

Draft Bylaws Report from the LPPA Governance Committee

The following document is a draft bylaws report from the LPPA Governance Committee. The purpose of publishing this document is to solicit feedback from members prior to the deadline for member submitted amendments (January 1st) and the deadline for the committee report (February 1st).

The committee report mainly consists of a rewrite, which the committee was authorized to do by the convention body at the 2024 state convention. With that said, there are many pieces of the current bylaws and pre-2023 bylaws in this rewrite.

At the end of the rewrite there is a list of supplemental amendments to these bylaws for the delegates to consider. The delegates may chose to do what they wish with them, whether it is to move them as amendments to the main document, adopt the main document then vote on them as amendments to the bylaws, or ignore them completely. The inclusion of these amendments does not mean that a majority of this committee supports the supplemental amendment, but rather that the committee is trying to anticipate possibly controversial issues and provide a method for the body to handle them without needing to draft amendments on the floor.

The adoption of these bylaws takes a 2/3 vote at the state convention.

Thank you,
Governance Committee

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I. NAME & AUTHORITY

This organization shall be known as the “*Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania*” (the “LPPA” or the “Party”). The LPPA shall be the sole state affiliate committee for the Libertarian Party (the “LP”) recognized by the Libertarian National Committee (the “LNC”) in Pennsylvania, and thereby has the sole authority to recognize Affiliate Committees of the Libertarian Party and nominate Libertarian candidates for public office within the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

The Mission of the LPPA is to secure individual liberty and move public policy and opinion towards a voluntary society based on individual sovereignty, wherein peaceful and voluntary exchange replaces coercion and force to achieve political and social goals.

The LPPA shall advance libertarian principles through political, social, cultural, and educational means and elect Libertarian candidates to public office in Pennsylvania through the following activities:

- i. provide leadership and inspiration for the libertarian movement by delivering a principled and uncompromising libertarian message;

- ii. nominate and support the election of competent, qualified, and principled Libertarian candidates for public office who will foster and influence public policy towards a voluntary society;
- iii. advocate for public policy reform at all levels (including ordinances, regulations, legislation, and other government mandates) that adhere to the principles of liberty;
- iv. support the abolition of public organizations, ordinances, regulations, legislation, and government orders (i.e., executive actions) that violate individual liberties and/or interfere with a voluntary society;
- v. promote educational and activist activities to create public awareness and provide political information based on libertarian principles;
- vi. develop and support County and Regional LP affiliate committees to advance the platform of the national Libertarian Party at the local level; and
- vii. foster relationships and build coalitions with external organizations on areas of common ground in the pursuit of the principles of liberty and voluntary society.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Member in Good Standing

A person shall become a member of the LPPA by fulfilling all of the following qualifications:

- Making an application;
- Paying any dues prescribed by the LPPA Board of Directors.
- Explicit agreement with the following statement by written or electronic signature, or by any other means acceptable to the Board of Directors: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals."

A member who satisfies all the qualifications of membership shall be deemed a Member in Good Standing, subject to the provisions for discipline as defined in Article II, Section 3, below. Any member who fails to maintain all the qualifications of membership shall not be deemed a Member in Good Standing until that member comes back into compliance with all of the qualifications of membership.

Section 2 – Dues

The Board of Directors may from time to time determine the dues necessary to maintain a Membership of the LPPA and may establish one or more classes of membership and prescribing different dues for each.

Section 3 – Disciplinary Authority

The Board of Directors shall have the power to discipline a member by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board.

A member may be disciplined by the Board for cause, such as failure to maintain all of the qualifications of membership, above; misrepresenting the principles of the Party; endorsing or campaigning, in the name of the Party, for a candidate for public office in opposition to one nominated by the Party; running for office in the name of the Party or purporting to have been nominated or endorsed by the Party without having received such nomination or endorsement; or other reasonable cause.

A member may be disciplined in one of three ways:

Warning: A member whose actions or inaction results in a warning duly passed by the Board must mitigate damage as directed by the Board, and refrain from repeating the infraction.

Censure: A member whose actions or inaction results in a censure duly passed by the Board is subject to the requirements of a warning, and also becomes ineligible to participate in Party activity as directed by the Board, such as serve in an elected or appointed capacity within the Party or receive the Party's nomination as a candidate for public office.

Suspension: A member whose actions or inaction results in a suspension duly passed by the Board is subject to the requirements of a warning, censure, and forfeits their membership in the Party.

Discipline may be imposed for a term of up to one (1) year from the date of the infraction giving rise to the action for discipline. Discipline may be renewed for additional terms of up to one year at a time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the previous term. There is no limit to the number of times a term for discipline may be renewed.

Notice shall be made in writing by the Secretary within fifteen (15) days from the date a resolution for discipline is approved by the Board of Directors and shall be subject to written appeal as of right, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice by the disciplined member. Failure of a disciplined member to appeal within fifteen (15) days shall result in the immediate imposition of discipline. Upon receipt of a written appeal by the disciplined member, the Judicial Committee shall hold a hearing within thirty (30) days concerning the discipline imposed. Following the hearing, the Judicial Committee shall rule either to affirm or reverse the discipline.

ARTICLE IV. COUNTY AND MULTI-COUNTY COMMITTEES

Section 1 – County and Multi-County Affiliate Committees

County and Multi-County Affiliate Committees (“Affiliates”) are the operative agents of the LPPA intended to carry out the Mission and shall conduct activities consistent with these Bylaws and Rules of the Party.

Any group of two (2) or more members in good standing residing in the same county shall be recognized as a County Affiliate Committee (“County Affiliate”) of the LPPA upon submission of a written or electronic Request for Recognition to the Board of Directors during a regular meeting. At least one member from the county must sign the written request for recognition submitted to the Board of Directors.

Any group of five (5) or more members in good standing residing in adjoining counties shall be recognized as a Multi-County Affiliate Committee (“Multi-County Affiliate”) of the LPPA upon submission of a written or electronic Request for Recognition to the Board of Directors during a Regular Meeting. At least one Member in Good Standing residing in each county included in the Regional Affiliate must sign the written or electronic request for recognition submitted to the Board of Directors. Any two (2) or more Members of a Multi-County Affiliate residing in the same county may become an independent County Affiliate by submitting a request for recognition as described above, and the remaining members of the Multi-County Affiliate shall continue to be recognized as a Multi-County Affiliate regardless of geographic configuration so long as at least five (5) Members in Good Standing remain within that region.

Every Affiliate shall: 1) adopt bylaws for their committee, choosing “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” as their Parliamentary Authority; 2) appoint a local board of directors, consisting of at least a chair and a treasurer to be elected annually; and 3) hold regular meetings at least once per fiscal quarter.

If the number of Members in Good Standing within an Affiliate should fall below the minimum number required, above, the Membership Committee shall notify the Affiliate Chair and provide a list of the name and contact information for: 1) Members in Good Standing within their county or region; and 2) any lapsed memberships within their county or region for the prior six (6) months. The Affiliate shall have 60 days from the date of notice by the Membership Committee to achieve the minimum standard. If an Affiliate has not reached the minimum standard after 60 days, the Affiliate shall lose voting privileges until such time as they obtain the minimum required. Once a committee has achieved the minimum requirements, board voting privileges shall be automatically restored.

Section 2 – Nomination of Candidates for Public Office

Affiliates shall have authority to nominate Libertarian candidates for public office exclusively serving within their affiliate boundaries.

If an Affiliate shall take no action to nominate a candidate for public office within two (2) weeks

of a deadline for nomination, the LPPA Board of Directors may take up the nomination upon notice to the Affiliate that would otherwise have authority to nominate a candidate for that office unless that Affiliate has affirmatively voted not to run a candidate for a particular public office within their affiliate boundaries.

Section 3 – Voting Privileges on the LPPA Board of Directors

Any member of an Affiliate who presents a petition to the Board of Directors signed by at least five (5) Members in Good Standing residing within that county or region shall secure voting privileges on the LPPA Board of Directors for their Affiliate, after a thirty (30) day seasoning period. Upon securing voting privileges, an Affiliate shall appoint an Affiliate Board Representative to the LPPA Board of Directors and report their identity and contact information to the LPPA Secretary. Each Affiliate Board Representative may cast only one (1) vote per question called by the Chair during any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – Reporting Requirements

Affiliate shall file with the LPPA Secretary: 1) annual reports detailing the identity and contact information of the committee officers within thirty (30) days of the Affiliate's required annual meeting; 2) any change of the committee officers or Affiliate Board Representative within thirty (30) days after said change occurs; and 3) quarterly reports detailing the activity of the committee and attaching minutes of every meeting the committee held during that quarter within thirty (30) days after the end of each fiscal quarter.

Any Affiliate that fails to hold at least one meeting during any fiscal quarter, elect Affiliate Officers - including Chair and Treasurer - at least annually, or fails to comply with any of the above reporting requirements will have their voting privileges on the LPPA Board of Directors suspended without any action required by the Board. An Affiliate whose voting privileges have been suspended will automatically have their privileges reinstated upon coming into compliance with these rules without any action required by the Board. The LPPA Secretary shall note any changes to the voting privileges of an Affiliate at the beginning of every meeting of the LPPA Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Disaffiliation

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to disaffiliate an affiliate for cause by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the entire Board of Directors.

Cause for disaffiliation shall include: failure to maintain all of the qualifications of an affiliate as required by the governing documents of the LPPA or national LP; misrepresenting the platform, principles, mission or purpose of the LPPA or national LP; nominating or endorsing a candidate for public office in opposition to a Libertarian candidate; failure to adhere to the LPPA governing documents after a warning from the LPPA Board of Directors; repetitive unreasonable and/or disruptive conduct to business of the LPPA; donating or contributing to a

federal campaign without prior written approval of the LPPA Board of Directors; or other reasonable cause as determined by the LPPA Board of Directors.

Notice of any disaffiliation shall be made by the Secretary within fifteen (15) days from the date a vote for disaffiliation is passed. Notice shall be made in writing to the chair and secretary of the disaffiliated affiliate and by email or other reasonable means to each member of the disaffiliated county or regional committee. Disaffiliation shall be subject to appeal as of right to the LPPA Judicial Committee and may be initiated by any member of the disaffiliated county or regional committee by notifying the Judicial Committee of the desire to appeal within fifteen (15) days from the date notice is received. Failure of a disciplined county or regional committee to appeal within said fifteen (15) days shall result in the immediate imposition disaffiliation. The Judicial Committee shall hold a hearing within thirty (30) days from the date a notice of appeal from disaffiliation is received and shall rule either to affirm or reverse the disaffiliation.

NOTICE: NO AFFILIATES SHALL MAKE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS¹ OR EXPENDITURES² TO A FEDERAL CANDIDATE OR CAMPAIGN WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE LPPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. FAILURE OF AN AFFILIATE TO OBTAIN PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL BY THE BOARD BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY FEDERAL ELECTIONS ACTIVITY SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DISAFFILIATION.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers of the Executive Committee shall be elected during even years of the LPPA Annual Convention and serve for a term of two (2) years.

The Executive Committee shall have discretionary authority to manage the day-to-day operations of the LPPA and delegate such tasks as it deems necessary to Standing and Working Committees, staff, and Affiliates.

The Executive Committee shall be allotted a quarterly discretionary fund, the amount of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days prior to the start of each fiscal quarter, but shall not be less than \$300 per quarter, provided funds on hand less liabilities due and payable are available to allocate. The Executive Committee may request additional funds be allocated during a fiscal quarter at the discretion of the Board of Directors upon a showing of cause and review of the allocation of funds previously approved for that quarter.

¹ Contributions as defined by 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8) of the Federal Campaign Finance laws.

² Expenditures as defined by 52 U.S.C. § 30101(9) of the Federal Campaign Finance laws.

Section 2 – Officers

- A. Chair: The Chair shall preside over all Party conventions and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Chair has the authority to manage the day-to-day operations and direct its business, subject to the express policies and directives issued by the Board of Directors in the exercise of its primary control and management of Party affairs. The Chair shall have authority to create and populate Working Committees. Any action by the Chair may be overruled by the Board of Directors upon a majority vote of the Directors present at a duly called meeting.
- B. Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair, with specific emphasis on the growth, development, and oversight of Standing Committees and shall assume the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall be the keeper of party records. The Secretary shall file all required administrative reports on behalf of the LPPA with government agencies. The Secretary shall work in conjunction with the IS Committee to develop data retention and access policies, which are subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall maintain a current list of all members of the Party, an up-to-date roster of voting members for all Standing and Working Committees, and take and keep minutes of all Party conventions and all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall appoint a Deputy Secretary, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, to assist at the Secretary's direction and serve in the Secretary's absence, which the Secretary shall within thirty (30) days: 1) from taking office, or; 2) upon vacancy of the Deputy position.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be solely responsible for holding and management of the Party funds, receipt, disbursement, and financial accounting of the LPPA. The Treasurer shall not allow the obligations of the LPPA to be in excess of the available funds without prior approval of the Board of Directors. No member or officer of the Party may create an obligation in the name of the LPPA without first informing the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall file all required financial reports on behalf of the LPPA with government agencies. Upon taking office, the Treasurer shall appoint an Interim Deputy Treasurer to serve until approved by the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting, otherwise the Board of Directors shall appoint a Deputy Treasurer at its next regular meeting. The Deputy Treasurer shall assist at the Treasurer's direction. In the event that the Treasurer should cease to serve prior to the expiration of their term of office, the Deputy Treasurer shall automatically assume the office of Treasurer for the remainder of the term concurrently with the departure of the Treasurer so that at no time the LPPA shall be without a Treasurer. Upon vacancy of the Deputy Treasurer position for any reason, the Treasurer then serving shall appoint a new interim Deputy Treasurer to serve until approved by the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting, otherwise the Board of Directors shall appoint a new Deputy Treasurer at its next regular meeting.

Section 3 – Suspension and Removal

An LPPA Officer may be suspended or removed from office by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Directors for reasons described in Article III Section 3, for failure to fulfill the duties of the office held, official misconduct, or for other reasonable cause as determined by the Board. An Officer shall have the right to appeal a suspension or removal approved by the Board to the Judicial Committee within ten (10) days of notification of suspension.

Upon written appeal by the suspended or removed officer, the Judicial Committee shall set the date of a hearing. Following the hearing, the Judicial Committee shall rule within seven (7) days to either uphold the suspension or removal (thereby vacating the office) or to restore the officer to full authority.

Upon the expiration of ten (10) days without an appeal to the Judicial Committee or upon a ruling of the Judicial Committee to uphold a suspension or removal, the Office at issue shall be deemed to be vacant per the terms of the suspension or removal.

Section 4 – Vacancies

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Interim Officer in the case of a suspension who shall serve for the length of the suspension approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Replacement Officer in the case of a removal or resignation.

In the instance of a Chair vacancy, the Vice Chair will become Chair and be responsible for calling a meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held within thirty (30) days to select a Vice Chair.

ARTICLE VI. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1 – Duties

The duties of the Regional Representatives include: supporting their Region, Affiliates, and members therein; supporting the affiliation of eligible counties; contributing towards issue coalitions, events, and Party activities; communicating to the Members of the Region, no less than quarterly, providing details of the business and activities of the Board of Directors and LPPA; disseminating received minutes of Affiliate meetings to the Secretary; and holding regional meetings, open to all Members of the Region, at least quarterly, to discuss LPPA matters and regional topics.

Section 2 – Terms of Office

Regional Representatives shall be elected during even years of the LPPA Annual Convention

and serve for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3 – Regions

The LPPA shall be divided into geographic Regions containing the Pennsylvania Counties as follows:

- I. The Northwest Region comprises Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and Warren counties;
- II. The Southwest Region comprises Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland counties;
- III. The Northcentral Region comprises Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union counties;
- IV. The Southcentral Region comprises Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Lancaster, Lebanon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill, and York counties;
- V. The Northeast Region comprises Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming counties; and
- VI. The Southeast Region comprises Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Role of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be the primary managing body of the LPPA and shall issue such policies, procedures, and directives as it deems necessary to be carried out by the Executive Committee as detailed in Article IV, above, or the standing and working committees, or the affiliates, as the Board deems appropriate.

Section 2 – Members of the Board of Directors

The LPPA Board of Directors shall be comprised of:

- The Executive Committee;
- The Regional Representatives
- The Affiliate Representatives having Voting Privileges; and

- The Chair or Appointed Representative of each Standing Committee.

Section 3 – Quorum

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 4 – Voting Authority

Voting Authority of the Members of the Board of Directors shall be allocated as follows:

- One (1) vote per each Officer of the Executive Committee except for the Chair or alternate serving in the Chair's absence;
- One (1) Vote per Regional Representative
- One (1) vote per affiliate Representative; and
- Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, one (1) vote for the Chair or alternate serving in the Chair's absence only if their vote would be outcome determinative.

Standing Committees shall not possess Voting Privileges on the LPPA Board of Directors but shall have authority to address the Board of Directors and bring and amend motions as any other member of the Board. A motion that falls within the purview of a Standing Committee shall be brought by the Representative of that Committee unless prior approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present authorizing a motion to be brought by an Officer or County/Regional Representative. However, any member of the Board of Directors may bring a motion to commit an issue or item of business to the appropriate Standing or Working Committee without prior approval.

Section 5 – Meeting Notification

The Board of Directors shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by a call of the Chair, or at the request of one third or more of the members of the Board of Directors, except as authorized elsewhere in the Bylaws. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be communicated by phone or email to each member of the Board of Directors not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting, unless an earlier date is agreed to by a majority of the Board of Directors. If no meeting of the Board of Directors has been held during a calendar quarter, a meeting shall be held on the last Saturday of said quarter. All meetings of the Board of Directors are open to all members of the party in good standing except when in executive session wherein a motion may not be made or voted upon.

Section 6 – Transaction of Business

The Board of Directors may, without meeting together, transact business by mail, telephone, or electronic means, including but not limited too virtual meetings, email, text-based voting, or

other reasonable means by voting on questions submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chair. Fifteen (15) days shall be allowed for the return of votes thereon by mail, seven (7) days by email, seventy-two (72) hours by text-based voting, to the Secretary, or any shorter time if a response has been received by all of the members of the Board of Directors. If at the expiration of said respective time period, quorum of the Board of Directors has not returned a vote, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed; in all other cases a majority of the votes returned shall carry the measure except where a higher threshold is required by the LPPA governing documents. The Secretary shall report the result of any such vote at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

In the case of a nomination of a candidate for a special election not conducted at a Board of Directors meeting, the time frame for the return of votes may be limited to as little as three (3) days at the discretion of the Chair, or any shorter time if a response has been received by a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors. All board members must be provided with notice of the vote at least 12 (twelve) hours in advance of the voting deadline. If at the expiration of the voting deadline a quorum of the members of the Board have not approved the nomination, the nomination shall be deemed to have failed.

Section 7 – Special business meetings

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors may called at any time if at least a majority of the members of the Board are present and approve by affirmative vote to hold a Special Meeting as the first item of business. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be posted in a place available to the LPPA membership as soon as a Special Meeting is scheduled, and no Special Meeting shall be called to order before notice has been posted. Special Meetings shall be scheduled with as much time for notice as possible as the situation allows.

ARTICLE VIII. THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Section 1 – Authority

The Judicial Committee shall be the final authority, outside of the convention body, on matters of interpretation of the governing documents of the LPPA.

The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial committee shall be limited to the following:

- I. Petitions for Review to challenge resolutions passed by the Board of Directors, rulings of the Chair, or actions of the Executive Committee or Standing and Working Committees;
- II. Appeals from Discipline or Disaffiliation; and
- III. Advisory Opinions.

Any decision of the Judicial Committee can be overturned by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Delegates at an annual convention.

Section 2 – Petition for Review

Any member in good standing may submit a Petition for Review to the Judicial Committee to challenge a resolution passed by the Board of Directors, a ruling of the Chair made during a meeting of the Board of Directors, or an action taken by the Executive Committee, an Officer, or Standing and Working Committees while carrying out the business of the LPPA.

Petitions for Review shall be considered at the discretion of the Judicial Committee. Upon receipt of a Petition for Review, the Judicial Committee shall either:

- a) accept the Petition, conduct appropriate investigation and deliberation, and issue a decision within thirty (30) days unless notice is given to the submitting member that more time is needed; or
- b) reject the Petition and issue a Notice of Decline to Review to the submitting member within five (5) days.

Section 3 – Appeal

Any member subject to an action for discipline passed by the board of Directors shall have the right to appeal to the Judicial Committee within thirty (30) days from the date the vote to discipline was passed by the Board of Directors.

Upon receipt of an Appeal, the Judicial Committee shall schedule a hearing where the interested parties may offer statements and the Judicial Committee may ask questions about the facts and circumstances related to the particular cause for imposing discipline asserted by the Board. Within ten (10) days after the hearing, the Judicial Committee shall issue a decision either affirming or dismissing the action passed by the Board of Directors, but may not increase, decrease, or alter the nature of discipline imposed in any way.

Section 4 – Advisory Opinion

Members with the right to the judicial appeal process, or subordinate bodies of the Party may submit requests for Judicial Review to the Judicial Committee for advisory opinions, even if such Judicial Review is hypothetical or without a specific and/or resolvable dispute; wherein, the Judicial Committee shall retain the rights to decline the Judicial Review; and the opinion shall follow all other terms, provisions, and conditions of these Bylaws.

Section 5 – Election

The Judicial Committee shall consists of five (5) members elected during odd years at the LPPA Annual Convention and serve a term of two (2) years. The Judicial Committee shall select their own Chair among themselves and provide for their own selection and removal process. In the event of a vacancy, the remaining Judicial Committee members shall nominate a replacement from the LPPA membership in good standing.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Party shall be Affiliate Support Committee, Elections Committee, Finance Committee, Fundraising Committee, Governance Committee, Information Services Committee, Membership Committee, Public Policy Committee, and Public Relations Committee. The duties, composition, and reporting requirements shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Working Committees

There shall be such working committees as deemed appropriate and appointed by the Chair with the consent of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X. ANNUAL CONVENTION

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to set the time and place of the Annual Convention. Publicly accessible notification must be sent to the membership no fewer than 50 days in advance. Email and web site notification shall be used for notification purposes.

Within fifteen (15) days of the close of the Annual Convention, the Chair shall call a meeting of the Board of directors to address any position vacancies resulting from adjournment of the Annual Convention.

Section 1 – Alternating Two-Year Convention Cycle

The Annual Convention shall be conducted on a two-year cycle based on Even Year Conventions and Odd Year Conventions.

1. Even Year Conventions shall be designated for internal LPPA Officer Elections and nomination of statewide and federal candidates for public office.
 - i. Executive Committee Officers and Candidates for Public Office shall be elected by the full Convention Delegation present on the Convention Floor at the time of the vote for each position;
 - ii. Regional Representatives shall be elected by those Convention Delegates residing in the respective regions of representation in accordance with the Convention Standing Rules.
2. Odd Year Conventions shall be designated for Amendments to the LPPA Bylaws, Statement of Principles, and Platform, and the Election of Judicial

Committee Members.

3. Off-Year Matters may be taken up during a year in which it is not designated upon a motion from the floor by a Member in Good Standing and approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of Convention Delegates then on the Convention Floor. Motions related to Off-Year Matters must be made prior to approval of the convention Agenda.

Section 2 – Delegates

To qualify as a voting delegate at an Annual Convention, a member must attend in person and meet all of the following requirements prior to the call to order:

- I. A Pennsylvania resident;
- II. At least 18 years of age AND;
- III. Registered to vote as a Libertarian in Pennsylvania;
- IV. Be an active LPPA Member in Good Standing for at least 90 days prior to the date on which the Annual Convention is called to order.

Section 3 – Convention Committee

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to empanel a Convention Committee upon approval of a venue for the LPPA Annual Convention. The Convention Committee shall be responsible for the planning and logistical operation of the LPPA Annual Convention. The Convention Committee shall hold its first meeting within thirty (30) days from the date of its creation at which they shall appoint a Chair and Secretary from among themselves.

The Convention Committee shall be provided with a fund in an amount approved by the Board of Directors, from which the committee may approve expenditures related to the planning and operation of the LPPA Annual Convention without prior approval of the Board. The Convention Committee shall submit a budget proposal to the Board of Directors prior to the allocation of any discretionary funds.

Section 4 – Credentialing Committee

The Credentialing Committee shall be empaneled by the Board of Directors no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date on which an Annual Convention is called to order. The Credentialing Committee, with access to the relevant membership data, shall credential all pre-registered Annual Convention attendees prior to the day of the convention. On the day of the convention, it shall be the responsibility of the Credentialing Committee and the Secretary to credential all members in attendance. An accurate count of members in attendance shall be recorded, as well as an accurate count of all those meeting the delegate requirements (as aforementioned in Section 2) and those not meeting said requirements. An accurate count of all voting delegates shall then be maintained by this committee throughout the convention until the close of business.

In the absence of a functioning Credentialing Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to appoint a person or persons with access to the party database to act in this capacity.

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Unless the delegates at a Convention of the state Party decide otherwise, all members of the Party shall automatically be alternate delegates at the National Convention, but such members shall serve as delegates only if alternate delegates individually elected at the state Convention are already serving as delegates or are not present on the floor of the National Convention. The members of the delegation present shall have the power to determine which alternates shall fill vacancies in the National Convention delegation, subject to the first sentence.

ARTICLE XI. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 1 – Nominations

Only the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania and its recognized affiliates shall have the power to nominate candidates for Pennsylvania elected offices under the "Libertarian Party" label.

- I. Candidates for statewide office shall be nominated by delegates in convention for the ensuing election. In the absence of a Convention resolution not to run any candidate for an office, the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for elections to be held prior to the next Convention for offices not filled in Convention and for statewide special elections with filing deadlines prior to the next convention.
- II. Candidates for non-statewide office shall be nominated by the recognized affiliate their district resides in. Candidates in districts comprising more than one affiliate jurisdiction shall be selected by a regional caucus of the recognized affiliates in the district. In regional caucuses each affiliate receives one vote.
- III. At the request of a Party member in good standing from an area in a multicounty election district having at least one recognized affiliate but not included in a recognized affiliate, the Regional Representative may represent Party members in counties without an affiliate in the regional nomination caucus. In such cases, the Regional Representative shall have one vote in the caucus regardless of the

number of counties without a recognized affiliate in the district.

IV. In the absence of any recognized affiliates in an election district, the Board of Directors shall have the power to nominate candidates for any public office with the advice of members in that election district or county.

V. The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

- a) nominate candidates for non-statewide special elections if affiliates fail to act and do not indicate an intention to act on a nomination within two weeks of a filing deadline;
- b) nominate substitute candidates as provided in the state election code; and,
- c) select individuals whose names are to appear on statewide nominating petitions as proxies for President and Vice-President.

VI. The Board of Directors shall have the power to withdraw the Party's endorsement or nomination of candidates for cause, by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the entire Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Presidential Electors

The Board of Directors shall have the power to select Presidential Electors.

Section 3 – Committee to Fill Vacancies

The Board of Directors shall have the power to name individuals to serve on the Committee to Fill Vacancies when required by law.

ARTICLE XII. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

Section 1 – Statement of Principles

The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail.

Section 2 – Platform

The Party Platform shall include the Statement of Principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.

Section 3 – Amendments

At Conventions, the existing Platform may be amended. Amendments to the Platform must be submitted by the deadline and approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of all delegates

at the Party convention.

Section 4 – Deadline

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Section 2 – Emergency Amendments

At such time as the Party qualifies to be placed on the Pennsylvania ballot, the Bylaws and Rules of the Party shall be amended to conform with the provisions of state and federal law. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to take such action as it deems necessary to bring the Bylaws and Rules into compliance with state and federal law.

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The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the LPPA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not

inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the LPPA may adopt.

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In case any provision in these Bylaws shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby, and such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability.

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As allowed by law and the state certifications of the LPPA, the organization shall indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and advance expenses to board members, officers, directors, employees, and officially recognized volunteers from and against all liability, loss, cost, fees, or expense by reason of liability imposed upon the organization, arising out of or related to organization's activities occurring prior to such time Indemnitee ceases to be a board member, officer, director employee, officially recognized volunteers, or member of the organization, whether caused by or contributed to by the members or any other party indemnified herein, unless caused by the sole negligence of the member or any other party indemnified herein.

The organization may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any such person against any such liability, cost, fee, or expense.

ARTICLE XVII. SCRIVENER'S ERRORS

The Secretary shall have the right to amend these Bylaws, to correct any scrivener's errors, provided that such amendment does not materially adversely affect the rights of the Members, Officers, or Candidates.

Supplemental Amendments to Bylaws Package

Amendment to Prevent Out of State Members from being Delegates to Nation Convention:

Current Language:

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Original Language

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Original Language

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