

LPCO Board and Convention Committees:

The published proposed schedule, as addressed previously, lacks clarity and appears to omit consideration of the member submissions to the Platform and the Constitution and Bylaws (hereinafter C&B) entirely. If that was the case, that is highly improper. All properly noticed submissions must be given hearing, and the committee submissions are not given precedence over the member submissions. The question then becomes the order in which these should be presented. RONR gives guidance on pages 593-596 with the following general principles:

- When notice has been given of a bylaw amendment it becomes a general order for the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- If notice is given of several amendments which conflict so that all cannot be given effect, the chair should arrange them in a logical order... generally taking the least inclusive amendment first and most inclusive last so that the last one adopted is given effect. Such arrangement of the amendments can be altered by the assembly by a majority vote without debate.

Thus, all of the noticed amendments are general orders, the only question is the order in which to take them up. The types of amendments we have do not fall neatly into the category mentioned by RONR above, but the general principle can be applied. Take the ones that have the least substantive change first and the most substantive change last. This would also require grouping them by like subject matter with the subject matters containing the most critical proposals coming up first. We propose that the Chair adopt the following order.

First, a vote on the conditional motions to change the bylaws threshold to 2/3 and merge the C&B. The only substantive change here is the threshold change to make the documents compatible, nothing else is substantively changed and thus is the least inclusive proposal and trying to do a merge at any other portion of the process would be a nightmare. If the merge passes, then all other proposals will need to be framed using the language of the merge, which we understand both the members and the official committee are prepared to do. After that vote, here is a proposed order, using the letters and numbers in the member submission report and the official report, grouped by subject matter. Some of the grouping is somewhat arbitrary which is inevitable when not comparing apples to apples:¹

1. MERGE PROPOSAL

- Proposal A Part 1: Amend Bylaws Amendment Threshold (if this fails, skip the next motion and move on to the second group of proposals)
- Proposal A Part 2: Merge Bylaws into Constitution

2. PROPOSALS DEALING WITH ISSUES OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

¹ Note that the official committee's proposals are numbered while the member submissions are lettered.

- Proposal 6 : Move Bylaws Amendment Submission Duty to Chair
- Proposal 4: Delete Redundant Section

3. PROPOSALS DEALING WITH MEMBER RIGHTS

- Proposal 14: Add “Urgent Matters” to Special Convention Purposes
- Proposal C: Authorize Document Amendments at Special Convention
- Proposal 16: Emergency Bylaws Suspension
- Proposal L: Protection of Affiliate and Member Rights

4. PROPOSALS DEALING WITH STATE CONVENTIONS AND DOCUMENT AMENDMENTS

- Proposal 2: Delete Outdated Requirements
- Proposal 13: Create Remote Participation Options
- Proposal B: Bind Membership Requirements to Convention Date
- Proposal 9: Change Candidate Eligibility
- Proposal 8: Add Flexible Language for Convention Dates
- Proposal J: Better Define Vacancy Committee to Fix Nomination Problems
- Proposal 17: Create Second Ballot Round if NOTA Wins
- Proposal 10: Delete Signed Ballot for Delegate Election
- Proposal H: National Convention Delegates Ballot Retention
- Proposal 5: Move “Vote by Slate” Rule to Standing Rules

5. PROPOSALS DEALING WITH COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND DUTIES

- Proposal 11: Add “Projected” to Committee Article
- Proposal 18: Change Membership of Style Committee
- Proposal M: Committees of Convention Elections
- Proposal 15: Change Style Committee Criteria
- Proposal I: Reform Election of National Committee Representatives and Alternates

6. PROPOSALS DEALING WITH THE BOARD

- Proposal E: Board Committees
- Proposal 1: Combine Director Committee Duty
- Proposal 7: Clarify Chair Committee Appointment Rule
- Proposal D: Chair Delegation of Additional Duties
- Proposal 3: Delete Regions from Vice Chair
- Proposal K: Adjust Board Duties
- Proposal F: Establish Technology Director
- Proposal G: Establish News Director

7. PROPOSALS DEALING WITH MISC ITEMS

- Proposal 12: Move Development Groups to Continuity Binder
- Proposal N: Establish a Judicial Committee

With a few exceptions, Mike Seebeck will be presenting on behalf of the member submissions.

On the issue of the Platform, there is far less controversy, and we would suggest that the official Committee report proposals be heard first and then the following proposals in the order received by the Board:

- Hayman Plain Language Proposal/Harlos Substitution for Hayman proposal
- Agorism Membership Submission
- Victimless Crimes Membership Submission

This order is suggested as the official committee report is ordered by items most likely to pass pursuant to a member survey. There is no data on the member submissions so placing them last in priority of when they were submitted seems the most equitable.

We would love to meet with the C&B chair, the Party Chair, and the Convention Parliamentarian to work this out ahead of time or it will be a nightmare on the floor.

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