

## **Bylaws Proposal: Structure and Filing of Bylaws**

A bylaw amendment proposal from the Bylaws Committee for consideration at the April 2001 Plenary. This amendment would replace the current Article 3 and Paragraph 7-1.4

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### **Article 3. Structure**

#### **Section 3-1. State Organization**

##### **3-1.1 General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the GPCA, consisting of delegates from each active county organization recognized by the GPCA.

#### **Section 3-2. County Organizations**

##### **3-2.1 Definition and Delegation of Authority**

Green Party county organizations recognized by the General Assembly are the official organizations of the GPCA at the county level.

##### **3-2.2 County Organization and Recognition**

To be recognized by the General Assembly and to seat General Assembly delegates, a county organization must adopt organizational bylaws consistent with the 10 key values, the GPCA bylaws, and California law, and must file a current copy of these bylaws with the GPCA Bylaws Committee (see also Paragraph 4-1.22 for recognition of a new county organization). These bylaws must:

- a) Describe the organizational structure including the relationship between any local Green organizations and the County Council.
- b) Define the membership of the organization.
- c) Describe the decision-making process.
- d) Describe the process for filling county council vacancies.
- e) Describe the process for selecting General Assembly delegates.
- f) Establish the office of treasurer.

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##### **7-1.4 Selection of Regional Members**

Regional members shall be selected by regional caucus of delegates at General Assembly meetings, unless the active counties of a region select another process. Any such alternative process must be consistent with the 10 key values, GPCA bylaws, and California law; and approved by all the County Councils of the active counties of a region; and filed with the Coordinating Committee and the Bylaws Committee. Regions with two seats are encouraged to fill at least one seat with a woman to represent the region.

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