

# **Constitution of the Fifth Congressional District Committee, Libertarian Party of Virginia**

## **Article I: Name of the Committee**

The name of this organization is the Fifth Congressional District Committee (“Committee”) of the Libertarian Party of Virginia (“LPVA”).

## **Article II: Membership**

All members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia and/or sustaining members of the “national” Libertarian Party who reside in the Fifth Congressional District and who have been members of the LPVA for at least thirty days, are members of the Committee. Only sustaining members of the LP and/or LPVA members who reside in the Fifth Congressional District are eligible for membership of the Committee.

## **Article III: Officers**

Section 1: The officers of the Committee will be a chair, a vice chair, a secretary, and a treasurer. Except when filling a vacancy, officers will be elected by majority vote at conventions of the Committee. Except when filling a vacancy, the term of an officer will last from the end of the convention at which the officer is elected until the end of the subsequent convention.

An officer may be elected by majority vote at a meeting of the Committee to fill a vacant office. The term of an officer elected to fill a vacant office will be from the conclusion of that election until the end of the term of the office for which the vacancy is being filled.

“None of the Above” will be an option in all elections of the Committee. Should a candidate receive no more votes than the number for “None of the Above” in an election for office, that candidate cannot be elected to that office during that election.

Section 2: The chair of the Committee shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, serve as the spokesman for the Committee, and represent the Committee at meetings of the State Central Committee (“SCC”) of the LPVA. Should the chair be unable to attend an SCC meeting, the vice chair shall represent the Committee at the meeting. Should neither the chair nor the vice chair be able to attend an SCC meeting, the chair may designate a proxy holder to represent the Committee at the meeting. Should the office of secretary or treasurer be vacant, the chair will assume the responsibilities of that office until the vacancy is filled.

Section 3: The vice chair will assume the duties of the chairman in his absence.

Section 4: The secretary is responsible for maintaining the official records of the Committee, recording and distributing the minutes of Committee meetings, and providing notification or documents to the State Central Committee about the affairs of the Committee should it be necessary.

Section 5: The treasurer is responsible for maintaining the treasury of the Committee and providing a financial report to members of the Committee at each meeting of the Committee. If the Committee does not maintain a treasury, the office of treasurer shall remain vacant.

Section 6: The Executive Committee will consist of the officers. The Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Committee during the time between meetings. Actions of the Executive Committee may be overturned by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership at a meeting, provided a quorum of at least ten percent of the membership is present.

Section 7: An officer of the Committee may be removed for cause by a three-fourths majority vote of the entire Executive Committee or by a majority vote at a meeting of the Committee, provided a quorum of at least ten percent of the membership is present.

#### **Article IV: Meetings**

Meetings of the Committee will be of two types: regular conventions (henceforth known as conventions) and special conventions. Notice of a meeting and a tentative agenda shall be mailed to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. A member may indicate that sufficient notice of a meeting has been given (and thus notification by mail is unnecessary) by confirming receipt of e-mail notification. Meetings will operate according to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Conventions of the Committee will take place bi-annually at a time and location to be determined by the chairman. Special conventions can be called either by a three-fourths majority vote of the entire Executive Committee or by petition of at least ten percent of the membership. In each case, the date and location of the special convention shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The agenda must be included in the notice of the special convention; if the special convention is called by petition, the agenda must be specified in the petition. The agenda for a special convention may not be modified within two weeks of the meeting except by deletion of items.

#### **Article V: Nomination of Candidates by the Committee**

Section 1: In order to serve as the Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Fifth Congressional District, one must be nominated at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

Section 2: In order to serve as the Libertarian Party candidate for any office of a jurisdiction within the Fifth Congressional District, one must be nominated at a meeting of the Committee, unless that jurisdiction belongs to an area that is part of a recognized local affiliate committee. If the jurisdiction belongs to an area that is part of a local affiliate committee, the person must receive the nomination of that local affiliate committee.

Section 3: "None of the Above" will be an option in all nomination processes. Should a person seeking the nomination of the Committee receive no more votes than "None of the Above," that person cannot serve as the Libertarian candidate in that election.

Section 4: The endorsement of a candidate who has been nominated at a meeting of the Committee can be removed by a unanimous vote of the entire Executive Committee, or by action taken at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

#### **Article VI: Amendments to the Constitution; Bylaws**

Section 1: Once adopted, this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority at a meeting of the Committee, provided that a quorum of at least ten percent of the membership is present.

Section 2: Bylaws to this constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Committee, provided that a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

#### **Article VII: Adoption of the Constitution**

This constitution shall take effect upon adoption by a two-thirds majority vote at the convention of the Committee on January 22, 2006.