



The Prairie Greens of East Central Illinois

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2006 ELECTION RESULTS

It was another historic election for the Prairie Green Party. Our candidates received more votes than ever, easily passing the levels required to maintain our established party status. Tom Abram, Joe Futrelle, Kostas Yfantis, and Nick Mann received a total of 6,012 votes in four closely contested races, making an unprecedented showing in the race for state representative in district 103 and coming within 8 points of winning a seat on the Champaign county board in district 8. In addition, Rich Whitney's strong showing for governor gave the Green Party established status in every district in the state, making it easier than ever to get Greens on the ballot in Illinois.

Tom Abram received 11.50% of the vote in race for state representative in district 103. Abram's campaign, which focused on education funding reform and clean politics, had a significant impact in a district where his Democratic opponent outspent him by a factor of 50. Joe Futrelle, candidate for champaign county board in district 8, received 25.48% of the vote, trailing his nearest Democratic opponent by just 361 votes. Kostas Yfantis received 21.35% of the vote in a three-way, three-party race for Champaign county board in district 7. Nick Mann received 10.31% of the vote in a five-way race for Champaign county board in district 9.



Tom Abram, Joe Futrelle, Kostas Yfantis, and Rich Whitney at Fundraising Event

These remarkable results could not have happened without the support of our many volunteers and members who gave their time and money to help our candidates reach voters through petitioning, canvassing, and local events.

2008 CALL FOR CANDIDATES

The 2008 election cycle is just around the corner. The Prairie Greens would like to build upon our successes, run more candidates than ever before, and get some Greens elected! Now that we're an established party throughout the state, Green candidates require far less signatures to get on the ballot. We need you to run for office and continue our success. We rely on our excellent candidates to grow the party and spread the Green word.

If you're interested in running, stop by a meeting and introduce yourself. Our previous candidates are a great resource for making your decision to run and general electoral advice. Feel free to contact them:

- Joe Futrelle - futrelle@prairiegreens.org
- Kostas Yfantis - kostasyfantis@gmail.com
- Tom Abram - tabram@gmail.com

The Illinois primary date is anticipated to be moved to February 5th from March 20th. This should make the petitioning period for established parties August 5th to November 5th, 2007.

The next page includes local positions up for election in 2008, as well as the current incumbents. Many of these races are historically unopposed. Consider offering another choice for voters.

■ *The Prairie Greens meet the first and second Monday of every month at 7pm in the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, which is located in the old downtown Urbana post office at 202 S. Broadway. Use the Elm St. entrance and walk straight into the first room. New attendees are welcome and encouraged.*

POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2008

Congressional Districts

15 - Tim Johnson (R) - est. 169 sig.

State Senate Districts

53 - Dan Rutherford (R) - 1,000 sig.

State House Districts

-500 signatures each

103 - Naomi D. Jakobsson (D)

104 - Bill Black (R)

105 - Shane Cultra (R)

110 - Chapin Rose (R)

County Elected Offices

-About 45 signatures each

Auditor - Tony Fabri (D)

Circuit Clerk - Linda S. Frank (R)

Coroner - Duane E. Northrup (R)

Recorder - Barbara A. Frasca (R)

States Attorney - Julia R. Rietz (D)

County Board

-9 districts, 3 members each.

-Estimated less than 8 signatures per candidate

1 - John D. Jay (R)

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2 - Ronald Bensyl (R)

3 - Scott Tapley (R)

4 - Stanley S. O'Conner (R)

5 - Lloyd Carter, Jr. (D)

5 - Catherine Hogue (D)

6 - Claudia Gross (D)

7 - Janet Anderson (D)

7 - Carl Weibel (D)

8 - Jennifer Putman (D)

9 - Brendan McGinty (D)

BECOME A GREEN PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON

Now that we're an established statewide party, we have to set up our legal structure. The foundation of this is the precinct committee person. Precinct committee person is the legal term for an elected position for each established political party in each precinct. They are elected every two years in the general primary election, but may be appointed to fill vacancies before then. Until the next primary, the Illinois Green Party will be appointing members to serve as precinct committee persons. While there are elected Green precinct committee people in Champaign County, these are for individual County Board districts rather than a county-wide structure. Currently elected precinct committee people will continue in their roles, but committee persons for other precincts will be appointed.

Statutory duties

Precinct committee people will:

- Elect officers of the county central committee including a chairperson.
- Nominate people to fill candidate vacancies for non-statewide offices when a candidate elected in a primary withdraws or when no candidate stands for election in a primary.
- Choose delegates to the state convention which may be responsible for nominating candidates for President and Vice President and selecting delegates to the national convention.

Expectations

- Be a member in good standing with the Illinois Green Party. Be active in an ILGP local.
- Establish and maintain contact with voters in their precinct.
- Participate in the endorsement decisions by the appropriate part of the Illinois Green Party.

- Inform voters in their precinct of Green Party candidates and positions on initiatives.
- Become a deputy registrar and register voters.
- Get out the vote in their precinct

If you're interested being appointed as a precinct committee person, send an email to Tom Abram at tabram@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number, and precinct (if known). Once we collect a list of appointees, this will be sent to the Illinois Green Party's Government and Elections Committee for approval, forwarded to Rich Whitney to sign the appropriate documents, and then to the county clerk.

A strong precinct organization will provide the support for the Illinois Green Party to elect quality candidates throughout the state. Please consider volunteering for this important position!

■ *The Green Party accepts absolutely no corporate contributions. Our support comes from individuals. As a newly established party our need is greater than ever. Please consider supporting the Green Party today by contributing to our ongoing efforts. Our work does not stop in November, we are in this for the long haul. Give now to help the party dedicated to social justice, ecological wisdom, non-violence, and real democracy. Please send all checks and money orders to:*

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