

LPMN Platform and Bylaws Committee Proposals for LPMN 2024 Convention

#1. Proposal to Amend 9.2 to Clarify Eligibility to Vote at LPMN Convention

Rationale

There has been more than one instance where out-of-state members of the LPMN have voted at LPMN Conventions. In at least one case an out-of-state vote may have been decisive. LPMN Bylaws 1 states: “The purpose of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota shall be to function primarily as a political party to elect people to political office” Those voting to elect people to office must be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota. This should also apply when nominating or endorsing candidates at LPMN Convention, and when voting at LPMN Convention on other Party business.

Current Wording

9.2. All members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota shall be eligible to register to be delegates to the state convention. Unless renewing their membership, no one joining the party less than 45 days before the convention may be a delegate until the next convention.

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Wording if Proposal is Adopted

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#2. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 9 to Clarify Eligibility to be a Delegate at LPMN Convention After Membership Expires

Rationale

This proposal sets 18 months as the maximum amount of time a membership may be expired before that person is no longer allowed to renew their membership inside the 45-day window before a convention.

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#3. Proposal to Amend Bylaw 6 Regarding Positions on the Executive Committee

Rationale

This proposal would equalize the roles of all LPMN Directors.

Current Wording

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following executives who shall be members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

6.1. Officers:

1. The Chair; who shall preside at the meetings.
2. The Vice-Chair; who shall preside in the absence of the Chair.
3. The Secretary; who shall keep record of the proceedings of the meetings. At each meeting the Secretary shall present the minutes of the previous meeting for approval.
4. The Treasurer; who shall receive all monies paid to the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and shall deposit same in such bank as shall have been designated by the Executive Committee, and who may appoint a designee(s) to perform these functions with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall present a written report whenever at least two executives so request; in addition, the Treasurer shall present a written report to the Executive Committee on at least

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a quarterly basis. Expenditure of funds shall be made only in accordance of the decisions of the Executive Committee.

Directors

5. The Political Director; who shall be responsible for all party activities related to fielding candidates and getting them on the ballot. The Political Director is also responsible for tracking legislation and helping move public policy in a Libertarian direction.

6. Communications Director; who shall develop and implement the communications strategy and oversee all communication channels for the Party. They are responsible for recruiting and managing communications volunteers.

***** 6.2 and 6.3 *****

6.4. Term of Office: The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Political Director shall be elected for a term of two years. Remaining officers, directors, and executives shall be elected for a term of 1 year.

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***** 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 *****

6.9. After balloting has ended, if the offices of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Political Director, and/or Communications Director are unfilled, the outgoing Executive Committee shall meet within ten days following the end of the convention and fill those offices that are vacant. If after balloting has ended, there are fewer than four At-Large Executives, the outgoing Executive Committee shall meet within ten days following the end of the convention and fill the number of offices required to bring the number of At-Large Executives to four.

***** 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16 *****

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#4. Proposal to Add New Agriculture Plank to the LPMN Platform

Rationale

In the words of Henry Kissenger, “If you control the food, you control a nation.” The current platform doesn't mention agriculture at all, and yet this industry is among the most heavily regulated by our state government. Policy makers and bureaucrats ignore Minnesota Constitution, Article 13, section 7: “No license required to peddle. Any person may sell or peddle the products of the farm or garden occupied and cultivated by him without obtaining a license therefor.” This proposal responds to Dr. Kissenger's revealing observation about state control with respect to agriculture.

Current Wording

None

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B.17. Agriculture

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Wording if Proposal is Adopted

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#5. Proposal to Amend Platform B.10 - Health and Medicine

Rationale

Vaccine mandates forced people to pick between compliance and losing their livelihood. This proposal adds the word “coercion” because nobody should be forced to pick between their job and complying with medical mandates.

Current Wording

B.10. Health and Medicine

In order to ensure the best possible health care, we advocate the deregulation of the healthcare industry. Government intervention, restriction, and protectionism in the healthcare industry has driven up costs and decreased the supply of doctors, nurses, technicians, hospitals, and medical insurance. We advocate replacing compulsory or tax supported plans to supply health services or insurance with voluntarily supported efforts. We affirm the individual right to make one’s own decisions regarding health, medicine, and safety is absolute and not subject to government restriction or mandate.

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#6. Proposal to Amend Platform B.10 - Health and Medicine

Rationale

The FDA restricts access to traditional herbal and natural medicines and various states across the country are actively legislating to restrict the practice of herbal medicine. We oppose policies that restrict individuals' ability to access and practice herbal medicine.

Current Wording

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Wording if Proposal is Adopted

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#7. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 7 to Bifurcate the Platform and Bylaws Committee

Rationale

This proposal would separate “platform” and “bylaws” into two separate committees, recognizing the distinct nature of the two areas of focus. Committee members (other than LPMN Chair and Vice Chair) would continue to be elected by the convention body, but their terms would be extended from one year to two years.

To address the recurring concern that there is insufficient time at the state convention to get through all platform and bylaws proposals, this amendment encourages consideration of “platform” amendments in even-numbered years (i.e., general election years), and the consideration of “bylaws” proposals in odd-numbered years.

Platform Committee members would be elected in odd-numbered years and would be charged to bring forth any proposals they see fit at the following state convention. The Platform Committee could submit proposals in its second year of existence, but such proposals must earn a super-majority (80%) of the committee members.

Bylaws Committee members would be elected in even-numbered years and would be charged to bring forth any proposals they see fit at the following state convention. The Bylaws Committee could submit proposals in its second year of existence, but such proposals must earn a super-majority (80%) of the committee members.

If this proposal is approved, there will be a special election in 2025 to elect members of the Bylaws Committee for a one-year term.

Current Wording

7. Platform and Bylaws Committee

7.1. The Platform and Bylaws Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year.

7.2. Candidates for the committee shall be nominated from the floor at convention and elected using the Approval Voting method. The convention will elect up to five candidates for this committee. Delegates will vote by secret ballot.

7.3. In addition to the committee members elected at convention, the Party Chair and Vice-Chair are also full members of this committee.

7.4. The committee shall select its Chair among the members elected at convention.

7.5. The Platform and Bylaws committee will work with the Convention Committee to ensure advance publication of all change proposals prior to party conventions.

7.6. All additions, modifications, and deletions to the platform presented by the Platform and Bylaws Committee are still subject to approval by convention delegates with

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thresholds for adoption at 2/3 (per Section 9.4 and Robert's Rules of Order) or 80% in the case of proposals involving the Statement of Principles. (Per Section 2.4.)

7.7. The Executive Committee may fill vacancies in the Platform and Bylaws Committee with a majority vote.

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7.2. Candidates for the committees shall be nominated from the convention floor ~~at convention~~ and elected using the Approval Voting method. The convention will elect up to five candidates for ~~this~~ the committees. Delegates will vote by secret ballot.

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7.6. All additions, modifications, and deletions to the platform presented by the Platform and Bylaws Committees are still subject to approval by convention delegates with thresholds for adoption at 2/3 (per Section 9.4 and Robert's Rules of Order) or 80% in the case of proposals involving the Statement of Principles. (Per Section 2.4.)

7.7. The Executive Committee may fill vacancies in the Platform and Bylaws Committees with a majority vote.

7.8. Platform and/or Bylaws amendments may be considered at every annual state convention. In odd-numbered years, only Platform proposals that garnered the support of 80% of Platform Committee members may be brought to the convention floor. In even-numbered years, only Bylaws proposals that garnered the support of 80% of Bylaws Committee members may be brought to the convention floor.

Wording if Proposal is Adopted

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#8. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 6.11 to Clarify the Allowance of Remote Participation at Executive Committee Meetings

Rationale

As the technology has become available, Executive Committee Meetings have included remote participation. Recently, questions have been raised as to the legitimacy of this practice. This proposed change to the bylaws seeks to remove that ambiguity.

Current Wording

6.11. The Meeting Dates and Agenda shall be decided by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee meetings shall be run according to Robert's Rules of Order. Meetings shall be open to Party members.

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Wording if Proposal is Adopted

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#9. Proposal to add "Constitution" to the Title of LPMN Bylaws Document

Rationale

This is a minor word change only with no practical effect but which is required to position the LPMN to comply with the MN State Regulations for Major Party Status. The LPMN Bylaws have always served as our Constitution and Bylaws. This title revision just formalizes that. Per RONR 56:1 - ... 'Under the preferred practice for ordinary societies today, the constitution and the bylaws - once usually separate - are now combined in a single instrument ... the constitution and bylaws'.

Current Wording

Libertarian Party of Minnesota Bylaws

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Libertarian Party of Minnesota [Constitution and](#) Bylaws

Wording if Proposal is Adopted

Libertarian Party of Minnesota Constitution and Bylaws

#10. Proposal to Amend Bylaws 6.10 and 6.11 Regarding Thresholds to Approve Motions at LPMN Executive Committee

Rationale

The LPMN Executive Committee has historically abided by RONR when conducting meetings, including the thresholds required to approve various motions. RONR requires larger thresholds to approve very serious motions compared to routine motions, but current LPMN Bylaws 6.10 overrides RONR to institute majority votes unless otherwise specified. This proposal removes that exception to RONR.

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Current Wording

6.10. The Executive Committee may set its policy for voting by proxy on specific issues and for appointing alternates. A minimum of five executives are required for a quorum. A quorum must require either the Chair or Vice-Chair to be present. Motions within the Executive Committee shall default to pass by majority vote unless noted otherwise within these bylaws or unless the Executive Committee sets different policy upon majority vote.

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#11. Proposal to Amend Platform A.6 - Abortion and Population

Rationale

This proposal would modify the abortion language in the LPMN platform and retitle the provision. This proposal also eliminates the reference to AFDC, which has not been in effect since 1997.

Current Wording

6. Abortion and Population

We oppose government actions that compel, prohibit, regulate, or subsidize abortion, sterilization or any other forms of birth control. We oppose all coercive measures for population control.

We oppose government laws and policies that restrict the opportunity to choose alternatives to abortion, such as free market oriented adoption services.

We advocate replacing taxpayer subsidies for childbearing, such as AFDC, with private charity. We urge the elimination of special tax burdens on single people with few or no children.

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6. Family Planning ~~Abortion~~ and Population Control

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We oppose all government actions that compel, prohibit, regulate, or subsidize ~~abortion,~~ sterilization, ~~or any other~~ forms of birth control, ~~We oppose all coercive measures for~~ or population control.

We do not take a position on abortion other than to oppose government laws and policies that restrict the opportunity to choose alternatives to abortion., ~~such as free market oriented adoption services.~~

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Wording if Proposal is Adopted

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We do not take a position on abortion other than to oppose government laws and policies that restrict the opportunity to choose alternatives to abortion.

#12. Proposal to Amend Bylaws 5, 6 and 10 to Remove Ranked Choice Voting Procedures from LPMN Elections and Restore Prior Procedures

Rationale

Ranked choice voting (RCV) facilitates an “instant” runoff in close elections with multiple candidates, dispensing the need to have voters return to polling places to cast votes again and again in order to determine a winner. In a party convention setting, however, delegates are on hand to cast ballots in multiple rounds. The tabulation of non-RCV ballots is relatively expeditious, and other business can be conducted between rounds.

The LPMN bylaws were revised in 2020 to accommodate RCV elections for Executive Committee officer positions and for candidate endorsements. In 2022 the bylaws were revised to add a new “Election Methods” section, which further clarified how RCV elections operate. In 2023 the bylaws were further revised to clarify that NOTA is treated as an individual candidate under RCV procedures, and the threshold for a two-thirds vote was eliminated for party endorsements.

This amendment would strike all RCV procedures as they appear in three sections of the bylaws:

- 5. Election Methods;
- 6. Officers and Executive Committee; and

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10. Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates

The newly added language in the proposal draws directly from pre-RCV procedures that appeared in earlier bylaws. The proposal does not disturb the 2022 “Election Methods” section provisions related to acclamation and approval voting, nor the 2023 elimination of the two-thirds threshold to determine a victor for party endorsements.

Current Wording

5. Election Methods

1. Acclamation -- If there are the same number or fewer candidates in an election than there are open positions, the body may choose to dispense with the prescribed balloting process and elect said candidate(s) by acclamation. A motion to elect by acclamation requires either unanimous consent or majority vote to pass.

2. Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

a. In an RCV election, voters will indicate a rank-order of their preferences.

b. Threshold for election.

i. Majority - 50% of valid ballots rounding down any fraction and adding 1.
(Examples: 100 Ballots, threshold is 51. 105 ballots, threshold is 53.)

ii. Two-Thirds - $\frac{2}{3}$ of valid ballots with fractions rounded up the next whole number. (Examples: 120 Ballots, threshold is 80. 125 ballots, threshold is 82.)

c. In the first round of tabulation, ballots are allocated to the candidate marked as the first choice. If no candidate has enough ballots to reach the required threshold for victory, the candidate with the fewest votes, including None of the Above (NOTA), is eliminated and ballots previously allocated to the eliminated candidate are now allocated to the next choice selected on each respective ballot. This process repeats until one candidate has enough ballots allocated to meet or exceed the threshold for victory, or all ballots are exhausted. Ballots are exhausted if they are to be reallocated without a next choice indicated. NOTA is treated as an individual candidate under RCV procedures, to allow elimination, reallocation, and exhaustion of the ballot.

d. If NOTA should win the election, the body has the discretion to either leave the position vacant, or by majority vote, open nominations for a new election. Candidates defeated by NOTA in any previous round are not eligible for nomination in the new election.

e. If the ballots are exhausted without a winner, the body has the discretion to either leave the position vacant, or by majority vote, cast another round of RCV ballots among the remaining candidates.

f. If the threshold for victory is two-thirds, tabulation will stop if two candidates have at least one-third of the ballots allocated, making it impossible for any candidate to reach the threshold for victory.

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3. Approval Voting (AV)

a. On the ballot for an AV election, voters will either indicate an "approval vote" for as many candidates as said voter would choose, or the voter may mark NOTA if they do not approve of any candidates in the election. (NOTE: A ballot with a mark for NOTA and any candidates is discarded.)

b. Candidates are elected if they meet the following three criteria:

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ii. Receive more approval votes than ballots cast for NOTA

iii. Receive an approval vote on the majority of valid ballots cast. (Majority is calculated as 50% of valid ballots rounding down any fraction and adding 1.)

c. In the event of a tie where there are fewer remaining seats than tied candidates, the body shall add one additional round of voting for the remaining candidates where voters may vote for as many candidates as there are remaining seats.

d. In the event seats remain open after a ballot, the body may open a process for new nominees, and hold another approval voting election to fill the number of remaining seats. Nominated candidates are not eligible for subsequent AV elections if they received fewer approval votes than cast for NOTA on any previous AV ballot for the office. If no further election rounds are held, these positions are deemed vacant.

6. Officers and Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following executives who shall be members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

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4. The Treasurer; who shall receive all monies paid to the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and shall deposit same in such bank as shall have been designated by the Executive Committee, and who may appoint a designee(s) to perform these functions with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall present a written report whenever at least two executives so request; in addition, the Treasurer shall present a written report to the Executive Committee on at least

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a quarterly basis. Expenditure of funds shall be made only in accordance of the decisions of the Executive Committee.

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5. The Political Director; who shall be responsible for all party activities related to fielding candidates and getting them on the ballot. The Political Director is also responsible for tracking legislation and helping move public policy in a Libertarian direction.

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6.2. At-Large Executives: Up to six voting members At Large are authorized to be elected in convention to the Executive Committee.

6.3. Acting Executives: Each registered affiliate, as defined elsewhere in these bylaws, shall be eligible to represent their affiliate on the Executive Committee in a manner chosen by the affiliate. The affiliate's Acting Executive may participate in Executive Committee votes if they are present in person, or through remote interactive teleconferencing in a manner approved by the Executive Committee.

6.4. Term of Office: The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Political Director shall be elected for a term of two years. Remaining officers, directors, and executives shall be elected for a term of 1 year.

6.5. Nomination and Election: Executives shall be nominated from the floor at convention and shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates. The election of the Chair, Vice-chair, and Political Director shall take place every two years during conventions held in odd-numbered years. Elections for remaining officers, directors, and the Executive Committee shall be held every year. All candidates wishing to have their name placed in nomination, shall file notice of their intent by the time established by the Convention Committee.

Candidates for Executive Committee shall be current members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and shall not hold a leadership position in another party's name. All candidates for Executive Committee shall be required to have been a member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota at least 45 days prior to the convention. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots. 6.6. The election of officers will use the Ranked Choice Voting Process. Convention Delegates will vote by secret ballot.

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The rules of the Executive Committee are:

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6.12. Vacancy and Succession on the Executive Committee shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

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6.15. The Executive Committee and its duly appointed subcommittees shall administrate the functions of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota to achieve its purpose.

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10. Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates

Candidates for federal, state, or local office may be nominated or endorsed under the methods and conditions described herein.

10.1. Nominations: A candidate nominated by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota for public office shall be a member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, shall support its platform, shall not hold a leadership position in another party's name, and shall be its official candidate for that office in that election. A candidate who is nominated shall have expressed a willingness to accept the nomination and shall be eligible to serve in that office. Nominated candidates may also use the term "endorsed".

10.2. Endorsements: Any independent candidate for elected office may be endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota if the Party has not nominated a candidate for that office in that election. A candidate who is endorsed shall be eligible to serve in that office.

10.3. Candidates may be nominated or endorsed at the annual convention under the following conditions:

1. Nomination or endorsement of candidates for federal or state offices which appear on the ballot statewide may be made only in the year of the corresponding general election.
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3. Candidates shall provide a notice of intent and written information on their qualifications, background, campaign positions, and any other information they deem relevant. The candidate shall provide a minimum of 25 copies of this information to be made available to the convention delegates. Candidates seeking nomination may be required to provide proof that they are members and a signed and dated written statement that they will support the platform.
4. Candidates or their designee shall have five minutes to address the convention before balloting takes place. No vote to nominate or endorse shall be binding unless all members of the Executive Committee have been provided with basic information on the candidate, which may include campaign literature, a campaign website, or a summary of their positions and principles, at least seven days prior to the convention.

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5. Delegates shall have five minutes, or such longer time as the Chair determines, to ask questions of the candidates prior to the first ballot.

6. A paper ballot shall be prepared for the offices for which candidates have provided a notice of intent and voting shall utilize the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) process.

7. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots for public office. The convention may decline to nominate or endorse any candidate for public office, even if there are persons seeking nomination or endorsement for that office. Any candidate who sought endorsement at the convention and failed to achieve it, is ineligible to be nominated or endorsed by the Executive Committee, for that office in the current election cycle.

8. When two or more candidates are on the ballot for an office, during each round of the RCV process the candidate with the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot and any ballots cast for that candidate shall then be allocated to the next choice selected on each respective ballot, if applicable. In case of a tie for last place in any round, all candidates who are tied with the fewest votes shall be eliminated.

9. If no candidate (or NOTA) has achieved the required votes for nomination or endorsement after the RCV process has been completed, no candidate shall be deemed to be nominated or endorsed for that office.

10.4. The Executive Committee may nominate or endorse candidates under the following conditions:

1. For any office having its general election in the current year, if the annual convention did not nominate or endorse a candidate for that office.
2. For any special election.
3. When the party's nominated or endorsed candidate dies or withdraws from the race.
4. When a candidate's nomination or endorsement is removed by the Executive Committee as provided elsewhere in these bylaws.
5. When all members of the Executive Committee have been provided with basic information on the candidate, which may include campaign literature, a campaign website, or a summary of their positions and principles, at least seven days prior to any vote.
6. Executive Committee nomination or endorsement requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting.

10.5. Candidates may be nominated by an affiliate under the following conditions:

1. For any office having its general election in the current year, if the annual convention or Executive Committee did not nominate a candidate for that office.

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3. When the affiliate holds registered status as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.
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5. A candidate whose district transcends an affiliate's geographic region shall not be considered nominated until all affiliates within that district concur with the nomination.
6. The Executive Committee shall retain the power to withdraw an affiliate nomination, as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.

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5. ~~Election Methods~~ Acclamation and Approval Voting

1. Acclamation -- If there are the same number or fewer candidates in an election than there are open positions, the body may choose to dispense with the prescribed balloting process and elect said candidate(s) by acclamation. A motion to elect by acclamation requires either unanimous consent or majority vote to pass.

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Directors

5. The Political Director; who shall be responsible for all party activities related to fielding candidates and getting them on the ballot. The Political Director is also responsible for tracking legislation and helping move public policy in a Libertarian direction.

6. Communications Director; who shall develop and implement the communications strategy and oversee all communication channels for the Party. They are responsible for recruiting and managing communications volunteers.

6.2. At-Large Executives: Up to six voting members At Large are authorized to be elected in convention to the Executive Committee.

6.3. Acting Executives: Each registered affiliate, as defined elsewhere in these bylaws, shall be eligible to represent their affiliate on the Executive Committee in a manner chosen by the

affiliate. The affiliate's Acting Executive may participate in Executive Committee votes if they are present in person, or through remote interactive teleconferencing in a manner approved by the Executive Committee.

6.4. Term of Office: The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Political Director shall be elected for a term of two years. Remaining officers, directors, and executives shall be elected for a term of 1 year.

6.5. Nomination and Election: Executives shall be nominated from the floor at convention and shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates, with votes conducted by secret ballot. The election of the Chair, Vice-chair, and Political Director shall take place every two years during conventions held in odd-numbered years. Elections for remaining officers, directors, and the Executive Committee shall be held every year. All candidates wishing to have their name placed in nomination, shall file notice of their intent by the time established by the Convention Committee. Candidates for Executive Committee shall be current members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and shall not hold a leadership position in another party's name. All candidates for Executive Committee shall be required to have been a member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota at least 45 days prior to the convention. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots.

6.6. Election of Officers and Directors:

When two or more candidates are on the ballot for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Political Director, or Communications Director, and if after two ballots none of the candidates has achieved the required votes for election to the office, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot. The candidates eliminated shall be offered one minute to address the convention prior to the next ballot. In case of a tie, candidates with the fewest votes shall draw straws to determine who is eliminated. This

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procedure will continue for all subsequent ballots. The option of NOTA shall remain on all ballots.

6.7. The Approval Voting (AV) process will be used for electing up to 6 At-large Executives. Convention Delegates will vote by secret ballot.

In the event seats remain open after a ballot, the convention may open the floor to new nominees, and another approval voting election will be held to fill the number of remaining seats. Nominated candidates are not eligible for subsequent AV ballots if they received fewer approval votes than cast for NOTA on any previous AV ballot. If the convention declines to reopen the floor to further nominations, these seats may be filled according to section 6.9. If there are a number of candidates receiving equal votes but ranked where there are not open seats for all such candidates, there shall be one additional ballot listing all tied candidates and voters may vote for as many candidates as there are remaining open seats.

6.8. After balloting has ended, if the offices of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Political Director, and/or Communications Director are unfilled, the outgoing Executive Committee shall meet within ten days following the end of the convention and fill those offices that are vacant. If after balloting has ended, there are fewer than four At-Large Executives, the outgoing Executive Committee shall meet within ten days following the end of the convention and fill the number of offices required to bring the number of At-Large Executives to four.

The rules of the Executive Committee are:

6.9. The Executive Committee may set its policy for voting by proxy on specific issues and for appointing alternates. A minimum of five executives are required for a quorum. A quorum must require either the Chair or Vice-Chair to be present. Motions within the Executive Committee shall default to pass by majority vote unless noted otherwise within these bylaws or unless the Executive Committee sets different policy upon majority vote.

6.10. The Meeting Dates and Agenda shall be decided by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee meetings shall be run according to Robert's Rules of Order. Meetings shall be open to Party members.

1. Regular meetings shall be decided at the previous meeting or occur on a regular periodic basis.

2. Special meetings may be needed from time to time to handle urgent matters. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or Vice-Chair, and shall be announced and matters acted upon shall be limited to those announced at least four days in advance of the meeting. If two or more executives object to the holding of a special meeting, the meeting shall not be held and matters shall be deferred to the next regular meeting.

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6.11. Vacancy and Succession on the Executive Committee shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

6.12. Offices and functions may be combined.

6.13. The Executive Committee shall not go into debt in the name of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

6.14. The Executive Committee and its duly appointed subcommittees shall administrate the functions of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota to achieve its purpose.

6.15. The Executive Committee may, without notice, remove any of its executives who miss two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without notifying the Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary. Failure to exercise this provision shall not limit the right of the Committee to exercise it in the future.

10. Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates

Candidates for federal, state, or local office may be nominated or endorsed under the methods and conditions described herein.

10.1. Nominations: A candidate nominated by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota for public office shall be a member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, shall support its platform, shall not hold a leadership position in another party's name, and shall be its official candidate for that office in that election. A candidate who is nominated shall have expressed a willingness to accept the nomination and shall be eligible to serve in that office. Nominated candidates may also use the term "endorsed".

10.2. Endorsements: Any independent candidate for elected office may be endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota if the Party has not nominated a candidate for that office in that election. A candidate who is endorsed shall be eligible to serve in that office.

10.3. Candidates may be nominated or endorsed at the annual convention under the following conditions:

1. Nomination or endorsement of candidates for federal or state offices which appear on the ballot statewide may be made only in the year of the corresponding general election.
2. All candidates seeking nomination or endorsement, shall file notice of their intent by the time established by the Convention Committee.
3. Candidates shall provide a notice of intent and written information on their qualifications, background, campaign positions, and any other information they deem relevant. The candidate shall provide a minimum of 25 copies of this information to be made available to the convention delegates. Candidates seeking nomination may be required to provide proof that they are members and a signed and dated written statement that they will support the platform.

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4. Candidates or their designee shall have five minutes to address the convention before balloting takes place. No vote to nominate or endorse shall be binding unless all members of the Executive Committee have been provided with basic information on the candidate, which may include campaign literature, a campaign website, or a summary of their positions and principles, at least seven days prior to the convention.
 5. Delegates shall have five minutes, or such longer time as the Chair determines, to ask questions of the candidates prior to the first ballot.
 6. A paper ballot shall be prepared for the offices for which candidates have provided a notice of intent.
 7. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots for public office. The convention may decline to nominate or endorse any candidate for public office, even if there are persons seeking nomination or endorsement for that office. Any candidate who sought endorsement at the convention and failed to achieve it, is ineligible to be nominated or endorsed by the Executive Committee, for that office in the current election cycle.
 8. When two or more candidates are on the ballot for an office, and if after two ballots none of the candidates have achieved the required votes for nomination or endorsement, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot. The candidates eliminated shall be offered one minute to address the convention prior to the next ballot. In case of a tie, candidates with the fewest votes shall draw straws to determine who is eliminated. This procedure shall continue for all subsequent ballots. The option of NOTA shall remain on all ballots.
 9. If no candidate (or NOTA) has achieved the required votes for nomination or endorsement anytime after 10 ballots, any delegate may make a motion to end the balloting. If a majority of the delegates vote to end balloting, balloting shall cease.
- 10.4. The Executive Committee may nominate or endorse candidates under the following conditions:
1. For any office having its general election in the current year, if the annual convention did not nominate or endorse a candidate for that office.
 2. For any special election.
 3. When the party's nominated or endorsed candidate dies or withdraws from the race.
 4. When a candidate's nomination or endorsement is removed by the Executive Committee as provided elsewhere in these bylaws.

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5. When all members of the Executive Committee have been provided with basic information on the candidate, which may include campaign literature, a campaign website, or a summary of their positions and principles, at least seven days prior to any vote.

6. Executive Committee nomination or endorsement requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting.

10.5. Candidates may be nominated by an affiliate under the following conditions:

1. For any office having its general election in the current year, if the annual convention or Executive Committee did not nominate a candidate for that office.

2. For any special election.

3. When the affiliate holds registered status as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.

4. A nomination shall require at least four members present and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting. Upon nomination by the affiliate and minutes describing the circumstances of such nomination being presented to the Party, the candidate shall automatically be considered as nominated by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

5. A candidate whose district transcends an affiliate's geographic region shall not be considered nominated until all affiliates within that district concur with the nomination.

6. The Executive Committee shall retain the power to withdraw an affiliate nomination, as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.

10.6. Nomination or endorsement of candidates shall not be refused solely because a candidate accepts money from the Minnesota Political Contribution Refund (PCR) program, the State Elections Campaign Fund, or matching funds.

10.7. Candidates nominated for Minnesota House, Minnesota Senate, US Congress, or US Senate shall pledge that, if elected, they shall not caucus with either the Democratic Party or Republican Party or otherwise align with these parties on a permanent basis. Candidates may caucus with other Libertarians or with representatives of other parties if they so choose. Candidates may vote in concert with representatives of any party on an issue-by-issue basis.