

Bylaws of the North Side Greens

Article I. Name

Section 1.01 Name

The name of this Green local shall be the North Side Greens.

Article II. Purpose and Values

Section 2.01 Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be to work toward a just and sustainable Green society, as represented by the Ten Key Values of the Greens:

Ecological Wisdom	Community-based Economics
Social Justice	Feminism
Grassroots Democracy	Respect for Diversity
Non violence	Personal and Global Responsibility
Decentralization	Future Focus

Section 2.02 Activities and Practices

We work in support of local candidates who embody the Ten Key Values. We work to build a more just and representative political system through electoral reforms, such as proportional representation and instant runoff voting. We work in coalition with others for social and political change, including, but not limited to, grassroots community groups and progressive local businesses.

Section 2.03 Defined Geographic Area

The North Side Greens, as required by the Bylaws of the Illinois Green Party represents a defined geographic area. This is located within the City of Chicago. This area is bounded by Lake Michigan on the east, a line extending east from Armitage Avenue to the Lake, and west along Armitage to Harlem Avenue, thence extending north along Harlem Avenue to the point at which the Chicago city limit diverges from Harlem, then following the Chicago City limits to the eastern boundary at Lake Michigan.

Article III. Membership

Section 3.01 Membership

To be a member of the North Side Greens, a person must:

- Support the Purpose as stated in Section 2.01,
- Pay local and State dues or receive a waiver of dues, and
- Be approved by a majority vote of the local's membership.

Membership shall be open to all regardless of age, race, ethnicity, national origin, spiritual belief, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 3.02 Members in Good Standing

To be a member in good standing, have voting privileges, and be counted toward meeting quorums, a member must be current in local and state dues payments and have attended at least one meeting in the past three months.

Section 3.02 Local Dues.

Local dues shall be established within six months of the adoption of these bylaws.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 4.01 Meetings

The North Side Greens shall hold meetings at least once per month. These meetings shall be open to all members. Notice of meetings will be E-mailed to group members, posted on the group's web site, and made available by mail or phone upon members request.

Article V. Officers and Representatives

Section 5.01 Officers

The North Side Greens shall elect a Secretary, Treasurer, and IGP Coordinating Council Representative. This election shall take place yearly at a membership meeting. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members in good standing.

Section 5.02 Duties of Officers

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and posting minutes of meetings, and in addition shall be responsible for maintaining accurate membership and attendance lists and contact information. The Secretary shall also be responsible for communication meeting information to the membership.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting dues, disbursing funds as directed by the group, and making a financial report at each meeting or as directed by the group.

The IGP Coordinating Council Representative shall represent the North Side Greens at monthly conference calls (CC) of the IGP Coordinating Council and any State party committees. The Representative shall report on CC decisions at each local meeting and solicit feedback and input on issues before the CC.

Other local members may participate on state or national party committees as members or observers, with the approval of the local and the state party.

Article VII. Decisions

Section 7.01 Decisions

The North Side Greens shall seek agreement on all decisions, hearing all views and concerns in full. Where consensus cannot be reached, decisions by all bodies of the North Side Greens shall be approved on a vote, except for meeting process motions which shall be approved on a simple majority. Votes on decisions affecting the group can only be made when a

quorum of at least half of the membership in good standing is present.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 8.01 Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be adopted on a vote of a membership meeting. Notification of proposed changes to the bylaws must be fully detailed and sent to all members one month before the meeting.