



Wyoming Libertarian Party Bylaws as Ratified at the 2022 Convention

Article I

Name and Affiliations

Section 1: Name. These Bylaws shall govern the association known as the Libertarian Party of Wyoming (LPWY) also known as the Wyoming Libertarian Party.

Section 2: Affiliations. The LPWY Secretary shall maintain a record of affiliation status with any national organization with which the LPWY is currently affiliated. The Executive Board of Directors may affiliate or disaffiliate from a national affiliate through a simple majority vote of the Board.

Article II

Purpose and Jurisdiction

Section 1: Effective Date. These bylaws, upon adoption by the 2021 State Party Convention with a unanimous vote of the certified delegates, shall be certified and in effect on July 31, 2021.

Section 2: Purpose. The purpose of these Bylaws is to unite, organize, and coordinate the LPWY, so that the LPWY can effectively implement the only goals of the Libertarian Party, winning elections, and enacting Libertarian policy.

Section 3: Jurisdiction of Bylaws. In the spirit of unity and organization, these Bylaws shall govern the LPWY and LPWY County Affiliates. Affiliates may adopt their own bylaws however any bylaws adopted by any LPWY affiliate that conflicts with these Bylaws shall be invalid and unenforceable.

Article III

Members

Section 1: Membership Eligibility.

(a) **Membership.** LPWY membership shall be open to any person, regardless of race, creed, color, religious preference, sex, sexual preference, or national origin, and must be:

- A registered Libertarian voter registered in their county of residence, and
- A resident of the State of Wyoming, or
- A member of a recognized county affiliate.

(b) **Ineligible Voter Membership.** Should a potential member be ineligible to be a registered Libertarian voter, this requirement may be forgone on a case-by-case basis by a simple majority vote of the LPWY State Executive Board of Directors.

Section 2: Privacy. Each member's name and contact information may be offered to the following: officers of the State Executive Board; officers or organizing member(s) of the County Affiliate in which that member resides; and, if the member holds a position on LPWY or County Affiliate committee(s), to fellow members of those committee(s).

Section 3: Relinquishment. Members may relinquish their membership by contacting the Chair, Executive Director, or Secretary in writing.

Section 4: Censure, Rebuke, Revocation. Membership in the LPWY may be revoked by the Executive Board. Membership may be revoked for activities inconsistent with the Statement of Principles and bylaws, harassment of members of the LPWY and the LP, activities which undermine the party's efforts or candidates', and other actions that the Executive Board may determine to be detrimental to the party.

Article IV

County Affiliates

Section 1: Boundaries. There shall be no more than one LPWY recognized County Affiliate in each county, although counties may collaborate with shared meetings, events, etc. At their discretion, County Affiliates may also draw membership from the other counties in their general region of the state.

Section 2: Prohibitions. No County Affiliate, including officers and committee members thereof, may take action inconsistent with the Bylaws of LPWY.

Section 3: Initial County Organization. The Executive Board may appoint as County Interim Chair any LPWY member interested in organizing a County Affiliate. Upon appointment, the LPWY Chair and/or Executive Board Officers may provide supporting access and materials to said Interim Chair. The LPWY Chair may appoint as Interim County Precinct Representatives, those persons who submit their names, precinct numbers, and affirmation of voter registration to a County Interim Chair, who shall submit them to the LPWY Chair.

Section 4: Replacement of Interim County Chair. In the event an Interim County Chair has not made substantive progress toward organizing a County Affiliate within six (6) months of appointment, or have taken actions inconsistent with the strategy and goals of the Wyoming

Libertarian Party, the Executive Board may dissolve the county affiliate with a majority vote of the board, or upon request from another LPWY member wishing to organize in said county, remove and replace an Interim Chair after having provided him or her with a written notice and opportunity to respond at least ten (10) days before the Executive Board takes action.

Section 5: County Affiliation. Affiliation requirements shall be as follows: submission of county bylaws; submission of a certificate of election or appointment of a County Party Chair, County Party Secretary, and any other officers at the discretion of the County Affiliate.

Section 6: Recognition of County Affiliation. The Executive Board may charter and recognize as a County Affiliate any group of LPWY members that requests affiliation and that meets the requirements described herein.

Section 7: Revocation of County Affiliate Status. The State Executive Board of Directors may, by a simple majority vote of those attending a duly convened meeting, revoke a county's affiliation if that County Affiliate fails to maintain the status and requirements necessary for affiliation or acts in a manner prohibited by the Bylaws, or against the general strategy and mission set out by the State Executive Board of Directors.

Article V

State Central Committee

Section 1: Definition. The State Central Committee is responsible for implementing and executing the strategic goals of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming. The State Central Committee shall be allotted a budget annually from the LPWY Executive Committee for the purpose of supporting candidates, growing party registration, and pursuing legislative goals. The State Central Committee's primary responsibility is to support the efforts of county affiliates and candidates.

Section 2: Composition. The State Central Committee shall comprise the President/Chair of the LPWY Executive Board and no more than four two (2) representatives from each recognized County Affiliate. The latter shall include: a county chair, and one at large member selected by the County Executive Committee.

Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities. The State Central Committee is only charged with guiding and supporting county affiliates and candidates, including dispersing their budget allotment to county affiliates and candidates to elect candidates, supporting legislative priorities, and filling candidate vacancies.

Section 4: Meeting Procedure. State Central Committee Chair, at their discretion and bound by no schedule, may call regular meetings, or a majority of the Executive Board may convene a meeting of the State Central Committee. The Chair shall preside, in case of the absence of the chair, another executive committee member may preside in the interim.

Section 5: Meeting Location. State Central Committee meetings may be held in a physical location or through an electronic platform that allows members reasonable access.

Section 6: Meeting Notice. The Chair shall make a reasonable effort to notify all State Central Committee members no more than sixty (60) days in advance and at least ten (10) days in advance of State Central Committee meetings, or at such time as all members have responded and either are attending or have approved of the meeting proceeding in their absence.

Section 7: Meeting Voting Procedure. Each member of the central committee is entitled to one vote even if that member serves in more than one capacity.

Article VI

Executive Board of Directors

Section 1: Definition and Purpose. The Executive Board of Directors (“the Board”, “the Executive Board”, or “the Board of Directors”) is the managerial and administrative body of the LPWY and its purpose is to set the annual budget, direct the strategic goals of the party, and oversee day-to-day operations.

Section 2: Meetings.

- (a) **Non-Emergency Meetings:** Non-Emergency Meetings shall be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Board members. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance of a meeting.
- (b) **Emergency Meetings:** Emergency meetings may be called for urgent matters with a majority vote of the Wyoming State Executive Committee with no notice. Any member of the Executive Committee may inform the Secretary and Chair of their motion to call an Emergency Meeting along with their urgent matter, the Secretary and Chair shall contact the remaining Executive Committee Members and record their votes for the emergency meeting within forty-eight (48) hours of the motion.
- (c) **Notification:** Except in cases of emergency meetings, notifications shall be sent by electronic mail, traditional mail, electronic message, or any other communication that is readily available to a quorum of the board of directors; unless a Board member requests an alternate notification means to the Chair. Board members shall specify an electronic mail address at the beginning of their term to the Secretary.
- (d) **Party Business Outside of Meetings:** Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail, traditional mail, digital communication, text message, or other means that are readily available to a quorum of the Executive Board. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or co-sponsored by at least 1/3 of the members of the Board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for five (5) 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 Secretary or Chair of the board or committee. The outcome of each motion shall be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of

any motion shall be a simple majority. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.

Section 3: Officers and Duties Thereof. The Executive Board of Directors shall be governed as follows:

- (a) **Composition:** The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members and two (2) alternates. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Chairman of the Board who also serves as State Party Chair, and a Party Secretary from among its members every two years during organizing conventions. The Board of Directors MAY appoint additional optional officers from among the members of the board to assist the Chairman, Secretary, and the Executive Director in executing the business of the LPWY.
- (b) **The Chair** of the Board of Directors (Party Chair) is a required position by Wyoming State Law and shall be the President of the Executive Board of the LPWY. They shall be responsible for the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board.
- (c) **The Secretary** is a required position by Wyoming State Law and shall assist the Chair and Board. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and keep such minutes and records as are necessary. The Secretary shall make an annual report to the Board containing such information as the Board may require.
- (d) **The Treasurer** is an optional position and MAY be appointed from among the members of the board of directors to receive all money paid to the Party and shall deposit same in such banks or bank as designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Board and to the membership at large and any other reports as-at the Board shall request with respect to the finances of the Party. The Treasurer shall file all reports required by the State and National authorities. If the Treasurer is not appointed by the Board, the Executive Director shall take on the responsibilities of the Treasurer.

Section 4: Eligibility. Officers and persons nominated for officer positions must be LPWY members and qualified Wyoming electors at the time of their election.

Section 5: Elections and Terms of Office. Officers shall be elected in odd-year organizing conventions. Officers may be removed from office for cause by disciplinary proceedings as provided in these Bylaws. The Chairman and Secretary of the Wyoming Libertarian Party must be qualified electors in the state of Wyoming and if at any time they are no longer qualified electors in Wyoming, they shall immediately resign their post to be replaced by the Board.

The Board shall serve for staggered six-year terms with two At-Large seats and one At-Large Alternate seat elected at odd year organizing conventions, every two years, except for every third convention which shall elect three At-Large board seats and no At-Large Alternates.

Section 6: Temporary Board Vacancies. If an Officer informs all other Executive Board officers in advance that the Officer will be absent from multiple Executive Board meetings or otherwise unable to adequately perform that Officer's responsibilities for a specified duration of

time equal to or less than 60 days, that Officer may temporarily vacate the position and resume it at the specified later date.

Section 7: Filling Temporary Vacancies. The Board shall have authority to appoint temporary officers from among the alternates, in such case an officer temporarily vacates an office, if no alternate is available or declines to serve, the Board shall have the authority to appoint temporary officers from among any party member. Once the officer who has vacated returns, they shall immediately retain their office.

Section 8: Permanent Board Vacancies. If an Officer resigns, is removed from office, is unavailable, fails to maintain the qualifications of office, or is otherwise unable to adequately perform that Officer's duties and responsibilities without notice to all other Officers, for an unspecified duration of time, or for a specified duration of time to exceed 60 days, that Officer's position shall be permanently vacated and considered resigned.

Section 9: Filling Permanent Vacancies. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fill permanent vacancies of office. If the office of the Chair is vacant, the Board of Directors can appoint a temporary or permanent Chair. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in accordance with this section:

- (a) The Chairman of the Board shall solicit applications for up to a thirty (30) day period and select up to three candidates to present to the board of directors.
- (b) The board of Directors shall appoint a new board members with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 10: Removal of a Board Member. A Board member may be removed, following a written complaint by at least two members of the Board of Directors and affirmed by five (5) members of the Board of Directors or two-thirds (2/3) of the existing members of the board. Cause for removal shall be any action that damages the reputation of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming, conflicts of interest that are counter to the goals or strategy of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming, or actions that undermine or disrupt the management of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming. Determination of cause shall be at the discretion of the Board

Section 11: Executive Director. the Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, the Executive Director shall be appointed by the chair and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board. The executive director is the chief executive and, in this capacity, shall:

- (a.) Establish staff structure and train personnel to fill it.
- (b.) Perform those functions delegated by the Chair and the Board.
- (c.) Implement the plans and policies developed by the board.
- (d.) Provide assistance and support for the committees.
- (e.) Enter into contracts with the approval of the chair. Contracts shall be reviewed in executive session by the board upon request of any member of the board.
- (f.) Executive Director can be voted in by a majority vote of the Board.
- (g.) Executive Director can be voted out by a majority vote of the Board.

Article VII

Committees

Section 1: All Committees. All Committees are advisory in nature and any official action must come from the Board of Directors or the State Central Committee. All committees are tasked with setting their own notifications, means, and procedures for meetings and carrying out their duties. All committees shall report actions and progress either in written or oral reports upon the request of the Chair or a majority of the Board.

Section 2: Standing Committees. The State Chair or Board may form standing committees, and, as to each, may appoint members and an interim chair. Standing committees are defined as those bodies whose responsibilities are expected to be ongoing. One of the first priorities of any standing committee shall be to elect a chair. Only a majority of the Board may abolish any committee or may replace any committee member or committee officer, whether elected or appointed.

Section 4: Ad Hoc Committees. The State Chair or the Board may form ad hoc committees, and to each appoint members and a chair. Ad hoc committees are defined as those bodies whose responsibilities are discrete and are expected to be less than one (1) year in duration. The State Chair may abolish any ad hoc committees or replace any ad hoc committee member(s) or officer(s), whether elected or appointed.

Section 5: Credentialing Committee. The Chair shall appoint up to three (3) people to serve as a credentialing committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to an odd year organizing convention. The Credentialing Committee shall certify a list of eligible delegates who shall serve as voting delegates to the following two (2) conventions, one organizing and one nominating. The Credentialing Committee shall disband forty-five (45) days preceding the next regular odd year organizing convention to be replaced by the next Credentialing Committee. Only the Credentialing Committee may submit the names of eligible delegates.

Article VIII

State Convention

Section 1: Purpose. A State Convention/meeting, either Nominating or Organizing, shall be held yearly in accordance with Wyoming Statute 22-4-307. The time and place of the State Convention/meeting shall be determined by the Chair of the Party and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board. Written notice, via postal mail, email, or other forms of regularly used communication, of the Convention date, time, place, and agenda, may be available and distributed by the Secretary at least 15 days prior to the convention.

The purpose of the State Convention shall be to select National Convention delegates and nominate and endorse candidates in accordance with state law.

- i. **Organizing Conventions:** LPWY Organizing Conventions shall be called only in odd-numbered years and shall be convened for the purpose of governing the

Party, electing party leadership, setting a budget, electing national delegates, revising bylaws, adopting a platform, and appointing committees.

- ii. **Nominating Conventions:** LPWY Nominating Conventions shall be called only in even number years, no earlier than the last day of the Wyoming statutory filing period for Major Party Candidates. Nominating Conventions shall be convened for the sole purpose of certifying the nomination of candidates to state and federal office and setting a budget. No business prescribed to the Organizing Convention shall be conducted without first approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Calling of state convention, contents of notice. The state chairman shall call a state convention by filing notice in the office of the secretary of state and of each county clerk not later than twenty (20) days before the convention. The notice shall state the eligibility requirements for voting at the convention (Wyoming Statute 22-4-307; Article 3 Wyoming Election Code).

Section 3: Delegates. The process for the selection of delegates is laid out in the official “Convention Rules and Procedures Manual” or “CRPM” maintained by the Board of Directors. Amendments to the Convention Rules and Procedures Manual may be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee. Delegates shall be designated by the Credentialing Committee and certified by a majority of the delegates from the immediate previous Conventions and serve for a term of two (2) years, one Organizing Convention and one Nominating Convention, and any special conventions from the time of their appointment to the time of their dissolution at the next Organizing Convention.

Section 3: Candidate Nomination. Candidates must be nominated by convention in accordance with Wyoming Statute 22-4-303(See Article 3 Wyoming Election Code). Statewide candidates must be state party members and should be recognized and endorsed as early as possible to give them ample time to research and organize their campaigns. Statewide, candidates shall have full access to the LPWY mailing lists.

Section 4: Candidate Certification. All candidates must be certified by the State Chair and Secretary to the Secretary of State of Wyoming in accordance with Wyoming Statute 22-4-304 (See Article 3 Wyoming Election Code).

Section 5: Bylaws. The State Chair and Secretary shall certify all rules and bylaws promulgated, revoked, or amended and file them in accordance with state law. The Executive Director of the LPWY shall provide a physical copy of any amended bylaws to the national affiliate either through physical delivery or by sending a copy via delivery service to the National Headquarters of the national affiliate with attention to the Secretary of that Party Committee.

Section 6: Certification of presidential elector nominees and party officers. The state party chairman and state party secretary shall certify the names of nominees for presidential electors and the name of the state and county party officers elected to the secretary of state immediately after the state convention (Wyoming Statute 22-4-306; Article 3 Wyoming Election Code).

Section 7: Convention Procedure. The processes and procedures of the State Convention shall be governed by the “Convention Rules and Procedure Manual.” The CRPM shall be governed by

the Board of Directors and can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. The CRPM will be published no later than 60 days prior to the convention and shall not be amended within that 60 day period.

Article IX

Special Bylaw Conventions

Section 1: Major Political Party Status. Upon the certification of the Wyoming Libertarian Party as a “Major Political Party” as recognized by Wyoming State Statute, the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming shall convene a five (5) member Convention Committee consisting of the Chair, Secretary, Executive Director, and two additional members appointed by the chair. The Convention Committee shall be responsible for managing the party during the transition phase, and shall be empowered to select the venue for the special convention, and draft the new bylaws proposal. This committee shall be formed no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the certification and shall submit to the Secretary of State and County Clerks, no later than ten (10) days after the appointment of the Convention Committee, documents describing the intention to hold a special convention to draft new bylaws that are consistent with Wyoming State Statute. The Special Convention shall be in accordance with Wyoming State Statute.

Article X

Parliamentary Authority and Relationship With Other Organizations

Section 1: Roberts Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall provide parliamentary direction for the LPWY for matters of procedure not explicitly covered by these Bylaws. However, Robert’s Rules of Order shall be used as a guide and shall not be used to stall or impede proceedings, and shall under no circumstances supersede the authority of the Board of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming. In all questions of procedure, decorum, or rules, the ruling of the Chair shall stand in all matters unless overturned by a majority of the Board. Roberts Rules may never supersede the Board’s final ruling or these bylaws.

Section 2: Relationship With Other Organizations. The Libertarian Party of Wyoming is a separate and distinct organization from all other entities. No Political Committee or Sub-Committee from any organization other than the Libertarian Party of Wyoming has any authority or influence in the organization, management, or governance of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming. No national Affiliate that the Wyoming Libertarian Party voluntarily associates with shall have any decision-making power in any matter regarding the Libertarian Party of Wyoming.

Article XI

Amendments of Bylaws

Section 1: Temporary Amendments to Bylaws. Bylaws and other governing documents may be temporarily amended or repealed only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. They shall have full force until the next convention, where they must be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) of the delegate body.

Section 2: Amending These Bylaws. Amendments to these bylaws shall originate with the Executive Board. Upon a majority vote of the Board, a bylaw amendment shall be placed on the agenda for the next Organizing Convention and shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegate body.