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IAGP STATE CONVENTION - PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE BALLOT May 17, 2008

2008 Iowa Green Party state convention ballots were cast by Greens from Johnson, Linn, Black Hawk, Davis, and Lucas Counties. Mail-in ballots were also received from Scott, Black Hawk and Story Counties.

IAGP is allocated up to 8 delegates and 8 alternates to the national Green nominating convention (July 12, 2008, Chicago).

23 ballots were cast, including ballots cast at county convention held earlier in the spring; mail-in ballots; and at the state convention. For the purposes of tallying the vote, Linn County's votes, which were not cast by ballot, were considered votes cast for a single candidate. Other ranked choice ballots tallied using a scale of 7 to 0 (with 7 choices having been offered on the official ballot).

RESULTS w/ VOTES CAST at the CONVENTION and MAIL-IN BALLOTS*

McKinney - 152
Swift - 103
Johnson - 84
Mesplay - 82
Uncommitted - 7
No candidate at all - 7

RESULTS APPORTIONED TO 8 DELEGATES

McKinney - 3
Swift - 2
Johnson - 1
Mesplay - 1
Uncommitted - 1

Selected as delegates to the 2008 Green Presidential Nominating Convention are:
Wendy Barth (Linn)

Lorelei Barth Coffin (Johnson)
Ron Kinum (Johnson)
Joe Aossey (Linn)
Matt Kearny (Johnson)
Jamie Fredericksen (Johnson)

Alternates selected are:

Florence Boos (Johnson)
Bob Schultes (Linn)
Ray Meyer (Lucas)
Holly Hart (Johnson)

Hey, we have gender balance, woo hoo!

It was decided that remaining delegate slots may be filled by approval online. Votes at the convention will be cast by delegates; if a delegate is not present, by an alternate; if there are not enough dels/alts to cast 8 votes, delegate(s) at the convention will be assigned to carry a proxy vote for a specific absent delegate(s).

The convention decided to begin petitioning for our ballot line as soon as possible, with Cynthia McKinney as IAGP's Presidential Candidate and Wendy Barth serving as Vice-Presidential Placeholder. Eventually, we will need to select electors (in case we win) and a person to serve as collection point for sending petitions until we turn them into the Secretary of State (August 13 is the deadline; we would file about a week earlier, hopefully at the first possible date).

Just as an FYI, county convention results included:

POLK - 4 ballots cast
Swift - 18
Mesplay - 17
Johnson - 15
McKinney - 12
None of the Above - 7

LINN - 5 ballots cast
McKinney - 3 (21)
Johnson - 1 (7)
Uncommitted - 1 (&)

JOHNSON - 6 ballots cast
McKinney 41
Swift - 22

Johnson - 21
Mesplay - 20
Ralph Nader - 7
David McReynolds - 3

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Holly Hart
Secretary, IAGP