

## GPTX 2008 Convention Handbook 2008

	Precinct Conv.	County Conv.	Senatorial Dist. Conv.	District Conv.	State Conv.
Elect Executive Committee	Before	Before	Before	Before	
Elect Temporary Committee Chair	Before	Before	Before	Before	
Notice of the place and time must be filed	Feb 27 (29 ?)	Mar. 3 (5 ?)			
Convention Held	Mar 11	Mar 15	<del>Mar 22</del>	Mar 29	June 14
Mailing of Attendance List Req.	Mar 13 or 14				
Deliver list of Nominations from Conv.	Mar 31	Apr 4	<del>Apr 11</del>	Apr 18	

\*\*\* Senatorial District conventions are not needed because we do not have any State Senate candidates this year.

Please use the links below to determine which precincts need to be listed on the notice for the consolidated precincts.

### Travis County Precincts:

<http://www.traviscountytax.org/displayEDSearch.do?vtype=d>

<http://www.ronpaulvotecount.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2007traviscountyprecincts.pdf>

<http://www.ronpaulvotecount.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2008traviscountyprealignments.doc>

### Harris County Precincts:

<http://www.tax.co.harris.tx.us/voter/pctdatadownload/>

### Tarrant County Polling Places:

[http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote/lib/evote/2008/03042008/Prim08\\_polls.pdf](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote/lib/evote/2008/03042008/Prim08_polls.pdf)

### Dallas County Polling Places:

<http://www.dalcoelections.org/precinctmaps/index.asp>

### Fannin County Polling Places:

<http://www.ntxe-news.com/cgi-bin/artman/exec/view.cgi?archive=3&num=9663>

### Bexar County Polling Places:

<http://apps.bexar.org/webapps/html/elstring01.asp>

Please email [doug\\_reber@yahoo.com](mailto:doug_reber@yahoo.com) if you need help finding your county polling places.

### Good run down on Precinct Chairs and Becoming one:

<http://www.tcdp.net/yourprecinct.htm>

## Candidate Nomination at Convention Schedule

### Nomination at County Conventions to be held March 15, 2008:

**Charles (Chuck) Lundin** – Texas House of Representatives, District 112  
**TX House Dist. 112** – Dallas (6%)

### Nominations at District Conventions:

**Dr. Jack Pollard** – Texas House of Representatives, District 17  
**TX House Dist. 17** – Bastrop (100%), Brazos (7%), Burleson (100%), Colorado (100%), Fayette (100%), Lee (100%)

**Scott Trimble** – U.S. House of Representatives, Texas District 25  
**US House District 25** – Travis (50%), Lavaca (100%), Hays (100%), Gonzales (100%), Fayette (100%), Colorado (100%), Caldwell (100%), Bastrop (65%)

**Mary Joan Boidock** – U.S. House of Representatives, Texas District 3  
**US House TX District 3** – Dallas (12%), Collin (79%)

**Ed Lindsay** – U.S. House of Representatives, Texas District 31  
**US House TX District 31** – Williamson (100%), Robertson (29%), Milam (100%), Hamilton (100%), Falls (100%), Erath (100%), Coryell (100%), Bell (100%)

**Joel West** – U.S. House of Representatives, Texas District 22  
**US House TX District 22** – Harris (9%), Galveston (21%), Fort Bend (69%), Brazoria (25%)

### Nominations at GPTX State Convention:

David B. Collins – Texas U.S. Senator

Tom Davis – Texas U.S. Senator

Charles E. Waterbury – Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court

Art Browning – Texas Rail Road Commissioner

## **Conventions in General:**

- 1) Upon admitting a person for participation in a convention, the Chairperson of the Convention shall administer the Affirmation of Affiliation to all attendees who have not previously taken the Affirmation for the election year, as follows: "I affirm that I have not voted in a primary election or participated in a convention of another party during the voting year. I hereby affiliate myself with the Green Party of Texas." After administering the Affirmation, the Convention Chairperson shall stamp each person's voter registration certificate "GREEN." If the person does not present a registration certificate, the Chairperson shall issue an affiliation certificate. (Election Code § 162.007)
- 2) An Affiliation Certificate shall include: the name of the person to whom the certificate is issued; the name "Green Party of Texas"; the name and position of the person issuing the certificate; the party function at which the affiliation occurred; the date. (Election Code § 162.09)
- 3) Any person who has not voted in another party's primary or participated in another party's convention is entitled to attend a Green Party Convention. There shall be no requirement that a person must attend a Precinct Convention to attend and vote in a County Convention or that a person must attend a County Convention to attend and vote in a District Convention. Only duly elected delegates from affiliated county parties who have been elected at a County Convention are entitled to vote at a State Convention. Other attendees at a State Convention may participate in discussion but may not vote. (Election Code § 181.061)
- 4) To participate in a convention, a person must affirm that they are in general agreement with the Green Party's 10 key values of: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Feminist Values, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus.
- 5) Local County Party rules may apply
- 6) Each County Chair shall ensure that the hour and place for County and Precinct Conventions is posted in the manner prescribed by the Texas Election Code. (Election Code §§ 181.064 and 174.023)

§ 174.027. RECORDS OF CONVENTION. (a) The convention chair shall prepare, sign, and make a copy of a list of the names and residence addresses of the delegates and any alternates selected by the convention.

(b) The convention chair shall sign and make a copy of the list of precinct convention participants required by Section 174.025(c).

(c) The convention chair shall deliver the originals and copies of the lists to the county chair not later than the third day after the date of the precinct convention, except that if delivered by mail, they shall be deposited in the mail not later than the second day after the date of the precinct convention.

(d) The county chair shall retain the copies of the lists until the end of the voting year in which they are received.

(e) If senatorial district conventions will be held in the county, the county chair shall deliver the originals of the lists to the temporary chairs of the senatorial district conventions before the conventions convene.

- (f) The original lists are not public information.

### **Precinct Conventions:**

GPTX By-laws Regulations –

1) The Precinct Executive Committee shall consist of all Party members in such a precinct. Each precinct shall choose from among its members a Chairperson. The State Executive Committee may appoint an Acting Precinct Chairperson for any Precinct in which no Party member volunteers to act as Chairperson.

(2) Precinct Conventions shall be held in a public location to be determined by the Precinct Executive Committee on the date prescribed by the Texas Election Code. (Election Code §§ 181.064 through 181.067)

(3) A list of all attendees at a Precinct Convention must be made and signed by the Precinct Chairperson. The original list and one copy shall be delivered within 3 days to the County Chair. An additional copy shall be delivered within 3 days after the precinct convention to one of the State Co-Chairs. (Election Code § 181.067)

(4) ) The precinct chair is the temporary chair of a precinct convention (§ 181.066).

(5) Before conducting business, the temporary chair shall prepare a list containing the name and residence address of each person who is admitted to participate in the convention (§ 181.066).

(c) The temporary chair shall call the convention to order (§ 181.066).

(d) The convention shall select a convention chair. The convention may select any other officers considered necessary to conduct the convention's business. (§ 181.066)

§ 181.064. NOTICE OF HOUR AND PLACE. Notice of the hour and place for convening the county convention and precinct conventions held under this chapter shall be posted and delivered as provided by Section 174.023 for posting and delivering notice of the hour and place for convening precinct conventions for a party holding a primary election, except that notice of a county convention shall:

(1) be posted for the 10 days immediately preceding the date of the county convention; and

(2) be delivered to the county clerk not later than the 10th day before the date of the county convention.

§ 174.023. NOTICE OF HOUR AND PLACE. (a) The county chair shall post a notice of the hour and place for convening each precinct convention on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the commissioners court. The notice must remain posted continuously for the 10 days immediately preceding the date of the convention.

(b) Not later than the 10th day before the date of the precinct conventions, the county chair shall deliver to the county clerk written notice of the hour and place for convening each precinct convention.

(c) If the county chair fails to post or deliver notice in accordance with this section, another member of the county executive committee may post or deliver the notice.

### **County Conventions:**

GPTX By-laws Regulations –

- 1) Each County Executive Committee of the Party shall consist of the Chairpersons of the Precinct Executive Committees within such a County. The County Executive Committee shall choose from among its members a Chairperson. The State Executive Committee may appoint an Acting County Chairperson for any County in which no Party member volunteers to act as Chairperson.
- 2) The Precinct Executive Committee shall be selected at the Precinct Convention. The manner of selection and duties of the Precinct Executive Committee shall be decided by each Precinct Convention as each deems appropriate. (Election Code § 181.004)
- 3) Each County Convention shall vote on the candidates seeking the party's nomination using "Instant Runoff Voting." A binding "none of the above" option shall always be available, even if there is only one candidate seeking the nomination.
- 4) Each County Chairperson shall certify in writing the name, address and office sought of each candidate nominated at the Convention to the authority responsible for having the ballot prepared, no later than the 20th day after the Convention. (Election Code § 184.068). The County Executive Committee shall be selected at the County Convention. The manner of selection and duties of the County Executive Committee shall be decided by each County Convention, as each deems appropriate. (Election Code § 181.004)

### **District Conventions:**

#### GPTX By-Laws Regulations:

- 1) District Conventions shall be held in a public location to be determined by the District Executive Committee on the date prescribed by the Texas Election Code. If no person has filed a written application to seek the Green Party nomination for District-wide office in the manner prescribed by the Texas Election Code, no District Convention shall be held in that District. (Election Code § 181.061)
- 2) The District Executive Committee shall ensure that the hour and place of any District Convention is posted in the manner prescribed by the Texas Election Code. ~~(Election Code § 181.064 and 174.023) This code does not apply to these conventions.~~
- 3) Each District Convention shall vote on the candidates seeking the party's nomination using "Instant Runoff Voting." A binding "none of the above" option shall always be available, even if there is only one candidate seeking the nomination.
- 4) Each District Convention Chairperson shall certify in writing the name, address and office sought of each candidate nominated at the Convention to the authority responsible for having the ballot prepared, no later than the 20th day after the Convention. (Election Code § 181.068)
- 5) The District Executive Committee shall be selected at the District Convention. The manner of selection and duties of the District Executive Committee shall be decided by each District Convention as each deems appropriate. ~~(Election Code § 181.004) This code does not apply to these conventions.~~

### **State Convention:**

#### By-laws Regulations:

For brevity, please refer to the GPTX by-laws.