

# PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE PGP CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

## For Introduction & Discussion at the December 8-9, 2007, PGP Convention

The intent of these proposed changes to the Pacific Green Party of Oregon's Constitution and Bylaws is threefold:

1. To update outdated portions of the party documents (e.g. changing the party national affiliation from the "Association of State Green Parties" to the "Green Party of the United States").
2. To clarify ambiguous and/or contradictory portions of our party documents (e.g. the constitution states "Statewide conventions shall be held at least three times a year," and our bylaws read "The coordinating committee shall convene at least two statewide membership meetings each calendar year").
3. To streamline certain processes and procedures, thereby simplifying the documents and facilitating the functioning of the organization. It is our belief that these changes will allow more direct participation of members and local organizing groups within the party, thus bringing us closer to our goal of a true grassroots organization with full participatory democracy.

Attachment I is a brief summary of the most significant changes we are proposing, and enumerates the proposed categories for voting purposes.

Attachment II contains the complete changes to the PGP Constitution and Bylaws.

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Respectfully submitted,

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