

Delegate Credentials Application for GPUS 2020 Nominating Convention – Green Party of Michigan

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Here is GPMI's re-finalized application for credentials for its 2020 GPUS nominating convention delegation, as of the date given below. This is updated from version 2, based on CredCom's demand for more documentation of our selection process since that version was submitted on June 23. GPMI held its state nominating convention June 20, and approved the delegation selected by our State Central Committee; follow-up work then identified delegates and alternates, and both those steps are reported on in more formal detail here.


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(1) Please provide the contact and background information required in Convention Rules 4-2.4 for each delegate and/or alternate, and place it in the Delegate Contact Information Spreadsheet: SAME as 06-23

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| a. Name | d. Year of Birth | g. Email (if available) |
| b. Residential address | e. Phone (if available) | h. Political Party with which they are registered/enrolled to vote (in states where this is possible) |
| c. State (two letter abbreviation) | f. Fax (if available) | |

A preliminary invitation was sent out to the members of GPMI on April 12 encouraging them to apply to serve in our delegation. A final invitation was sent May 1, as part of the notice for our June 20 state nominating convention – so consideration by our State Central Committee (SCC) ran from May 31 to June 19. SCC's voted selections were approved at the state convention – so we now have a full delegation to report to the Credentials Committee, including sub-lists of delegates and alternates and identification of our state reporter.

(Please note that Michigan does not have voter registration by party, so item 1h is not applicable.)

(2) Please answer question #2 below yes or no: SAME as 04-13 & 06-23

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| a. Is your state party an accredited member state Green Party of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS)?
If not, has your party submitted an application to the Accreditation Committee, which demonstrates its eligibility for membership? | Yes. |
| b. Is your caucus accredited and eligible for representation on the National Committee of the GPUS?
If not, is it planning on doing so before the Presidential Nominating Convention? | (n/a) |

For questions #3 - #5, please attach either an .rtf or .pdf document and/or web link to the appropriate document in your email response, and a hard copy included in your postal mail response.

(3) Please provide copies of all portions of your state's election law, which are relevant to the selection of delegates to a national convention, whether by primary, caucus, or petitions for national candidates. SAME as 04-13 & 06-23

Michigan's full Election Code is at: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-116-of-1954>

**MCL 168.613a Statewide presidential primary election: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-168-613a>
time; limitation on participation; conduct.**

(1) A statewide presidential primary election shall be conducted under this act on the second Tuesday in March in each presidential election year. [NOTE: This is the only change in relevant statutes since 2012, when the primary was the fourth Tuesday in February.]

(2) A political party that received 5% or less of the total vote cast nationwide for the office of president in the last presidential election shall not participate in the presidential primary election.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in sections 614a to 616a, 624g, 759a, 759c, and 879a, the statewide presidential primary election shall be conducted under the provisions of this act that govern the conduct of general primary elections.

MCL 168.618 Allocation of delegates to national convention;
qualifications of delegates; selection procedures.

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-168-618>

The allocation of all delegates and alternates to a national convention shall be made by the state central committee of each party. All delegates shall be registered electors of this state. Delegates elected from congressional districts shall be registered electors of those districts. All national convention delegates shall be chosen according to procedures and any other qualifications as may be established by the state central committee of that political party. The procedures and qualifications may include, but are not necessarily limited to guarantees that discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, or economic status does not occur.

MCL 168.620a Law applicable to selection of delegates:
state or national political party rule.

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-168-620a>

For purposes of this act, a state political party shall follow state law pertaining to the selection of delegates if required to follow state law by a state or national political party rule. If there is no such state or national political party rule, a requirement of this act pertaining to the selection of delegates applicable after the election of delegates to the county convention shall not apply to a political party if that requirement conflicts with a rule of that political party.

MCL 168.686 State convention; canvass of returns;
certification of nominees; presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-168-686>

Within 24 hours after the conclusion of the state convention before a general election, the state central committee of each political party shall canvass the proceedings of the convention and determine the nominees of the convention. Not more than 1 business day after the state convention, the chairperson and secretary of the state central committee shall forward to the secretary of state, a typewritten or printed list of the names and residence, including the street address if known, of all candidates nominated at the state convention. In each presidential election year, the state central committee of each political party shall, not more than 1 business day after the state convention or the national convention of that party, whichever is later, forward to the secretary of state the typewritten or printed names of the candidates of that party for the offices of president of the United States and vice-president of the United States certified to by the chairperson and secretary of the committees. A party is not required to certify nominations made at an official primary election. The secretary of state shall forward a copy of a list received under this section to the board of election commissioners of each county, in care of the county clerk at the county seat.

- (4) Please provide the policy of your state party/caucus regarding support for the Presidential State nominated at the Presidential Nominating Convention, specifically: abridged question text UPDATED from 06-23**
a.-d. (OMITTED for purposes of saving space; these options do not describe any policy of GPMI, so option e below applies)
e. If there is no current policy on these subjects, the application shall state that the state Green Party has not adopted a policy on these subjects.

GPMI has no formal, explicit, ongoing policy which fits these categories. However, GPMI has in fact put a Green Party ticket on the Michigan ballot every Presidential year since 2000, when it gained ballot access. In 2004, GPMI voted to make sure that a ticket could be put on the Michigan ballot even if GPUS did not nominate one – and empowered its delegation to vote to pick that ticket if needed.

- (5) Please include a copy of the approved minutes of your state convention, or other body authorized to name the delegation, which documents the delegates' selection. If approved minutes are not available, the Application shall include other documentation of the delegates' selection. UPDATE from 06-23**

Our delegate plan (submitted on the due date of March 11, 120 days before the PNC begins) empowered our State Central Committee (SCC) to select delegates (and alternates as available and approved) before the state convention June 20. As noted under (1) above, a preliminary invitation was sent out to all GPMI members on April 12, and a final invitation on May 1; we took applications for 30 days (until May 31) before beginning to review and consider applications June 1-12 and voting on them June 13-19. The convention ratified the SCC vote on June 20, and a working group followed up on June 21 to identify delegates and alternates, considering both the raw vote of the SCC and the need for diversity in representation of both GPMI members and citizens of Michigan.

We were able to fill all of GPMI's allocated delegate and alternate seats, and no vacancies exist as of this writing. Formal approved minutes of the convention will not be available until September, but partial minutes signed by convention secretary Daniel Martin-Mills and a report on the working group meeting by its chair Rita Jacobs document the selection; changes before the PNC will be reported.

For Question #6 please attach a scanned copy or other electronic image of your signed document in your email response, and a signed hard copy in your postal mail response.

6) Please submit a letter bearing the signature of your state party or caucus officers certifying the authenticity of the minutes. By signing this application, your state or caucus officers certify that the delegates included in the minutes are the duly chosen delegates to the convention as provided for in the rules of the caucus or state Green Party. **SAME as 06-23**

John Anthony La Pietra, signer of this document, is both a GPMI state party officer (Elections Co-ordinator) and a practicing attorney admitted to the State Bar of Michigan. Committee Manager Rita Jacobs is likewise also a SBM-barred attorney. GPMI trusts that the signatures of one or both of these officers on this, as on all previous versions of the application, are adequate certification. As in previous years, we note that there has never been any controversy over who is authorized to represent GPMI at any previous GPUS Presidential nominating convention, and none is expected this year either.

(7) What paperwork do you need to submit to your Secretary of State (or other Government Agency) to ensure that the presidential and vice-presidential nominees will be on your ballot line?

Often this paperwork needs to be signed by the nominees themselves and/or by a representative of the national party.

Please contact Holly Hart of the Ballot Access Committee – <hhart11@gmail.com> –

with any questions you have about what documentation is required.

SAME as 06-23

As shown above, MCL 168.686 says the chair and secretary of GPMI's State Central Committee need to certify our Presidential ticket to the Secretary of State – effectively, the Bureau of Elections – the business day after either the national or state convention, whichever is later. (As of this date, that certification will be due to be filed by **Monday, July 13**, since the Bureau is now open for filings every business day – at least by appointment.)

Note that the statute **does not** require either the two candidates or any GPUS official to sign anything to put the ticket on the Michigan ballot. However, GPMI ***does*** need to get the residential street addresses (not PO boxes) of both candidates on the ticket – and their names as they want them to appear on the ballot – and we need that information no later than the end of the GPUS convention, so we can include it in the Certification of Nomination which must be signed by the party chair and secretary and turned in to the Bureau of Elections the Monday after the election.

(On another note, MCL 168.42 requires us to certify our list of Presidential **electors** to the Bureau of Elections the day after our **state** convention ends. But that has been done before the GPUS convention, and it too required no information or assistance from GPUS.)



John Anthony La Pietra, Elections Co-ordinator, GPMI

Minutes from GPMI Nominating Convention regarding the Selection of Delegates for the PNC

Discussion regarding the selection of delegates: The Elections Coordinator explained that the SCC was required to select the delegates and alternates for the Presidential Nominating Committee (PNC), but did not reach quorum within the time allotted for voting. However, there were four ballots received on the final day of voting after the noon cut-off. If those votes are included, it would constitute a quorum of the SCC.

Lou Novak moved to have the convention attendees approve the inclusion of the four ballots received after the cutoff so the votes would constitute a quorum of the SCC, and be used to select the delegates to the PNC. His motion was supported by Robin Laurain, Rita Jacobs, and Tom Mair. The motion passed by consensus. Rita Jacobs, Committee Manager, requested volunteers to meet with her the following day to make the final selection of the delegates and alternates based on the voting results from the SCC. Jim Becklund and Frank Foster, Jr. volunteered. The voting results of the SCC were uploaded to the ZOOM chat. A discussion was held about the reporter for the delegation. John Anthony La Pietra received the most votes, and said he did not want to serve as a reporter, and suggested that a woman should do that. The woman on the list of delegates who had the most votes was Amy Slepr, but she had left the meeting. No further action on it was taken during the convention.


Daniel B. Martin-Mills
Secretary

Report of the Final Delegate Selection Working Group for GPMI

During the State Nominating Convention, convention delegates were invited to take part in a special meeting the following day to make a final selection of delegates and alternates to the PNC based on the votes of the members of the State Central Committee.

The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 2020 via the Green Party of Michigan ZOOM account. Present at the meeting were: Rita Jacobs, Committee Manager of GPM: Jim Becklund, Chair of the GPMI State Nominating Convention of June 20, 2020; and Frank Foster, Jr. a delegate to the GPMI State Nominating Convention from Genesee County.

We reviewed the applications submitted by Green Party members for delegate and alternate delegate positions. We agreed to select the delegates according to the voting that was done by the GPMI State Central Committee. The basic order of SCC voting results was preserved, with the top 15 vote-getters selected as delegates and the next 15 as alternates. We broke ties at the dividing lines in favor of improving the gender balance of the delegation. Our selections agree with the final delegate list on the GPMI application for delegate credentialing.

I certify that the delegate selection was done in accordance with the GPMI convention rules and plan for selection of delegates, and the delegate selection in the application for credentialing is a correct list of the selected delegates and alternates.

Date: June 26, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Jacobs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rita Jacobs, Committee Manager, Green Party of Michigan

Green Party of Michigan		FINAL – 2020/6/21, after state convention 6/20				
GPUS Convention Delegation						
First Name of Delegate	Last Name of Delegate	Residential Address	City	ST	Phone	Fax
<i>Amanda</i>	<i>Slepr</i>	2903 S Meadowlark Dr	Mount Pleasant (48858)	MI	9895763175	[n/a]
Jim	Becklund	3279 Hitching Post Rd Apt. 52	DeWitt (48820)	MI	517 669 3020	[n/a]
Victoria	Bowman	4135 Willow Dr NE	Grand Rapids (49525)	MI	8105166135	[n/a]
Matt	Crehan	748 Jackson St. Apt. 2	Grand Rapids (49504)	MI	616-438-2700	[n/a]
Jean-Michel	Creviere	2951 RILEY RIDGE RD	Holland (49424)	MI	616-283-0095	[n/a]
Darryl	Gibson	14943 Kelly St.	Spring Lake (49456)	MI	231-683-5573	[n/a]
John Anthony	La Pietra	611 N Linden St	Marshall (49068)	MI	269-781-9478	[n/a]
Robin	Laurain	4106 Bridgeport Street	Lansing (48911)	MI	517-408-0027	[n/a]
Tom	Mair	612 Fifth St	Traverse City (49684)	MI	231 392 6121	[n/a]
Jessica	McCallie-Arquette	7408 Hungerford Lake Drive	Big Rapids (49307)	[MI]	231 408 6045	[n/a]
Lou	Novak	3926 Clippert St.	Dearborn Heights (48125)	MI	313-623-4709	[n/a]
Beau	Perry	1781 Wordsworth St	Ferndale (48220)	MI	6073425958	[n/a]
Dawn	Weeks	3443 E. Pierson Rd	Flint (48506)	MI	8109560405	[n/a]
Noorzana	Yasmin	23548 Eureka Ave	Warren (48091)	MI	586-765-9425	[n/a]
Michael	Zubas	322 North Ave, Apartment 1	Mount Clemens (48043)	MI	5863216476	[n/a]
Kathryn (Marie)	Beebe	802 Florida Ave	Port Huron (48060)	MI	8103344520	[n/a]

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First Name of Delegate	Last Name of Delegate	Residential Address	City	ST	Phone	Fax
David	Cabler	521 Holland Avenue	Port Huron (48064)	MI	8102945016 (but prefers e-mail)	[n/a]
Frank	Foster Jr.	3443 E Pierson Rd	Flint (48506)	MI	810 893 0405	[n/a]
Ariana	Gronow	4370 Kimberly Lane	Waterford (48329)	MI	2488810810	[n/a]
Kailyn	Kobetic	5729 142nd Ave	Holland (49423)	MI	9897177842	[n/a]
Tyler	Kolbe	5606 Coonhill Rd	Pleasant Lake (49272)	MI	5173956241	[n/a]
Melissa Noelle	Lambert	1333 E. Gaylord	Mount Pleasant (48858)	MI	9896214419	[n/a]
Daniel	Martin-Mills	1817 Mills Ave.	North Muskegon (49445)	MI	231 206 9779	[n/a]
James	Middleditch	38247 Carolon Blvd	Westland (48185)	MI	7347162295	[n/a]
Chai	Montgomery	1435 Rosewood	Ann Arbor (48104)	MI	7342237314	[n/a]
Austin (or John Austin)	Murphy	2241 Eaton Gate Rd	Lake Orion (48360)	MI	248 481 8700	248 481 8700 (call/e-mail first; needs paper in)
N (or N. J. or Jeff)	Sparling	28539 Grobbel	Warren (48092)	MI	15868729663	[n/a]
Marcia	Squier	22935 Lake Blvd	St Clair Shores (48082)	MI	586 242-4783	[n/a]
Meral	Topcu	2840 Cascade Rd	East Grand Rapids (49506)	MI	3137199094	[n/a]
Michelle	Truskowski	1304 Brookview Dr, N.E.	Grand Rapids (49505)	MI	6164819224	[n/a]

Green Party of Michigan						
GPUS Convention Delegation						
						[with name included]
First Name of Delegate	Last Name of Delegate	E-mail	Year of Birth	Party Registration	Status	usable e-mail address
<i>Amanda</i>	<i>Slepr</i>	amyslepr@yahoo.com	1975	[n/a]	delegate; <i>reporter</i>	Amanda Slepr <amyslepr@yahoo.com>
Jim	Becklund	white_dog_man@yahoo.com	1950	[n/a]	delegate	Jim Becklund <white_dog_man@yahoo.com>
Victoria	Bowman	human53@yahoo.com	1953	[n/a]	delegate	Victoria Bowman <human53@yahoo.com>
Matt	Crehan	mjc.politics@gmail.com	1958	[n/a]	delegate	Matt Crehan <mjc.politics@gmail.com>
Jean-Michel	Creviere	bluecello@gmail.com	1966	[n/a]	delegate	Jean-Michel Creviere <bluecello@gmail.com>
Darryl	Gibson	GPDG1@protonmail.com	1964	[n/a]	delegate	Darryl Gibson <GPDG1@protonmail.com>
John Anthony	La Pietra	jalp5dai@catesby.org	1957	[n/a]	delegate	John Anthony La Pietra <jalp5dai@catesby.org>
Robin	Laurain	robinlaurainlpn@gmail.com	1959	[n/a]	delegate	Robin Laurain <robinlaurainlpn@gmail.com>
Tom	Mair	traversegreen@yahoo.com	1955	[n/a]	delegate	Tom Mair <traversegreen@yahoo.com>
Jessica	McCallie-Arquette	mccallie.arquette@gmail.com	1974	[n/a]	delegate	Jessica McCallie-Arquette <mccallie.arquette@gmail.com>
Lou	Novak	LMN@LPPALS.COM	1959	[n/a]	delegate	Lou Novak <LMN@LPPALS.COM>
Beau	Perry	beau.perry.r@gmail.com	1981	[n/a]	delegate	Beau Perry <beau.perry.r@gmail.com>
Dawn	Weeks	dawnweeks1966@gmail.com	1966	[n/a]	delegate	Dawn Weeks <dawnweeks1966@gmail.com>
Noorzana	Yasmin	yasminlisa@yahoo.com	1992	[n/a]	delegate	Noorzana Yasmin <yasminlisa@yahoo.com>
Michael	Zubas	mrzubasjr@gmail.com	1984	[n/a]	delegate	Michael Zubas <mrzubasjr@gmail.com>
Kathryn (Marie)	Beebe	ktbb04@gmail.com	1986	[n/a]	alternate	Kathryn (Marie) Beebe <ktbb04@gmail.com>; <lil_ktbb@yahoo.com>

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			Year of Birth	Party Registration	Status	[with name included]
First Name of Delegate	Last Name of Delegate	E-mail				usable e-mail address
David	Cabler	davidcabler1@gmail.com	1981	[n/a]	alternate	David Cabler <davidcabler1@gmail.com>
Frank	Foster Jr.	Bestintheworld86@outlook.com	1986	[n/a]	alternate	Frank Foster Jr. <Bestintheworld86@outlook.com>
Ariana	Gronow	arianaguitar13@yahoo.com	1995	[n/a]	alternate	Ariana Gronow <arianaguitar13@yahoo.com>
Kailyn	Kobetic	eaturlaptop@gmail.com	1998	[n/a]	alternate	Kailyn Kobetic <eaturlaptop@gmail.com>
Tyler	Kolbe	tkolbe3@gmail.com	1992	[n/a]	alternate	Tyler Kolbe <tkolbe3@gmail.com>
Melissa Noelle	Lambert	Melnoelle196969@gmail.com	1969	[n/a]	alternate	Melissa Noelle Lambert <Melnoelle196969@gmail.com>
Daniel	Martin-Mills	dan@danielmills.net	1954	[n/a]	alternate	Daniel Martin-Mills <dan@danielmills.net>
James	Middleditch	jamiddled@gmail.com	1991	[n/a]	alternate	James Middleditch <jamiddled@gmail.com>
Chai	Montgomery	chaimco@riseup.net	1965	[n/a]	alternate	Chai Montgomery <chaimco@riseup.net>
Austin (or John Austin)	Murphy	amurphy09@comcast.net	1956	[n/a]	alternate	Austin Murphy < amurphy09@comcast.net >
N (or N. J. or Jeff)	Sparling	Njsparling@gmail.com	1960	[n/a]	alternate	N (or N. J. or Jeff) Sparling <Njsparling@gmail.com>
Marcia	Squier	Marshasquire@gmail.com	1975	[n/a]	alternate	Marcia Squier <Marshasquire@gmail.com>
Meral	Topcu	topcu_m@yahoo.com	1963	[n/a]	alternate	Meral Topcu <topcu_m@yahoo.com>
Michelle	Truskowski	michelletruskowski@gmail.com	1951	[n/a]	alternate	Michelle Truskowski <michelletruskowski@gmail.com>