

**Proposal to modify Bylaws
Voting Rights paragraph
sponsored by Douglas Campbell**

C) Voting Rights for GPMI Issues and Nominations; Status as Delegates to National or International Meetings:

A member who has attended a GPMI general membership meeting within the past thirteen months is eligible to vote on GPMI issues.

A delegate representing GPMI at national or international conventions must be a GPMI member in good standing with voting rights.

A member voting to nominate GPMI candidates for elected office must also be a Michigan qualified elector in the appropriate district.

A member who has not attended a GPMI meeting in the past thirteen months may request special voting privileges based on significant participation in the Green Party. The Party Manager shall evaluate these requests and grant or deny special voting privileges.

For reference, current text follows:

C) Voting Rights for GPMI Issues and Nominations; Status as Delegates to National Meetings: If you are a member and have attended one prior GPMI general meeting within the past four quarters, then you have voting rights at a GPMI meeting or any other way that a GPMI issue may be voted upon. Delegates to national conventions must be members with voting rights. Members attending their first GPMI meeting or who have not attended a GPMI meeting in over a year may request voting rights based on significant participation in other Green Party activities that would help make them familiar with (i) the Greens decision-making process and (ii) the current issues being voted upon. This could include, for example, participation in GPMI email discussion lists, attendance at local meetings, and/or participation in other Greens activities such as direct actions, etc. The person designated to certify such individuals who do not otherwise meet criteria for voting membership is the Party Manager.

Notes and answers to anticipated questions:

- Why “thirteen months”? That’s odd.
“Thirteen months” eliminates the confusion of whether the SQM exactly one year ago qualifies.
- What’s a “qualified elector”?
In Michigan election law, that’s the formal name for a person registered to vote.
- What were your criteria for granting or denying special voting privileges?
 - > Make an individual request
 - > Claim and describe your “significant participation”
 - > Be independently vouched-for by a regular member, and
 - > Show up at an SQM