Plan: Polling of GPMI Membership & Selection/Instruction of National Convention Delegates for 2020 framework adopted at Statewide Membership Meeting (SMM) 2020-03-07: Elections Co-ordinator authorized to finalize and file the plan by the 2020-03-11 deadline, and implement it with the State Central Committee

For 2020, GPMI shall poll its members on their Presidential preferences, and select delegates to attend the GP-US Presidential Nominating Convention and instruct them on how to vote, as follows:

* All known active candidates for the GP-US Presidential nomination were invited to attend (in person or electronically) the March 7 SMM and the state convention June 20, and send representatives or information.

* As soon as possible, the following materials shall be provided to each member via at least one e-mail or hard-copy mail, put into an online poll, and posted on a dedicated page at the GPMI Website:
  - A ballot with all of the known candidates plus spaces for votes of Uncommitted, None of the Above, No Nominee, and write-ins . . . as well as for information to verify that the ballot is from the member.
  - Instructions on how to cast a vote Instant Runoff Voting (IRV; also called Ranked Choice Voting or RCV) style on the ballot; how to confirm one's GPMI membership at least 30 days before the state convention (as a requirement for the ballot to count in the poll); and how to get the completed ballot to the Polling Committee by the voting deadline of noon on the day of the state convention.
  - Information on Websites, social media, and e-mail addresses or contact form pages for each of those candidates, along with links to their responses to the GP-US candidate vetting questionnaire.
  - An invitation to volunteer to be a delegate or alternate to the GP-US Presidential Nominating Convention, stating the requirements and the process (see below) and giving available information about the convention.

* The Polling Committee shall be made up of the Elections Co-ordinator, the Membership Manager, and one other GPMI member selected by the SCC before the state convention. Each Committee member is authorized to receive poll ballots from members by mail (via the GPMI mailbox or the Committee member's home address), by hand, or electronically; to confirm that membership was current on the date the member's ballot was received; to count the latest ballot received by the voting deadline stated above from a confirmed GPMI member (if more than one ballot identified as that member's is received); and to report the results as soon as possible after the voting deadline.

* The requirements for serving as a GPMI delegate (or alternate) to the GP-US Nominating Convention are:
  - Be a GPMI member in good standing 30 days before the date on which they are selected.
  - Commit to helping GPMI have a full delegation present at voting sessions of the GP-US convention.
  - Provide full contact information and other information useful for tracking diversity of the delegation and/or required by GP-US for its accreditation process.

Delegate-candidates should be prepared to tell the SCC, and say at the state convention, which candidate[s] or other options they personally support – and whether they are willing to serve only as delegates, only as alternates, or in either capacity. Alternates shall be empowered to vote when not enough delegates can do so.

* Selection of GPMI state-party delegates and alternates to the GP-US Nominating Convention shall be done by the SCC – with adjustments if necessary at the state convention. The SCC is authorized to fill any vacancies, as is the state convention. GPMI values diversity – of gender, ethnicity, geography, age, and more. We seek a diverse delegation representing Michigan and GPMI, and will work to reduce barriers to attendance.

* IRV/RCV-style poll ballots will be counted using IRV/RCV; approval voting, with every candidate or option not left blank counting as approved; and "normal" first-choice-only voting. The Polling Committee will report the number and percentage of first-choice votes for each candidate or option, as well as the other counts. A final report on the pool results and instructions to the delegation shall be made at the state convention – or if tallying cannot be completed before the end of the convention, then as soon afterward as possible.

* GPMI commits its delegation to the national convention to vote in the first round to match the proportion of first-choice votes in the poll. GPMI will also continue its practice of providing IRV and approval-style results to the delegation, to guide their personal consciences for deciding on votes in any further rounds of voting.

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