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## Report of the Bylaws and Rules Committee

to the delegates of the

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## List of Changes from the Draft Report After Survey Feedback

- Proposal A: Rationale rewritten to explain existing token system and explain why 10 minutes was selected.
- Proposal B: Rationale rewritten to better explain the reason for the change.
- Proposal C: Amended to change the Bylaws appointment deadline from three months to twelve months (not in draft report at all), change the Credential Committee appointment deadline from one month to three months (was six months in the draft report). The rationale is rewritten to better explain the proposal.
- Proposal D: Adds language clarifying that state chairs from the region are who select their representatives and alternates, and one grammar change.
- Proposal E: Restores section 4 instead of deleting it.
- Proposal F: Amended to limit automatic delegate status to demonstrably Libertarian holders of a select list of offices.
- Proposal H: Presentation now includes line-edits.
- Proposal I: Rationale adds language explaining why staggered terms are not included in the proposal.
- Proposal J: Rationale rewritten to better explain proposal.
- Proposal J-2: Rationale rewritten to explain that prior Conventions have voted down proposals that involve delegation to a Style Committee.
- Proposal K: Deletes an erroneously kept “and” and deletes proposed language “if the LNC so provides.”
- Proposal L: Adds proviso relating to Proposal I and rewrite rationale to explain order of elections.
- New Proposal N added (Clarify Platform Amendment Thresholds in Article 3.3) and subsequent proposals re-lettered
- Proposal P: Changes position of reference to Statement of Principles to address concern of Committee members.
- New Proposal Q added (Codify Protection of Statement of Principles) and subsequent proposals re-lettered.
- Proposal T: Corrects two typos and change all gendered pronouns to “he or she”
- Proposal U: Remove an erroneously kept “that affiliate” and change proviso to take effect 180 days after adjournment to allow time for compliance.
- Proposal V: Rationale rewritten to clarify what a main motion is.
- Proposal W: Rationale rewritten to explain why a shorter timeframe was not adopted.
- Proposal X: Amends to make the requirement consistent between all the committees.
- Proposal AB: Amends to reduce size of restructured National Committee.
- Minority reports added for all proposals where they were submitted.

**Proposal A**  
**Allow Debate on Proposals to Delete Platform Planks**  
 Adopted 9-0

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM</b></p> <p>1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:            [...]</p> <p>g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.</p>	<p><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM</b></p> <p>1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:            [...]</p> <p>g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. <del>Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.</del> <a href="#">The Convention Chair shall then open the deletion proposal for debate without amendment for a period of up to ten minutes before bringing the matter to a vote.</a></p>	<p><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM</b></p> <p>1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:            [...]</p> <p>g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. The Convention Chair shall then open the deletion proposal for debate without amendment for a period of up to ten minutes before bringing the matter to a vote.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal A:**

The Bylaws currently establish a token system by which entire platform planks may be subject to deletion. If sufficient tokens are submitted, the convention moves to a vote on deleting the plank, without debate. The potential deletion of Platform planks is an important decision that should be given time for debate so that delegates who may have just considered that particular deletion for the first time may have adequate information, both pro and con, with which to make a responsible decision. In public comment on this proposal, 11 suggested a longer time period of 15-20 minutes, 15 suggested a shorter time period, and 41 were supportive of 10 minutes. The existing Rule would allow a small group to organize for a specific deletion and have it passed without the convention fully understanding what is happening.

**Proposal B**  
**Clarify Method of Electing Judicial Committee**  
**Adopted 8-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS</b>  On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by either voice vote or rising vote. If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.</p>	<p><b>RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS</b>  On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of <a href="#">Judicial Committee Members</a>, Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by either voice vote or rising vote. If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.</p>	<p><b>RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS</b>  On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of Judicial Committee Members, Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by either voice vote or rising vote. If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal B:**

While Rule 9 states that “Nominations and elections for members of the Judicial Committee shall be conducted in the same manner as specified for at-large members of the National Committee,” Rule 2 does not list Judicial Committee members as covered by its voting procedure. To correct a conflict between these rules and avoid confusion over which Rule governs, Rule 2 is updated to mention the Judicial Committee.

**Proposal C**  
**Appoint Credentials Committee and Bylaws and Rules Committee Members Earlier**  
**Adopted 8-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a Regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the National Committee. [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows.</p> <p>a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a Regular Convention.</p> <p>b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than one month prior to the Regular Convention.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than <del>three</del> <u>twelve</u> months before a Regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the National Committee. [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows.</p> <p>a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a Regular Convention.</p> <p>b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than <del>one month</del> <u>three months</u> prior to the Regular Convention.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than twelve months before a Regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the National Committee. [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows.</p> <p>a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a Regular Convention.</p> <p>b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than three months prior to the Regular Convention.</p>

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal C:**

This proposal changes the appointment deadlines for two committees.

Bylaws currently require that the LNC appoint members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee no later than three months before the convention. This proposal would require the LNC to name members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee no later than twelve months before the convention.

The Credentials Committee of ten members (five appointed by the LNC and one member each by the five largest state affiliates) certifies delegates and alternates to each convention. It needs to be functioning before states begin naming delegates and alternates to the national convention to complete its work in a timely manner. Bylaws Article 11.4 requires that the National Committee make its five appointments to the Credentials committee no later than six months before a convention. The deadline for the five state affiliates to make appointments, however, is one month prior to the convention. Because many states name delegates several months before the national convention, this late deadline for naming Credential Committee appointees shifts the workload onto National Committee appointees. The solution is to move the affiliate appointment deadline to be earlier. States know they can make the appointments two years prior to the convention, but public comments on this proposal coalesced around three months as an appropriate compromise deadline.

**Proposal D**  
**Clarifying Procedures for Regional Alternates**  
 Adopted 8-0

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<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>8. A National Committee Regional Representative may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties which constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs shall prevail.</p> <p><b>RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its regional representative to the National Committee then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>8. A National Committee Regional Representative <u>or Alternate</u> may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties <del>which</del> <u>that</u> constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives <u>or alternates</u> shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs <u>comprising the region</u> shall prevail.</p> <p><b>RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its <del>regional representative to the</del> National Committee <u>representation</u> then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative <u>and alternate</u>, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative <u>and alternate</u> in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>8. A National Committee Regional Representative or Alternate may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties that constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives or alternates shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs comprising the region shall prevail.</p> <p><b>RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal D:**

Bylaws Article 7.2.c provides (in part) that:

“...each such ‘region’ with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership.”

The appointment/removal procedures in the bylaws, however, only mention the regional representatives and not the alternates. This proposal clarifies that the same procedures apply to both the representatives and the alternates.

This proposal also adds a clarifications reflecting current practice: that state chairs within the region, not all state chairs, are who elects representatives and alternates if a region has not provided otherwise. There is also one grammar fix, from “which” to “that.”

**Proposal E**  
**Simplify Article 4 Language on Membership**  
**Adopted 8-0**

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<p><b>ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.</li> <li>2. The National Committee may offer life memberships, and must honor all prior and future life memberships.</li> <li>3. "Sustaining member" is any Party member who has given at least \$25 to the Party in the prior twelve months, or who is a life member.</li> <li>4. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.</li> <li>5. Higher levels of contribution by or on behalf of a Party member qualify as sustaining member status for any provision of these Bylaws.</li> <li>6. Only sustaining members shall be counted for delegate apportionment and National Committee representation. Only sustaining members shall be eligible to hold National Party office or be a candidate for President or Vice-President.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.</li> <li>2. The National Committee may offer life memberships, and must honor all prior and future life memberships.</li> <li>3. <del>"Sustaining member" is any Party member who has given at least \$25 to the Party in the prior twelve months, or who is a life member.</del></li> <li>4. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.</li> <li>5. <del>Higher levels of contribution by or on behalf of a Party member qualify as sustaining member status for any provision of these Bylaws.</del></li> <li>6. <del>Only sustaining members shall be counted for delegate apportionment and National Committee representation. Only sustaining members shall be eligible to hold National Party office or be a candidate for President or Vice-President.</del></li> <li>4. <u>"Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>During the prior twelve months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or</u></li> <li>b. <u>Are Life members.</u></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.</li> <li>2. The National Committee may offer life memberships, and must honor all prior and future life memberships.</li> <li>3. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.</li> <li>4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. During the prior twelve months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or</li> <li>b. Are Life members.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

**Rationale for Proposal E:**

This proposal cleans up the existing language and eliminates redundancy. The following redundant items in Article 4.6 are addressed elsewhere in the bylaws:

- 1) Sustaining membership requirements for delegate apportionment (Article 10.4)
- 2) Sustaining membership requirements for national committee representation (Article 7.2.c)
- 3) Sustaining membership requirements to hold national party office (Articles 6.1 and 7.4)
- 4) Sustaining membership requirements to be nominated for President or Vice President (Article 14.2)



**Proposal F**  
**Make Elected Libertarians Automatic Delegates at Convention**  
**Adopted 8-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS</b></p> <p>4. Affiliate Party Delegate Entitlements:</p> <p>Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each Regular Convention on the following basis:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS</b></p> <p>4. Affiliate Party Delegate Entitlements:</p> <p>Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each Regular Convention on the following basis:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state.</p> <p><u>Unless disapproved by a majority vote of the affiliate's or Convention's non-ex-officio delegates, in addition to the delegate allocation, any sustaining member who is not a member of any party other than the Libertarian Party and is elected to and serving as Governor of a U.S. state, member of the U.S. Senate, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, state senator, state legislator, or Mayor is entitled to be a delegate in the corresponding affiliate's delegation upon presenting proof of such status to the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall include in its report the number of such delegates added to each delegation.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS</b></p> <p>4. Affiliate Party Delegate Entitlements:</p> <p>Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each Regular Convention on the following basis:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state.</p> <p>Unless disapproved by a majority vote of the affiliate's or Convention's non-ex-officio delegates, in addition to the delegate allocation, any sustaining member who is not a member of any party other than the Libertarian Party and is elected to and serving as Governor of a U.S. state, member of the U.S. Senate, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, state senator, state legislator, or Mayor is entitled to be a delegate in the corresponding affiliate's delegation upon presenting proof of such status to the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall include in its report the number of such delegates added to each delegation.</p>

*Proviso: The amendment shall take effect upon the close of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal F:**

(1) It is not easy to become an elected Libertarian. Our Libertarian elected officials are important to our development as a successful political party. We need to do more to recognize our elected officials. Providing them with special status as a delegate is one cost-effective method of recognition.

(2) Giving automatic delegate status to Libertarians who are serving in elected office will encourage more of them to attend our conventions and share their success stories. By learning

more from these individuals first-hand we may encourage a greater number of us to run for winnable elections.

**Minority Report on Proposal F by Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, Mr. Moulton, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to outright reject the committee proposal. While it certainly is admirable to reward elected Libertarians this proposal is unworkable with potentially disastrous unintended consequences. We note some of these below:

1. The maximum number of potential delegates at convention would become unknowable as the National Party often does not even know the total number of elected Libertarians at the local level such as the Mayor office contemplated in this proposal if they are not reported by the affiliates. Advance planning of conventions, including booking convention sites, requires at least this minimal information.
2. The proposal does not require that the potential delegate be elected as a Libertarian, and thus, our Party could be subject to a take-over by a coordinated re-affiliation from another Party or would-be Party who would gain an out-of-the-box ballot qualified Party. It is noted that there is a safeguard in the proposal but if any takeover attempt already had a certain number of non-ex-officio delegates who got in through the state convention process, they could pad their numbers to 2/3 or 3/4 or 7/8 and then gut the Statement of Principles without anyone being the wiser until it was too late.
3. Affiliates who are burdened by oppressive ballot access laws would be highly disadvantaged and have their voices diluted by states with easy ballot access. While it is true that it is impossible to ever have complete equity between the affiliates, the government has made it so that some states are effectively crippled until we succeed in changing those laws.

Further although the rationale for the proposal claims that this is a cost-effective way to recognize these elected officials, is it really? Is having an unknown maximum number of delegates a cost-effective way to plan a convention? How would non-ex-officio delegates know who potentially to target internal party advocacy campaigns? And as to the alleged benefit of having them share their experiences at convention, time is already at a premium at these conventions and there is no guarantee that this could be done or would be so beneficial as to risk the above consequences. Lastly this is a proposal that is similar to proposals floated in the past that were either never presented or voted down. The Bylaws Committee should not be seeking to introduce the same proposals for which there has been no indication of widespread need or support. It is not the job of the Committee to find solutions in search of problems.

We urge you to soundly reject this proposal.

**Proposal G**  
**Expand Report from the Bylaws and Rules Committee**  
**Adopted 8-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b>            6. Committee Procedures            b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention. Two or more members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee or of the Credentials Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding their business.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b>            6. Committee Procedures            b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention. <del>Two or more members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee or of the Credentials Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding their business.</del>  <u>c. Each proposal supported by at least two members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall be included in the committee's report, ordered by number of votes in favor. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consider proposals submitted not less than six months prior to the convention by resolution of any three state affiliates or any board or committee established by these bylaws. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall recommend that each proposal be either a) adopted as proposed, b) adopted following adoption of a pending amendment, or c) not adopted.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b>            6. Committee Procedures            b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention.            c. Each proposal supported by at least two members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall be included in the committee's report, ordered by number of votes in favor. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consider proposals submitted not less than six months prior to the convention by resolution of any three state affiliates or any board or committee established by these bylaws. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall recommend that each proposal be either a) adopted as proposed, b) adopted following adoption of a pending amendment, or c) not adopted.</p>

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal G:**

Today, proposals that do not originate from the Bylaws Committee (and enjoy a majority of that body's support) are not presented to the Convention. This proposal opens up the process so that proposals from other than the Bylaws Committee are considered, and that even those with just a modicum of support by the Bylaws Committee could be entertained by the Convention.

**Minority Report on Proposal G by Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, Mr. Moulton, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to initially reject the committee proposal so that it may be amended by substitute with a more straightforward approach, Proposal G-2 on page 63.

There is no process codified in our bylaws or convention rules (see LP Rule 4) for considering minority reports from the Bylaws and Rules Committee even though LP Bylaw 11.6.b explicitly allows any two (2) Bylaws and Rules Committee members to join together in a minority report. The Platform Committee has used such a process for years as codified in LP Rules 5.3 and 5.4.

The committee proposal creates a totally new Bylaws and Rules Committee report process which addresses this longstanding problem. Instead of re-inventing the wheel, our amendment would apply the Platform Committee minority reports process to the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

**Minority Report on Proposal G by Mr. Bishop-Henchman and Mr. Craig:**

Proposal G would allow any proposal that could get sign off from 2 Bylaws Committee members to make it into the packet and onto the agenda for floor time at the Convention. That's a pretty low bar. We on the Committee considered over 100 proposals this term, but because the threshold to get to you the delegates is a majority of the Committee, there's strong incentive to fine-tune, compromise, and make proposals better. A lot of pretty scary ideas were left on the cutting room floor. Proposal G would end that.

This mess of a proposal is actually a good example of what future Bylaws reports will be like if this passes. Three competing versions, none of which are supported by a majority of the Bylaws Committee. One here, the other two somewhere else, separated by twenty proposals in between, and you the delegate have to hunt around to compare them. (Competing proposals would be sorted by vote count, not by similarity.) It's not even clear why we should have a Bylaws Committee anymore, since all we'd do is collect essentially every submission, sort them, and then give them all to you to figure out in a confusing and cumbersome way.

The main minority alternative, G-2, is little better. It also presupposes and encourages alternate versions of Bylaws proposals that you will have to compare, pushed by as few as 2 Bylaws Committee members. The minority says it works for the Platform Committee, but there are two important differences. First, it makes sense to have alternate versions of platform planks – we're gonna have a Drug War plank, and if there are two good ways of wording it, sure send both to the delegates. But Bylaws generally shouldn't have alternate versions – there should be a proposal, an argument for, and an argument against. (G-2 makes no provision for giving you arguments against.) Second, the Platform Committee is larger, and 4 members signing off is their threshold. In practice that's a much higher bar than 2. 2 committee members can write just about anything, such as spelling errors, bold random words, or `w e i r d s p a c i n g`. When we need a majority to sign off, it's harder to do stuff like that.

We propose a simpler, more logical version that incorporates what we mostly do now, Proposal G-3 on page 64. Proposals need majority support to get to you. They have to be accompanied by an argument for. Any Bylaws Committee member may submit an argument against. Proposal, argument for, and argument against will all be in the same place. Proposals can still be moved from the floor so long as you bring enough copies for everyone. It's proposal G-3. If you like it, vote down Proposal G, vote down proposal G-2, and move the adoption of Proposal G-3. Or, if this is all confusing, vote all three down and move on to the next thing. That will still let the Committee know that next Convention, you only want to see vetted proposals that can get majority support taking up valuable floor time.

**Proposal H**  
**Condense Articles 6 through 8**  
**Adopted 8-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS</b></p> <p>1. The officers of the Party shall be:  o Chair,  o Vice-Chair,  o Secretary, and  o Treasurer.</p> <p>All of these officers shall be elected by a Regular Convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the Convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party.</p> <p>2. No offices shall be combined.</p> <p>3. The Chair shall preside at all Conventions and all meetings of the National Committee. The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Party with full authority to direct its business and affairs, including hiring and discharging of National Committee volunteers and paid personnel, subject to express National Committee policies and directives issued in the exercise of the National Committee's plenary control and management of Party affairs, properties and funds.</p> <p>4. The Vice-Chair shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.</p> <p>5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall</p>	<p><del><b>ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS</b></del><sup>[struck]</sup></p> <p><u>1. The officers of the Party shall be:  o Chair,  o Vice-Chair,  o Secretary, and  o Treasurer.</u><sup>[moved in full to Article 6, Section 2]</sup></p> <p><del>All of these officers shall be elected by a Regular Convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the Convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</del><sup>[combined into new Article 7, Section 2]</sup> <del>No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party.</del><sup>[combined into new Article 7, Section 3]</sup></p> <p><u>2. No offices shall be combined.</u><sup>[moved in full to Article 7, Section 1]</sup></p> <p><u>3. The Chair shall preside at all Conventions and all meetings of the National Committee. The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Party with full authority to direct its business and affairs, including hiring and discharging of National Committee volunteers and paid personnel, subject to express National Committee policies and directives issued in the exercise of the National Committee's plenary control and management of Party affairs, properties and funds.</u><sup>[moved in full to Article 6, Section 3]</sup></p> <p><u>4. The Vice-Chair shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.</u><sup>[moved in full to Article 6, Section 4]</sup></p> <p><u>5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. 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Treasurer;  e. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and  f. additional members as specified below:  Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership.  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<p>6. The Treasurer shall receive, expend and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the National Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the National Committee and shall perform all duties required of the office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, internal and external reporting. The Treasurer shall report to the National Committee and the Convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities. The report of the Treasurer to the Convention, specified in Convention Rule 1 agenda item 4, shall include an independent auditor's report opining whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Party and the changes in its net assets and its cash flow for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Unaudited interim financial statements shall also be presented. Such reports shall be made available to every delegate.</p>	<p><del>6. The Treasurer shall receive, expend and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the National Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the National Committee and shall perform all duties required of the office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, internal and external reporting. The Treasurer shall report to the National Committee and the Convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities. The report of the Treasurer to the Convention, specified in Convention Rule 1 agenda item 4, shall include an independent auditor's report opining whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Party and the changes in its net assets and its cash flow for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Unaudited interim financial statements shall also be presented. Such reports shall be made available to every delegate.</del> [moved in full to Article 6, Section 6]</p>	<p>4. The Vice-Chair shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.</p>
<p>7. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm</p>	<p><del>7. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm</del></p>	<p>5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the National Committee and all Party Conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such minutes and records as necessary.</p>
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8. The National Committee shall appoint new officers if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated.

#### **ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

1. The National Committee shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws. The Libertarian National Committee shall establish and oversee an organizational structure to implement the purposes of the Party as stated in Article 2. The National Committee shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings and the carrying out of its duties and responsibilities. The National Committee may delegate its authority in any manner it deems necessary.

2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:  
a. the officers of the Party;

b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and  
c. any additional members as specified below:  
Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative

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2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:

a. Chair ~~the officers of the Party;~~  
b. Vice Chair;  
c. Secretary;  
d. Treasurer;  
~~e.~~ b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and  
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Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative

statements shall also be presented. Such reports shall be made available to every delegate.

7. The National Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by: action of the Committee, call of the Chair, or written request of 1/3 or more of its members.

8. A majority of the membership of the National Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.

9. The National Committee may adopt public policy resolutions by a ¾ vote with previous notice or by unanimous consent without previous notice.

10. Upon appeal by ten percent of the delegates credentialed at the most recent Regular Convention or one percent of the Party sustaining members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the Bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void.

11. The National Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the National committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single Committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.

12. The Secretary or a designee shall promptly post notice for each session of the National Committee; any National Committee proposed agendas; and approved minutes of each Convention and open National Committee session to a permanent archive section on the Party's website. Any person may record the National Committee's proceedings while in open session, or subscribe to a read-only email list on which LNC votes are recorded.

#### **ARTICLE 7: ELIGIBILITY, TERMS OF OFFICE, AND REMOVAL**

1. No offices shall be combined. No member of the National Committee

<p>and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.</p> <p>3. The National Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which they are selected, and serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</p> <p>4. A National Committee member shall be a sustaining member of the Party, and shall not be the candidate of any party except the Party or an affiliate.</p> <p>5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large or order</p>	<p>and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. 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The National Committee shall appoint new officers and members-at-large if vacancies occur, such officers and members-at-large to complete the term of the office vacated. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</p> <p>6. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer or member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee. The suspended individual may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. 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<p>members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the Bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void.</p> <p>13. The National Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the National committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single Committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>14. The Secretary or a designee shall promptly post notice for each session of the National Committee; any National Committee proposed agendas; and approved minutes of each Convention and open National Committee session to a permanent archive section on the Party's website. Any person may record the National Committee's proceedings while in open session, or subscribe to a read-only email list on which LNC votes are recorded.</p>	<p>members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the Bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void.</p> <p><del>13-11.</del> The National Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the National committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single Committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.</p> <p><del>14-12.</del> The Secretary or a designee shall promptly post notice for each session of the National Committee; any National Committee proposed agendas; and approved minutes of each Convention and open National Committee session to a permanent archive section on the Party's website. Any person may record the National Committee's proceedings while in open session, or subscribe to a read-only email list on which LNC votes are recorded.</p> <p><b><u>ARTICLE 7: ELIGIBILITY, TERMS OF OFFICE, AND REMOVAL</u></b></p> <p><u>1. No offices shall be combined.</u>[moved from Article 6, Section 2] <u>No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee.</u>[moved in full from Article 8, Section 1]</p> <p><u>2. The National Committee and Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which they are elected, and serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</u>[combined from Article 7, Section 3 and Article 8, Section 1]</p> <p><u>3. A National Committee member shall be a sustaining member of the Party, and shall not be the candidate of any party except the Party or an affiliate. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection.</u> [combined from Article 7, Section 4 and Article 6, Section 1]</p> <p>[insert section moved in full from</p>	
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<p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if</p>	<p>Article 7, Section 6]</p> <p>[insert section moved in full from Article 7, Section 7]</p> <p><u>6. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer or member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee. The suspended individual may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension or order reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</u> [moved in full from Article 7, Section 5 and encompassing redundant Article 6, Section 7]</p> <p>[insert section moved in full from Article 7, Section 8]</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. <u>No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee.</u> [moved in full to Article 7, Section 1] The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. <u>The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</u> [moved in full to Article 7, Section 2]</p> <p><u>All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee.</p> <p>2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),</li> <li>suspension of National Committee members (Article 7, Section 6),</li> <li>voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section 10),</li> <li>challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),</li> <li>challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6,</li> </ol>
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<p>vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</p> <p>2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),</li> <li>b. suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),</li> <li>c. suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 7, Section 5),</li> <li>d. voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section 12),</li> <li>e. challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),</li> <li>f. challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and</li> <li>g. suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).</li> </ul> <p>[...]</p>	<p><del>least four years at the time of their selection.</del> [moved in full to Article 7, Section 3]</p> <p><del>The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</del> [moved in full to Article 7, Section 5]</p> <p>2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),</li> <li><del>b. suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),</del> [encompassed by expanding the next subsection to be all National Committee members]</li> <li><del>b.</del> <del>e.</del> suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 7, Section <del>5-6</del>),</li> <li><del>c.</del> <del>d.</del> voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section <del>12</del>10),</li> <li><del>d.</del> <del>e.</del> challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),</li> <li><del>e.</del> <del>f.</del> challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and</li> <li><del>f.</del> <del>g.</del> suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).</li> </ul> <p>[...]</p>	<p>Section 2), and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).</li> </ul> <p>[...]</p>
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**Rationale for Proposal H:**

This proposed rewrite more logically presents the material and eliminates redundant language without changing the meaning, condensing 1,849 words down to 1,547.

**Proposal I**  
**Make Judicial Committee a Four-Year Term**  
 Adopted 7-0

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular <u>Non-Presidential</u> Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular <u>Non-Presidential</u> Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular <u>Non-Presidential</u> Convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular <u>Non-Presidential</u> Convention.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Non-Presidential Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Non-Presidential Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Non-Presidential Convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Non-Presidential Convention.</p>
<p><b>RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:  [...]  10. Election of Judicial Committee  11. Resolutions  12. Other business</p>	<p><b>RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:  [...]  10. Election of Judicial Committee <u>(in appropriate years)</u>  11. Resolutions  12. Other business</p>	<p><b>RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:  [...]  10. Election of Judicial Committee (in appropriate years)  11. Resolutions  12. Other business</p>

**Rationale for Proposal I:**

As we become larger and more successful, some continuity in positions is important. The Judicial Committee is the last resort to prevent any potential take-over of the Party by persons who do not hold to our principles. If all positions change every two years, an opportunity is more easily open to have a take-over without any recourse by the members. While this could still happen in an off-year, generally, the greatest opportunity is in a presidential convention, thus having Judicial Committee elections in an off-year gives greater protection to the party members that consistently attend conventions. Further, this has the added benefit of relieving time constraints in presidential nominating conventions which often leave insufficient time for these elections. The Committee considered an option of staggered terms, with some elected at Presidential conventions and some elected at non-Presidential conventions, but is not recommending it because staggered term proposals have been rejected by delegates in the past.

**Proposal J**  
**Elevate Style Changes from Rule to Bylaw**  
**Adopted 7-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM</b></p> <p>8. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.</p>	<p><del><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM</b></del></p> <p><del>8. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.</del></p> <p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><u>15. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>15. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal J:**

The existing Rule was approved several years ago allowing the LNC to fix style errors in the Platform; however, it has a material flaw: it should not be a Rule (which govern only activities during the Convention), but rather a Bylaw (which govern the Party at all times). So currently, the LNC can only make such corrections during Convention, when its members are often busy with other obligations. There have been several attempts to correct that problem, but delegates rejected them because those attempts included a provision to add a style committee. This proposal otherwise makes no changes to the existing language.

**Proposal J-2**  
**Amend Style Change Provisions**  
**Adopted 6-2**

This proposal being presented is contingent upon the previous proposal being adopted.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>15. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>15. <del>Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.</del> <u>The National Committee is authorized to make corrections to conform the Bylaws and Convention Rules and the Platform with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, provided such changes do not alter the meaning or intent. The National Committee may not delegate this authority. The National Committee shall notify the Bylaws and Rules Committee members of any corrections made to the Bylaws, and the Platform Committee members of any corrections made to the Platform.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>15. The National Committee is authorized to make corrections to conform the Bylaws and Convention Rules and the Platform with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, provided such changes do not alter the meaning or intent. The National Committee may not delegate this authority. The National Committee shall notify the Bylaws and Rules Committee members of any corrections made to the Bylaws, and the Platform Committee members of any corrections made to the Platform.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal J-2:**

This proposal cleans up the language, prohibits the National Committee from delegating this responsibility to a style committee, and requires notification to the respective committee. Similar proposals have been rejected by delegates in the past because they did not prohibit the LNC from delegating this power. Like all LNC decisions, these actions would be appealable to the Judicial Committee.



**Proposal K**  
**Clarify that Alternates are not Members on National Committee**  
**Adopted 6-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:</p> <p>a. the officers of the Party;</p> <p>b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and</p> <p>c. any additional members as specified below:</p> <p>Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership.</p> <p>"Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:</p> <p>a. the officers of the Party;</p> <p>b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and</p> <p>c. any additional members as specified below:</p> <p>Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative <del>one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership for each 10% of national party sustaining membership.</del> <a href="#">Each region shall also be entitled to one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership, who shall not be a National Committee member but may substitute for the regional representative at meetings and in voting.</a></p> <p>"Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:</p> <p>a. the officers of the Party;</p> <p>b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and</p> <p>c. any additional members as specified below:</p> <p>Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. Each region shall also be entitled to one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership, who shall not be a National Committee member but may, if the LNC so provides, substitute for the regional representative at meetings and in voting.</p> <p>"Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal K:**

According to Robert's Rules of Order, a "member" of an assembly is a person entitled to full participation in its proceedings. LNC alternates are not members in this sense, since they can only fully participate in LNC proceedings when replacing an absent representative.



However the existing language suggests that alternates are members and has been interpreted by some as redefining "member" for our purposes. This creates a difficulty because of the various rules in the Bylaws and Policy Manual about "LNC members." For example, the Audit Committee consists of one LNC member and two non-members of the LNC. The LNC has variously determined that alternates may not occupy the LNC position (because they are not LNC members) and that alternates may not occupy the non-LNC positions (because they are LNC members). This makes alternates the only members of the Party unable to serve on the Audit Committee as a result of this inconsistent definition.

The various rules referencing "LNC members" can only be understood if a consistent answer is given to whether or not alternates are members. This amendment clarifies that LNC members are only those who can completely and unconditionally participate in LNC proceedings.

**Proposal L**  
**Elect LNC and JC Earlier**  
**Adopted 7-0**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to order</li> <li>2. Credentials Committee report</li> <li>3. Adoption of agenda</li> <li>4. Treasurer's report</li> <li>5. Audit Committee report</li> <li>6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report</li> <li>7. Platform Committee report</li> <li>8. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)</li> <li>9. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee</li> <li>10. Election of Judicial Committee</li> <li>11. Resolutions</li> <li>12. Other business</li> </ol>	<p><b>RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to order</li> <li>2. Credentials Committee report</li> <li>3. Adoption of agenda</li> <li>4. Treasurer's report</li> <li>5. Audit Committee report</li> <li>6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report</li> <li>7. <a href="#">Election of Judicial Committee</a></li> <li>8. <a href="#">Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee</a></li> <li>9. Platform Committee report</li> <li>10. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)</li> <li><del>11. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee</del></li> <li><del>12. Election of Judicial Committee</del></li> <li><del>13-11.</del> Resolutions</li> <li><del>14-12.</del> Other business</li> </ol>	<p><b>RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to order</li> <li>2. Credentials Committee report</li> <li>3. Adoption of agenda</li> <li>4. Treasurer's report</li> <li>5. Audit Committee report</li> <li>6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report</li> <li>7. Election of Judicial Committee</li> <li>8. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee</li> <li>9. Platform Committee report</li> <li>10. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)</li> <li>11. Resolutions</li> <li>12. Other business</li> </ol>

*Provisos: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted. If Proposal I is adopted, the phrase "Election of Judicial Committee" shall be followed with "(in appropriate years)"*

**Rationale for Proposal L:**

There often is insufficient time or a lack of quorum for complete internal Party elections. This particularly happens during Presidential Nominating conventions during which some delegates leave immediately after the nominations for our National ticket which is often the focal highlight of those conventions. Putting internal Party elections first, in order of increasing excitement, will ensure an appropriate and realistic quorum and build excitement for the national ticket nominations.

**Proposal M**  
**Eliminate Unused Convention Rule 5.6**  
 Adopted 6-0

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM</b></p> <p>5. After all Committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the Platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.</p> <p>6. Finally, if time permits, proposals which were considered by the Platform Committee but which received an unfavorable vote from a majority of the Committee, may be considered, with a spokesperson for the minority position giving the reasons in favor and the Platform Committee Chair or other representative of the majority position giving the reasons why it was voted down, before the proposal is taken to the floor for debate.</p>	<p><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM</b></p> <p>5. After all Committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the Platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.</p> <p><del>6. Finally, if time permits, proposals which were considered by the Platform Committee but which received an unfavorable vote from a majority of the Committee, may be considered, with a spokesperson for the minority position giving the reasons in favor and the Platform Committee Chair or other representative of the majority position giving the reasons why it was voted down, before the proposal is taken to the floor for debate.</del></p>	<p><b>RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM</b></p> <p>5. After all Committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the Platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal M:**

Convention Rule 5 establishes an ordered sequence for considering platform amendments, starting with proposals recommended by the Platform Committee, then proposals from the floor, and finally proposals which were rejected by the Platform Committee. We're not aware of any time that the convention has ever actually had time to consider committee-rejected proposals under Rule 5.6. Since Rule 5.5 already provides an opportunity for delegates to offer proposals from the floor, eliminating Rule 5.6 removes unused clutter from our governing documents but would permit consideration of any committee-rejected proposals under the time allotted for Rule 5.5.

**Proposal N**  
**Clarify Platform Amendment Thresholds in Article 3.3**  
 Adopted 5-0

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM</b>            [...]            3. The current Platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing Platform may be amended only at Regular Conventions. Additional planks, or additions to planks, must be approved by 2/3 vote. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM</b>            [...]            3. The current Platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing Platform may be amended only at Regular Conventions. Additional planks, or <del>additions</del> <u>amendments</u> to <u>existing</u> planks, must be approved by 2/3 vote. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM</b>            [...]            3. The current Platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing Platform may be amended only at Regular Conventions. Additional planks, or amendments to existing planks, must be approved by 2/3 vote. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal N:**

Current language makes it unclear what threshold applies to deletions of portions of existing planks or any other change that is not neatly categorized as an additional plank, an addition to a plank, or the deletion of a plank.

**Proposal O**  
**Require Endorsed Candidates to Affiliate with the Libertarian Party**  
**Adopted 7-1**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b>            4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate who is a member of another party for public office in any partisan election. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these Bylaws.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b>            4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate who is <del>a member of another party</del> <u>not a member of the Libertarian Party, or of the affiliate party, or a registered Libertarian voter</u>, for public office in any partisan election. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these Bylaws.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b>            4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate who is not a member of the Libertarian Party, or of the affiliate party, or a registered Libertarian voter, for public office in any partisan election. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these Bylaws.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal O:**

The current language regarding partisan affiliation of candidates has been a point of confusion and differing interpretations which would make any enforcement difficult and leaves affiliates uncertain about their rights and responsibilities. The term "member of another party" is difficult to define in practice, since other parties do not have formal membership in the same way the Libertarian Party does, and we are not necessarily privy to the membership lists of other political parties. This is particularly true in the nearly two-dozen states that do not have partisan voter registration. As a result, the current Bylaws are unclear for states in which fusion candidacy is permitted while the current language leaves an apparent loophole for non-Libertarian independent candidates, such as Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Sen. Angus King (I-ME), and Gov. Bill Walker (I-AK).

This proposal would instead switch to a requirement that candidates be either members or registered voters of the Libertarian Party. All candidates endorsed by affiliates would be required to be at least one of the following: a member of the state party, a member of the national party, or a registered Libertarian voter. Affiliate parties would be free to adopt more stringent requirements, but in order to accommodate the variations in state election laws and state party membership structures, this provision would encompass any one of those three options.

If adopted, this proposal would codify the practice that candidates endorsed, nominated, and supported by the Libertarian Party should reciprocate that support by formally affiliating with the Party and would give clear guidance to those states in which fusion candidates are permitted.

**Minority Report on Proposal O by Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to reject the committee proposal to allow for subsequent amendment for the following reasons:

Although not directly mentioned as such, this has always been understood to be the "anti-fusion" bylaw or at least the potential "anti-fusion" Bylaw provision. We believe that if we are going to be explicitly allowing fusion candidates that the proposal should directly address that particularly if the purpose is clarity of rights and responsibilities. The way it is currently written, there is a danger of delegates voting for its adoption without fully realizing the scope of its effect. The committee proposal explicitly allows endorsement of fusion candidates (candidates who have multiple ballot lines, such as L/R, L/D, or L/G/C). Do we want to allow such candidates? The committee proposal explicitly allows endorsement of partisan candidates running under another ballot line without the LP ballot line, such as a Republican candidate without the

Libertarian ballot line who is a LP national member (has signed the pledge). Do we want to allow such candidates?

The minority is also not convinced that “member of another party” is always so difficult to define in practice, particularly in those majority states that do have partisan party registration. These potential loopholes described by the committee report are not solved by this amendment as Independent candidates could still simply sign the membership pledge and for all intents and purposes run the exact same non-Libertarian campaign they would have already. This certification does not automatically confer any additional Libertarian bona fides as compared to the moment prior to the signature, particularly when the primary intent of the membership pledge as a promise not to violently overthrow the government is kept in mind. While any solution may still have potential loopholes the minority does not believe that simply requiring payment of a small fee should be able to automatically qualify someone who is in fact a member of another party (for instance by being registered in another party while paying national party dues). The intended consequences of this proposal could be myriad and highly problematic.

We also note that this bylaw also contains the sentence that “No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these Bylaws.” That statement is notable because at first it does not seem to be related to the rest of the bylaw but makes perfect sense if understood as a statement that such an endorsement would de facto be an act inconsistent with the Statement of Principles and not merely a failure to make a membership payment.

Thus we counsel rejection in full so that a more nuanced amendment can be offered by this minority or a future Bylaws Committee.

**Proposal P**  
**Reorganize Purpose Statement**  
**Adopted 7-2**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES</b>  The Party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by: functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements; moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office; chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities; nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and, entering into public information activities.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES</b>  The <a href="#">Libertarian</a> Party is organized to <del>implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the</del> <a href="#">defend freedom and expand liberty in America, as articulated in our</a> Statement of Principles, by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements;</li> <li>2. <del>moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office</del> <a href="#">electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction;</a></li> <li>3. chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities;</li> <li>4. nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and,</li> <li>5. entering into public information activities.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES</b>  The Libertarian Party is organized to defend freedom and expand liberty in America, as articulated in our Statement of Principles, by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements;</li> <li>2. electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction;</li> <li>3. chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities;</li> <li>4. nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and</li> <li>5. entering into public information activities.</li> </ol>

**Rationale for Proposal P:**

This is the Party’s purpose statement, which should forthrightly state why we exist and what we are trying to do. It doesn’t. Currently it is a 6-part paragraph-long sentence that omits our vision—what we are trying to achieve and what, if it were accomplished, would cause us to consider closing up shop—and proceeds straight to a list mixing activities, principles (referencing them without stating them), and other elements of our mission.

This proposal would turn this unwieldy and opaque sentence into a clear-at-a-glance statement including vision (the introductory statement) and mission (the list). The existing list is retained but only after stating our vision (freedom) in terms so clear and plain as to be understandable by any reader, instead of directing the reader to consult another document. The connection to our Principles doesn’t go anywhere and indeed gets first billing in our mission statement.

That part is also amended so that the “-ing” ending matches the rest of the statement.

In what is now part three, there is a deletion to address a phrase that, when together, currently reads that “The Party is organized to...build[] a political party...”

**Proposal Q**  
**Codify Protection of Statement of Principles**  
 Adopted 5-2

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT</b></p> <p>1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.</p> <p>2. Article 3, Section 1 shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT</b></p> <p>1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.</p> <p>2. Article 3, Section 1, <u>or this Section</u>, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT</b></p> <p>1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.</p> <p>2. Article 3, Section 1, or this Section, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal Q:**

Rationale: Over time there have been attempts to claim there is a “back door” to overturn the Statement of Principles without the 7/8 vote of registered delegates needed which is contrary to the intent of the original founders and to the prominence given to the Statement of Principles. Any such alleged “back door” (which was ruled out of order at the 2008 Convention with such ruling overturned by the delegates) was inadvertent and should not be exploited contrary to the intent of the delegates who passed this provision and the intent of the members who have joined under this intention over decades.



**Proposal R**  
**Nominate Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates as a Ticket**  
 Adopted 6-1

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 7: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES</b></p> <p>1. No person shall be nominated for President or Vice-President unless at least 30 registered delegates join in the nomination in writing submitted to the Chair. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate for each office. The affixing of signatures to a nominating petition per this requirement shall be effected by a transfer of signature tokens issued by the Credentials Committee.</p> <p>2. The Party's nominee for President shall be chosen by majority vote. If no candidate has attained a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes and any candidates polling less than 5% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote, until one candidate attains a majority.</p> <p>4. The Party's nominee for Vice-President shall be chosen by the same procedure as for the Presidential nominee except that the Presidential nominee shall have the privilege of addressing the Convention for 5 minutes, after nominations have been made but before voting has begun, for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees. Nominations for Vice-President shall close after selection of the Presidential nominee.</p> <p>5. Nominating and seconding speeches for each candidate shall be limited in duration as follows:                      a. President: Total of 16 minutes;                      b. Vice-President: Total of 11 minutes.</p> <p>A delegate who collects the required number of nominating tokens so designated may speak up to 5 minutes in favor of voting for None Of The Above.</p>	<p><b>RULE 7: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES</b></p> <p>1. No <del>person-slate</del> shall be nominated for President <del>or-and</del> Vice-President unless at least 30 registered delegates join in the nomination in writing submitted to the Chair. No delegate may join in nominating more than one <del>candidate for each-officeslate</del>. The affixing of signatures to a nominating petition per this requirement shall be effected by a transfer of signature tokens issued by the Credentials Committee.</p> <p>2. The Party's nominees for President <del>and Vice President</del> shall be chosen by majority vote. If no <del>candidate-slate</del> has attained a majority, the <del>candidate-one</del> with the fewest votes and any <del>candidates</del> polling less than 5% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no <del>candidate-slate</del> has received a majority vote, until one <del>candidate</del>-attains a majority.</p> <p>4. <del>The Party's nominee for Vice-President shall be chosen by the same procedure as for the Presidential nominee except that the Presidential nominee shall have the privilege of addressing the Convention for 5 minutes, after nominations have been made but before voting has begun, for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees. Nominations for Vice-President shall close after selection of the Presidential nominee.</del></p> <p>5. Nominating and seconding speeches for each <del>candidate-slate</del> shall be limited <del>to a total of 20 minutes in duration as follows:</del>  <del>a. President: Total of 16 minutes;</del>  <del>b. Vice-President: Total of 11 minutes.</del></p> <p>A delegate who collects the required number of nominating tokens so designated may speak up to 5 minutes in favor of voting for None Of The Above.</p>	<p><b>RULE 7: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES</b></p> <p>1. No slate shall be nominated for President and Vice-President unless at least 30 registered delegates join in the nomination in writing submitted to the Chair. No delegate may join in nominating more than one slate. The affixing of signatures to a nominating petition per this requirement shall be effected by a transfer of signature tokens issued by the Credentials Committee.</p> <p>2. The Party's nominees for President and Vice President shall be chosen by majority vote. If no slate has attained a majority, the one with the fewest votes and any polling less than 5% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no slate has received a majority vote, until one attains a majority.</p> <p>4. Nominating and seconding speeches for each slate shall be limited to a total of 20 minutes.</p> <p>A delegate who collects the required number of nominating tokens so designated may speak up to 5 minutes in favor of voting for None Of The Above.</p> <p>5. Immediately prior to each round of presidential voting, a motion to divide the selection of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees shall be in order, which requires 30 delegates to second and a majority to adopt.</p> <p>6. If a motion to divide the selection prevails:                      a. Using voting procedures for selecting slates, Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees shall be selected sequentially.                      b. Those eligible for the Vice Presidential nomination shall include any candidate nominated with 30 signature tokens for either position</p>

	<p><a href="#">5. Immediately prior to each round of presidential voting, a motion to divide the selection of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees shall be in order, which requires 30 delegates to second and a majority to adopt.</a></p> <p><a href="#">6. If a motion to divide the selection prevails:</a></p> <p><a href="#">a. Using voting procedures for selecting slates, Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees shall be selected sequentially.</a></p> <p><a href="#">b. Those eligible for the Vice Presidential nomination shall include any candidate nominated with 30 signature tokens for either position on a slate and any candidate nominated with 30 signature tokens listing only the Vice Presidential candidate.</a></p> <p><a href="#">c. Nominating and seconding speeches for each Vice Presidential candidate shall be limited to a total of 10 minutes.</a></p> <p><a href="#">d. Immediately prior to voting for Vice President, the Presidential nominee may address the Convention for 5 minutes for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees.</a></p>	<p>on a slate and any candidate nominated with 30 signature tokens listing only the Vice Presidential candidate.</p> <p>c. Nominating and seconding speeches for each Vice Presidential candidate shall be limited to a total of 10 minutes.</p> <p>d. Immediately prior to voting for Vice President, the Presidential nominee may address the Convention for 5 minutes for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees.</p>
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*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal R:**

(1) Delegates devote much attention to who will be selected as our Presidential nominee. Not so much for our Vice Presidential nominee. We often do not know who will emerge as a Vice Presidential Nominee until just before the nomination. And because the Presidential candidate did not run as a team with the Vice Presidential candidate while seeking the nomination, the Vice Presidential nominee is often not incorporated into the campaign afterward.

(2) By placing the onus on our Presidential candidates to select their running mates ahead of time it makes it more likely that a Vice Presidential candidate will be vetted in advance and increases the likelihood that the successful slate will act as a team post-nomination. Currently, we rarely see Presidential candidates fielding running mates because the existing system discourages such behavior – it makes Presidential candidates appear presumptuous.

(3) Delegates spent 3 hours during each of 2008 and 2012, and 4 hours during 2016, nominating and ultimately selecting the candidates for Vice President that were the preference of the Presidential nominee. If Presidential candidates recruit desirable running mates that appeal to delegates, selecting by slate will save delegates time for other business.

(4) If delegates conclude at some point during the process that electing a slate is suboptimal (e.g. we have two or more excellent candidates seeking the Presidential nomination and delegates want one of them to be the Vice Presidential nominee), the Convention still has the option of dividing the question and reverting to the previous method of selecting nominees during separate rounds of voting.

**Minority Report on Proposal R by Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to reject the committee proposal entirely. While well-intentioned and tempting to mimic the procedure that the old parties use to nominate their candidates, our separate nomination process keeps greater power in the hands of the delegates to nominate a balanced ticket and at least provides opportunity to prevent one popular and desirable candidate from bundling in a running mate that is less so. While it is true that this proposal provides that the delegates can vote to sever the ticket, it seems unlikely to happen and would create more problems than it purports to solve. Specifically, candidates are not going to be particularly comfortable or confident in investing resources into a dual ticket race when it is possible that it could be involuntarily split and further would make it difficult for the candidates to get to know each potential nominee on their own individual merits. Delegates will be aware of this disadvantage to the candidates as well and may, out of courtesy to a more popular candidate, be reluctant to sever the ticket knowing that the candidates did at least somewhat rely upon the partnership to their detriment.

As our Party grows, we must be vigilant to keep close to our ideological reasons for existence that are not always the same as the interests of in-the-moment political expediency. It is not as if absent this proposal that any candidate would not get their preferred running mate as the delegates always have that option but without having to jump through an additional hoop. It becomes a question of who should bear the presumption of full choice: the candidates or the delegates? We believe that it serves the principles of the Party better to keep that presumption squarely in the hands of the delegates and decline to force them into an automatic package deal unless they “opt-out” as a collective which would have the unintended consequence of dampening the pressure to convince the minority delegates to be persuaded on the ticket since the majority can simply force the package deal, leading to more schism and factionalism. We forget that it is not just our candidates that bring value to the table; we are not beggars. We have a solid history and valuable ballot access that should require that the delegates themselves be sold on the ticket package and exercise their decision within the normal balloting process rather than through a separate, time-consuming, and dramatic opt-out which could cause embarrassment and discouragement to both candidates as well as potential negative media fodder.

Thus we counsel rejection in full in support of the method that has served our Party for decades. Similar measures have been tried in the past and failed. We believe that the Bylaws Committee should not continue to keep trying rejected measures but instead think out of the box to enable the Party to be the political vanguard it was created to be.

**Proposal S**  
**Add Alternative Certification Language for Membership**  
**Adopted 6-2**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they:</p> <p><u>a. oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals, or</u></p> <p><u>b. agree all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they:</p> <p>a. oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals, or</p> <p>b. agree all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.</p>

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal S:**

Some libertarians have expressed a variety of objections to the current certification language for membership. (Hundreds of people have donated money to the national party who did not sign the membership certification.) The purpose here is not to support or refute or otherwise debate those objections, but simply to offer an alternative which is borrowed directly from the Statement of Principles in our Platform. Members can choose whichever wording they are most comfortable with. Those who signed the current certification over the LP's 40+ year history would be unaffected by this change and existing forms would be acceptable.

**Minority Report on Proposal S by Ms. Harlos, Mr. Bishop-Henchman, Mr. Demarest, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to reject the committee proposal entirely. Since the founding of our Party there have been attempts after attempts to either remove or change the very simple membership Pledge with no proof that it is in fact a barrier to entry to libertarians who would like to be Libertarians.

The Committee cites the statistic that there are donors who never become members with a smuggled assumption that this proposal would change that situation. However that is without foundation. There have been fundraising pushes in the past (such as Project Archimedes which specifically asked people not to join but rather to give to assist on single-issue pushes). Not everyone will become a Libertarian Party member even if we simply declared everyone to be one by fiat.

Adding a multi-choice option can only mean one of two things: the alternative has a substantially different meaning than the current pledge or it doesn't but rather just explains it differently. If the former, the Committee proposal is nothing more than an attempt to alter our foundational

ideology, and if the latter, why not have ten different wordings? Why not instead simply explain the present one on the website or in literature? The Libertarian Party of Colorado used to do just that with this language:

What does the pledge on the membership form mean? We ask our members to disavow the initiation of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you DO have a right to defend your life, liberty, and property. It does mean that you cannot use the coercive power of government to forcibly achieve your personal, ethical, or religious goals. This commitment helps us maintain our principles and provides us with a measuring stick to determine if we have strayed from our common goal: a society where all relationships among persons are based on voluntary cooperation.

Main Party founder David Nolan concurred with this explanation but also reminded the LPCO of the primary reason for the Pledge which was to protect Party members from accusations of being domestic terrorists which was a very real danger in the 1970s---and have once again become one. The “alternative wording” makes a de facto decision that the membership language is merely ideological and ignores the very important exigent reasons for its existence, reasons for which we should not want to have an “opt-out” option. It doesn’t take much imagination to come up with plausible future scenarios in which a violent and unstable person comes into our ranks, commits an atrocity, and in the subsequent media mayhem it is revealed that the Libertarian Party backed away from its very in-your-face assurances of “we no throw no bombs.”

**Proposal T**  
**Define in Advance the Party's Agreement with Presidential Campaign**  
**Adopted 6-2**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
	<p><b>ARTICLE 14: PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS</b></p> <p><u>3. During any Regular convention the delegates may by a majority vote amend the standard agreement specifying the terms by which the Party and the Presidential and Vice-presidential campaign shall assist and support each other. Proposed amendments require 90 days notice to the Secretary, who shall cause them to be published on the Party's website not less than 60 days prior to the Convention. The National Committee shall publish the standard agreement on its website. The Chair shall sign on behalf of the Party with each person who otherwise qualifies and desires to be our candidate. Only those persons who have signed prior to the close of nominations and are in compliance with the contract shall be recognized as candidates and be eligible to be nominated for President or Vice-President. The parties may modify the agreement by mutual consent after the nomination.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 14: PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS</b></p> <p>3. During any Regular convention the delegates may by a majority vote amend the standard agreement specifying the terms by which the Party and the Presidential and Vice-presidential campaign shall assist and support each other. Proposed amendments require 90 days notice to the Secretary, who shall cause them to be published on the Party's website not less than 60 days prior to the Convention. The National Committee shall publish the standard agreement on its website. The Chair shall sign on behalf of the Party with each person who otherwise qualifies and desires to be our candidate. Only those persons who have signed prior to the close of nominations and are in compliance with the contract shall be recognized as candidates and be eligible to be nominated for President or Vice-President. The parties may modify the agreement by mutual consent after the nomination.</p>

*Proviso: The attached standard agreement is adopted as part of this bylaw proposal.*

**Rationale for Proposal T:**

The Bylaws specify that the National Committee must provide "full support" to the national candidate selected by the delegates. Sometimes the Presidential nominee does not know what to reasonably expect from the Party, nor does he or she understand what corresponding duty his or her campaign has to the Party. Such a situation can leave both sides disappointed.

This proposal addresses a problem we have encountered with every Presidential campaign since 2004. We have had problems with previous Presidential campaigns because we did not have this bylaw in place.

The Bob Barr campaign in 2008 refused to sign an agreement with the National Committee, so the Party was never given the opportunity to solicit that campaign's donors for Party membership.

In 2012, the Gary Johnson campaign could not reach an agreement until almost two months after the nomination and that delayed integrating the campaign's efforts with the national headquarters.

Again in 2016, the Gary Johnson campaign and the National Committee could not reach a prompt agreement, so no agreement was signed until the middle of September 2016, less than two months before the general election.

Having an agreement published in advance makes it clear to all parties what should be reasonably expected of each. And upon nomination, the Party shall already have a contract with the nominee, so time can be better spent campaigning, rather than negotiating support.

If the National Committee and the Presidential campaign later conclude that the standard agreement is suboptimal, they are free to amend that agreement after the nomination by mutual consent.

**Minority report on Proposal T by Mr. Craig, Mr. Bishop-Henchman, Mr. Demarest, and Ms. Ruff:**

This proposal establishes that there be a default contract between the party and its presidential candidates, which is good. However, it requires that any future changes to the contract can only occur if moved on the Convention floor and approved by delegates.

We on the Bylaws Committee spent half an hour debating just two provisions of this draft contract. If contract-writing-by-committee was bad, imagine what contract-writing-by-convention will be like. It would neither be the most productive use of delegates' time nor the best way to carefully craft a binding legal document.

Unless this proposal is amended to permit future contract changes to be crafted by the LNC or some other entity, and not on the Convention floor, we urge delegates to vote against this proposal.



## PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN COORDINATION AGREEMENT

THIS NATIONAL PARTY AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between the LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC., a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation ("LNC"), a CANDIDATE seeking the Libertarian Party Nomination for President or Vice-President of the United States ("The Candidate"), and the CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ("Campaign Committee"), based on the following facts:

- A. The LNC is the governing body of the Libertarian Party® ("LP").
- B. The Candidate aspires to be selected as the Presidential or Vice Presidential nominee of the LP at the Libertarian National Convention on \_\_\_\_\_. The Candidate has formed the Campaign Committee in order to promote his or her election campaign ("Campaign").
- C. The LNC, Candidate, and Campaign Committee desire to assist one another in their respective political activities, as described in this Agreement.

The LNC, Candidate and Campaign Committee agree:

1. That this agreement is subject to the Bylaws of the LP;
2. The Candidate's Pledge. The Candidate represents and warrants to the LNC that he or she:
  - a. Is eligible under the Constitution and applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, to run for the office for which the LP may nominate him or her, and take office, if elected; and
  - b. Has disclosed in writing all previous felony convictions and whether to his or her knowledge he or she is currently the subject of a criminal investigation.
3. Obligations of the LNC, in the event the Candidate becomes the LP's nominee.
  - a. Fundraising. The LNC shall join the Campaign Committee's joint fundraising committee, if any. The proceeds of funds shall be allocated as described in the Joint Fundraising Agreement.
  - b. Media Contact. The LNC shall independently promote the Campaign via "free" media. To the extent reasonably practicable, the Candidate and Campaign Committee shall work closely with the LNC from time to time, as determined by the Campaign Committee in its sole discretion, to schedule public media appearances, candidate travel and the promotion of a coherent, principled and pleasing political message by the Campaign and the Candidate.
  - c. Promotion. The LNC shall independently promote the Campaign in Libertarian Party® News, to the LNC's e-mail announcement list and on the LNC's website, [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org) ("LNC Website"). The LNC may, at its option and to the extent of available funds, independently prepare, purchase and publish media advertising and promotional flyers and mailings supporting the Campaign.
  - d. Ballot Access. The LNC shall be primarily responsible for providing ballot access for the Campaign. The Candidate and Campaign Committee understand that this is not a guarantee of 50-state ballot access, but simply the LNC's agreement to proceed in good faith to obtain ballot access for the Campaign on the ballots of as many states as reasonably possible, given all the demands on the LNC's resources. The Campaign Committee shall exercise every reasonable effort to help facilitate those ballot access activities by the LNC by assisting in the promotion of signature-gathering efforts, and ballot access fundraising.
4. Obligations of Campaign Committee, in the event the Candidate becomes the LP's nominee.
  - a) Candidate as Spokesperson. The Candidate shall make himself or herself available on a full-time basis to promote the Campaign. He or she shall make reasonable efforts to work with the LNC as described in Paragraph 2 above.
  - b) Campaign Strategy. The Candidate and Campaign Committee shall work closely with the LNC to develop and establish a coherent, principled and politically viable Campaign strategy that is designed to promote not only the Campaign, but also the growth and influence of the LP. To that end, the



Campaign Committee shall make every reasonable effort, in its sole discretion, to include the words "Libertarian" or "Libertarian Party" in all Campaign hard mail letters or brochures, unless doing so would significantly increase costs, cause undue delay, or otherwise be impractical. In developing and pursuing the general Campaign strategy, the Candidate and Campaign Committee shall consult with and give serious consideration to the opinions of the LNC, but the Candidate and Campaign Committee shall retain ultimate decision-making authority in all Campaign matters.

- c) Website. The Campaign Committee shall maintain a website promoting the Campaign that contains on its home page a prominent link to the LNC Website on the bottom.
  - d) Reserved Functions. The Campaign Committee shall be solely responsible, at its expense, for providing any office space it needs, creating and maintaining its own website, handling all its bookkeeping functions (e.g., check cashing, credit card charges, expense payment, Federal Election Committee report filing and accounting functions), and handling all its staffing functions (e.g., campaign manager, operations manager, website manager, candidate travel arranger, treasurer, volunteer manager, and routine (non-inquiry) mail reading and response, administrative assistants). In addition, the Campaign Committee shall raise the funds for and bear the entire cost incurred in the course of the Campaign for all activity conducted by the Campaign Committee, including travel by the Candidate, telephone tolls, Internet service, office supplies, computer hardware and software, promotional materials and other goods and services required by the Campaign. The Campaign shall, at its expense, promptly respond to all voter inquiries with appropriate materials promoting the Campaign. The LNC shall have no obligation to perform or pay the cost of any of these functions except where otherwise agreed in writing.
5. FEC Coordination. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an intent to make a coordinated communication within the meaning on 11 C.F.R. Section 109.21. Except where the Parties otherwise agree in writing, the LNC shall not create, produce or distribute any communications at the request or suggestion of the Candidate, the Campaign Committee, or any agents of the Candidate or the Campaign Committee; nor shall the LNC create, produce or distribute any communications with the material involvement of or after substantial discussions with the Candidate, the Campaign Committee, or any agents of the Candidate or the Campaign Committee regarding content, intended audience, means or mode of such communication, specific media outlets used, or the timing, frequency, size, or prominence of such communications. Where the Parties agree in writing to make a coordinated communication, the LNC shall promptly provide the Campaign Committee all data necessary to appropriately report such communication to the Federal Election Commission.
  6. Data Swap. The Parties agree to engage in a non-FEC-reportable data swap transaction of email lists equivalent in value as follows:
    - a. Campaign Email Sends to LNC List. Upon the Candidate receiving the LP's nomination, the LNC shall grant the Campaign Committee a limited license to the LNC's respective existing and distinct list of potential contributor names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, and other pertinent information (the "Party List"), through a third party of the LNC's choosing, subject to such security safeguards as the LNC may reasonably impose, for the purpose of sending up to four separate emails prior to the general election. The Campaign Committee shall provide the LNC a copy of the email content and requested send date in advance for approval prior to distribution. Such license shall expire upon the completion of the fourth mailing, or at 11:59 PM on Election Day, whichever comes first, and the Campaign Committee shall not retain any further right to use or interest in the Party List except as otherwise described in this Agreement.
    - b. LNC License of Campaign List.
      - i. Upon the Candidate receiving the LP's nomination, the Campaign Committee shall grant the LNC a perpetual, non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-revocable except as described below, license to a copy of the Campaign Committee's existing and distinct list of contributor names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, and other pertinent information

(the "Campaign List" which shall include any updates provided by Campaign Committee to LNC) for the LNC's own benefit and political messaging, solely for the purpose of membership generation only and not for general fundraising prior to the date listed below, provided that under no circumstance shall the LNC:

1. send more than four emails to the Campaign List prior to the general election for the purpose of membership generation only and not for general fundraising;
  2. solicit the Campaign List prior to the date of the inauguration of the U.S. Presidential campaign winner. After such inauguration date, the LNC may solicit the Campaign List subject to the limitations below in section 6(b)(i)(3)-(4);
  3. sell, assign, give, rent use of (whether for monetary or non-monetary value), or transfer the Campaign List to any third party (or attempt to do any of the foregoing). This restriction shall not prohibit the LNC from using list management services of vendors provided such vendors are bound by similar terms;
  4. violate any term of this Agreement and/or applicable laws and regulations related to the Campaign List.
- ii. Any such action listed in 6(b)(i)(1)-(4) will result in an automatic revocation of such license.
  - iii. The Campaign Committee shall provide the LNC three updates to the copy of Campaign List prior to the general election on September 20, October 5 and October 20 and a final update to the copy of Campaign List by January 1.
- c. Fair Market Value. The Parties agree such exchange is a fair market value swap and shall not cause a contribution from one party to the other.
  - d. Data Ownership. All data originally developed or independently gathered by each party shall at all times remain the sole property of such party, and neither party shall retain any further right to use or interest in each other's respective lists except as described in this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each party shall remain joint and severable owners of any data derived or developed as a result of emails sent under this Agreement with no obligation to share with each other any subsequently acquired data except as described in this Agreement.
  - e. Representations and Warranties. Each the LNC and the Campaign Committee represent and warrant:
    - i. Each party has personally developed its respective list, or acquired the data from its original developer, if applicable, who has warranted that it was compiled, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations including without limitation if applicable the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003, Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and regulations of the Federal Election Commission;
    - ii. Each party has personally developed its respective list, or its original developer has warranted that such respective list was developed, based on affirmative consent from each individual during the collection of information contained in such respective list, that it honored all opt-out requests, and did not harvest email addresses without the knowledge and agreement of the each individual on its respective list, except to the extent permissible under any applicable law.
7. Proprietary Information. The Parties understand and acknowledge that all knowledge and information of a proprietary and confidential nature relating to either party, ("Confidential Information") shall be kept in the strictest confidence by the parties.
  8. Campaign Indemnity. The Candidate and Campaign Committee shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the LNC, and its employees, directors, officers, affiliates, or representatives, from and against any claims, liabilities, losses, costs, expenses, damages, allegations, suits, actions, civil or criminal investigations by a federal or state agency or other proceedings brought against the LNC, including, without limitation,

reasonable attorneys' fees and legal costs, arising from the acts, errors or omissions of the Candidate or Campaign Committee in the performance of this Agreement or the Candidate's or Campaign Committee's breach of this Agreement.

9. LNC Indemnify. The LNC shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Candidate and Campaign Committee, and its employees, directors, officers, affiliates, or representatives, from and against any claims, liabilities, losses, costs, expenses, damages, allegations, suits, actions, civil or criminal investigations by a federal or state agency or other proceedings brought against the Candidate or Campaign Committee, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and legal costs, arising from the acts, errors or omissions of the LNC in the performance of this Agreement or the LNC's breach of this Agreement.
10. Term. This Agreement shall become effective immediately upon its signature by the parties to this Agreement, and shall terminate upon the certification of the final results of the presidential election. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the agreements of the parties under Paragraphs 4 through 6, inclusive, of this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement, and the parties shall remain liable for any obligations arising or incurred prior to termination of this Agreement.
11. Notices and Reports. All notices and reports under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement) and sent by fax, electronic mail, overnight private delivery service or first class U.S. mail, with postage fully prepaid, to the addresses set forth on Exhibit A attached to this Agreement, and shall be effective upon receipt. Either party may change its address for notice by similar notice to the other party.
12. Assignment; Entire Agreement; Governing Law. No party may assign its interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other parties. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. All prior discussions and understandings are merged in this Agreement. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the District of Columbia applied to contracts made and to be performed in that district.

This Agreement has been signed and delivered as of the date set forth above and may be signed in counterparts each of which is an original and all of which taken together form one single document.

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

LP and LNC Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate, individually,  
and on behalf of the Campaign Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT A

Addresses for Notices and Reports

To the LNC:

Executive Director

Libertarian National Committee, Inc.

1444 Duke Street

Alexandria, VA 22314-3403

Phone: (202) 333-0008

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E-mail: ed@hq.lp.org

To The Candidate:

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To the Campaign Committee:

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**Proposal U**  
**Protect Party Name Rights for Affiliates**  
**Adopted 6-3**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b></p> <p>1. No person, group or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b></p> <p>1. No person, group or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws.</p> <p><a href="#">2. An affiliate that does not have on file with the Party a signed standard agreement acknowledging that the affiliate's use of the Libertarian Party name is contingent upon it remaining an affiliate, shall not be eligible to:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">send delegates to any Regular Convention;</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">join a representative region;</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">receive resources from the Party;</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">appoint anyone to serve on any Party board or committee.</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b></p> <p>1. No person, group or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws.</p> <p>2. An affiliate that does not have on file with the Party a signed standard agreement acknowledging that the affiliate's use of the Libertarian Party name is contingent upon it remaining an affiliate, that affiliate shall not be eligible to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• send delegates to any Regular Convention;</li> <li>• join a representative region;</li> <li>• receive resources from the Party;</li> <li>• appoint anyone to serve on any Party board or committee.</li> </ul>

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect 180 days after the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal U:**

Though the National Committee has a registered trademark on the name "Libertarian Party", and though the bylaws already state that no organization may use that name except an affiliate party, the reality is that intellectual property laws are quite complex. If a hijacked state affiliate were to disaffiliate and a new group of Libertarians in that same state wanted to become the affiliate, a state government might allow the previous affiliate to continue to use the name and require that the new affiliate place candidates on the ballot with a party label other than "Libertarian Party." Back when we had unified state and national membership, state affiliates signed agreements requiring they remain an affiliate to use the trademark, and that provision would still be in effect after the agreement's termination. Unfortunately, those signed agreements were lost. By having all affiliates sign new agreements that they may only use the name as long as they are affiliated with the national party, we increase the likelihood of the national party being able to successfully protect the use of the name for our current affiliates.

**Minority Report on Proposal U by Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to reject the committee proposal entirely. The situation is much more complex than stated in the Committee report and based upon potentially dubious presumptions.

Although the National Committee does presently have a registered trademark on the name “Libertarian Party” this was not obtained until 2001, thirty years after the founding of the Party and well after many state affiliates came into existence in their own right. The Committee proposal would completely exclude and disenfranchise state affiliates who refused to sign a post-facto agreement against their rights by effectively disaffiliating them from national participation yet still expecting that affiliate to support the national candidates and abide by all of the other rules. The relationship between the national party and the state affiliates is that of equals, not of satellites, and certainly not one in which it is appropriate to intimidate any affiliate into signing a document that was never required in order to exercise their Party rights and privileges. The Committee states that affiliates had previously signed such contract but that the national party lost them. Well, that fault is on them, and the Committee presumes that a state affiliate might exercise its valid right to disaffiliate and still exist only if it were “hijacked.” However, the Party structure was designed to give state affiliates power if the national party were similarly hijacked, and when both sides have the same resources, cooperation happens. When only one side holds all the chips, authoritarian top-down control becomes a real possibility.

**Proposal V**  
**Roll Call Votes for Committees**  
 Adopted 6-3

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p><u>7. The Bylaws and Rules Committee, Platform Committee, and Credentials Committee shall use roll call voting on all main motions. Additionally, those committees must have a roll call vote upon request of any two Committee members present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.</u></p> <p><u>8. Any person may record the proceedings of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Platform Committee, and Credentials Committee while in open session.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>7. The Bylaws and Rules Committee, Platform Committee, and Credentials Committee shall use roll call voting on all main motions. Additionally, those committees must have a roll call vote upon request of any two Committee members present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>8. Any person may record the proceedings of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Platform Committee, and Credentials Committee while in open session.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal V:**

This bylaws proposal would extend some of the transparency provisions of the LNC to the convention committees: Platform, Bylaws and Rules, and Credentials. The roll call requirement would cover main motions (those taking action on proposals or otherwise bringing business before the Committee), not subsidiary motions (e.g., motions to end debate or amend), privileged motions (such as motions to recess or adjourn), or incidental motions (such as points of order, or motions to suspending the rules or divide of a question).

Such roll call information could be valuable to the appointing bodies when considering applicants who served on such committees before. Additionally, it could make committee members more accountable to the state affiliates and members they are supposed to represent. Open meetings build trust from the membership.



**Proposal W**  
**Reduce Email Vote Time**  
**Adopted 5-2**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 13: ELECTRONIC MAIL BALLOTS</b></p> <p>Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or cosponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for ten days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 13: ELECTRONIC MAIL BALLOTS</b></p> <p>Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or cosponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for <del>ten</del> <u>seven</u> days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 13: ELECTRONIC MAIL BALLOTS</b></p> <p>Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or cosponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for seven days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal W:**

LNC business items often need to be dealt with at a faster pace, and further, the lack of a clear amendment process in email ballots often results in multiple ten-day ballots with different versions leading to confusion. A shorter time window would allow decisions and final results to be determined faster. Public comments on this proposal were split between supporting the 7-day proposal, keeping it at 10 days, or making it even shorter (~1-3 days).

**Proposal X**  
**Require Credentials and Platform Committee Members to be Party Members**  
 Adopted 5-3

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.</p> <p>3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows: [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows. [...]</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party <a href="#">sustaining</a> members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.</p> <p>3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 <a href="#">Party sustaining</a> members selected as follows: [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten <a href="#">Party sustaining</a> members, shall be selected as follows. [...]</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party sustaining members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.</p> <p>3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 Party sustaining members selected as follows: [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten Party sustaining members, shall be selected as follows. [...]</p>

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal X:**

Bylaws Article 11.2 requires that members of the national Bylaws and Rules Committee must be members of the Party. Members of the Credentials Committee and of the Platform Committee should have similar eligibility standards, but currently there is no such requirement.

**Minority Report on Proposal X by Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, Mr. Moulton, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to initially reject the committee proposal so that it may be amended (see page 65 for our alternative). The committee proposal imposes a dues paying national party membership requirement on committee members appointed by state parties (15/20 to the Platform Committee and 5/10 to the Credentials Committee), abridging their autonomy to select representatives who may be state members but choose not to join or financially support the national party. This centralizes power and envisions the LP as a top-down organization instead of a bottom-up organization. Our amendment would instead require only those committee members selected by the LNC (5/20 to the Platform Committee and 5/10 to the Credentials Committee) to be sustaining party members. Individual state parties which select committee members may (through their own bylaws) impose a sustaining national party membership requirement.

**Proposal Y**  
**Require Advance Notice of Bylaws Proposals**  
**Adopted 5-3**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<b>BYLAWS ARTICLE 17:            AMENDMENT</b> 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.	<b>BYLAWS ARTICLE 17:            AMENDMENT</b> 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention <a href="#">with 90 days notice to the Secretary. All proposals shall be published on the Party's website not less than 60 days prior to the Convention.</a>	<b>BYLAWS ARTICLE 17:            AMENDMENT</b> 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention with 90 days notice to the Secretary. All proposals shall be published on the Party's website not less than 60 days prior to the Convention.

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal Y:**

Most organizations require that members be given notice of proposed changes to bylaws. Regardless of how a proposed change originates – whether from the Bylaws Committee or a delegate on the floor – potential delegates (and the state affiliates that send them) ought to be given sufficient advance notice to make arrangements to attend the convention, which affords them the opportunity to weigh in on such decisions. Providing notice will help ensure that adopted changes were thoughtfully considered and represented the judgment of the entire organization, as opposed to that of a smaller group of insiders who were selectively made aware of such proposals.

**Proposal Z**  
**Abolition of Alternates on Committees**  
 Adopted 5-4

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:                      a. the officers of the Party;                      b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and</p> <p>Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership.</p> <p>"Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take Place.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:                      a. the officers of the Party;                      b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and</p> <p>Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative <del>and one alternate</del> for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative <del>and one alternate</del> for each 10% of national party sustaining membership.</p> <p>"Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take Place.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:                      a. the officers of the Party;                      b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and</p> <p>Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative for each 10% of national party sustaining membership.</p> <p>"Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take Place.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>5. Ranked alternates may be named by the appointing bodies to fill any vacancies or absences in the Convention Committees.</p> <p>6. Committee Procedures [...]</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p><del>5. Ranked alternates may be named by the appointing bodies to fill any vacancies or absences in the Convention Committees.</del></p> <p><del>6.</del> <u>5.</u> Committee Procedures [...]</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>5. Committee Procedures [...]</p>
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<p>unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.</p>	<p>unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. <del>Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s).</del> The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.</p>	<p>unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.</p>
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*Note: If adopted, Proposal Z would supersede Proposal K.*

**Rationale for Proposal Z:**

The existence of alternate members on committees has been a point of contention in several different contexts, and we have found the balance of considerations in favor of eliminating the practice.

Our parliamentary authority, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th ed. (RONR) makes no provision for nonvoting members. This leaves the task of defining their rights and duties to the Bylaws, but this has never been adequately done, leading to persistent uncertainty and differing interpretations as to how their role should be defined.

RONR defines a "member" as one with the right to cast a vote. This has come up in the context of whether or not alternates count as "national committee members" for seats on other committees either reserved for or denied to national committee members. The national committee has at different times reached contradictory answers to that question. Likewise other bylaws-mandated committees have struggled to determine the rights and duties of alternates, leading to contentious debates without clear parliamentary-authority guidance to resolve them.

Another unfortunate dynamic of alternates is the way in which they prejudice the right of the primary representative to abstain. The national committee has decided that expressly abstaining by a primary representative precludes the alternate from voting. However, in electronic mail ballots, simply not voting is treated as allowing the alternate to vote. This creates a conflict where implicitly abstaining versus explicitly abstaining can change the outcome of a vote.

Alternates can further lead to inconsistent results from the same committee depending on who is in attendance and/or voting. This is particularly true if, as is common, the alternate position is awarded to a defeated candidate for primary representative.

Alternates can also upset the proceedings of the committee by generally being permitted to speak in debate, but without the authority of a vote on the matter, or with the question of their own voting rights uncertain until after the conclusion of debate. This is against the intention for the committees to act as a deliberative decision-making body where all members are peers in the process.

**Proposal AA**  
**Duty to Defend Party Name**  
**Adopted 5-4**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 11: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b></p> <p>1. No person, group or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b></p> <p>1. No person, group or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws. <a href="#">The National Committee shall have a duty to enforce its intellectual property rights.</a></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: AFFILIATE PARTIES</b></p> <p>1. No person, group or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws. The National Committee shall have a duty to enforce its intellectual property rights.</p>

**Rationale for Proposal AA:**

While Libertarians have differing views of intellectual property policy, it remains the case that the Party owns many items of intellectual property. Under current U.S. law, owners of intellectual property who do not defend against violations risk forfeiting those legal rights. As long as we own intellectual property, we should protect our legal rights for the Party's exclusive use so as to deter others from fraudulently misrepresenting themselves as the Party.

**Minority Report on Proposal AA by Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, Mr. Moulton, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to reject the committee proposal entirely and would refer as well to the argument made in the minority report on Proposal T, "Protect Party Name Rights for Affiliates." Delegates should know the background for this proposal. There are Facebook community groups such as the Libertarian Party Nudist Caucus which use the name "Libertarian Party" in their title as is routine for internal Party caucuses, whether serious organizations or less so. An example would be the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus, which has been in on and off existence since the 1970s using that very name arguably with the invitation of David Nolan and certainly well before any claimed trademark.

In effect the Committee proposal would bind and require the LNC to expend time and money to sue its own activists. Not only is this a terrible proposition optics-wise, it is a potential bottomless pit. While there have been isolated cases in the past of confusion over whether or not a certain group or project was "official" those were handled on solid legal ground on an individual basis under the LNC's current duty to protect Party assets when they are actually threatened. In the case of caucuses there is no such threat or confusion but there certainly can be political motivations in future enforcements. And it should not have to be pointed out that if the Party doesn't want more "Libertarian Party Knights Who Say Ni" Caucuses or other more trollish enterprises this is precisely the wrong way to go about it but an excellent way to make sure there is a never-ending supply of targets for which the LNC will be **required** to pursue.



**Proposal AB**  
**Restructure Libertarian National Committee**  
**Adopted 4-3**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:</p> <p>a. the officers of the Party;</p> <p>b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and</p> <p>c. any additional members as specified below:</p> <p>Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take Place.</p> <p>5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. 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The Executive Board shall exercise all powers of the National Committee between meetings except for those powers that the National Committee reserves for itself by a standing rule or delegates to another committee.</p> <p>6. A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat.</p> <p>7. The National Committee shall appoint new officers if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated.</p> <p>8. A state affiliate may fill vacancies and rescind the selection of National Committee members only by procedures explicitly provided for in the affiliate's bylaws.</p> <p>10. A majority, not fewer than seventeen, of the National Committee members registered in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.</p>



<p>Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large or order reinstatement of the member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</p> <p>6. A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat. The appointing body shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat.</p> <p>7. The National Committee shall appoint new officers and members-at-large if vacancies occur, such officers and members-at-large to complete the term of the office vacated.</p> <p>8. A National Committee Regional Representative may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties which constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs shall prevail.</p>	<p><del>Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large or order reinstatement of the member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</del></p> <p><del>The Executive Board shall be composed of the four officers and seven members elected by the National Committee by ballot vote. The Executive Board shall exercise all powers of the National Committee between meetings except for those powers that the National Committee reserves for itself by a standing rule or delegates to another committee.</del></p> <p>6. A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat. <del>The appointing body shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat.</del></p> <p>7. The National Committee shall appoint new officers <del>and members-at-large</del> if vacancies occur, such officers <del>and members-at-large</del> to complete the term of the office vacated.</p> <p>8. <del>A National Committee Regional Representative may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties which constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs shall prevail.</del> <u>A state affiliate may fill vacancies and rescind the selection of National Committee members only by procedures explicitly provided for in the affiliate's bylaws.</u></p>	
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<p>10. A majority of the membership of the National Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:</p> <p>a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),</p> <p>b. suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),</p> <p>c. suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 7, Section 5),</p> <p>d. voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section 12),</p> <p>e. challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),</p> <p>f. challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and</p> <p>g. suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).</p>	<p><del>10. A majority of the membership of the National Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.</del>  <u>A majority, not fewer than seventeen, of the National Committee members registered in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.</u></p> <p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:</p> <p>a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),</p> <p>b. suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),</p> <p><del>e. suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 7, Section 5);</del></p> <p><del>ed.</del> voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section 12),</p> <p><del>ed.</del> challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),</p> <p><del>fe.</del> challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and</p> <p><del>gf.</del> suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:</p> <p>a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),</p> <p>b. suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),</p> <p>c. voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section 12),</p> <p>d. challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),</p> <p>e. challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and</p> <p>f. suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).</p>
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Proviso: *This amendment shall take effect upon the call to order of the convention following the convention at which it is adopted.*

**Rationale for Proposal AB:**

Compared to these other political parties, the Libertarian Party has the fewest number of members on its national committee, making it the least representative.

Political Party	Size of National Committee	Source
Republican	168	<a href="https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/docs/2016-Republican-Rules-FINAL.pdf">https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/docs/2016-Republican-Rules-FINAL.pdf</a>
Democratic	366-441 (the 366 may appoint up to 75 additional members)	<a href="http://s3.amazonaws.com/uploads.democrats.org/Downloads/DNC_Charter_Bylaws_9.17.15.pdf">http://s3.amazonaws.com/uploads.democrats.org/Downloads/DNC_Charter_Bylaws_9.17.15.pdf</a>
Green	150	<a href="http://www.gp.org/about">http://www.gp.org/about</a>
Constitution	3-12 per state affiliate	<a href="http://www.constitutionparty.com/assets/National-Constitution-Party-Bylaws_Revised-09.28.2013.pdf">http://www.constitutionparty.com/assets/National-Constitution-Party-Bylaws_Revised-09.28.2013.pdf</a>
Libertarian	Maximum of 18	<a href="https://www.lp.org/bylaws-and-convention-rules/">https://www.lp.org/bylaws-and-convention-rules/</a>

Currently, the Convention elects five members at-large, and state affiliates combine into regions, each of which selects a regional representative.

Under this proposal, each affiliate will be entitled to at least one Representative on the Libertarian National Committee. The top fifteen state affiliates as ranked by the delegate allocation formula will get two Representatives. The top five affiliates will each get three

Representatives. The resulting national committee will be composed of 71 Representatives, assuming the current number of fifty-one affiliates, plus the four officers, for a total of 75 people.

To keep the larger body from becoming unwieldy, the National Committee shall be required to appoint an Executive Committee – just as it does today – with eleven members, empowered to act in between meetings of the National Committee. And just as is the case today, the Executive Committee shall only be able to exercise those powers that the National Committee does not reserve for itself, and the National Committee may continue to make decisions in person, by teleconference, or by email ballot.

**Minority Report on Proposal AB by Mr. Moulton, Mr. Bishop-Henchman, Mr. Demarest, Ms. Harlos, and Ms. Ruff:**

We encourage delegates to soundly reject the committee proposal. In our opinion it is fundamentally flawed and would do irreparable harm to the Libertarian Party.

The committee proposal's rationale rests on shaky assumptions. It suggests mirroring the RNC or DNC structure would be beneficial; however, we see that as cargo cult mentality without foundation. It assumes efficacy of representation is best measured by shared locality of some LNC members; however, we do not believe geography is the only (or most important) benchmark.

The committee proposal is unworkable in practice. In person LNC meetings would involve huge costs for meeting rooms (on the order of state conventions) and LNC member out of pocket costs (travel, hotel room, etc.) – plus the opportunity cost of member time. Electronic meetings would not be manageable (online meetings are long and exhausting even with 10-20 people on the current Platform Committee, Bylaws and Rules Committee, and Libertarian National Committee... 75 would be insane). Discussion would be overwhelming (the Platform Committee has a gargantuan email volume even with just 20 people... keeping up with 75 people would be a full time job).

The committee proposal is a bait and switch. Although the LNC is expanded, the real day-to-day power will be vested with the executive committee. That executive committee is another layer of abstraction from LP members and convention delegates, which dilutes voting power, frustrates accountability, and curtails transparency.

**Proposal AB-2**  
**Restructure Libertarian National Committee – Conforming Amendments to Rules**  
**Adopted 4-3**

This proposal being presented is contingent upon the previous proposal being adopted.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>  The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to order</li> <li>2. Credentials Committee report</li> <li>3. Adoption of agenda</li> <li>4. Treasurer's report</li> <li>5. Audit Committee report</li> <li>6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report</li> <li>7. Platform Committee report</li> <li>8. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)</li> <li>9. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee</li> <li>10. Election of Judicial Committee</li> <li>11. Resolutions</li> <li>12. Other business</li> </ol> <p><b>RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nominations for Party Officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary for election.</li> <li>b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.</li> <li>c. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Nominations for the at-large members of the National Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each delegate may cast a ballot with a vote for either none-of-the-above or one vote per candidate for any number of candidates. Every ballot with a vote for none-of-the-above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. 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<p>a vote for any other candidate.  b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.  c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The top five candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.  3. Nominations for each candidate may be made by any delegate present on the floor, provided he or she has the candidate's permission. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration as follows:  a. Chair: Total of 10 minutes;  b. All others: Total of 5 minutes.  4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its regional representative to the National Committee then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.</p> <p><b>RULE 9: ELECTION OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b>  Nominations and elections for members of the Judicial Committee shall be conducted in the same manner as specified for at-large members of the National Committee.</p>	<p>be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.  b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.  c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The top five candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.  3. Nominations for each candidate may be made by any delegate present on the floor, provided he or she has the candidate's permission. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration as follows:  a. Chair: Total of 10 minutes;  b. All others: Total of 5 minutes.  <del>4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its regional representative to the National Committee then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.</del></p> <p><b>RULE 9: ELECTION OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE</b>  <del>Nominations and elections for members of the Judicial Committee shall be conducted in the same manner as specified for at-large members of the National Committee.</del></p>	<p>be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.  b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.  c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The top five candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.  3. Nominations for each candidate may be made by any delegate present on the floor, provided he or she has the candidate's permission. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration as follows:  a. Chair: Total of 10 minutes;  b. All others: Total of 5 minutes.</p>
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**Rationale for Proposal AB-2:**

Contingent upon the previous proposal being adopted, this proposal brings the rules into conformity with the bylaw changes.

**Proposal AC**  
**Create Method for Member Recall of LNC Members**  
**Adopted 3-2**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS</b></p> <p>7. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee.</p> <p>The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the Suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS</b></p> <p>7. <u>Officers may be suspended for cause as follows:</u> <del>The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee.</del></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <u>A vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee; or</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. <u>A written request by a majority of the affiliate state party chairs, followed by a simple majority vote of the entire National Committee; or</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. <u>A vote of 2/3 of the affiliate state party chairs;</u></p> <p>The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the Suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the <del>National Committee's</del> suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the <del>National Committee's</del> suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>5. <u>Members-at-large may be suspended for cause as follows:</u> <del>The National Committee may, for cause,</del></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS</b></p> <p>7. Officers may be suspended for cause as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. A vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. A written request by a majority of the affiliate state party chairs, followed by a simple majority vote of the entire National Committee; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. A vote of 2/3 of the affiliate state party chairs;</p> <p>The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the Suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>5. Members-at-large may be suspended for cause as follows:</p>



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**Rationale for Proposal AC:**

Although the Bylaws provide a method for suspension of an LNC member by the LNC, it is difficult, in the absence of an act of force or fraud by the member, to know the will of the members who originally elected the member which could result in controversy and a situation in which Party members could believe that their choice at Convention was subverted. Additionally, bodies are reluctant to remove their own members, and this would provide a way for members to exercise their rights in between Conventions in the case of gross misconduct that doesn't rise to the level of force or fraud by the challenged member.



MINORITY PROPOSAL: This proposal is an alternative to a committee-adopted proposal. See the committee proposal for the minority statement in favor of this alternative.

**Minority Proposal G-2**  
**Alternative to Proposal G,**  
**Expand Report from the Bylaws and Rules Committee**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING – BYLAWS AND RULES</b>            The Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall report each recommendation of the Committee to the Convention separately and shall have two minutes to explain the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment(s). The Convention Chair shall open each recommendation to discussion without amendment from the floor. Each recommendation shall be considered and adopted separately, with a maximum of eight minutes discussion on any recommendation. After the discussion, the Convention Chair shall bring the recommendation to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an addition 10 minutes.</p>	<p><b>RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING – BYLAWS AND RULES</b>  <del>The Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall report each recommendation of the Committee to the Convention separately and shall have two minutes to explain the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment(s). The Convention Chair shall open each recommendation to discussion without amendment from the floor. Each recommendation shall be considered and adopted separately, with a maximum of eight minutes discussion on any recommendation. After the discussion, the Convention Chair shall bring the recommendation to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an addition 10 minutes.</del></p> <p><u>1. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:</u></p> <p><u>a. The Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, or some other person designated by him or her, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have up to two minutes to explain the recommendation.</u></p> <p><u>b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to 8 minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to 10 minutes.</u></p>	<p><b>RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING – BYLAWS AND RULES</b></p> <p>1. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:</p> <p>a. The Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, or some other person designated by him or her, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have up to two minutes to explain the recommendation.</p> <p>b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to 8 minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to 10 minutes.</p> <p>2. Recommendations for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:</p> <p>a. Spokespersons for both the majority and minority positions shall each have two minutes to present their views.</p> <p>b. The Convention Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five minutes during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After five minutes, there will be a vote on which of the two reports shall be considered for purposes of adopting a recommendation. The report receiving the greater number of votes shall then be discussed and voted upon in the manner described in Section 1b.</p>

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*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

MINORITY PROPOSAL: This proposal is an alternative to a committee-adopted proposal. See the committee proposal for the minority statement in favor of this alternative.

**Minority Proposal G-3**  
**Alternative to Proposal G,**  
**Expand Report from the Bylaws and Rules Committee**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>6. Committee Procedures</p> <p>b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention. Two or more members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee or of the Credentials Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding their business.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>6. Committee Procedures</p> <p>b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention. <del>Two or more members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee or of the Credentials Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding their business.</del></p> <p><u>c. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall present to the Convention a report:</u></p> <p><u>1. containing all proposals approved by a majority of Committee members voting;</u></p> <p><u>2. for each proposal, showing current language, proposed language, and language as it would appear if the proposal were adopted;</u></p> <p><u>3. for each proposal, one argument of up to 300 words in favor of the proposal, and if Committee member(s) who voted against the proposal so choose, one argument of up to 300 words against the proposal. Arguments shall not contain false material or personal attacks.</u></p> <p><u>No later than 60 days before the opening of the Convention, the Committee shall post its draft proposals so as to gather feedback from Party members, and the Committee shall post its final report no later than 30 days before the opening of the Convention.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>6. Committee Procedures</p> <p>b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention.</p> <p>c. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall present to the Convention a report:</p> <p>1. containing all proposals approved by a majority of Committee members voting;</p> <p>2. for each proposal, showing current language, proposed language, and language as it would appear if the proposal were adopted;</p> <p>3. for each proposal, one argument of up to 300 words in favor of the proposal, and if Committee member(s) who voted against the proposal so choose, one argument of up to 300 words against the proposal. Arguments shall not contain false material or personal attacks.</p> <p>No later than 60 days before the opening of the Convention, the Committee shall post its draft proposals so as to gather feedback from Party members, and the Committee shall post its final report no later than 30 days before the opening of the Convention.</p>

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

MINORITY PROPOSAL: This proposal is an alternative to a committee-adopted proposal. See the committee proposal for the minority statement in favor of this alternative.

**Minority Proposal X-2**  
*Alternative to Proposal X,*  
**Require Credentials and Platform Committee Members to be Party Members**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED WILL READ
<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.</p> <p>3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows: [...]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Five members selected by the National Committee; [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows. [...]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Five members chosen by the National Committee[...]</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party <a href="#">sustaining</a> members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.</p> <p>3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows: [...]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Five <a href="#">Party sustaining</a> members selected by the National Committee; [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows. [...]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Five <a href="#">Party sustaining</a> members chosen by the National Committee[...]</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party sustaining members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.</p> <p>3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows: [...]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Five Party sustaining members selected by the National Committee; [...]</p> <p>4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows. [...]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Five Party sustaining members chosen by the National Committee[...]</p>