

Libertarian Party of Wisconsin Constitution

Amended in Convention April 28, 2001

ARTICLE I -- Name

1. The Name of the association shall be the "Libertarian Party of Wisconsin," hereinafter referred to as the "Party."
2. The Party is incorporated in the State of Wisconsin as the "Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, Incorporated."

ARTICLE II -- Purpose

1. The Purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles such as those in the "Statement of Principles" of the national Libertarian Party by:
 - Promoting candidates for local and statewide public office within Wisconsin.
 - Working for the election of the national Libertarian Party Nominees for President and Vice-President
 - Promoting, chartering, and coordinating affiliate parties throughout the State of Wisconsin.
 - Entering into informational and educational activities.

ARTICLE III -- Principles

1. The Party shall take no positions or actions inconsistent with the "Statement of Principles" of the national Libertarian Party.

ARTICLE IV -- Membership

1. Membership in the Party is not to be restricted by a person's race, creed, color, sex, sexual preference, or national origin.
2. Any other requirements for membership in the Party shall be set forth in the Party by-laws; these shall not include a residency requirement.
3. Voting membership shall consist only of residents of the State of Wisconsin.
4. The Executive committee shall have sole power to set and disburse membership dues for the Party.

ARTICLE V -- Organization

Section 1 (Officers)

1. The officers of the party shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Convention of the Party during odd numbered years by the attending Party members and shall take office immediate upon the close of such Convention and serve until the final adjournment of the next odd-numbered year Annual convention. The Chair of the Party must be elected by a 2/3 majority with all other officers elected by a simple majority.
2. No offices shall be combined.
3. The officers shall be full voting members of the Executive Committee.
4. The officers shall have such powers and perform such duties as are prescribed in the Party by-laws and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
5. Any officer of the Party may be temporarily suspended by a 4/5 vote of the Judicial Committee subject to ratification by a 2/3 vote of the members attending a Special Convention called for such a purpose. The members will then elect a replacement officer. Such officer will complete the term of the office vacated.
6. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers and Executive Committee members-at-large if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur, such officers and Executive Committee members to complete the term of the office vacated. Vacancies occur by resignation, death, relocation or failure to renew membership.

Section 2 (Executive Committee)

1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with the Constitution, its by-laws, and any resolutions which may be adopted in Convention. Executive Committee members will be elected by a simple majority of the members attending the Annual Convention during odd-numbered years. The Executive Committee shall take office immediately upon close of the Annual Convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Annual Convention. No secret meeting will be held by the members of the Executive Committee of the Party; all meetings will be open to all Party members. The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following:
 - The four elected officers of the Party.
 - The most recent past chair willing to serve in this position.
 - Two members-at-large of the Party elected at a state Convention.
 - A Congressional District Member and Alternate from each-congressional District in the State of Wisconsin as elected from and by Party members residing within each particular Congressional District. The Executive Committee may appoint an interim member until such time as an election is held by Party members residing within the District in question. If the Executive Committee chooses to leave the office vacant, then that office shall not affect the number required for a Quorum. If a Congressional District member and/or Alternate fails to attend 3 consecutive Executive meetings, that position shall be declared vacant.
2. All members of the Executive Committee must be members in good standing of the Party.

Section 3 (Judicial Committee)

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of up to five (5) Party members appointed by the Executive Committee. The term of a member of the Judicial committee shall run

through the period of the next Party Convention and until a successor is appointed. No officer of the Party may serve on the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be the final body of appeal in all matters regarding interpretation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, or Resolutions of the Party subject to the provision that a decision of the Committee may be overturned by a 2/3 vote of a Convention.

Section 4 (Affiliate Parties)

1. The Executive Committee of the Party shall charter affiliate parties from those organizations requesting such status to represent such geographical areas as the Executive Committee may deem appropriate.
2. Every organization so chartered shall ratify the "Statement of Principles" of the national Libertarian Party. The affiliate parties shall operate under the Party's Constitution and By-Laws.
3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or revoke affiliate party status from any organization by a 4/5 vote of the Committee.
4. Except as provided herein, the autonomy of the affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the Party.

ARTICLE VI -- Convention

1. The Party shall hold a Convention every year at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee. The Party may have such additional conventions as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. A Special Convention may be called by presenting a petition signed by 1/2 of the dues-paying members of the Party, such Convention to be held within 30 days of the presentation of the petition to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Convention Committee to arrange the Convention.
2. Any member in good standing attending any Convention of the Party may cast his vote.

ARTICLE VII -- Platform

1. The Party shall adopt a platform giving the Party's positions on important issues as planks. Platform planks shall be adopted only at an Annual Convention held in an even-numbered year and expire at the close of business of the next Annual Convention held in an even-numbered year.
2. A 2/3 majority of the members present and voting is required to approve each plank. The process to adopt platform planks is defined in the By-Laws Article VIII.

ARTICLE VIII -- Nomination of Candidates

1. Candidates for public office shall be nominated pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

ARTICLE IX -- By-Laws

1. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members voting on that particular issue at the Annual Convention held in an odd-numbered year. The process to amend the By-Laws is defined in the By-Laws Article VII.

ARTICLE X -- Amendments

1. This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting on that particular issue at the Annual Convention held in an odd-numbered year. The process to amend this Constitution is defined in the By-Laws Article VII.
2. Article IV, 1, Article V, 1.5, and Article X, 2 shall not be amendable.
3. Article IV, 1, Article V, 1.5, Article X, 2, and Article X,3 shall not be suspendable.

ARTICLE XI -- None of the Above

1. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting for delegates to the national Libertarian Party conventions, representatives to the national Libertarian Party's Platform Committee, and all Party offices shall be considered valid and properly recorded.
2. Any candidate for delegate to the national Libertarian Party convention, representative to the national Libertarian Party's Platform Committee, or any Party office who receives fewer votes than does "None of the Above" for that position will not be eligible for that position for the term covered by that election.