

Adams - Jefferson Greens
Chapter Bylaws (revision adopted June 2011)

I. Name

1.1 The name of this local chapter of the Green Party of Colorado is the Adams-Jefferson Greens.

II. Purpose and Values

2.1 The purpose of this organization is to work towards a "Green" society as represented by the Ten Key Values of the Association of State

Green Parties. These values are as follows:

Ecological Wisdom

Grassroots Democracy

Community Based Economics and Economic Justice

Social Justice and Equal Opportunity

Nonviolence

Decentralization

Respect for Diversity

Feminism and Gender Equality

Personal and Global Responsibility

Future Focus and Sustainability

2.2 This political organization may use any nonviolent method to affect social change including but not restricted to: ballot initiatives, electoral campaign, community organizing, and educational reforms.

2.3 Adams-Jefferson Greens will develop an annual platform regarding issues of local, regional, national and international concerns, as deemed appropriate by the membership.

III. Membership

3.1 To be a member of Adams-Jefferson Greens, a person must be registered in Adams or Jefferson Counties as a member of the Green Party of Colorado, must register with the Adams-Jefferson Greens at a meeting, must agree to support the Ten Key Values, must abide by the bylaws of Adams-Jefferson Greens and the Green Party of Colorado, should generally endorse the local party platform, and should generally endorse the state and national party platforms.

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3.2 Membership shall be open to anyone regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, appearance, or physical ability.

3.3 To be a member in good standing a voluntary donation to the local chapter of \$15 per year is suggested.

3.4 Rights of a member in good standing include the ability to vote on issues of policy, finance, and objectives at meetings of the local chapter.

3.5 The membership of an individual in Adams-Jefferson Greens and the Green Party of Colorado can be revoked for failing to abide by the Ten Key Values or for disrupting the work of Adams-Jefferson Greens by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the local chapter's membership at a regular meeting or by a 75 percent vote of the members at a Green Party of Colorado state meeting. Any individual must be informed of the potential revocation of membership at least three weeks prior to the vote and have a chance to speak in his or her defense at the meeting when the vote is held.

3.6 A quorum is defined as 25 percent of the chapter membership.

IV. Structure

4.1 Meetings will be set by the Chairperson or Secretary at a time and location agreed upon by members at the previous meeting, or by notification of all individual members to a extent reasonably possible, at least on week before the proposed meeting.

4.2 The Chairperson or Secretary will set the agenda for the meetings, decide on issues needing expedient attention between meetings, handle administrative tasks, and act as representative to the press on local issues, or delegate such duties.

4.3 All decisions will be by consensus or by voting based on the principle of one person one vote.

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4.4 All decisions concerning policy finance, and objectives shall require a vote of at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership present at a local meeting.

V. Candidates

5.1 Members will be responsible for nominating Green Party of Colorado candidates to run for local political office in partisan elections based on the principle of one person one vote. Members shall forward those nominations for ratification to the state nominating convention. Candidates chosen by Adams-Jefferson Greens must be ratified at a state party convention as required by the state bylaws.

5.2 Members voting for the nomination of a candidate must have been registered in the Green Party of Colorado for at least 30 days prior to voting.

5.3 Adams-Jefferson Greens members shall elect as many delegates as allowed by the state party, or as many as Adams-Jefferson Greens determines to be appropriate, to represent and vote for the Adams-Jefferson Greens at state and national nominating conventions. Delegates shall be elected by achieving the greatest number of votes by the members present at a meeting. Alternates, should an elected delegate not be able to attend a state or national meeting, shall be chosen based on voting at a meeting.

5.4 Candidates nominated by Adams-Jefferson Greens must meet the following criteria:

- a. A candidate should generally endorse the Ten Key Values and shall use these values as a basis for their political decision-making.
- b. A candidate must maintain registration in the Green Party.
- c. A candidate must be registered as a member of the Green Party of Colorado.
- d. In order to be a candidate running for local or state office a candidate must comply with any eligibility requirements of the state party as to how long they must have been a registered Green Party member.

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VI. Officers

6.1 Adams-Jefferson Greens shall elect one Chairperson and one Secretary, and may elect one Treasurer and one at-large representative, as deemed necessary. These officers will constitute the Steering Committee of the Adams-Jefferson Greens.

6.2 The membership of the Adams-Jefferson Greens may create or delete any other office as needed. A vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of members present at a local meeting must approve any new office. Any member may assume an office after being chosen by achieving the greatest number of votes among members present at a local meeting.

6.3 If an Adams-Jefferson Greens officer's position is vacated in between officials meetings, the other officers may make a temporary appointment.

6.4 Officers shall be elected by the members present at a local meeting held before the annual state meeting each year. Any member of Adams-Jefferson Greens in good standing shall be eligible to run for an office. The candidate with the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the office. Officers shall be elected at the time of the adoption of these bylaws to serve until the first regular election.

6.5 If any officer is found to be in contempt of the goals or bylaws of Adams-Jefferson Greens, or the Green Party of Colorado, recall proceedings may be initiated by any three members. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of a quorum of the local chapter's membership at a regular meeting is required to achieve the recall of an officer.

6.6 Officers of Adams-Jefferson Greens shall represent or choose representatives to represent the Adams-Jefferson Greens and vote on state issues at general meetings and serve on State Steering Committees (such as the online council).

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VII. *Amendments*

7.1 These bylaws may be amended on a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote by members present at a local meeting where a quorum of the local's active membership is present.

7.2 A written copy of adopted bylaws (with any current amendments) will be maintained by the Secretary and Chairperson.