

# Indiana Green Party

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#### 1. Common Bonds

Recent activities of CB have been the January 20 inauguration day protest and the Take Back the Earth day in April, both in Indianapolis.

In the near future, there will be an organizational membership fee of \$50.

Affiliation approved by a vote of 8 YES and 1 NO

#### 2. Indiana Coalition for Fair Election Laws (ICFEL)

Currently working against IN Senate Bill 329.

Possibility of ACLU lawsuit regarding the required 2% of Secretary of State vote to get a third party on the ballot.

Affiliation approved by a vote of 9 YES and 0 NO (unanimous)

#### 3. Nuclear-Free Great Lakes Campaign

Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana has been instrumental in developing this campaign in Indiana.

Proposal is not to "affiliate," but rather to support this campaign.

Tom Brown noted that the campaign's web site is already linked to the IGP web site.

*Motion:* To charge the Coordinating Committee with the formation of a Working Group on energy issues.

Motion approved by a vote of 9 YES and 0 NO (unanimous)

#### 4. National Greens Organizations

The 2 groups in question are The Greens/Green Party USA (G/GPUSA) and the Green Party of the US (GPUS).

The previously issued recommendation to the Coordinating Committee to affiliate with G/GPUSA was rescinded by a vote of 9 YES and 0 NO (unanimous)

*Motion:* To withhold a decision on affiliation with either group until next year's IGP Congress.

Motion approved by a vote of 9 YES and 2 ABSTAIN

*Motion:* The IGP Coordinating Committee should make official contact with both national groups and seek recognition on their contact lists.

Motion approved by a vote of 10 YES and 1 ABSTAIN

Reaction to Treatment at G/GPUSA Congress

*Motion:* The IGP Coordinating Committee will file a formal complaint with the G/GPUSA regarding the disenfranchisement of non-dues paying waiver members from the Indiana caucus and the disenfranchisement of the Indiana caucus itself on Monday, July 23, 2001.

Motion approved by a vote of 10 YES and 1 ABSTAIN

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## Minutes of IGP 2001 Congress: Bylaws

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### Discussion and Approval of Bylaws

Facilitator: *Tom Brown*

#### Article 1 - Purposes and Values

Approved by consensus.

#### Article 2 - Membership

2.1.2.1 - Change wording to:

"Active state members are members in good standing of a Green local or of the unaffiliated state caucus. Members of locals shall pay local dues, and all active members shall pay state dues and participate actively in local and state organizations. Only active state members are eligible to be delegates to state gatherings and to vote on state issues."

Approved by consensus.

2.1.2.2. - Strike this.

Approved by consensus.

2.2.7

*Motion:* Eliminate 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 2.2.7, and write instead: "Acting to subvert the Green Party or its values, for example (insert 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 2.2.7)."

*Friendly amendment:* Strike 2.3.3.

Motion approved by a vote of 9 YES, 3 NO, 2 ABSTAIN.

2.2.10

*Motion:* Strike this clause.

Motion approved by a vote of 11 YES, 2 ABSTAIN

2.2.11

*Motion:* Move this to section 2.4, "Dues." Under "Dues," state that, continually failing, after receiving written notice, to pay dues will result

in automatic removal from the active member list.

Motion approved by a vote of 6 YES, 2 NO, 5 ABSTAIN.

2.3.5 Change wording to:

"All charges shall be in writing. The accused and the accuser shall have the first option of seeking a resolution through mediation if both parties agree."

Approved by consensus.

2.3.5.1 - Strike this.

Approved by consensus.

2.3.9 - Change wording of second sentence to:

"Appeals shall be heard at the next meeting of the appropriate body where the appeal has been announced through that body's normal procedures."

Approved by consensus.

2.4

*Motion:* Add this as a clause: "Locals may give their members the option of paying state dues along with local dues. The local treasurer would then forward the member's state dues to the state treasurer. Otherwise the local member will pay state dues directly to the state."

Motion approved by a vote of 13 YES, 3 ABSTAIN.

*Motion:* Do not specify the low-income dues level. Use wording such as "dues may be reduced or waived due to low income."

Motion rejected by a vote of 7 YES, 9 NO.

2.4.2

*Motion:* Change wording to: "Student, senior citizen, and low-income dues will be \$10."

Motion approved by a vote of 13 YES, 3 ABSTAIN.

**Break**

Facilitator: *Jeff Melton*

**Article 3 - Political Practices**

3.1.7 - Change wording to:

"Members in the minority on a decision may publicly dissent from that decision, provided they clearly distinguish their position from that of the majority. Minorities may call for a procedure of division in the

allocation of imperative mandated votes. All such minority positions of members are to be noted in meeting minutes."

Approved by consensus.

3.1.8 - After 3.1.8, add a new section which states:

"All meeting minutes shall be posted on the IGP web site as soon as possible."

Approved by consensus.

3.2.2.1

*Motion:* Change 2 years to 1 year, effective 1/1/02.

Motion approved by a vote of 13 YES, 2 ABSTAIN.

3.2.2.1

Change 2 years to 1 year.

Approved by consensus.

*Motion:* To remove this section.

Motion approved by a vote of 10 YES, 2 NO, 3 ABSTAIN.

3.2.2.4

*Motion:* Change wording to:

"Candidates for public office shall be selected by the Congress or by the Coordinating Committee. If selected by the Coordinating Committee, this decision is subject to an immediate referendum by all active state members."

Motion approved by a vote of 15 YES, 0 NO (unanimous)

#### **Article 4 - Structure**

4.4.1

*Motion:* Change minimum number of members in a local from 3 to 5. The Huntington Local would be grandfathered-in and remain a local even though it has only 3 members.

Motion approved by a vote of 12 YES, 2 NO, and 1 ABSTAIN

4.2.2 - Change wording:

"Once one or more locals form in a county, memberships in the unaffiliated caucus shall be transferred to a preferred local in the county."

Approved by consensus.

#### 4.3.5.4

Proposal to move sections 4.3.5.4 and 4.3.5.5 up to right after 4.3.3 was approved by consensus.

Proposal to add "Delegates shall have a number of votes equal to the number of active IGP members they represent" was approved by consensus.

#### 4.3.5.3.1

Proposal to remove "to accredit Green electoral candidates," and to require only a 50% + 1 majority to accredit such candidates. This was approved by consensus.

#### 4.4.1.1

*Motion:* Strike all of this section except for the first sentence.

Motion was rejected by a vote of 5 YES, 5 NO, and 5 ABSTAIN

Proposal to change the word "gender" within the parentheses to "sexual orientation." This was approved by consensus.

4.5.5.3 - Proposal to strike this section.

4.5.5.2 - Proposal to add:

"Each member shall choose one level of confederation through which they are represented in the Coordinating Committee."

Approved by consensus.

Straw poll on the role of the Coordinating Committee.

\* Is it a representative body? 3 votes

\* Is it an executive body? 8 votes

### **Approval of the Bylaws**

*Proposal:* Tentatively adopt these bylaws as "working bylaws," pending the changes approved today. There shall be a referendum regarding approval of the final draft of the bylaws. Any changes to the Glossary should be submitted to the Ingrens e-mail list.

Proposal passed by consensus.

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## Minutes of IGP 2001 Congress: Elections

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### Election of officers

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#### 1. Coordinators

*Nominees:* Tracy Carlson, Peter Drake, Steps to Freedom

*Female Coordinator:* Tracy Carlson elected by consensus

*Male Coordinator:* Peter Drake elected by a vote of 10-1

#### 2. Treasurer

*Nominee:* Heather Drake. Elected by consensus.

#### 3. Secretary

*Nominee:* Isabel Piedmont. Elected by consensus.

### Election of candidates for public office

#### 1. Secretary of State

*Nominees:* Bethany Hayes and Tom Brown

Tom Brown elected by a vote of 8-3

#### 2. 9<sup>th</sup> US Congressional District

*Nominee:* Jeff Melton. Nominated by consensus.

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