

LPCO BYLAWS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: January 2, 2023

Time: 7:00pm Mountain

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83674480227?pwd=Wkd2WE43SGt6ZWVsR3NTNmtBZHBWUT09>

Item #	Description	Sponsor, if applicable
1.	Call to Order (7:00pm)	
2.	Opportunity for Public Comment (2 minutes each, if any)	
3.	Consideration and Adoption of Proposal for Addition of Convention Standing Rules	Harlos/Seebeck
4.	Consideration of permanent Convention Standing Rules (draft of where we left off with Harlos proposed amendments is attached).	Harlos/Seebeck
5.	Consideration of proposal to standardize NAP Pledge language (proposal forms attached)	Rutledge
6.	Consideration of Proposals to Article 1 and new Article on incorporation (proposal form attached)	Harlos
7.	If time permits, informal discussion on Harlos first draft (draft is in drive)	Harlos
8.	Adjournment (9:00pm unless extended)	

Proposal # _____

ARTICLE 1 AND TBD

Problem: Rogue boards have felt that they have had the authority to dissolve the Party or remove affiliation from national (and the newest thing is adding affiliation with a competing party). That is a step which should only be taken by an enormously high vote of delegates. This was partially foreseen back in approx. 2017, but now it should be apparent to all.

Solution: Puts the authority to dissolve existence or affiliation and to add affiliations in the hands of delegates at a regular (not special) convention.

Benefits: Keeps existential control of the Party with the delegates, and thus, the membership.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article I: Name The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”	Article I: Name and Affiliation The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.” <u>The Party shall be an affiliate of the national Libertarian Party which relationship can only be severed by a 3/4 vote of all registered delegates at a regular state convention with the same required for any additional affiliations. The Party can only be dissolved by a 7/8 vote of all registered delegates at a regular state convention. Notice of these actions must be included in the call to Convention.</u> Article TBD: Incorporation <u>The Board may choose to incorporate in order to limit the personal liability of Directors. Any corporate status or failure to follow laws to maintain corporate status shall have no effect on the continued existence of the Party.</u>	Article I: Name and Affiliation The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.” The Party shall be an affiliate of the national Libertarian Party which relationship can only be severed by a 3/4 vote of all registered delegates at a regular state convention with the same required for any additional affiliations. The Party can only be dissolved by a 7/8 vote of all registered delegates at a regular state convention. Notice of these actions must be included in the call to Convention. Article TBD: Incorporation The Board may choose to incorporate in order to limit the personal liability of Directors. Any corporate status or failure to follow laws to maintain corporate status shall have no effect on the continued existence of the Party.

SPONSORS: Harlos

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BYLAWS Article IX: Section 3. Nomination of Candidates (e)(a.2)

Problem: Allowing candidates discretion, when attacked, to defend themselves.

Solution: Reword to better reflect the Nolan Pledge given in the previous century.

Benefits: Although a dead martyr can be less unruly and, as the Jedi put it, a “more powerful than you can possibly imagine” asset to the Party, it is a better exemplar of Libertarian Philosophy to leave such decisions to the individual.

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(a.2) Candidates nominated from the floor shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.	(a.2) Candidates nominated from the floor shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use <u>initiation</u> of force to achieve political or social goals.	(a.2) Candidates nominated from the floor shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

SPONSORS: Bennett Rutledge per David Nolan

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-David Nolan, 1971

Signature: Walter James Bennett Rutledge
Date: NOW

Proposal # _____

BYLAWS Article IX: Section 3. Nomination of Candidates (f)(a.3)

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(a.3) Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.	(a.3) Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use <u>initiation</u> of force to achieve political or social goals.	(a.3) Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

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