

# GREEN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

Bylaws of the Local for the County/Counties of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1 This organization is named \_\_\_\_\_ Greens.

Section 2 This organization exists to advance and promote the Ten Key Values of the Green Party of the United States and to function as a local chapter of the Green Party of Michigan (GP-MI)

## Article II. Membership

Membership is open to people who live in this county and are members of the GP-MI.

## Article III. Officers and Working Groups

Section 1. Officers shall be selected at the Annual general meeting held each Spring.

Section 2. If two or more members offer to hold the same office, members shall vote by secret ballot. A majority of votes is needed for election to an office. If more than two persons are on the ballot for an office, and no person receives a majority of votes, a run-off election shall be held between the top two vote getters.

Section 3. Contact Person. Per the GP-MI By-Laws, this member shall also serve as the representative of the Local to the State Central Committee (SCC) and shall be responsible for maintaining the By-laws and the minutes of meetings; reporting quarterly to the GP-MI Locals Liaison of numbers of members, structure and efforts; voting on matters coming before the SCC and communicating information from the SCC to members. The term shall be two years.

Section 4. An additional representative to the SCC shall be elected once this Local attains eleven members and may share duties of the Contact Person, as well as being an active member of the SCC; this representative shall serve alternate two-year terms from the Contact Person representative.

Section 5. Group Leader shall chair the Community Outreach Working Group, which shall propose the meetings, set the agenda, arrange speakers and organize events for meetings, and facilitate the meetings.

Section 6. Funding Coordinator shall be responsible for any group monies and shall chair the Working Group for proposals and actions for fund-raising projects and expenditures.

Section 7. Membership and Recruitment officer shall track membership and chair the Working Group in charge of recruitment of new members.

Section 7. Elections officer shall supervise the Working Group, which shall update the Local as to local and other political offices and appointed positions available, encourage

members to become candidates, conduct the Local Caucus to nominate, select and endorse candidates; research and present local issues and work with the Group Leader(s) to plan actions concerning such issues.

Section 8. Media Contact shall supervise the Working Group keeping our Local in the eyes of the public via the various traditional and social media, and be the official spokesperson for the group in response to media requests, or solicit an articulate member with greater familiarity with the subject.

#### Article IV. Other Working Groups

Other Working Groups may be formed / dissolved as decided at a business meeting.

#### Article V. Decision-making

Section 1. Decisions of the group shall be made through either a consensus of individual members attending a regularly scheduled business meeting or special meeting, or by a majority vote of the members present in the absence of a consensus.

Section 2. Officers shall make day-to-day decisions in their respective areas of responsibility and are encouraged to solicit input from members.

#### Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held monthly except for July and December. A social gathering may be held instead of a regular meeting during July and December.

Section 2. Special meetings may be held when deemed necessary by at least 2 of the officers. Notice of the special meeting shall be given to members at least 7 days prior to the special meeting.

#### Article VIII. Amendments to By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those attending a regular or special meeting after 30 days' notice has been given of the amendment to be voted upon.

#### Certification of By-Laws

These are a true and correct copy of the By-Laws adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_