

Bylaws



2013 Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Nevada

(Adopted in Convention November 16, 2013)

Preamble

People should be allowed to live as they choose so long as they neither initiate violence, coercion, nor engage in theft or fraud. We adopt the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party.

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be The Libertarian Party of Nevada, hereinafter referred to as LPN.

II. Object

The object of this organization shall be to elect Libertarians to public office within the state of Nevada.

III. Membership

Section 1: General Membership; Any resident of Nevada shall be considered a member of the LPN provided they:

A. Are and have been registered Libertarian in Nevada for a period of not less than 30 days, and B. Have donated at least twenty-five dollars (\$25) to the LPN in the past 365 days, and C. Have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals, and D. Are members of the national Libertarian Party.

IV. Convention

Section 1. The LPN shall hold a Convention in even-numbered years for the purpose of choosing Candidates for Public Office and whatever business shall be deemed necessary and proper, including but not limited to amending these bylaws, choosing delegates to the National Convention, and filling vacancies in the Executive Committee. Vacancies in the list of delegates to the National Convention can be filled by the Executive Committee before the National Convention, or by a vote of the delegates at the National Convention. This convention shall take place before the beginning date for a minor political party to file its list of candidates. If the beginning date for a minor political party to file its list of candidates with the Secretary of State is prior to February 1 of the election year, then the Convention may be held up to 60 days before the first date to file even if that moves the Convention to the previous year.

Section 2. The LPN shall hold a Convention in odd-numbered years between January and May for the purpose of electing Executive Committee members, amending these bylaws, and whatever business may deem necessary and proper.

Section 3. A special Convention shall be held within 120 days upon petition of one-third of the LPN members or three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee. Such a petition shall state the business of the special Convention, and no other business shall be considered at such a Convention.

Section 4. All LPN members are qualified to be delegates to the Convention (hereafter referred to as "the Convention"). No fee may be required of any LPN member to participate in the business sessions of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other convention events. A quorum of a Convention shall be a majority of the registered delegates to the Convention. The Convention Secretary shall provide the Executive Committee with draft convention minutes no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the State Convention, and the Executive Committee is empowered to approve convention minutes.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall publish the time, date, and location for Conventions no later than 60 days before the State Convention. This publication will be sufficient if it is prominently placed on the LPN's official website. The Secretary of the LPN shall mail notice to all members at least 30 days before the Convention.

Section 6. A nomination for "None of the above" (NOTA) shall be considered valid. Should NOTA receive a majority of the vote in the balloting for any office or candidacy, the names of all nominees shall be kept on the ballot but the nominations for that office shall be reopened for additional nominees and another ballot taken. In any election held at the State Convention, should NOTA receive a majority on two successive ballots, then no candidate shall be nominated for that office.

Section 7. The business session of each State Convention shall be recorded by video device and a copy of the recording shall be provided to the Chair and the Secretary of the LPN along with the approved minutes from the state convention no later than 30 days after the State Convention. In the event the proceedings of a State Convention are challenged by a State Member, the recording of the convention and State Convention minutes shall be provided to the Secretary and the Chair immediately.

Section 8. Candidates for Partisan Public Office The LPN may nominate Candidates for Public Office by ballot of the Convention during an even- numbered year. A. Candidates for President and Vice President shall be nominated by the National Convention of the Libertarian Party. B. Candidates for United States Senator, all statewide offices, and any office for which the district lies within more than one affiliate shall be nominated at the Convention of the Libertarian Party of Nevada. C. Affiliates may nominate candidates for any office for which the district lies entirely within the affiliate's territory. The Secretary of an affiliate shall file a list of its nominated candidates with the Secretary of the LPN by the start of the Convention. D. The LPN may nominate a candidate for any office that falls completely within one affiliate, unless the appropriate affiliate convention has either selected a candidate or voted NOTA for that office for that election. No more than one candidate may be elected to be the nominee of the Libertarian Party for any partisan office. E. The Secretary of the LPN or the Secretary's representative shall file a list of the nominated candidates with the Secretary of State of Nevada, in accordance with Nevada law.

V. Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the LPN is responsible for handling the affairs and business of the LPN.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of nine members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Southern Regional Representative, Northern Regional Representative, and 3 At-Large Representatives.

Section 3. The Executive Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Convention and shall serve until the end of the Convention at which their successors are elected. The Executive Committee shall be elected in odd-numbered years. In the event of a vacancy in an Executive Committee position, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by Pro Tem appointment, until the next Convention.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no member who has been convicted of a felony against person or property shall be an endorsed candidate, officer, or hold any other position of leadership in either

the LPN or an affiliate without the consent of two-thirds of the eligible Executive Committee members.

Section 5. The Executive Committee members must be members of the LPN. No member shall hold more than one office at a time within the LPN. Members of the LPN Executive Committee shall not be restricted from serving in officer or representative positions within an Affiliate. The Executive Committee members shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the LPN. These duties shall include the following:

- A. The Chair shall preside at all LPN Executive Committee meetings and conventions.
- B. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties. At meetings of the Executive Committee the Vice Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair.
- C. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of party meetings and conventions, and all non- financial records of the LPN including but not limited to these bylaws and all committee reports. The Secretary shall send out membership notices of meetings and conventions.
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain the LPN's bank accounts, deposit all revenues, and pay all bills. A formal Treasurer's Report shall be presented annually, at the Convention. The Treasurer shall maintain the LPN's financial records in accordance with the law and generally accepted accounting principles.
- E. The Northern Regional Representative shall represent and reside in one of the Counties of Washoe, Carson City, Storey, and Douglas.
- F. The Southern Regional Representative shall represent and reside in the County of Clark.
- G. The At-Large Representatives shall represent the entire state of Nevada.

Section 6. Meetings of the LPN Executive Committee shall be held at least quarterly, either in person or by electronic means, or the Executive Committee shall maintain an e-mail list or message board for conducting business. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. Executive Committee Meetings shall be open to all LPN members. Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be posted on the LPN website within 30 days of the date of the meeting.

Section 7. Notice of the date, time, and location of Executive Committee Meetings shall be posted on the LPN web site within 24 hours of when Executive Committee members receive such notice.

VI. Affiliates

Section 1. Affiliate Organizing Conventions; Once five members of the Libertarian Party have signed a letter indicating their willingness to serve as officers in a county affiliate, it shall be the responsibility of the State Executive Committee to hold an organizing convention.

Section 2. Scheduling of an Affiliate Organizing Convention; The organizing convention required by Article VIII Section K shall be scheduled in the county to be organized no sooner than 30 days nor later than 60 days after the State Executive Committee is presented with a letter as described in the aforementioned section.

Section 3. Notice of Affiliate Organizing Convention; Timely notice of the affiliate organizing convention shall be mailed to all members of the Libertarian Party in the county at issue giving them notice of the meeting, time and place. Notice shall also be published prominently on the state party's website at least 30 days before the affiliate convention.

Section 4. Elections at the Organizing Convention; At the organizing convention, the members of the Libertarian Party in the county being organized shall elect officers and precinct captains. At the conclusion of the organizing convention, the affiliate is officially formed. The organizing convention shall be chaired by the State Chair or a designee approved by the Executive Committee, should the State Chair be unable to attend an organizing

convention. All members in attendance at the organizing convention shall become voting members of the new affiliate by virtue of attending the organizing convention.

Section 5. All members of the Libertarian Party of Nevada that reside within an affiliated county shall automatically be a member of that affiliate.

Section 6. Each affiliate shall hold an Affiliate Convention every year prior to the State Convention. This Affiliate Convention shall be to amend the Affiliate Bylaws, nominate candidates for public office, or any other proper business. The Treasurer of the LPN and each Affiliate Treasurer shall work together to ensure FEC compliance.

Section 7. Each affiliate may nominate candidates for partisan public office to any office, which lies completely within its borders, subject to the provisions of Nevada law. NOTA is considered a candidate and the State Convention shall not be able to nominate candidates to any office for which NOTA was nominated at an Affiliate Convention. Each Affiliate must report its list of nominated candidates to the State Convention.

Proviso: Once this bylaw has been adopted by the state convention, those counties who have 5 members who have signed a letter and submitted to the state Executive Committee by December 1, 2013 indicating their willingness to serve as officers in a county affiliate those counties shall hold an organizing convention in January. At that organizing convention, county officers pro-tem shall be elected; bylaws shall be enacted; and local candidates shall be nominated. Additionally, to ensure adequate notice and participation an additional affiliate convention for each affiliate formed in this manner shall be held before June 1, 2014

VII. Parliamentary Procedure

A. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the LPN in all cases to which they apply, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, any special rules of order the LPN may adopt, and any statutes applicable to the LPN.

VIII. Amendments

A. These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote at any Convention. B. To be considered in convention, all bylaws proposals bylaw amendment proposals must be presented in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the Convention. An email address which can be used for these submissions shall be posted prominently on the web site. C. After a bylaws proposal is submitted, the Secretary shall post it on the LPN web site within seven days.