

GPWA CHAPTER INFORMATION PACKET

(With your help, this document will continue to be improved. Please send comments and suggestions to Jody Grage, GPWA Chapter Coordinator at jody@greenpartywashington.org.)

Affiliation Agreement

(<https://greenpartywashington.org/form-a-local-green-party-chapter/>)

The Affiliation Agreement describes the process of becoming an affiliated chapter within GPWA which is, in turn, a member organization with GPUS.

GPWA Bylaws

(<https://greenpartywashington.org/bylaws/>)

Each affiliated chapter elects a member to the GPWA Coordinating Council (CC) who will be on the CC listserv and serve as the communication link between GPWA and the chapter. The CC conference calls are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month beginning at 7 pm. Agendas and minutes are posted in the Members Section on the GPWA website under Information, Coordinating Council. GPWA usually holds Gatherings (conventions) in the spring and fall with the Fall

Gathering including election of 5 at-large CC members, a treasurer, and a deputy treasurer, as well as two delegates and two alternates to GPUS. In presidential election years two additional delegates and two additional alternates to the Presidential Nominating Convention are also elected.

GPWA/Chapter Relationship

GPWA has a primary responsibility to support local chapters and maintains a Chapter Coordinator for that purpose.

GPWA provides the state database that includes information on members and prospective members across the state enabling chapters to be responsible only for chapter membership information. GPWA has an online membership portal as well as a page for each chapter to facilitate chapter memberships and a donation page that encourages donations to a limited number of projects – Campaigns (candidate and issue support), Education and Outreach (Chapter Support), Grassroots Activism (literature, banners, merchandise), and Administration (including tech support).

GPWA has available \$200 for each chapter as front money for a chapter activity with donations received at the event going to pay back the amount loaned, surplus remaining with the chapter, and any balance not repaid covered by GPWA. Other funds, too, may sometimes be available through the GPWA Funding Request Application ([link](#)).

GPWA Chapters provide GPWA with updated bylaws and contact information for officers and committee chairs, as well as chapter activity information for the GPWA newsletter, on a regular basis.

See the appendix at the end of this document for a list of resource people available to both affiliated chapters and chapters in formation.

Technical Assistance

GPWA provides technical assistance to chapters for website development and maintenance, as well as assistance with social media platforms, and use of the state database including sending eblasts.

For information on NationBuilder, the interactive database used by GPWA, see the NationBuilder Information Packet that includes instructions for the chapter Membership Coordinator/NB Point Person.

Organizational Assistance

Information and suggestions for chapter activities including a menu of meeting options, meeting processes and consensus are available on the GPWA website (<https://greenpartywashington.org/>) in the Members Section under Information, Meetings and Events, Outreach, and Organizing. Contact information for chapters is available on the

GPWA website at both Contact and Get Involved, Local Green Party Chapters - and networking is encouraged.

Electoral Activity

The Green Party has run few candidates in Washington and is working to change this deficit. We have a Campaign Committee, a Candidate Questionnaire, and a process for vetting Green candidates for endorsement and non-Green candidates in races where no Green is running for preferred candidate status. Candidates must first be endorsed or given preferred candidate status by their chapter before being considered by the state Green Party. We do have some experienced campaign support workers and are planning to hold campaign school events both to increase that pool and to recruit candidates.

Appendix – updated August 2019:

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