



**Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee
to the Board and Delegates of the Libertarian
Party of Colorado 2019 State Convention**

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Introduction

The recommendations of the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws Committee were not completed at the 2018 Libertarian Party of Colorado's Convention. As a result, the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed all proposals of the 2018 Committee to determine if these proposals should be brought to the floor for the 2019 Convention. The 2019 Committee also came up with their own recommendations for the delegation to vote on.

The 2019 Committee and all of its members have been proud to serve the Libertarian Party of Colorado and thank the 2019 Convention delegates for their consideration on all proposals presented. The Chair wishes to express gratitude to all members of the 2019 Committee for their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Seebeck
2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

(Bylaws) Proposal #1: Change End of Fiscal Year

Submitted by David Aitken and John Hjersman (Treasurer)

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously

Problem: The Party's fiscal year end may precede or end after or even during the Convention, making the Treasurer's job more difficult, especially if they are new.

Solution: Move the end of the Party's fiscal year to the end of the calendar year.

Benefits: Creates time for Treasurer to do end-of-year reports for the Convention.

***NOTE:** If enacted, the 2019 fiscal year would run April 1st to December 31st only, which may cause a records skew that should be noted in the end-of-year reports.*

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE IV – Finances and Accounting

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Party shall end ~~March 31st~~ December 31st.

MOTION: Amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 1, by changing the date of March 31st to December 31st, so that the Section would read as follows:

ARTICLE IV – Finances and Accounting

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31st.

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Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

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Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

(Constitution) Proposal #2: Clean up Convention Language to Conform to State Law

Submitted by Michael Seebeck

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously

Problem: Currently, the details regarding the call to Convention and the specifics regarding it are split up in both location and duty, leading to concerns that the Party may not be clearly in conformance with state law, specifically CRS 1-3-1301(1)(h).*

Solution: Clean up the language to remove any ambiguity.

Benefits: Keeps the Party legal, cleans up the language into one place, and provides a helpful cross-reference between the duty of the Chair and what that duty involves.

***NOTE:** CRS 1-3-1301(1)(h): “(1) ... The constitution or set of bylaws shall contain the following:

...

(h) A statement that any meeting to elect party officers, including delegates, and any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the party chairperson and that the time and place of such meeting shall be published once, no later than fifteen days before such meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the members of the minor political party reside;”
(emphasis added)

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTIONS

Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board of Directors to provide for members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. ~~At least~~No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the ~~Board~~Chair shall call the Convention by notifying members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the members of the Party reside.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article VII Section 2 as follows:

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Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

- At the beginning of the second sentence, replace “At least” with “No later than”
- In the second sentence, after “Convention,” and before “the Board”, add “in accordance with state law,”
- In the second sentence, replace “Board” with “Chair”, and
- In the last sentence, add “no later than” before “fifteen”

so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTIONS

Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board of Directors to provide for members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the members of the Party reside.

(Constitution) Proposal #3: Define who is a Delegate to the State Convention

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously

Problem: Nowhere in the Constitution or Bylaws is a state Convention Delegate defined in a way that allows for it to be shorthand-referenced in the documents.

Solution: Define it.

Benefits: Helps document flow and referencing. In other locations, delegates to the national convention will be defined separately to avoid confusion.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTIONS

Section 4: ~~Delegates to the business meetings of the Convention must have been Members for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the day the first such meeting convenes.~~ A Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the business meeting at a Convention may attend and vote at the business meeting as a “Delegate.” The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of ~~delegates~~Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior ~~delegates~~Delegates, or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the call of the Convention.

MOTION: Amend Constitution/Bylaws Article VII, Section 4 as follows:

- Delete the first sentence and replace it with “A Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the business meeting at a Convention may attend and vote at the business meeting as a “Delegate.””, and
- In both cases in the second sentence, replace “delegates” with “Delegates”

so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTIONS

Section 4: A Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the

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(Bylaws) Proposal #4: Clean up Meetings

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (1 member absent)

Problem: Referred by the Style committee to clean up the first sentence. A meeting to elect Officers is not necessarily the same as a meeting to elect National Convention delegates, or a nominating convention for candidates (for example, the former happens every year, while the latter two only happen in even-numbered years).

Solution: Clean up the language.

Benefits: Clarity.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Officers, ~~including~~ or National Convention Delegates, ~~and~~ or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting.

MOTION: Amend Bylaws Article III, Section 1 as follows:

- Replace “, including” with “or National Convention” in the first sentence, and
- Replace “and” with “or” in the first sentence

so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Officers or National Convention Delegates, or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting.

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Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

(Constitution) Proposal #5: Organizations, not Affiliates

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: The reference to an affiliate in the first sentence is incorrect; however, correcting it is a substantive change. The consistent reference in the Section is that of an organization that has an affiliate status, so refer to it as an organization.

Solution: Amend Constitution Article IX Section 3 to fix.

Benefits: Consistency.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE IX – PARTY AFFILIATES

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said ~~affiliate~~organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article IX Section 3 by replacing “affiliate” with “organization:” in the first sentence, so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE IX – PARTY AFFILIATES

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair

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Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

(Constitution) Proposal #6: Fix end of Officer Terms

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: The term of office of an Officer is supposed to end at the adjournment of the Convention, but the wording is incorrect. The Style Committee felt that fixing it would be substantive.

Solution: Amend Constitution Article V Section 4 to fix the wording error.

Benefits: Straightens it out.

***Proviso:** This would apply to the current terms of Officers that would normally end upon adjournment of the Convention at which this is adopted in order to be certain that transitions to any new Officers are completed correctly.*

(NOTE: “Convention” is defined in Constitution Article VII, Section 1, and “Officer” is defined in Constitution Article V, Section 1.)

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 4: Officer elections shall exclude any office eliminated upon adjournment of the Convention and shall include any Office created upon adjournment of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term of each Office adjusted to end at the adjournment of the Convention of the designated year.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article V, Section 4 as follows:

- Add “of the Convention” to both places in the sentence after “adjournment”
- Add “of each Office” after “with the term”, and
- Add “adjournment of the” before “Convention” in the last part of the sentence

so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

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Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Section 4: Officer elections shall exclude any office eliminated upon adjournment of the Convention and shall include any Office created upon adjournment of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term of each Office adjusted to end at the adjournment of the Convention of the designated year.

(Constitution) Proposal #7: Constitution Amendments

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously

Problem: Article XII's amendment process incorrectly refers to the Business Session of the Convention instead of the Convention itself, and also is incomplete in its voting references in Section 2.

Solution: Amend Constitution Article XII to clean up.

Benefits: Improve clarity and consistency.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the ~~Business Session~~Convention.

Section 2: Any ~~clause~~Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this Constitution.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article XII as follows:

- Change "Business Session" to "Convention" in the last sentence of Section 1
- Change "clause" to "Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution" in Section 2

so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the Convention.

Section 2: Any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this Constitution.

(Bylaws) Proposal #8: Fix Committee Articles

Adopted by the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (2 members absent)

Proposal was not heard on the floor at the 2018 Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously, after a 3-way division with amendments

Problem: Article VII of the Bylaws addresses election of delegates and alternates to the national Convention, but Section 7 of that article deals with national Party committees and does not belong in that Article.

Solution: Move Article VII, Section 7 to a new Article, renumbering subsequent Articles, and rename Article VI to be explicit about state committees. Add language explicitly excluding LNC Regional Representatives and Alternates from the Article. Add language to the moved section regarding solicitation of applications from Party members for those national committees. Add new language requiring those national committee members to report the Board of Directors progress of the committees and requiring said members to adhere to full transparency of those committees' proceedings.

NOTE: This does not apply to selection of Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, which is addressed in the national Bylaws.

Benefits: Puts parts in proper context.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VI – STATE COMMITTEES

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

~~Section 7: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Libertarian Party Committees is known at the time of the Party Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention shall elect representatives and alternates in the same manner as and immediately after the election of at-large national convention delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote.~~

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Section 1: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding regional representatives and alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention shall elect representatives and alternates in the same manner as and immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote after soliciting applications from Party members.

Section 2: Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions.

MOTION: Move to amend the Bylaws in the following manner:

- Rename Article VI to “State Committees”
- Move Article VII, Section 7 into a new Article VIII named “Election of Representatives and Alternates to National Committees”, renumbering it as Section 1
- Renumber subsequent Section 8 of Article VII
- Add new language “, excluding regional representatives and alternates to the Libertarian National Committee,” to the first sentence of the new Article VII, Section 1, after “subcommittees”
- Add new language to the end of the new Article VIII, Section 1, “after soliciting applications from Party members”
- Add a new Section 2 to the new Article VIII, “Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions.”
- Renumber subsequent Articles

so that the affected Articles would then read as follows:

ARTICLE VI – STATE COMMITTEES

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Section 1: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding regional representatives and alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention shall elect representatives and alternates in the same manner as and immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote after soliciting applications from Party members.

Section 2: Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions.

(Bylaws) Proposal #9: Clean up Use of Versions of Robert's Rules

Referred by Style Committee

Passed unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: The Style Committee referred this to clean up the last sentence in Article V Section 1, which is confusing. The idea is that if a new version of RRONR is released before 6 months out from the next Convention, then it shall become the parliamentary rules after that Convention, but if it is released less than 6 months out from the next Convention, then it shall become the parliamentary rules after the Convention after the next Convention. For example, if a new RRONR is released in June 2019, it becomes the parliamentary rules after the (example only) March 2020 convention, but if it is released in January 2020, it becomes the parliamentary rules after the 2021 convention.

Solution: Cleans up any confusion.

Benefits: Clarity, although this doesn't happen very often.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Party Constitution, these Bylaws, and any ~~standing rules and any special rules of order~~ Standing Rules and any Special Rules of Order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt.

1. If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released more than six (6) months prior to the ~~next~~ Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority ~~following upon~~ the ~~conclusion~~ adjournment of that Convention.
2. If ~~it~~ a new edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is released less than six (6) months prior to the ~~next~~ Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority ~~following upon~~ the ~~conclusion~~ adjournment of the ~~next~~ following year's Convention.

MOTION: Amend Constitution/Bylaws Article V, Section 1 as follows:

- Drop the second and third sentences into subsections 1 and 2

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Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

- In subsection 1:
 - Delete “next”
 - Replace ”following” with “upon”
 - Replace “conclusion” with “adjournment”
- In subsection 2:
 - Replace “it” with “a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*”
 - Delete “next”
 - Replace ”following” with “upon”
 - Replace “conclusion” with “adjournment”
 - Replace “next” with “following”

so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Party Constitution, these Bylaws, and any standing rules and any special rules of order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt.

1. If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released more than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of that Convention.
2. If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released less than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of the following year's Convention.

(Constitution) Proposal #10: Article IV Section 1 Cleanup

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: The reference to a county Clerk and Recorder should refer to the office, not the person. Also, as currently worded, a person may still be registered to vote Libertarian in this state but also be registered to vote out of the country, and that creates a loophole to be closed.

Solution: Amend Article IV Section 1 to change the county Clerk and Recorder to the office, and close the aforementioned loophole.

Benefits: Improves the Constitution and Bylaws and also cleans up the Section.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Section 1: Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors (“Voters”) in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is “Libertarian.” Membership in the Party begins on the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, “Application”), where “Libertarian,” or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, “Unaffiliated,” or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office; or the Voter registers in another state or country; or the Voter is removed from the voter rolls.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article IV, Section 1, as follows:

- Add “’s office” after “Recorder” in both locations, and
- Add “or country; or the voter is removed from the Voter rolls” at the end of the last sentence

so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Section 1: Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors ("Voters") in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is "Libertarian." Membership in the Party begins on the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, "Application"), where "Libertarian," or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter's county Clerk and Recorder's office. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, "Unaffiliated," or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter's county Clerk and Recorder's office; or the Voter registers in another state or country; or the Voter is removed from the voter rolls.

(Constitution) Proposal #11: Refer to Government Offices, not Persons

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: The references to the Secretary of State and a county Clerk and Recorder should refer to the offices, not the people. Also, the sentence containing that phrase is clunky and needs revision.

Solution: Amend Article IV Section 2 to change the Secretary of State and the county Clerk and Recorder to the offices, and clean up the sentence.

Benefits: Improves the Constitution and Bylaws and also cleans up the Section.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Section 2: In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Records Director or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the ~~Secretary of State or the Clerk and Recorder of the county in which the applicant has registered~~ Secretary of State's office or the county Clerk and Recorder's office where the applicant has registered.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article IV, Section 2, by changing “Secretary of State or the Clerk and Recorder of the county in which the applicant has registered” to “Secretary of State's office or the county Clerk and Recorder's office where the applicant has registered”, so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Section 2: In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Records Director or the

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Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State's office or the county Clerk and Recorder's office where the applicant has registered.

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

(Bylaws) Proposal #12: Constitute Style Committee Earlier

Submitted by Michael Seebeck, Style Committee Chair

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (1 member absent)

Problem: The Style Committee ideally should have its work done before the Platform and the Constitution and Bylaws Committees are constituted and begin their work, instead of simultaneously, which can make tracking changes problematic.

Solution: Select the at-large members of the Style Committee earlier after the Convention to get the Style Committee moving and the process to flow smoother.

Benefits: Simplifies the process flow.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 7: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party members selected by the Board of Directors. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate. The at-large Style Committee members shall be selected within sixty (60) days of adjournment of the Convention.

MOTION: Amend Bylaws Article VI, Section 7, to add the following sentence at the end: “The at-large Style Committee members shall be selected within sixty (60) days of adjournment of the Convention.” so that Article VI, Section 7 of the Bylaws reads as follows:

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 7: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party members selected by the Board of Directors. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws to the Board for

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ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate. The at-large Style Committee members shall be selected within sixty (60) days of adjournment of the Convention.

(Bylaws) Proposal #13: Style Committee to use CMOS

Submitted by Michael Seebeck, Style Committee Chair

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (1 member absent)

Problem: The Style Committee should follow the Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS). This is the same standard used by the national Party in its documents.

Solution: Add that requirement to the Style Committee.

Benefits: Simplifies the process flow.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 7: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party members selected by the Board of Directors. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the Chicago Manual of Style, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate.

MOTION: Amend Bylaws Article VI, Section 7, to add the following clause after “Bylaws,” and before “to the Board”: “, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the Chicago Manual of Style, ” so that Article VI, Section 7 of the Bylaws reads as follows:

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 7: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party members selected by the Board of Directors. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the Chicago Manual of Style, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change.

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate.

(Bylaws) Proposal #14: Overhaul Committees Article

Submitted by Michael Seebeck

Passed unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: Article VI of the Bylaws is in need of a reorganization to better address the different convention and other committees in a more orderly fashion.

Solution: Reorganize the Article.

Benefits: Easier to follow and amend in the future if needed.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VI – STATE COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large members selected by the Board of Directors and an additional member selected by each chartered affiliate.

1. ~~Section 2:~~ The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Party members at least six (6) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. The Board shall appoint five (5) at-large members at an open Board meeting held at least one (1) month after the final solicitation, but no later than four (4) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. If any subsequent vacancies occur in the initially appointed at-large positions, the Board of Directors may select Party members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee.
2. ~~Section 3:~~ Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) member to the committees. Should an affiliate not appoint its committee member, the Board of Directors may appoint an additional at-large member at the time of committee formation. The Board shall solicit one (1) committee member from each chartered affiliate on the same schedule implemented by the Board pursuant to Section 2 above, and at its meeting for appointment of the members of the committees it shall confirm such committee

members as have been certified by the Affiliate Representatives. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee votes, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.

3. Section 4: Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.
4. Section 6: The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety ~~as approved by~~ to the Convention.

Section 72: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party members selected by the Board of Directors. The Style Committee shall propose stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate.

Section 83: The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment of the Convention.

Section 94: Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board of Directors or Convention shall from time to time deem necessary to carry ~~on~~ out the work of the Party.

Section 5: Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall be open to Party members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

MOTION: Move to restructure Article VI as follows:

- Rename the title of Article VI "State Committees"
- Move Sections 2 through 4 and Section 6 to subsections 1 through 4 under Section 1

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

- Renumber Sections 7 through 9 to Sections 2 through 4
 - In the new Section 1, Subsection 1, add “at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered” in both places after “Convention”
- In the new Section 1, Subsection 4, replace “as approved by” with “to”
- In the new Section 4, replace “on” with “out”

(NOTE: Sections 1 and 5 remain unchanged.)

so that the amended Article would read as follows:

ARTICLE VI – STATE COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large members selected by the Board of Directors and an additional member selected by each chartered affiliate.

1. The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Party members at least six (6) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. The Board shall appoint five (5) at-large members at an open Board meeting held at least one (1) month after the final solicitation, but no later than four (4) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. If any subsequent vacancies occur in the initially appointed at-large positions, the Board of Directors may select Party members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee.
2. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) member to the committees. Should an affiliate not appoint its committee member, the Board of Directors may appoint an additional at-large member at the time of committee formation. The Board shall solicit one (1) committee member from each chartered affiliate on the same schedule implemented by the Board pursuant to Section 2 above, and at its meeting for appointment of the members of the committees it shall confirm such committee members as have been certified by the Affiliate Representatives. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee votes, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.
3. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure

that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.

4. The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety to the Convention.

Section 2: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party members selected by the Board of Directors. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate.

Section 3: The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment of the Convention.

Section 4: Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board of Directors or Convention shall from time to time deem necessary to carry out the work of the Party.

Section 5: Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall be open to Party members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

(Constitution) Proposal #15: Special Conventions

Referred by Michael Seebeck

Passed unanimously by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee (2 members absent)

Problem: Currently, if an emergency happens where a Convention is required, there is no way to call one.

Solution: Add an Article to allow for it in a parallel manner to regular Conventions.

Benefits: Allows for flexibility if needed and closes a major gap in the Constitution.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VII – ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the Annual Convention must be done in between annual Conventions, the Board of Directors by a two-third (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law.

Section 2: Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board of Directors to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.

Section 3: Any required changes to the Party Constitution or Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting thresholds required to change the respective documents as provided for in this Constitution, or else they will be rendered null and void.

Section 4: All current Members that were eligible to vote at the previous annual Convention shall be eligible to vote at a Special Convention.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article VII, as follows:

- Rename Article VII “Annual Conventions”
- Add a new Article IX, as listed above
- renumber subsequent Articles

so that they would read as follows:

ARTICLE VII – ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

ARTICLE IX – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

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Section 2: Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board of Directors to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.

Section 3: Any required changes to the Party Constitution or Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting thresholds required to change the respective documents as provided for in this Constitution, or else they will be rendered null and void.

Section 4: All current Members that were eligible to vote at the previous annual Convention shall be eligible to vote at a Special Convention.

(Constitution) Proposal #16: Move Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws Proposals to Odd-Numbered Years

Submitted by Michele Poague

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 6-0-1 (1 member absent)

Problem: There is too little time during convention to adequately cover necessary business.

Solution: Focus on internal documents in odd-numbered years only.

Benefits: During odd-numbered years, Party members could focus on internal documents without the distraction of running campaigns.

Proviso: This proposal would not apply to the need to clear the backlog of unheard Constitution and Bylaws proposals from the 2019 Convention and earlier, nor exclude proposals to codify the Convention Standing Rules into the Bylaws, or a proposal to combine the Constitution and Bylaws--both of which are needed items that were not achievable due to time constraints--which would be the only proposals allowed at the 2020 Convention.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE X – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Section 1: ~~The~~During odd-numbered years, the Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

ARTICLE XI – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

Section 1: ~~The~~During odd-numbered years, the Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Section 1: ~~This~~During odd-numbered years, this Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the Business Session.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Articles X, XI, and XII, Sections 1 for each as follows:

- In Articles X and XI, Section 1, at the beginning of the first sentence, replace “The” with “During odd-numbered years, the”
- In Article XII, Section 1, at the beginning of the first sentence, replace “This” with “During off-numbered years, this”

so that the amended Articles would read as follows:

ARTICLE X – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

ARTICLE XI – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, this Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the Business Session.

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

(Constitution) Proposal #17: Clarify Deadline for Member Amendment Submissions to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws

Each of these were proposed by the 2016 Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Each of these proposals were not heard on the floor at the 2016 Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention

Each of these proposals were adopted without changes by the 2017 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously

Each of these proposals were not heard on the floor at the 2017 Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention

Each of these proposals were adopted without changes by the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (1 member absent)

Each of these proposals were not heard on the floor at the 2017 Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention

Each of these proposals were adopted with amendments by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously, and all 3 proposals merged together (3 members absent)

Problem: The current deadlines for member submissions for Platform planks, Constitution amendments, and Bylaws amendments are unclear and not based upon time-certain deadlines, but are dependent upon a moving target of Board meeting dates.

Solution: Provide a consistent time-certain deadline for member submissions for all three areas.

Benefits: Gives Party members certainty about the deadlines.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE X – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the State Party Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board ~~at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention~~ at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

ARTICLE XI – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board ~~at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention~~ at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party’s website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at any State Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board ~~at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention~~ at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party’s website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the Business Session.

MOTION: Move to amend Articles X, XI, and XII, Section 1 in each, by removing the words “at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention” and replacing with “at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention,” so that Articles X, XI, and XII, Section 1 in each read as follows:

ARTICLE X – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the State Party Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party’s website within two (2) business days of receipt.

ARTICLE XI – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at any State Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the Business Session.

(Constitution) Proposal #18: Establish Procedure for Resolutions

Adopted by the 2017 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously

Proposal was not heard on the floor at the 2017 Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention

Adopted without changes by the 2018 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (1 member absent)

Proposal was not heard on the floor at the 2018 Libertarian Party of Colorado Convention

Adopted without changes by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: The current Constitution does not lay out the process for making resolutions at the Convention.

Solution: Establish a provision outlining the process of introducing a resolution on the floor at the Convention.

Benefits: Allows for members to submit resolutions.

Proviso: If passed, this change will become a part of the Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Colorado following the 2019 Convention.

MOTION: Add a new Section 5 to Article VII to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTIONS

Section 5: Resolutions may be adopted at any Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates to the Convention provided that a copy of the Resolution is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, which notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

(Bylaws) Proposal #19: Overhaul Duties of the Board Article (2/3 vote to amend)

Submitted by multiple Committee Members

Passed in toto unanimously (2 members absent)

Problem: Article 1I of the Bylaws is in need of a reorganization to better address the different duties of the Board in a more organized and cohesive fashion.

Solution: Reorganize the Article.

Benefits: Makes for better Party operations.

Proviso: Section 7 changes the title of the position from the Records Director to the Secretary, and there are conforming position title changes to the Constitution Article IV, Section 2 and Article V, Sections 1 and 2. That makes this proposal require a 2/3 vote to amend.

PROPOSED REVISION:

MOTION: In Bylaws Article II, delete Sections 1-8 and 10-12 and replace with the following sections:

(NOTE: This is a full rewrite of Sections 1-8 and 10-12. Sections not listed (9, 13) have no changes.)

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1: The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board of Directors, as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party. Unless otherwise specified in the Party's Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair, or their designee, including other Board members acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Section 2: The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, ensure affiliate compliance with requirements in the Party Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Officer's continuity binders in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair. In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:

- a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller
- b. Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake
- c. Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo
- d. San Luis: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache
- e. San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel
- f. Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray
- g. Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit
- h. Northwest: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt
- i. Metro: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson
- j. Northeast: Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld
- k. Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma

Section 3: The Affiliate Development Director shall develop and support affiliate parties and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. The Affiliate Development Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.

Section 4: The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign volunteers. The Campaigns Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other campaign functions.

Section 5: The Outreach Director shall be responsible for booking and running outreach booths, community events, and maintenance of outreach materials. The Outreach Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other outreach functions.

Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all outward-facing communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries. The Communications Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other communications functions.

Section 7: The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining official Party records and shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes. The Secretary shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws, the Party Constitution, and the Secretary of State, and shall post these dates within sixty (60) days of their deadlines in accordance with the Party's Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order. The Secretary shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board of Directors a publication listing all Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order adopted by the Board of Directors and shall file any amendments to the Party's Constitution or Bylaws with the Secretary of State within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted.

Section 8: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs), and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

Section 10: The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions.

Section 11: The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for maintaining membership records and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party. The Membership Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other membership functions.

Section 12: Each Officer shall be responsible for being thoroughly familiar with the Party Bylaws, Constitution, Platform, Special Rules of Order, and Standing Rules. They shall also be responsible for maintaining documentation, including a continuity binder containing position procedures and other relevant and important information about their duties, and shall provide a written report to be passed on to the next Officer. They shall not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall provide a monthly report of activities, revenues, and expenses. If an officer finds that they cannot perform their required duties, that officer should tender their resignation in good standing and facilitate the transfer of tasks to their appointed or elected successor. If an officer finds that they cannot perform any additional assignments or volunteer duties, that officer shall notify the Board in a timely manner so that the duties can be transferred.

(Constitution) Proposal #20: Candidates for Partisan Office

Submitted by David Aitken and Michael Seebeck

Passed unanimously (3 members absent)

Problem: Currently the nomination process has issues with getting districts incorrect, which can lead to dropped candidates; and paperwork for candidates being done on the fly at the end of the Convention, when people are leaving.

Solution: Amend the nomination process to solve these issues and clean up the nomination process.

Benefits: This helps solve several issues:

1. we get the districts right so no more dropped candidates;
2. paperwork is done before the convention;
3. we have material for web pages;
4. better quality candidates;
5. people have to be serious to do this so we'll have better campaigns;
6. vetting. We may have fewer candidates, but maybe that's a plus - quality vs quantity.
7. Makes the nomination process simpler by precluding primary elections in alignment with the Platform
8. Clarifies the distinction between candidates and nominees.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

~~**Section 2:** The delegates to the Convention—or a committee designated by the delegates—shall nominate candidates for offices which require the vote of all the electors of the state. Candidates for all other offices may be nominated in the same way.~~

~~**Section 3:** Nomination of all other candidates may be made by the Party representing the area or district in which the candidate must run in accordance with such procedures as the affiliate may provide, subject to the requirements of this Article and ratification by a Party Convention. If no such nominations are made in accordance with this Section, all other candidates may be nominated in the same manner as provided in Section 2.~~

Legend for Proposals: Unchanged existing text, ~~text to be deleted~~, text to be inserted.

Threshold Vote for Passage: Bylaws require majority vote. Constitution requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Section 2: Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.

Section 3: The application shall consist of: 1) all forms required by the Secretary of State or Federal Election Commission; 2) a campaign-quality photograph of the candidate; 3) the application form provided by the Board; 4) a biography and a minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; 5) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party; and 6) signing a statement to the effect that they supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the ~~Primary Election, and shall sign a statement to the effect that he or she supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals~~ Convention.

Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by delegates to the Convention or by a Vacancy Committee designated by the delegates. For nominations at the Convention:

1. For statewide offices, all of the delegates to the Convention shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate candidates for those offices.
2. For district offices that are not statewide:
 - a. If there is more than one candidate for any district office and there are ten (10) or fewer delegates in attendance at the Convention from that district, then all of the Convention delegates shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office.
 - b. If there is more than one candidate for any district office and there are more than ten (10) delegates in attendance at the Convention from that district, then only the delegates from that district shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office.
 - c. If there is only one candidate for any district office, then all of the Convention delegates shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office.

3. Candidates nominated from the Convention floor that have not previously completed the application requirements in this Article shall complete those requirements by the adjournment of the Convention, except the campaign-quality photograph of the nominee shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of adjournment of the Convention.
4. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall complete the application requirements in this Article within thirty (30) days of nomination.

Section 86: In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.

Section 67: Any ~~candidate representing the Party~~ Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates ~~approved~~ nominated by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation. A Party nominee qualifies for campaign assistance from the Party.

Section 78: The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Officers in their official capacities, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian ~~candidates for nomination or~~ Party nominees for election to partisan public office.

~~Section 5: In order to qualify for campaign assistance from the Party, any candidate for public office shall be endorsed by a majority of Party members at the Convention, by a committee designated thereby, or by the Board of Directors.~~

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article VII in the following manner:

- In the title, add at the end “FOR PUBLIC OFFICE”
- Section 1 has no changes (not listed)
- Section 2 is deleted and replaced with the following new Section 2: “Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President shall submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.”
- Section 3 is deleted and replaced with the following new Section 3: “The application shall consist of: 1) all forms required by the Secretary of State; 2) a campaign-quality photograph of the candidate; 3) the application form provided by the Board; 4) a biography and a

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minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; and 5) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party.”

- In Section 4, replace “Primary Election” with “Convention”
- Add a new Section 5 as follows: “Candidates may be nominated by delegates to the Convention or by a committee designated by the delegates. For nominations at the Convention: 1. For statewide offices, all of the delegates to the Convention shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate candidates for those offices. 2. For district offices that are not statewide: a. If there is more than one candidate for any district office and there are ten (10) or fewer delegates in attendance at the Convention from that district, then all of the Convention delegates shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office. b. If there is more than one candidate for any district office and there are more than ten (10) delegates in attendance at the Convention from that district, then only the delegates from that district shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office. c. If there is only one candidate for any district office, then all of the Convention delegates shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office. 3. Candidates nominated from the Convention floor that have not previously completed the application requirements in this Article shall complete those requirements by the adjournment of the Convention, except the campaign-quality photograph of the nominee shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of adjournment of the Convention. 4. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall complete the application requirements in this Article within thirty (30) days of nomination.”
- Renumber Section 8 to Section 6
- Renumber Section 6 to Section 7 and amend as follows:
 - Replace “candidate representing the Party” to “Party nominee”
 - Replace “approved” with “nominated”
- Renumber Section 7 to Section 8 and amend as follows:
 - Add “in their official capacities” after “Officers” and before the comma
 - Replace “candidates for nomination or” with “Party nominees for”
- Renumber Section 5 to Section 9 and amend as follows:
 - Replace “any candidate” with “a Party nominee”
 - Replace “a majority of Party members at the Convention” with “nomination using the procedures in this Article”

So that the Article would read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 2: Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President shall submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be

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notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.

Section 3: The application shall consist of: 1) all forms required by the Secretary of State; 2) a campaign-quality photograph of the candidate; 3) the application form provided by the Board; 4) a biography and a minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; and 5) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party.

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention, and shall sign a statement to the effect that he or she supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by delegates to the Convention or by a committee designated by the delegates. For nominations at the Convention:

1. For statewide offices, all of the delegates to the Convention shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate candidates for those offices.
2. For district offices that are not statewide:
 - a. If there is more than one candidate for any district office and there are ten (10) or fewer delegates in attendance at the Convention from that district, then all of the Convention delegates shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office.
 - b. If there is more than one candidate for any district office and there are more than ten (10) delegates in attendance at the Convention from that district, then only the delegates from that district shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office.
 - c. If there is only one candidate for any district office, then all of the Convention delegates shall vote, by approval voting, to nominate a candidate for that district office.
3. Candidates nominated from the Convention floor that have not previously completed the application requirements in this Article shall complete those requirements by the adjournment of the Convention, except the campaign-quality photograph of the nominee shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of adjournment of the Convention.
4. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall complete the application requirements in this Article within thirty (30) days of nomination.

Section 6: In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.

Section 7: Any Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates nominated by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation.

Section 8: The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Officers in their official capacities, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian Party nominees for election to partisan public office.

Section 9: In order to qualify for campaign assistance from the Party, a Party nominee for public office shall be endorsed by nomination using the procedures in this Article, by a committee designated thereby, or by the Board of Directors.

(Constitution) Proposal #21: Nomination of Candidates Cleanup

Referred by Style Committee

Adopted by the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, unanimously

Problem: The wording of Article VIII Section 3 is in passive voice and needs a cleanup. The Style Committee felt that such a cleanup might be substantive.

Solution: Reword the Section.

Benefits: Clarity.

NOTE: If the previous proposal for Article VIII passes, this will not be presented.

PROPOSED REVISION:

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Section 3: ~~Nomination of all other candidates may be made by the Party representing the area or district in which the candidate must run in accordance with such procedures as the affiliate may provide, subject to the requirements of this Article and ratification by a Party Convention.~~ The Party affiliate which represents the area or district in which a candidate runs may nominate a candidate for that area or district in accordance with such procedures as the affiliate may provide, subject to the requirements of this Article and ratification by the Convention. If no such nominations are made in accordance with this Section, all other candidates may be nominated in the same manner as provided in Section 2.

MOTION: Amend Constitution Article VIII, Section 3 by deleting the first sentence and replace it with “The Party affiliate which represents the area or district in which a candidate runs may nominate a candidate for that area or district in accordance with such procedures as the affiliate may provide, subject to the requirements of this Article and ratification by the Convention.”, so that it would read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Section 3: The Party affiliate which represents the area or district in which a candidate runs may nominate a candidate for that area or district in accordance with such procedures as the

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affiliate may provide, subject to the requirements of this Article and ratification by the Convention. If no such nominations are made in accordance with this Section, all other candidates may be nominated in the same manner as provided in Section 2.

Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Colorado

[Adopted in Convention May 24th, 2018]

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1: The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

Section 1: The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, throughout the state of Colorado by:

- a. providing leadership and direction for the libertarian movement in Colorado;
- b. communicating the message and positions of the Party;
- c. entering into political information and educational activities;
- d. promoting, chartering, coordinating, and supporting Party affiliates;
- e. growing the Party through attracting and retaining members;
- f. attracting, nominating, and promoting professional, serious Party candidates for political office; and
- g. promoting libertarian legislation throughout Colorado.

ARTICLE III – PRINCIPLES

Section 1: The Party shall take no positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Section 1: Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors (“Voters”) in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is “Libertarian.” Membership in the Party begins on the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, “Application”), where “Libertarian,” or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, “Unaffiliated,” or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the

Voter's county Clerk and Recorder; or the Voter registers in another state.

Section 2: In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Records Director or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State or the Clerk and Recorder of the county in which the applicant has registered.

Section 3: A prospective member may challenge an error of the Secretary of State or a Clerk and Recorder by virtue of an affidavit signed by two (2) other Party members who are in good standing.

Section 4: Any current Party member in good standing may challenge the validity of the proof of membership. The burden of proof of invalidation shall be upon the challenging member.

Section 5: No membership in any other organizations shall be required of any applicant for consideration for Party membership.

Section 6: All offices, delegations, candidacies, and other roles within the Party and its affiliates shall be occupied and exercised only by Party Members.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1: There shall be eleven (11) Party Officers ("Officers"), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Regions Director, Campaigns Director, Outreach Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Records Director, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. Only Convention delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Office, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.

Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Officer, the following Officers shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Regions Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Officers shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Records Director, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. The election of each Office shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until the Convention has adjourned and the Officer-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the

national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Office shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

Section 3: An appointed Officer's term ends at the adjournment of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule in Section 2.

Section 4: Officer elections shall exclude any office eliminated upon adjournment and shall include any Office created upon adjournment, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term adjusted to end at the Convention of the designated year.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Party Officers. The Board of Directors shall be the Party's State Central Committee.

Section 2: Any member of the Board of Directors may be suspended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the current Board of Directors. Any member of the Board of Directors absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be suspended at adjournment of the second regular meeting. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate officers if vacancies or suspensions occur. Reinstated or appointed officers are to serve until the next Convention.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Party Bylaws. The Board shall serve as the Party's Vacancy Committee.

ARTICLE VII – CONVENTIONS

Section 1: The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates ("Convention") each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than sixty-five (65) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.

Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board of Directors to provide for members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. At least forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, the Board shall call the Convention by notifying members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any

Convention and remote locations shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the members of the Party reside.

Section 3: No fee may be required of any Party member to participate in the business sessions of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.

Section 4: Delegates to the business meetings of the Convention must have been Members for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the day the first such meeting convenes. The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior delegates, or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the call of the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Section 1: The United States Supreme Court has recognized that the nomination of candidates—under political party rules—falls under the First Amendment’s Freedom of Association protections and therefore overrides state laws when such rules so state. As such, all rules for nominating candidates are limited to only the Party Constitution and Bylaws, and all state laws regarding nominating candidates are to be considered overridden and void. The Party reserves all First Amendment Rights in this regard.

Section 2: The delegates to the Convention---or a committee designated by the delegates---shall nominate candidates for offices which require the vote of all the electors of the state. Candidates for all other offices may be nominated in the same way.

Section 3: Nomination of all other candidates may be made by the Party representing the area or district in which the candidate must run in accordance with such procedures as the affiliate may provide, subject to the requirements of this Article and ratification by a Party Convention. If no such nominations are made in accordance with this Section, all other candidates may be nominated in the same manner as provided in Section 2.

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Primary Election, and shall sign a statement to the effect that he or she supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 5: In order to qualify for campaign assistance from the Party, any candidate for public

office shall be endorsed by a majority of Party members at the Convention, by a committee designated thereby, or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Any candidate representing the Party in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation "Libertarian." Only candidates approved by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation.

Section 7: The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Officers, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian candidates for nomination or election to partisan public office.

Section 8: In addition to candidates, "None of the Above" (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.

ARTICLE IX – PARTY AFFILIATES

Section 1: The Board of Directors of the Party may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected members and approved by the Board of Directors. Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:

1. nominating candidates for public office;
2. working to elect Libertarian candidates and to promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; and
3. selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.

Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.

Section 2: Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. They shall also submit contact information for their officers, who shall include at least a Chair and a Treasurer, with both being separate people. They shall maintain at least five (5) members, publish their bylaws to those members and the State Board of Directors, and file their initial Fair Campaign Practices Act filings as necessary.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said affiliate supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5)

members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

ARTICLE X – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

ARTICLE XI – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least two (2) Board meetings prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the Business Session.

Section 2: Any clause which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII – SEVERABILITY

Section 1: If any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution is to any extent determined to be invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such Article, Section, or Clause shall be excluded only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Constitution are declared to be severable.

Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado

[Adopted in Convention May 24th, 2018]

ARTICLE I – PARTY AFFILIATES

Section 1: Organizations applying for charter as affiliates shall make such applications on a standard petition form as adopted by the Board of Directors. The petition shall include ratification of the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. The petition and the ratification shall be signed by no fewer than five (5) Party members.

Section 2: Affiliates shall make known to the Party the Affiliate Representative to whom all Party business shall be directed. The Affiliate Representative shall be a Party member.

Section 3: Affiliates may choose to accept as “Associate Members,” Libertarians who are members of the national Libertarian Party, even though they have signed an approved voter application form establishing their Party affiliation as “Unaffiliated” rather than “Libertarian.” If adopted, this policy must be included in the affiliate’s Bylaws. “Associate Members” may be allowed to vote at local affiliate meetings and receive newsletters and mailings from the affiliate. “Associate Members” shall not be allowed to vote at the State Convention, serve as an officer of the Party, including at the affiliate level, or seek nomination as a Libertarian Party candidate for any public office.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1: The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. The Chair may appoint Party functionaries such as a recording and corresponding secretary, an office manager, and an events chair. The Chair shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board of Directors a publication listing all “Standing Rules” and “Special Rules” adopted by the Board of Directors. The Chair shall specify the date and time of the next Convention at least forty-five (45) days before it is convened. The Chair, or their designee, including other Board members acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party. The Chair shall file any amendments to the Party’s Constitution or Bylaws with the Secretary of State within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted.

Section 2: The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair

in the temporary absence of the Chair, develop and support affiliate parties and district caucuses, ensure affiliate compliance with requirements in the Party Constitution and Bylaws, communicate with Affiliate Representatives on a monthly basis, and facilitate resource sharing and cooperation among the affiliates.

Section 3: The Regions Director shall be responsible for representing the regions and for coordinating campaigns, media, outreach, and other party functions, within the regions—which shall be composed of the following counties:

1. **Pikes Peak:** El Paso, Park, Teller
2. **Upper Arkansas:** Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake
3. **Southeast:** Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo
4. **San Luis:** Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache
5. **San Juan:** Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel
6. **Western Slope:** Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray
7. **Central:** Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit
8. **Northwest:** Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt
9. **Metro:** Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson
10. **Northeast:** Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld
11. **Plains:** Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma

Section 4: The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and coordinate candidate and issue development. The Campaigns Director shall coordinate and be responsible for all political campaigns of the Party.

Section 5: The Outreach Director shall be responsible for recruiting members, having speakers, conducting recruiting events, setting up and operating a speakers bureau, and organizing and supporting student clubs and organizations at high schools, colleges, and universities.

Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries.

Section 7: The Records Director shall be responsible for maintaining membership records, coordinating membership data with the national Party, providing information (such as mailing labels and precinct walking lists) as needed, and administering the Party's physical office space (including computer systems, telephone systems, and any paid positions). The Records Director shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes and shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws, the Party Constitution, and the Secretary of State.

Section 8: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing issue-oriented interest groups, and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

Section 9: The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses incurred at each regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer shall also prepare budgets for the other board members or assist them in preparing their own budgets.

Section 10: The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, a monthly pledge program. They shall also be responsible for reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting.

Section 11: The Membership Director shall be responsible for: developing membership education programs and publications (including final responsibility for publishing a regular newsletter); recruiting and training activists from the membership; overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party; categorizing and contacting current individual members (registered Libertarian voters) to ask/persuade the members to support the Party financially or actively; and for monthly reporting the same to the Board and affiliates.

Section 12: Each Officer will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 13: Each Officer shall be an ex-officio member of each Party affiliate Board of Directors for the purposes of: upholding the spirit and letter of the Statement of Principles of the national Party; enforcing the Party Constitution, Bylaws, and the Rules and Resolutions adopted by the Convention or the State Board; and providing relief in times of distress. Officers shall not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum at an affiliate's Annual or Board Meetings but may be counted in determining that a quorum is present. Each Officer shall actively participate in a meeting of at least one (1) Party affiliate or development group each calendar year.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Officers or Delegates, or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall convene open meetings at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the current Board. Notice must be sent to the official email address of each Board Member at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. Such meetings shall be called at least once per calendar month.

Section 3: More than one-half (1/2) of the current membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by the Constitution. Any member of the Board may participate in a Board meeting or committee meeting by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear or otherwise communicate with each other.

Section 4: The Board of Directors and its appointed or Party-mandated committees may transact business by electronic communications, as specified by Special Rules of Order.

Section 5: Any active member of the Party may attend the Board Meetings as an "alternate delegate" at the request of that Board Member who temporarily cannot attend. No alternate delegate may represent more than one Board Member at any board meeting. The Board Member who is being represented by an alternate must notify at least two other Board Members of the alternate.

ARTICLE IV – FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Party shall end March 31st.

Section 2: The Treasurer shall maintain an efficient double-entry system of accounts.

ARTICLE V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Party Constitution, these Bylaws, and any standing rules and any special

rules of order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt. If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released six (6) months prior to the next Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority following the conclusion of that convention. If it is released less than six (6) months prior to the next Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority following the conclusion of the next year's Convention.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large members selected by the Board of Directors and an additional member selected by each chartered affiliate.

Section 2: The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Party members at least six (6) months prior to the Convention. The Board shall appoint five (5) at-large members at an open Board meeting held at least one (1) month after the final solicitation, but no later than four (4) months prior to the Convention. If any subsequent vacancies occur in the initially appointed at-large positions, the Board of Directors may select Party members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee.

Section 3: Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) member to the committees. Should an affiliate not appoint its committee member, the Board of Directors may appoint an additional at-large member at the time of committee formation. The Board shall solicit one (1) committee member from each chartered affiliate on the same schedule implemented by the Board pursuant to Section 2 above, and at its meeting for appointment of the members of the committees it shall confirm such committee members as have been certified by the Affiliate Representatives. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee votes, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.

Section 4: Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.

Section 5: Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for

committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall be open to Party members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

Section 6: The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety as approved by the Convention.

Section 7: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party members selected by the Board of Directors. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate.

Section 8: The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment of the Convention.

Section 9: Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board of Directors or Convention shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Party.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: All National Convention Delegates must have been members or have been pre-registered to become members of the state Party for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the Convention in which they are elected and must sign a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

Section 2: The Board shall solicit applications from qualified Party members for election as National Convention Delegates and Alternates at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention and shall publish the completed applications (with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses redacted) to the Party website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. An application is not required for nomination.

Section 3: The Party Chair shall announce to the state Convention delegates the number of National Convention Delegates and the number to be selected by the state Convention delegates.

Section 4: Nominations for National Convention Delegates shall be received from the floor with

no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves. Each state Convention delegate in attendance at the state Convention shall cast a single vote for each National Convention Delegate candidate of their choice by submitting a signed ballot prepared by the Board for this purpose. The total votes cast by each state Convention delegate shall not exceed the number of National Convention Delegates to be selected. National Convention Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of the state Convention delegates voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining National Convention Delegate slots. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are National Convention Delegate slots to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected. No elections by slate shall be permitted.

Section 5: After the National Convention Delegates are elected, National Convention Alternates shall be selected by using the same procedure as specified in Section 4.

Section 6: The Chair shall serve as the Delegation Chair or may request that the National Convention Delegates select a Delegation Chair. Substitutions shall only be made from the list of National Convention Alternates selected by the state Convention delegates or afterwards added by a majority vote of the present Board (provided said National Convention Alternates did not previously receive a less than majority vote by the Convention.) Substitutions and selection of additional National Convention Delegates may be made at the National Convention by a majority of the attending National Convention Delegates, provided that such substitutes or additions would have been qualified to be elected at the state Convention, did not previously receive less than a majority vote at the state Convention, and have signed a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.

Section 7: Representatives and Alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of Representatives to national Party Committees is known at the time of the state Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention shall elect Representatives and Alternates in the same manner as—and immediately after—the election of National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee Representatives and Alternates by majority vote.

Section 8: All National Convention Delegates will sign their ballots and these results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes.

ARTICLE VIII – COUNTY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Section 1: For each county without an affiliate, the Board or a committee it appoints for this purpose may charter one (1) or more development groups for the purpose of increasing Party membership, communication, and influence within the county as an interim to establishing a formally organized affiliate. Subject to the provisions below and any rules and instructions issued by the Board, a development group shall have the power to select its own name and leadership, adopt rules and agendas, and set times and places of meeting.

Section 2: A development group may be assigned to a subset of precincts within a county. Development groups shall not overlap geographically. Development groups may negotiate among themselves with respect to merging, splitting, or gaining or releasing one or more precincts, and shall notify the Board within three (3) business days of any such changes made.

Section 3: A development group may have, as members, any residents within its geographical boundary, as well as any residents not living within any other currently development group boundary. Development group leadership shall be limited to Party Members and shall submit a report of activities to the Regions Director at least once per quarter or upon request.

Section 4: Development groups may, jointly or separately, engage in: outreach and voter registration; membership education, support, and training; recruiting activists and potential candidates; raising funds on behalf of the Party; and supporting or opposing local issues, subject to Board approval. A development group shall follow applicable law with respect to collecting and recording donations by political parties. A development group shall also submit all money collected and records of the donors to the Party Treasurer within three (3) business days of receipt. A development group shall not nominate or endorse candidates for office; shall not interact with the media except by the approval and instruction of the Chair; and shall not spend money except as authorized by the Party Treasurer or the Board.

Section 5: The Board may revoke the charter of any development group at any time and without cause. Upon the formation of an affiliate within a county, all development groups therein shall become constituents of and wholly subject to that affiliate.