

## Georgia Green Party

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### Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting (GSU) and Nominating Convention

This document includes a Convention Summary, followed by the comprehensive minutes and several attachments: email announcement of the Convention (27Apr08) and room change (1May08); postcard mailing sample; legal notice and publisher's affidavit.

#### **Convention Summary**

As announced by the GGP website, by email announcements, by mailed postcards, and by a legal notice placed in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the GGP's 2008 Annual Meeting (GSU) and Nominating Convention assembled on Saturday, 3May08, in Room 170 of the Urban Life Building of Georgia State University (140 Decatur Street SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303). Copies of the emails, postcard, and legal notice are appended to these minutes.

Three Conveners organized the Convention (Thano Paris and Al Herman of DeKalb County and Denice Traina of Richmond County). Al Herman called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m., requested that attendees introduce themselves, requested the report of the credentialing committee, and introduced Dan Everett of Athens-Clarke County, who nomination as facilitator was approved by the Convention (Dan served until approximately 6:00 p.m.).

After hearing a summary of the Coordinating Council's activities and a Treasurer's report, the Convention reviewed statements by four candidates for the GPUS Presidential nomination. Nominations were taken for the GGP's Presidential Preference ballot, then for GGP offices and delegates from GGP to the GPUS Convention. By specific motions, the Convention empowered the CC to appoint replacement Presidential Electors, GPUS Convention Delegates, and CC members (with the stipulation that appointments to the CC increase GGP's compliance with its by-laws provision to have one-half women and one-half people of color on its CC). Although a motion to waive this by-laws provision failed to reach unanimous consent, the Convention kept its nominees to the CC on the Convention ballot, since Party rules instruct the CC to use Convention voting results to fill vacancies on the CC. Therefore, in combination with the motion allowing the CC to fill vacancies for diversity compliance, CC candidates elected by the Convention can be seated on the CC as recruits increase its diversity.

Election results of the Convention are as follows:

- In the Presidential Preference ballot, Cynthia McKinney received eleven of fourteen votes, and Kat Swift received two votes. Because Ms Swift earned one-seventh of the votes, she passed the threshold of one-eighth of the votes to earn one of Georgia's pledged delegates to the GPUS Convention. McKinney won seven delegates.
- The calculation of the ballot for the GGP's Presidential Electors (its slate for the US Electoral College) was flawed by inputting "13 seats" instead of "15 seats" as the outcome (in the Open STV software used to calculate the results). Therefore, the CC will consider the reported results as a basis from which to exercise its Convention-approved authority to appoint an additional two electors, for a total of fifteen. The results of this selection will be posted in minutes of the CC meeting in which they are decided.
- For Delegates to the National Convention, the GGP elected Hugh Esco, Al Herman, Nan Garrett, Thano Paris, Lucy Grider-Bradley, Denice Traina, Heather Mello, and Patricia Crayton. These winners are listed in the order of their threshold attainment.

- To the GGP Coordinating Council, the GGP elected Adam Shapiro and Denice Traina in the first round tabulation, Al Herman in the second round after transferring surplus votes, and Steve Carr in the third round after transferring surplus votes. The CC will have to determine whether these candidates can be seated on the Council, pending the availability of seats to meet the gender and race diversity requirements of the GGP by-laws.
- The GGP elected Al Herman to its Delegation on National Green Party Affairs (DoNGPAs) in the first round, Harry Rezzemini on the second round, and Hugh Esco on the third round. The Convention consented that the top vote-earner could decide whether to accept a one-year or two-year term, with the lesser winners receiving the alternative; a single one-year and two two-year terms to DoNGPAs will be filled pending consultation with the candidates.

This summary includes all of the major decisions by the 2008 GGP Annual Meeting and Nominating Convention. Full minutes follow below the certification signatures (which are a requirement of Georgia law for filing with the Secretary of State).

By signing below, the Secretary (Clerk) and a Co-Chair of the Georgia Green Party do certify these minutes to be the true and accurate results of the Georgia Green Party's Annual Meeting and Nominating Convevntion held 3May08, including the election of Party leadership and the documentation of the Georgia Green Party's 2008 Presidential Preference Ballot.

Adam Shapiro  
Co-Chair of the Party

Harry Rezzemini  
Secretary of the Party

*(Adam's Mark)*  
~~Sworn to and subscribed before me~~  
this \_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_ 2008

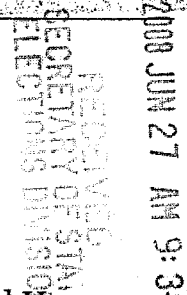
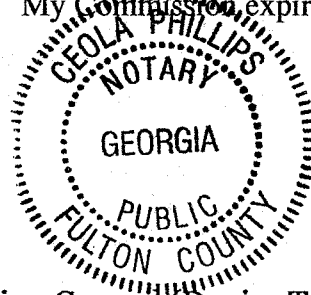
*Harry Rezzemini*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 25 Day of JUNE, 2008

*Signature Not Notarized*

*Cecelia Threlk*

Notary Public  
My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public  
My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



**Convention Minutes**

While the attendees gathered, the Quick Decision Council (Denice Traina, Al Herman, Adam Shapiro, and Harry Rezzemini) met briefly at 12:20 to approve and certify that Harry Rezzemini and Denice Traina would serve as a "Credentials Committee" for the convention.

Al Herman called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and asked all persons present to introduce themselves, in a round-robin fashion.

Al H. then requested that Harry Rezzemini present the credentials report, as summarized below: