is credentialed, it is up to you to make sure that you represent the will of the members of your state party, and up to them to verify that you have done so. This will work best, of course, if each state makes a point of distributing the Nominating Convention Floor Rules and encouraging each and every state delegate to become familiar with them.

Voting will occur in rounds, with the Election Administrator calling out the name of each state in an alphabetical roll call. The State Reporter, or another delegate designated by the State Reporter, will announce that state's votes for each candidate and/or for "No Nominee" when their state's name is called during each round of voting. The Election Administrator will permit a reasonable period of time (perhaps 30 minutes) between each round of voting for states to caucus.

If, after studying the Floor Rules below, your delegation has questions, please send them to Jody Grage Haug at jodyhaug@hotmail.com for forwarding on to the PCSC (Presidential Campaign Support Committee) as a whole. The questions and answers will be sent out on the GPUS Discussion listserv so





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that members who haven't gotten around to asking those questions will also have the answers.

The National Coordinating Committee has passed rules regarding the presidential nomination process, vice-presidential nomination, presidential endorsement, proxy voting, and has also elected Matt Gonzalez to be the election Administrator (83-0-0). These, collectively are the 2004 national convention rules. The issue of delegate identification is still being resolved by the National Coordinating Committee. Further information on this and other issues will be forthcoming.

Thank you,

PCSC (Presidential Campaign Support Committee)

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Adopted by the National Coordinating Committee (60-26-6)

These floor rules are designed to meet the following goals:

- * Simplicity.
- * Democracy.
- * Expedience.

Overview

Delegates vote in multiple rounds until there is a simple majority for a candidate that will accept the nomination, or a simple majority for not fielding a presidential ticket. After the second and all subsequent rounds, last-place candidates and all candidates receiving less than 10% of the vote during the rounds will be eliminated except as otherwise stated.

The Election Administrator

The GPUS Steering Committee shall select an Election Administrator to supervise the nomination process, and to select Assistant Election Administrators as necessary; all of which are to be given final approval by the Coordinating Committee.

Candidate Speeches

Equal time shall be allocated for the purposes of addressing the convention to those candidates who have submitted a petition documenting an intention to vote for the candidate in the first round by at least 25 credentialed delegates from at least 3 states. Such petitions must be submitted to the Election Administrator by 6:00pm on Friday the 25th of June; delegate signatures which appear on more than one petition will be disqualified. A candidate need not qualify for the speeches portion of the agenda in order to receive nominating votes.





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State Delegations

Each state party shall elect a Reporter and an Alternate Reporter from among its delegates, and shall provide the Election Administrator with the Reporter and Alternate Reporter contact information in advance of the nominating session.

Responsibilities of all state delegation Reporters include attending a preliminary meeting of all state delegation Reporters on the morning of Saturday, June 26, and accurately reporting vote totals from their state within the allowed time limit set by the Election Administrator. A Reporter may designate another delegate to announce votes.

If a state fails to designate a Reporter who can fulfill the required duties, then the Election Administrator shall appoint an Assistant to carry out such requirements for that state.

A state party's instructions to its delegates shall not be enforced by the convention. Enforcement of instructions and mandates shall be a matter between the state party and its delegates. Disputes shall be resolved by a vote of a state's delegation, according to the state's rules, and the convention shall accept the decision of the delegation.

Rounds of Voting

Multiple rounds of voting shall be conducted until a simple majority of the voting delegates vote for an eligible candidate or for "No Nominee".

In each round of voting, the states shall be polled. Each state's Reporter, or designated speaker, shall announce 1) the number of state delegates plus alternate delegates standing in for regular delegates present (not to exceed the state's authorized number of delegates), and 2) the votes for each candidate, including "No Nominee". A delegation may pass no more than once per round.





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The total votes cast by any state may not exceed the number of authorized delegates for that state, nor may it exceed twice the number of voting delegates in attendance at the meeting. Proxy votes are limited to one extra vote per voting delegate in attendance. Half-votes from delegates assigned with such will be counted in the first round. Succeeding rounds will count whole votes only.

The national Credentialing Committee, or any other committee responsible for Convention logistics, may require state parties to inform it of their plans regarding such proxy voting if it believes this is necessary to ensure a fair and accurate vote.

Delegates may vote for any candidate or any non-candidate option during the first round. If there is a first-round winner, that candidate must formally accept nomination, or that candidate becomes ineligible and the voting proceeds to the second round.

After the first round of voting, candidates who have not formally indicated in writing their willingness to accept nomination and to allow their names to be placed on all state ballots shall be ineligible to receive votes in subsequent rounds.

The Election Administrator shall permit a reasonable period of time between voting rounds for states to caucus, and for candidates to withdraw. Candidates who withdraw shall not be eligible to receive votes in subsequent rounds.

Beginning with the second round, only votes cast for eligible candidates or for "No Nominee" shall count toward the threshold for nomination. Votes for ineligible candidates or any non-candidate option besides "No Nominee" shall be treated as abstentions and shall not count toward the threshold for nomination. The next whole number greater than half the number of non-abstention votes cast in each round shall be the threshold for nomination in that round.

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At the completion of the second round and all subsequent rounds, any candidate who received less than 10% of the vote in that round shall become ineligible. Should all candidates have received in excess of 10% of the vote in the previous round, the lowest vote getter from that round shall become ineligible. "No Nominee" shall remain an option through all rounds of voting.

In the case of a tie between last-place candidates receiving at least 10% of the vote, none of these last-place candidates shall become ineligible after the first such tie. If two consecutive rounds end in a tie between the same last-place candidates and the elimination of all such tied candidates would leave two or more candidates, all such candidates shall become ineligible.

If two or more consecutive rounds end in a tie between the same last-place candidates and the elimination of all such tied candidates would leave fewer than two candidates, no candidates shall become ineligible after any such round.

When an eligible candidate receives the majority of votes in a given round, the Election Administrator shall ask for an approval voice vote of the assembled delegates, after which the candidate shall be declared the presidential nominee of the Green Party of the United States.

Endorsement of candidates may only occur if the Party chooses not to nominate a presidential candidate. Candidate endorsement rules and procedures, as well as vice-presidential nomination procedures, shall remain separate from presidential nomination convention floor rules.

Resources: Implementation of this proposal will require action by the Steering Committee in appointing an Election Administrator, the Annual National Meeting Committee in facilitating AV and other logistics, and the Presidential Campaign Support Committee in preparing materials for the delegates regarding the floor rules and voting procedures.





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VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING PROCEDURES

- Adopted by the National Coordinating Committee (68-4-3)

If the 2004 GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention chooses to nominate a residential candidate, the Presidential nominee will propose a candidate for the Vice Presidential nomination to the convention delegates. The election administrator will call for a voice vote of the delegates to approve the proposed Vice Presidential nominee. If the will of the delegates is not clear from the voice vote, the election administrator will administer a roll call of the convention by state.

If the majority of delegates approve the proposed Vice Presidential nominee, the proposed Vice Presidential nominee must indicate, or have already formally indicated in writing, they will accept the Vice Presidential nomination.

If the delegates do not approve of the Vice Presidential nominee, or if the Vice presidential nominee has not indicated they will accept the nomination, the Presidential nominee will propose another candidate for approval by the convention delegates. This process shall continue until the convention delegates approve a Vice Presidential nominee.

PRESIDENTIAL ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURES

- Adopted by the National Coordinating Committee (66-6-3)

If the convention chooses not to nominate a candidate for President of the United States in the 2004 election, a presidential endorsement vote shall be held upon a motion, second, and simple majority vote to hold such an endorsement vote.

The endorsement vote shall be conducted using IRV, with "no endorsement" as one of the candidates. The ballot shall be open (a list of numbered, blank spaces), with no eligibility requirements. Exhausted ballots shall be counted as abstentions. "No endorsement" votes shall be subject to the same IRV elimination process as any other candidate.

If a candidate other than "no endorsement" wins the endorsement vote, then the Green Party of the United States endorses that candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

"NOTA" and similar designations shall be counted as "no endorsement".

