

## MEMBER BYLAWS PROPOSAL #6

**SPONSORS:** Keith Laube and Doug Jones - both Sustaining Members of LPCO

**SIGNATURES:**



**RATIONALE:** For many years Delegates have used NOTA nominating speeches as a method of grandstanding, which results in longer conventions and adds no value to the voting delegation.

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

### CONVENTION STANDING RULES

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    - (i) Governor
    - (ii) Lieutenant Governor
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## **AMENDMENT WITH MARKUP:**

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