

## Delegate Selection Procedure

The Green Party of Minnesota's procedure for selecting delegates to the 2008 national convention from the state convention is as follows:

### **Part I: Determine Numbers of Delegates**

A. We will first collect all ballots, from delegates to the state convention and from those who mailed them to the office, and from those who turned them in at local caucuses.

B. Any candidates or options that do not meet the quota will be eliminated as though it were instant-runoff. The quota  $Q$  in this case is:  $Q = (\# \text{ of votes}) / (\# \text{ of MN delegates})$ . *(Technically, this is the Hare quota.)* As per instant runoff, the lowest ranked candidate or option will be eliminated first, then those votes will be re-applied as per their rankings, until no candidate or choice has less than  $Q$  votes. Ties for lowest rank will be broken by random selection. *(For example, by coin flip, die roll or drawing lots.)*

C. Number of delegates will be awarded based on the largest remainder method. Again, ties will be broken by random selection.

*(This method, in a nutshell is: If we take each candidate or option's votes, and divide by the quota amount, each candidate or option will mathematically receive some integer number and some fractional number of delegates. Each candidate or option automatically receives the integer number of delegates. This will leave some delegates unallocated. Remaining delegates are then allocated to candidates with the largest fractional remainders.)*

D. Any votes for candidates who have removed themselves from consideration or have not yet declared they are seeking Green Party nomination at the time of counting shall be assigned to the voter's next choice, according to their ballot.

### **Part II: Factions Select Specific Delegates**

Each delegate at the state convention will then be apprised of which candidate or option their vote counted towards. State delegates will then group themselves based on that. National delegates will then be selected from within these groups. To elect specific national delegates, the groups may use any method on which they can reach consensus. If the groups cannot reach consensus, they will use IRV to elect specific national delegates. The delegate selection committee will have information and volunteers to help with conducting multiple-seat IRV elections.