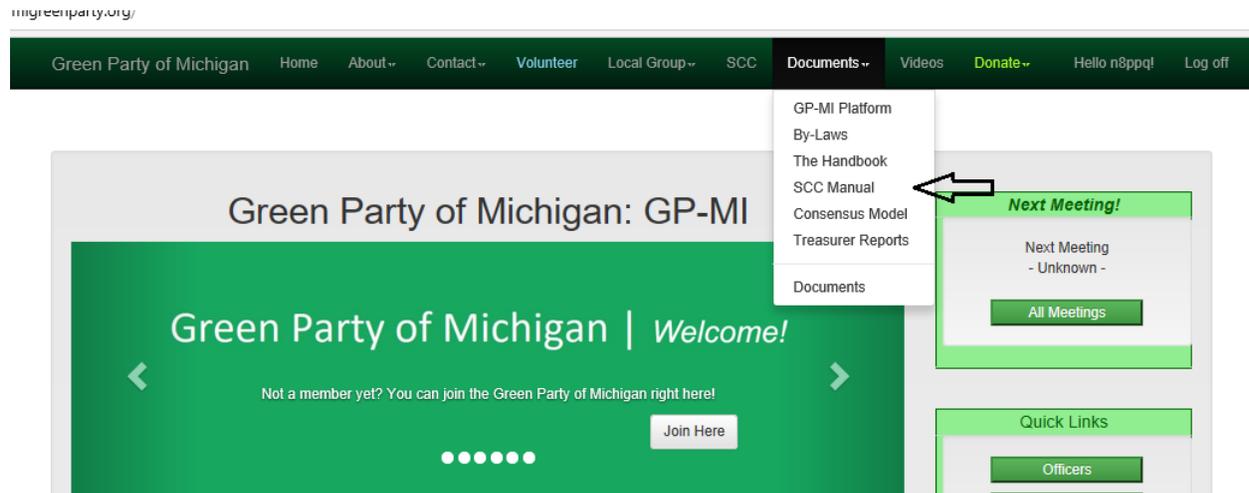


Using the Web Based SCC Feature (updated 4/16/2019)

What is a political organization without discussion and debate and decision making? These activities are vitally important to democracy. It's natural that an organization that promotes democratic principles in national, state, and local government also practices democratic principles at home, within the GP-MI.

We plan software developments that will facilitate discussion, debate, and decision making, (hereafter called D3) in many different contexts. Our current software includes a first iteration feature, which could be called a "beta version", that demonstrates D3 in a limited capacity. But the technical development process included design flexibility that allows extension to any kind of scheme, such as select one, select best three, rate all items and more.

Our first request was for a system that mimicked what is used on the "State Central Committee", (SCC) Yahoo! email group. We put that in place in October 2017, but it has not been used and thus not adequately tested. The rules for SCC participation are available to members by clicking the nav bar button for "Documents", as shown below.



There are many good reasons to replace the Yahoo! SCC email group with a resource of our own and someday, we're sure, reason will prevail. It is most likely that other D3 features will be developed for a smaller more specialized user group and that these will demonstrate the overwhelming advantages they hold over Yahoo! email.

Currently, however, we have only the beta version that can be found under the nav bar button shown below.

Green Party of Michigan | SCC Activity



Please note that this feature is currently in testing. You are encouraged to use it, but results are not official!

Instructions **New Proposal**

Title	Status	Author	Type	Start Disc	Start Voting	End Date	
Getting This Show on the Road	Approved	RW	Standard	04/04/18	04/11/18	04/18/18	
Consensus Model for the Green Party of Michigan	Approved	n8ppqA	Expedited	04/04/18	04/11/18	04/18/18	
Rules for Video Recording Green Party of Michigan Membership State Membership Meetings	Approved	RW	Standard	04/03/18	04/10/18	04/17/18	
safsdf	Approved	n8ppqElc	Expedited	04/28/18	05/05/18	05/12/18	
Stop using Yahoo	Accepted	JStraley	Expedited	02/28/19		03/04/19	

The grid shows recent proposals and their status. The button in each row will load the details of the related proposal. Members can read the details and provide comments. They can edit their own proposals unless the voting period had begun. Members can create a proposal by clicking the “New Proposal” button. Below, you see a shot of the screen used to insert or update a proposal.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposal Details

Green Party of Michigan Proposal

Michigan Recording Law

Title:

Proposal Type: Standard Expedited

Proposal Description

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Michigan Recording Law

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Michigan Wiretapping Law

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Michigan law also makes it a crime to "install, place, or use in any private place, without the consent of the person or persons entitled to privacy in that place, any device for observing, recording, transmitting, photographing, or eavesdropping upon the sounds or events in that place." [Mich. Comp. Laws § 750.539d](#). The law defines a "private place" as a place where a person "may reasonably expect to be safe from casual or hostile intrusion or surveillance but does not include a place to which the public or substantial group of the public has access." [Mich. Comp. Laws § 750.539e](#). You should always avoid these kinds of surveillance tactics.

Michigan law also prohibits you from "us[ing] or divulg[ing] any information which [you] know[] or reasonably should know was obtained in violation of the other wiretapping laws." [Mich. Comp. Laws § 750.539e](#). To the extent this statute forbids you from publishing truthful information on a matter of public concern provided to you by a third-party (when you had

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Save Preview Return to List

Nobody but the owning member can see the proposal before it is published.

When the member is satisfied, clicking the “Preview” button loads the screen below. This page lets the member know what the Proposal will look like to others once it’s published.

The screenshot shows a web interface for a proposal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Green Party of Michigan, Home, About, Contact, Join, Proposals, Hello n8ppq!, and Log of. Below the navigation bar, there are buttons for 'Expedited', 'Draft', 'Edit', 'Publish', 'Discussion', and 'Return to List'. The main content area is titled 'Michigan Recording Law' and includes a note: 'Note: This page covers information specific to Michigan. For general information concerning the use of recording devices see the Recording Phone Calls, Conversations, Meetings and Hearings section of this guide.' Below the note is a section titled 'Michigan Wiretapping Law' with several paragraphs of text discussing Michigan law regarding eavesdropping and wiretapping. The text includes references to Michigan Comp. Laws § 750.539c and § 750.539d, and a case citation: Bartnicki v. Vopper, 532 U.S. 514 (2001). The proposal author is listed as n8ppq.

From here, the member can return to Editing the proposal or Publish it to the website. This screen also has a button to load related discussions if they exist.

Following the SCC Manual rules, the proposal is “Pending” until it receives support from two other GP-MI members

Green Party of Michigan | Proposals

Instructions New Proposal

Title	Status	Author	Type	Start Disc	Start Voting	End Date
Michigan Recording Law	Pending	n8ppq	Expedited			
We need one guy to make more members	Draft	n8ppqElc	Expedited			

Other members will see the screen below after clicking on the row button. From here, they can add to the discussions or click to Support the proposal.

[Expedited](#) [Pending](#)

This Proposal Needs Two Supporters To Proceed:

[Discussion](#)[Return to List](#)[Support](#)

Michigan Recording Law

Proposal Author: n8ppq

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Proposals that are entered as "Expedited" and supported adequately will be automatically approved after a prescribed time unless a member enters an objection. In that case, the proposal changes from "Expedited" to "Standard" type, the time period is extended, and discussion ensues towards a final vote.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposals

[Instructions](#)[New Proposal](#)

Title	Status	Author	Type	Start Disc	Start Voting	End Date
snorkle dive	Draft	n8ppqA	Expedited			
Rules of the Road	Draft	n8ppqA	Standard			
Michigan Recording Law	Discussion	n8ppq	Expedited	10/07/17		

Below, you see the button that the proposal author can use to change the proposal to "Standard" type.

[Expedited](#)[Discussion](#)[Change from Expedited to Standard](#)[Discussion](#)[Return to List](#)

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Other members change the Proposal type from Expedited to Standard by registering a blocking concern in the Discussion area. That is being done in the screen below.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposal Discussion Detail

n8ppqA [Save](#) [Return to List](#)

Blocking Not Blocking

this is a long comment

that really doesn't say

much

but

it's Long

The results are presented to the author in the screen below. You can see that the proposal type is now "Standard" and that we are in the "Discussion" stage.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Green Party of Michigan website with links for Home, About, Contact, Join, and Proposals. The user is logged in as 'n8ppq'. The proposal is titled 'Michigan Recording Law' and is in the 'Discussion' stage. The proposal text includes a note about Michigan-specific information and a section titled 'Michigan Wiretapping Law' which discusses the legality of recording conversations without consent.

Clicking the "Discussion" button loads the screen below. Discussion items are compacted to save space.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposal Discussion

Time remaining for discussion: 06 days 23:45:09

Michigan Recording Law		Author: n8ppq		New Comment	Return to Proposals
Blocking	Name	Date	Comment		
True	n8ppqA	10/07/17	this is a long comment		
True	n8ppqEic	10/07/17	You suck!		
True	n8ppq	10/07/17	I would like you to know one thing		Edit

Clicking on a grid cell will expand it to show the details, as seen below.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposal Discussion

Time remaining for discussion: 06 days 23:43:53

Michigan Recording Law
Author: n8ppq

New Comment
Return to Proposals

Blocking	Name	Date	Comment
True	n8ppqA	10/07/17	this is a long comment
True	n8ppqElc	10/07/17	You suck! I think you really did it this time. I have never loved you! You smell like a pig!
True	n8ppq	10/07/17	I would like you to know one thing

Edit

Members can edit their own discussion items.

The grid that shows all proposals is color coded to help identify the stage the proposals are in. The one below is now in the Discussion stage.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposals

Instructions
New Proposal

Title	Status	Author	Type	Start Disc	Start Voting	End Date
Michigan Recording Law	Discussion	n8ppq	Standard	10/07/17	10/14/17	10/21/17
Second Proposal	Draft	n8ppq	Expedited			

After the time specified in the SCC Manual, the proposal stage changes from Discussion to Voting, as seen below.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposals

Instructions
New Proposal

Title	Status	Author	Type	Start Disc	Start Voting	End Date
Michigan Recording Law	Voting	n8ppq	Standard	09/29/17	10/06/17	10/13/17
Second Proposal	Draft	n8ppq	Expedited			

Each member can vote once on proposals. However, we allow members to change their votes up until time runs out.

Below you can see that we have only three choices: Accept, Deny, or Abstain.

Accept Deny Abstain

Save

Discussion

Return to List

Michigan Recording Law

Proposal Author: n8ppq

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When any proposals are in the "Voting" stage, the nav bar button that says "Proposals" lights up, alerting everyone that action is needed.

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Green Party of Michigan

Home

About

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Membership

Proposals

Hello n8ppqA!

Log off

Green Party of Michigan | Site Admin

Clicking on the highlighted Proposals button loads the proposals grid. You can tell at a glance which proposals are being voted on.

You can also see the results of a proposal that was Accepted, either by vote, or by timing out without receiving any objections. Accepted proposals are available to view, but they can no longer be updated or commented on.

Green Party of Michigan | Proposals

Instructions

New Proposal

Title	Status	Author	Type	Start Disc	Start Voting	End Date	
Michigan Recording Law	Voting	n8ppq	Standard	09/29/17	10/06/17	10/13/17	
Second Proposal	Accepted	n8ppq	Standard	09/14/17		09/21/17	
snorkle dive	Draft	n8ppqA	Expedited				
Rules of the Road	Draft	n8ppqA	Standard				

Proposals that are Rejected have a color code of their own, as seen below.

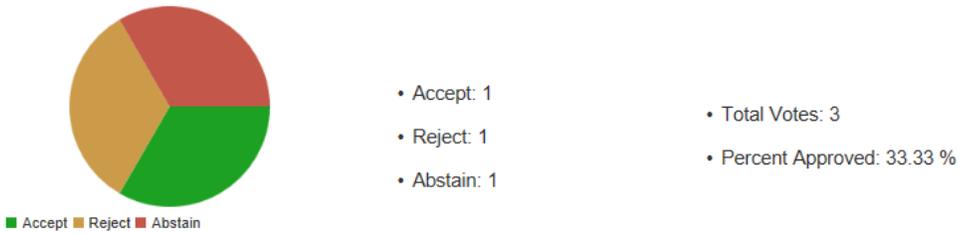
Green Party of Michigan | Proposals

[Instructions](#) [New Proposal](#)

Title	Status	Author	Type	Start Disc	Start Voting	End Date	
Michigan Recording Law	Rejected	n8ppq	Standard	09/02/17	10/06/17	10/13/17	
Second Proposal	Accepted	n8ppq	Standard	09/14/17		09/21/17	
We need one guy to make more members	Draft	n8ppqElc	Expedited				

Clicking on the row button shows the details.

You can see that the proposal failed because it did not receive more than 50% of the votes.



Rejected

[Return to List](#)

Michigan Recording Law Proposal Author: n8ppq

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Our current web-based SCC feature does not restrict participation like the Yahoo! email group does.

It also does not require a quorum. These rules can be easily incorporated into the system if needed. Alternatively, there may be a time when neither is required.

Please consider testing the SCC feature. Let us know how we can improve it!

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