

## TERMS

**presidential preference:** method of determining the will of the state by polling the state membership regarding preferences for president. The Green Party has 6 state-run primaries (Illinois, California, Massachusetts, Washington D.C., West Virginia and Arkansas). Other states send mail ballots to their membership. Some states use a system of local caucuses.

**delegate selection:** method of selecting delegates to represent the will of the state

**delegate instruction:** method of instructing and binding delegates to the will of the state

**rules:** state rules (party rules or state law) for determining presidential preference, delegate selection and delegate instruction

**convention:** statewide meeting for presidential preference balloting, selection or instruction of delegates or some combination of the three.

**caucus:** in some states, local meetings where presidential preference votes are cast

**balloting** – generic term used to refer to caucus votes, mail ballots or convention votes, particularly if method is unknown

## Green Party Dates and Deadlines for GPUS Presidential Convention

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| August 7, 2007  | petitioning starts in Illinois for getting on Illinois primary ballot                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| August 25       | Massachusetts Green Rainbow Party state meeting in Boston                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| September 8 & 9 | California state meeting in Riverside – deadline for inclusion in California primary as “selected” candidate (no petitioning)                                                                                                                            |
| October 8       | publication deadline for California to change its selected candidates                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| October 13 & 14 | Illinois state meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| October 24      | date to start petitioning California Greens (need ~1400) to get on Green primary ballot if not added as “selected candidate” by GPCA                                                                                                                     |
| November 3      | deadline for Arizona collecting all its ballot access signatures if it wants a Feb 5 primary [did not happen]                                                                                                                                            |
| November 5      | deadline for 3000-5000 signatures from registered voters in Illinois and Statement of Candidacy to Illinois Board of Elections to get on Illinois primary ballot                                                                                         |
| November 17     | Mass. state meeting to decide who to put on primary ballot.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| November 19     | deadline for inclusion on Arkansas primary ballot                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| November 23     | deadline for petition signatures to get on California primary ballot if not a selected candidate                                                                                                                                                         |
| November 29     | deadline for “selected candidates” to opt out of being on California primary ballot (if they don’t want to be included)                                                                                                                                  |
| December 7      | (published) deadline to submit California delegate slate to GPCA Delegate Selection Committee, see <a href="http://cagreens.org/bylaws/proposals/pres_nom_delegates_ADOPTED.pdf">http://cagreens.org/bylaws/proposals/pres_nom_delegates_ADOPTED.pdf</a> |
| December 14     | Declaration of Candidacy and about 50 Green Party signatures required for participation in District of Columbia primary                                                                                                                                  |
| December 21     | deadline for 2500 signatures of Green or independent voters for participation in Massachusetts primary (unless submitted by state co-chairs Jan 4; see November 17 state meeting)                                                                        |
| December 31     | deadline for draft candidates to file with FEC to maintain official draft candidate status with the GPUS                                                                                                                                                 |
| January 2, 2008 | deadline to submit statement to be included in Texas balloting                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Jan 4           | deadline for Massachusetts state co-chairs to submit list of candidates for primary ballot (alternative to petitioning requirement)                                                                                                                      |
| Jan 5           | Minnesota forum & state meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Jan 13          | San Francisco, CA debate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Jan 15                              | deadline (original) to declare as a Green for inclusion on Wisconsin balloting                                                                                                                                                  |
| Jan 18                              | Long Island, New York forum<br>contact: "Kimberly Wilder" <peacesmiths@yahoo.com>, Ian Wilder <wmblake7@yahoo.com>                                                                                                              |
| Jan 19-20?                          | Jackson, Michigan forum<br>contact: "Matthew Abel" <attorneyabel@riseup.net>, Fred Vitale, Julia Aires                                                                                                                          |
| Jan 20                              | extended deadline to declare as a Green for inclusion on Wisconsin mail ballot (see 2/12 extension)                                                                                                                             |
| Jan 22                              | first extended deadline for California delegate submission (see 2/1 extension)                                                                                                                                                  |
| Jan 26-27?                          | Jackson, Michigan forum<br>contact: "Matthew Abel" <attorneyabel@riseup.net>, Fred Vitale, Julia Aires                                                                                                                          |
| Feb 1-3                             | Pennsylvania state meeting (NOT a deadline)                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Feb 1                               | second extended deadline for California delegate submission                                                                                                                                                                     |
| sometime Feb (15?) - Mar 1          | Florida mail ballot period (deadline for ballot was 2/1, but has been delayed due to logistical probs – possibly to Feb 15)                                                                                                     |
| Feb 2                               | 10 AM: Northern Virginia forum<br>contact: "Tamar Yager" <greenyager@gmail.com>, Julia Aires, Tom Yager)<br>afternoon: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania forum<br>contact: "Hillary Aisenstein" <hillarya@pobox.upenn.edu>, Julia Aires) |
| Feb 3                               | Massachusetts forum<br>contact: Elie Yarden, Tom Yager)                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Feb 3 or 4:                         | New Jersey forum<br>contact: George DeCarlo geodecarlo@yahoo.com, Liz Arnone                                                                                                                                                    |
| February __?                        | Desert Greens (Utah) meeting to decide rules                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Feb 5                               | California primary<br>Illinois primary<br>Arkansas primary<br>Massachusetts primary (was March 4)                                                                                                                               |
| February 9                          | New York state meeting to decide rules                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| February 12                         | District of Columbia primary<br>West Virginia primary                                                                                                                                                                           |
| February 12                         | proposed extended deadline for declaration for inclusion on Wisconsin mail ballot                                                                                                                                               |
| Feb 13                              | ballot access petitioning starts in Pennsylvania                                                                                                                                                                                |
| February 15 – Mar 13                | mail ballot period for Wisconsin                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Feb 24                              | Indiana state CC meeting to determine rules                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Late February/early March           | Houston, Texas forum<br>contact: Christine Morshedi <cmorshedi@gmail.com>                                                                                                                                                       |
| sometime in Spring                  | Rhode Island convention – presidential preference, delegate selection & instruction                                                                                                                                             |
| sometime in March or early April    | New Jersey convention (balloting before this? – window?)                                                                                                                                                                        |
| sometime in March or April          | Ohio convention (balloting before this? – window?)                                                                                                                                                                              |
| sometime in March - May, up to 5/15 | South Carolina convention (balloting before this? – window?)                                                                                                                                                                    |
| late Feb/early Mar                  | ballots go out in Wisconsin (until state meeting March 29)                                                                                                                                                                      |
| March 5                             | Minnesota caucus – voting allowed from now until early June convention                                                                                                                                                          |

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| March? [tentative]                                                        | Palm Beach, Florida forum<br>contact: Barbara Rodgers-Hendricks                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Mid-March                                                                 | Albuquerque, New Mexico forum<br>contact: "Rick Lass" <ricklass@newmexico.com>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Mar 13                                                                    | deadline to send in mail ballots in Wisconsin                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Mar 15                                                                    | Wisconsin convention                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| sometime in late March, April or May                                      | Florida convention                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| sometime in late March through June 7                                     | Georgia convention (balloting before this? – window?)                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| March 29<br>~ early April                                                 | Wisconsin state meeting – end of balloting, selection of convention delegates<br>PA mailing goes out to 5,000 “super-voters” (out of 15,000 members) – including invitation to caucus, profiles of candidates, list of caucuses, blurb on how to caucus |
| April 1                                                                   | balloting begins in New York – by regions (proposed mail ballot to membership)                                                                                                                                                                          |
| April 5 & 6                                                               | California state meeting in Berkeley (not a convention)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| sometime in April                                                         | mail ballot to membership – voting period in Washington state                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| sometime in April                                                         | West Virginia convention                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10 day period, late April, early May<br>(get schedule from H. Aisenstein) | Pennsylvania caucuses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| April 12                                                                  | proposed forum date for New York                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| sometime in Spring                                                        | Washington state meeting – after mail ballot in April?                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| up to April 26                                                            | North Carolina listserv polling for presidential preference                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| sometime in May                                                           | Arizona convention – delegate instruction (balloting before this? – window?)                                                                                                                                                                            |
| prob May 17                                                               | Delaware convention – presidential preference, delegate selection & instruction                                                                                                                                                                         |
| sometime in May                                                           | Tennessee convention (balloting before this? – window?)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| sometime in May or June                                                   | Montana convention (balloting before this? – window?)                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| May 10                                                                    | North Carolina convention in Pittsboro                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| May 12                                                                    | deadline to file Certificate of Declaration with WV SoS in order to be on November ballot                                                                                                                                                               |
| May 17                                                                    | Mississippi congressional district conventions and state convention in Jackson.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| mid-May                                                                   | Oregon primary (internal party balloting – method unknown)                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| sometime in June                                                          | Oregon convention –delegate selection                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| June 7 or 8?                                                              | Minnesota state convention -- deadline Minnesota balloting (from caucuses)                                                                                                                                                                              |
| June 14                                                                   | Texas state convention                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| June 30                                                                   | noon deadline for 32,742 petition signatures in Indiana (ballot access for president) to be submitted to the county clerk's offices is                                                                                                                  |
| July 2 & 3                                                                | noon period for filing for write-in candidacy in Indiana                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| July 10 to 13                                                             | GPUS National Convention in Chicago (see www.greenconvention2008.com)                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| July 15                                                                   | deadline for petition of nomination in Indiana                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Aug 1                                                                     | WV certificate of nomination due to the SoS                                                                                                                                                                                                             |