

**2024 LIBERTARIAN PARTY BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 9, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 8:51 PM ET

<b><u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u></b> <b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ALTERNATES</u></b>	<b><u>GUESTS</u></b>
SYLVIA ARROWWOOD		RICHARD BROWN, RP
PAUL BRACCO		DUSTIN COFFELL
NICKOLAS CIESIELSKI		NATHAN MADDEN
CARYN ANN HARLOS		MATT MURPHY
ROB LATHAM		MARION SKINNER
FRANK MARTIN		ERIC THRAEN
MIKE SEEBECK		
CHUCK MOULTON (A1)		
DATA LOGAN (A2)		
DEAN RODGERS (A3)		

ABSENT MOELLMAN, ROWLETTE, RUFO

**PUBLIC COMMENT: (No Response)**

**MINUTES:** 2-23-23 and 3-9-23 to be approved at next meeting 3-23-23

**CONTINUE PROPOSAL G (BYLAWS) FROM MEETING 2-23-23**

**FURTHER AMENDMENT TO SUBSTITUTE PROPOSAL G BY BRACCO/SEEBECK TO MODIFY JC RULES**

To strike the sentence ~~The Judicial Committee may only establish the rules of appellate procedure or amend them when no appeal or request to the Judicial Committee is pending,~~ and insert in its place If an appeal or request is made to the Judicial Committee that the appeal or request shall be considered under the rules of appellate procedure in effect at the time the appeal or request is made.

**DEBATE ON BRACCO/SEEBECK AMENDMENT**

**ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION (CONSIDERING IT CAN BE AMENDED FURTHER)**

LATHAM moved to strike the first clause and to insert: "An appeal shall be considered under the rules of appellate procedure in effect at the time the rule is made." Also moved to delete "~~or request~~" wherever it occurs (3).

**NO DEBATE ON LATHAM FURTHER AMENDMENT**

**ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION-NO FURTHER AMENDMENT TO SUBSTITUTE.**

## **BOTH PRIMARY PROPOSAL AND SUBSTITUTE OPEN FOR AMENDMENT**

LATHAM moved to insert at end of second-to-last sentence in Primary Amendment “[An appeal shall be considered under the rules of appellate procedure in effect at the time the appeal is made.](#)” The same language as was inserted into the Substitute.

## **DEBATE ON LATHAM FURTHER AMENDMENT TO PRIMARY**

LATHAM moved to strike everything after “Bylaws”. Both to end with a period (.) after “Bylaws”.

Primary A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be appended to the Party’s Bylaws.

Substitute A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be appended to the Party’s Bylaws.

## **ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

MOULTON moved to strike in both the Original and Substitute Proposals in second-to last sentence “~~maintained by the Secretary and~~” and insert in its place “[appended to the Party’s Bylaws.](#)” It is covered in Rule 18. The “shall be” is not deleted.

LATHAM moved to strike everything after Bylaws period (.) in Substitute.

CHAIR stated proper procedure. No appendage to Convention Rules or Appellate Rules. Asked for further debate. (No Response)

## **ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

## **NO FUTHER AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL G PRIMARY OR SUBSTITUTE**

## **DEBATE PROPOSALS ONE OVER THE OTHER. BOTH READ ALOUD BY CHAIR FOR SAKE OF CLARITY. DEBATE.**

## **MOTION: SHALL THE SUBSTITUTE BECOME THE MAIN MOTION?**

Arrowwood	No
Bracco	No
Ciesielski	No.
Harlos	Abstain
Latham	No
Martin	No
Seebeck	Yes
Moulton	No

Logan No

Rodgers No

**FAILED 1-8-1**

CHAIR Substitute Motion Failed. Primary Motion now Main. Only Amendments in order are to add wording to beginning or end of Primary. (No Response) Chair reminded Committee Members they have an option to submit a minority report.

**MOTION: SHALL THE PRIMARY BECOME THE MAIN MOTION?**

Arrowwood Yes

Bracco Yes

Ciesielski Yes

Harlos Abstain

Latham Yes

Martin Yes

Seebeck No

Moulton Yes

Logan Yes

Rodgers Yes

**ADOPTED 8-1-1**

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**PROPOSAL H & I (CONVENTION SPECIAL RULES) BY HARLOS**

**H TO DELETE ENTIRE RULE 4**

**I RULE 5 1. AMENDED TO READ**

1. ~~After the adoption of the convention agenda,~~ At each regular convention, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:

CHAIR stated deleting Rule 4 and amending 5 1. would combine rules for debating Bylaws and Rules changes and Platform changes due to incongruity between the two sets of rules.

BRACCO moved to amend 5: 3.b. first sentence: The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to ~~15~~8 minutes before bringing the matter to a vote.

MOULTON moved to ~~8~~ 10. "10" is round, consistent and easy to remember.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT ~~8~~ 10-ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

AMENDMENT TO ~~15~~ 10.-ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

CHAIR advised there can be more than one minority report. There must be a majority report before there can be a minority report.

NO FURTHER DEBATE OR AMENDMENT.

**MOTION: A Yes Vote will pass these changes including the deletion of Rule 4 and adopt these changes to 5 which will become Rule 4 as the committee's recommendation.**

Arrowwood	Yes
Bracco	Yes
Ciesielski	Yes
Harlos	Abstain
Latham	Yes
Martin	Yes
Seebeck	Yes
Moulton	Yes
Logan	Yes
Rodgers	Yes

**ADOPTED 9-0-1**

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PROPOSAL J-(CONVENTION SPECIAL RULE 5) BY HARLOS

CHAIR moved to amend Rule 5: DEBATING AND VOTING - PLATFORM g.

As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those plans that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to ~~20%~~1/3 or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.

MOULTON moved to amend the amendment with a change to 5 a. The Credentials Committee shall issue ~~five~~three signature tokens to each delegate.

SEEBECK this will simplify the process for Tellers and everyone. Move to ~~3~~2 tokens. Motion to Withdraw Amendment ~~3~~2.

CHAIR asked for any objection for SEEBECK to ~~3~~2. (No Objection). ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

SEEBECK moved to Extend Time ten minutes. ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

No further debate to Strike ~~5~~ and insert 3.

VOTE TAKEN TO STRIKE ~~5~~ AND INSERT 3. ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION

LOGAN moved ~~1/3~~ 20%.

**MOTION: To strike ~~1/3~~ and insert 20%?**

Arrowwood	No
Bracco	No
Ciesielski	No
Harlos	Abstain
Latham	No
Martin	No
Seebeck	No
Moulton	No
Logan	Yes
Rodgers	No

**DEFEATED 1-8-1**

**MOTION: To go back to Original Proposal as Amended ~~20%~~ and remain at 1/3 and strike ~~5~~ and insert 3 and strike ~~After the adoption of the convention agenda~~ and insert at each regular convention.**

Arrowwood	Yes
Bracco	Yes
Ciesielski	Yes
Harlos	Abstain
Latham	Yes
Martin	Yes
Seebeck	Yes
Moulton	Yes
Logan	Yes
Rodgers	Yes

**ADOPTED 9-0-1**

CHAIR stated ten-minute extension had passed. Next meeting will begin with Proposal K, Platform ARTICLE 11. Suspect lively debate. Will be talking about rising seconds. Next meeting will be March 23. At next meeting will set up further recurring meetings for Thursday nights.

Committee members and guests invited to remain on line if they wish for further discussion.

Adjourned at 10:57 ET.

**DRAFT 1 - 3-17-23**

