

BYLAWS OF THE NEVADA GREEN PARTY

Article 1. **NAME.**

Section 1.01. The Name of this organization is the Nevada Green Party.

Article 2. **PURPOSE / STRUCTURE**

Section 2.01. These bylaws shall govern the organization, operation, and functions of the political party known as the Nevada Green Party.

Section 2.02. The goals of the Nevada Green Party are to actively promote in every appropriate way the “Ten Key Values” that are the core of Green philosophy, those being: Grassroots Democracy, Social Justice And Equal Opportunity, Ecological Wisdom, Non-Violence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism And Gender Equity, Respect For Diversity, Personal And Global Responsibility, and Future Focus And Sustainability.

Section 2.03. The mission of the Nevada Green Party is to take action and support legislation which upholds the Ten Key Values and to place before the voters candidates who affirm the Ten Key Values.

Section 2.04. The Nevada Green Party shall be governed by the Voting Members of the Nevada Green Party at General Meetings and the Executive Committee. The General Meeting of Voting Members of the Nevada Green Party is the supreme decision-making body.

Section 2.05. Local Chapters.

- (a) Any group of Nevada Green Party members may form a local, county, or regional group of the Nevada Green Party (“Local Chapter”). The Executive Committee shall officially approve each Local Chapter.
- (b) Each Local Chapter may create its own bylaws for making local decisions based on the Nevada Green Party bylaws. Local Chapters may form their own committees to handle membership, outreach, events, and fundraising in their local area.
- (c) Each Local Chapter is responsible for interacting with organizations within its region, organizing actions, and generally building the Nevada Green Party at the local level.
- (d) Local Chapters shall keep the Executive Committee updated with information about their leadership, activities, current bylaws,

membership information, committees, and other information reasonably requested by the Executive Committee.

Article 3. GENERAL MEETINGS OF VOTING MEMBERS

Section 3.01. Voting Members. A person is a voting member of the Nevada Green Party, if he or she is: (i) legally registered to vote in Nevada, (ii) has selected the Green Party as his or her current party affiliation, (iii) has been a Nevada Green Party member for at least thirty (30) days, and (iv) is a dues paying member of the Nevada Green Party (“Voting Member”). Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Committee, including waving dues for hardship and for other reasons in which persons are unable to meet all of the requirements.

Section 3.02. General Meetings of Voting Members. There will be a General Meeting of Voting Members between May 1 - July 31 of each year to hold Executive Committee elections and at such other times as determined by the Executive Committee. The date for any General Meeting will be determined by the Executive Committee. Notice regarding a General Meeting shall be provided on the Nevada Green Party website, through email mailing lists, and on social media.

Section 3.03. General Meeting Procedures. General Meetings may be held either live or set-up entirely as an online vote without any live component.

- (a) Live Meetings. If a General Meeting is to be held live at a particular place and location (“Live General Meeting”) the Executive Committee will provide at least 30 days’ notice. Provisions shall be made to allow persons to attend a Live General Meeting by telephone or Internet.
- (b) Online Vote General Meetings. If a General Meeting is to be held as an online vote (“Online Vote General Meeting”) the Executive Committee will provide at least 14 days’ notice.

Section 3.04. Responsibility and Authority. Each General Meeting may take any action in furtherance of the Nevada Green Party, including, but not limited to the following:

- (a) Approve or modify the agenda proposed by the Executive Committee.
- (b) Elect new members of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Amend the Bylaws.

- (d) Delegate responsibilities to the Executive Committee, other standing or ad hoc committees, or to individuals with their consent.

Article 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 4.01. The Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be the officers and executive committee of the Nevada Green Party as those terms are used in NRS 293.171, et seq. The Chairperson/Co-Chairs and Secretary/Co-Secretaries of the Executive Committee are designated to make filings with the Secretary of State as per NRS Chapter 293.

Section 4.02. Composition & Duties: The Executive Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) persons and a maximum of nine (9) persons, with the goal of always have nine (9) persons on the Executive Committee. The minimum composition of the Executive Committee shall be one Chairperson, one Secretary and one Treasurer. The maximum composition of the board shall be two Co-Chairs, two Co-Secretaries, two Co-Treasurers, and three At Large members. The duties of the board shall be as follows:

- (a) Two Co-Chairs. There shall be two co-chairs if possible, otherwise one Chairperson. The Nevada Green Party shall strive to have one Co-Chair from southern Nevada (elected in even years) and one Co-Chair from Northern Nevada (elected in odd years). The Co-Chairs are responsible for:
 - i. Facilitating General Meetings.
 - ii. Creating the proposed agenda for General Meetings.
 - iii. Obtaining current voter registration information databases from the Secretary of State.
 - iv. Assisting other Executive Committee members.
- (b) Two Co-Secretaries. There shall be two Co-Secretaries if possible (one elected in even years and one elected in odd years). The Co-Secretaries are responsible for:
 - i. Filing certificates of Existence, List of Candidates, and other filings with the Secretary of State and Federal Election Commission.
 - ii. Communicating with Secretary of State and Federal Election Commission.

- iii. Keeping information current with the Green Party of the United States.
 - iv. Recording and publishing State General Meeting minutes and State Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
 - v. Maintaining membership information.
- (c) Two Co-Treasurers. There shall be two Co-Treasurers if possible (one elected in even years and one elected in odd years). The Co-Treasurers are responsible for:
- i. Communicating with financial institutions on behalf of the Nevada Green Party.
 - ii. Filing and presenting Treasurer's Reports.
 - iii. Filing financial fundraising reports with the Secretary of State and the Federal Election Commission.
 - iv. Maintaining credit card and Pay Pal accounts.
 - v. Maintaining a budget.
 - vi. Maintaining sub-accounts for Local Chapters.
 - vii. Handling any other financial responsibilities pertaining to the Nevada Green Party.
- (d) Three At-Large members. There shall be three At-Large members if possible (two elected in odd years and one elected in even years). The At-Large members are responsible for:
- i. Coordinating with the Local Chapters.
 - ii. Assisting other Executive Committee members with work.
 - iii. Heading a committee and handling that committee's work.

Section 4.03. Election of Executive Committee. The election of the Executive Committee shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Nevada Green Party Voting Members shall elect the Executive Committee. The vote shall be conducted at a General Meeting (either live or by online vote). There shall be a binding option "None of the Above" (NOTA) option on all races. The person receiving the most

votes shall win with any ties broken by a run-off election. In the case where two identical or co-positions or are open (for example years where two At Large positions are open) the top two persons receiving the most votes shall win with any ties broken by a run-off election.

- (b) Attempts shall be made to ensure that the Executive Committee reflects the diversity of the population of Nevada.

Section 4.04. Eligibility. Any Nevada Green Party member may run for an Executive Committee office who:

- (a) Is a Voting Member of the Nevada Green Party;
- (b) Has declared her or his candidacy in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the General Meeting where the election will be held; and
- (c) Submits a brief personal statement detailing skills and pertinent background information relating to serving on the Executive Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the General Meeting where the election will be held.

Section 4.05. Terms. Members of the Executive Committee shall serve:

- (a) Terms of approximately two (2) years, commencing the day after election results are announced.
- (b) The terms of the Co-chairs, Co-Secretaries, Co-Treasurers, and At Large members shall be staggered.
- (c) The number of consecutive terms any Executive Committee member may serve on the Executive Committee shall be two (2) terms.
- (d) No member of the Executive Committee serve in more than one (1) position.

Section 4.06. Vacancy. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancy by voting at its next scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

- (a) The term of an Executive Committee Member elected to fill a vacancy shall continue through the end of the two (2) year term he or she filled.
- (b) In the event the Executive Committee Member elected to fill a vacancy is re-elected to the Executive Committee, the partial term served shall not count as a “term” for the purposes of the term-limit provisions of Section 4.05(c).

Section 4.07. Compensation. The Executive Committee members shall serve without pay.

Section 4.08. Affiliation. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to affiliate with the Green Party of the United States.

Section 4.09. Meetings: Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held

- (a) At least twice per year or as necessary as determined by the Co-Chairs (or the Chairperson).
- (b) An Executive Committee Meeting may be called by request of a majority of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Co-Chairs (or the Chairperson) shall strive to set Executive Committee meetings that can be attended (at least by telephone or Internet) by all Executive Committee members.
- (d) The presence in person, by telephone, or by Internet of at least three (3) members of Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting the meeting and placing items before the Executive Committee for voting. A majority vote of the full Executive Committee, however, is required for adoption of any proposal. Votes on proposals may take place online after a meeting is concluded to give every member of the Executive Committee a chance to vote. In the event of a tie, a resolution will not pass.
- (e) Minutes of the discussion and decisions made by the Executive Committee shall be posted to the Nevada Green Party website.

Section 4.10. Executive Committee Duties: The Executive Committee shall be the administrative body of the Nevada Green Party and shall manage and conduct the day-to-day business and operations of the Nevada Green Party between General Meetings. Specific duties shall include:

- (a) To coordinate statewide actions, events, and meetings, including the General Meetings.
- (b) To prepare for state and national conventions.
- (c) To create standing and ad hoc committees and delegate authority to those committees.

Article 5. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 5.01. Search Committees.

- (a) Candidate “Search” Committees, consisting of Voting Members of the Nevada Green Party, may be established by the Executive Committee and the Local Chapters. A Nevada Green Party Candidate Search Committee will be formed of not less than three (3) Voting Members of the Nevada Green Party.
- (b) Each search committee is charged with:
 - i. Preparing a list of possible candidates for office;
 - ii. Contacting the prospective candidates, advising the candidates of the Nevada Green Party candidate qualifications requirements, and interviewing all potential candidates; and
 - iii. Providing recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding candidates.

Section 5.02. Selection of Candidates. The Executive Committee will determine the final list of possible candidates for public office and set up a General Meeting for Voting Members to select the candidates. There shall be a binding “None of the Above” (NOTA) option on all races. A tie will go to a run-off vote. The Nevada Green Party will seek unanimity in our choice of candidates, and provide a suitable opportunity to members to voice concerns and take blocking positions on the selection of candidates.

Article 6. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 6.01. The Bylaws of the Nevada Green Party may be amended by a vote of Voting Members at a General Meeting for which a Bylaws amendment has been announced and the proposed Bylaws have been circulated at least ten (10) days prior to the General Meeting.

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