

Proposal # _____ (2nd Substitute)

Date Heard:

Vote:

RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Problem: Approval voting with a majority threshold increases the likelihood of distorted representation of delegates in elections for National Committee members at-large and the Judicial Committee. Although proportional representation ranked choice voting would facilitate a closer fit between delegate preferences and electoral outcomes, our Party’s rules and infrastructure don’t currently accommodate that method.

Solution: Replace approval voting with a majority threshold with a semi-proportional electoral method outlined in our parliamentary authority called “cumulative voting.”

Benefits: Implements a more representative electoral method to populate our Party’s elected committees.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES</p> <p>1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting.</p> <p>2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.</p> <p>[...]</p>	<p>ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES</p> <p>1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting.</p> <p>2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.</p> <p><u>3. The convention special rules of order may authorize cumulative voting.</u></p> <p>[...]</p>	<p>ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES</p> <p>1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting.</p> <p>2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.</p> <p>3. The convention special rules of order may authorize cumulative voting.</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>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:</p>	<p>RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>2. Nominations for the at-large members of the National Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted <u>by cumulative</u></p>	<p>RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>2. Nominations for the at-large members of the National Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted by cumulative voting.</p>

<p>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. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>voting, in the following manner:</u></p> <p>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. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.</p>		

SPONSOR: LATHAM

MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in **red bold italic strikethrough**.
- Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership