

Libertarian Party of Nebraska Bylaws

Article I—NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Libertarian Party of Nebraska, hereafter referred to as the "Party."

Section 2. The purpose of the Party is to maintain a representative government that protects the inalienable rights of individuals. To that end, the Party shall:

- a) Nominate candidates for partisan and nonpartisan office in Nebraska via convention
- b) Support, to the extent possible, Party-nominated candidates
- c) Pursue ballot access petitioning when necessary
- d) Support local, state, and national efforts that further the purpose of the Party

Article II—OFFICERS, DISTRICT COORDINATORS, MEMBERS, DELEGATES, AND COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Officers. Officers of the Party shall be the Chairman (Chair), Vice Chairman (Vice Chair), Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications Director.

Subsection 1.1. Officers shall be active members of the National Libertarian Party.

Subsection 1.2. Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.

Subsection 1.3. Officers shall be registered Libertarian voters in Nebraska so long as the Party is recognized by the Secretary of State or registered as Nonpartisans if the Party is not recognized.

Subsection 1.4. Officers shall be elected at a state convention of the Party that is chaired by the Chair (or Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair), held between January and June of even-number years, by a majority of the attending Delegates or, during meetings duly called to replace or fill Officer, District Coordinator or alternate positions. Officers shall take office immediately upon the close of such conventions or meetings and shall serve until replaced under the provisions set forth in these Bylaws. A majority of Officers cannot be replaced during one Party convention unless due to voluntary vacancy. The Chair shall be replaced every 2nd convention at a minimum.

Subsection 1.5. Officers are Delegates to the Party convention, each with one vote.

Subsection 1.6. Chair. In addition to other duties in these Bylaws, the Chair shall preside at all meetings, conventions, Executive Committee meetings, and shall be the chief executive officer of the Party. By appointment, the Chair shall fill all vacancies which occur in any delegation to a National Convention. If the Chair will be absent from any National Convention, the Chair will designate an Officer or District Coordinator to fill such vacancies and to represent the Party as Chair for the duration of the respective National Convention.

Subsection 1.7. Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the event of the absence, resignation, or removal of the Chair until such time as a new Chair is elected. The Vice Chair shall serve as chief of staff of any paid employees, either permanent or temporary, of the Party. The Vice Chair will serve as chief of District Coordinators.

Subsection 1.8. Secretary. The Secretary shall be the recording Officer of the Party. The Secretary shall maintain complete and accurate records of all party conventions, meetings, and votes made therein. The Secretary, under the advisement of the Chair, shall be responsible for certifying all Party nominations to the Secretary of State or appropriate election officer in the district that the nomination appears.

Subsection 1.9. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party, ensure appropriate tax laws are complied-with by the Party, and ensure Generally Accepted Accounting Principles are adhered to by the Party. The Treasurer will not expend cash in excess of \$100 in any transaction without written or digital approval from the Chair or Vice-Chair.

Subsection 1.10. Communications Director. The Communications Director will draft Press Releases, maintain mailing lists of Members, and will coordinate Party activities with the Chair and Vice Chair. The Communications Director will conduct those actions necessary to increase enrollment in the Party in accordance with the purpose of the Party. The Communications Director shall track and maintain membership lists, lists of others who indicate an interest in the Party, and shall notify each Member ten days prior to the expiration of his/her membership.

Section 2. District Coordinators. There shall be one District Coordinator and one alternate District Coordinator representing each Congressional District.

Subsection 2.1. District Coordinators and alternates shall be active members of the National Libertarian Party.

Subsection 2.2. District Coordinators and alternates shall be residents of the Congressional District they represent.

Subsection 2.3. District Coordinators and alternates shall be registered Libertarian voters in Nebraska so long as the Party is recognized by the Secretary of State or registered as Nonpartisans if the Party is not recognized.

Subsection 2.4. District Coordinators and alternates may serve on committees.

Subsection 2.5. Alternate District Coordinators may represent their respective district in the absence of the District Coordinator when duly appointed by the respective District Coordinator or by the Party Chair in the absence of the respective District Coordinator.

Subsection 2.6. District Coordinators shall be elected by a majority vote of Party Delegates present at conventions or meetings, duly called.

Subsection 2.7. District Coordinators shall coordinate activities within their respective district, maintain membership lists of district Party Members, and report to the Executive Committee upon request.

Subsection 2.8. District Coordinators and alternates are Delegates to the Party convention, each with one vote.

Section 3. Members. Party Members shall consist of all registered Libertarian voters in the State of Nebraska, active members of the National Libertarian Party, and Nebraska residents that indicate a desire to support the purpose of the Party.

Subsection 3.1. Members may be Delegates to the Party convention, once nominated, seconded, and approved by the Executive Committee, each with one vote.

Section 4. Delegates. Delegates serve as Party leadership during conventions.

Subsection 4.1. Delegates shall be active members of the National Libertarian Party.

Subsection 4.2. Delegates shall be registered Libertarian voters in Nebraska so long as the Party is recognized by the Secretary of State or registered as Nonpartisans if the Party is not recognized.

Subsection 4.3. Delegates will perform Party business during conventions under the Rules of Order established by the Executive Committee at time of convention.

Subsection 4.4. Delegates shall be nominated, seconded, and approved by the Executive Committee, at least 15 days prior to a convention duly called.

Section 5. Committees. Committees direct or manage the affairs of the Party in accordance with the Party's purpose.

Subsection 5.1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Party and is chaired by the Party Chairman. The Executive Committee shall direct and manage all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws and applicable state and federal laws and in accordance with the Party's purpose. The Executive Committee shall provide for legal service to the Party as needed. The Executive Committee will, by majority vote, fill Officer vacancies when needed. Vacancies may include, but are not limited to, vacancies created by illness, death, withdrawal, or disqualification of any Party Officer or District Coordinator or alternate.

Subsection 5.2. The Outreach Committee shall be chaired by the Party Vice Chairman and be comprised of two Officers and up to three District Coordinators and Alternates. The Outreach Committee shall conduct business so as to affect the "branding" of the Libertarian Party of Nebraska.

Subsection 5.3. Other Committees may, from time to time, be established by majority vote of the Executive Committee, duly called.

Section 6. It is the responsibility of all Officers, District Coordinators, and alternate District Coordinators of the Party to maintain contact with the Executive Committee and other Party leadership. Any Officer that will be out of contact for longer than 14 calendar days will notify any other Officer of the Party of that status prior to absence, barring illness. Any Officer that cannot be contacted for longer than 14 calendar days is subject to replacement. Any Officer that fails to attend two consecutive meetings duly called shall be requested to relinquish his or her position. If the Officer cannot be contacted after his or her second missed meeting, he or she is subject to removal and replacement in accordance with these Bylaws.

Article III—STATE CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

Section 1. There will be two classes of meetings; State Conventions and Meetings.

Section 2. State Conventions shall be held between January and June of each even-numbered year at a time and place established by the Executive Committee by majority vote.

Subsection 2.1. At State Conventions, Delegates shall vote on various matters to achieve the Party's Purpose . An agenda shall be provided by the Secretary to the Executive Committee 30 calendar days prior to any convention. Agenda items may include proposed changes to these Bylaws, election of Party Officers, and nominations of candidates for state and local office(s). Items of business may be proposed by any Officer and upon majority vote of the Executive Committee, these items shall be incorporated into the convention's final agenda.

Subsection 2.2. The State Convention shall be considered duly called when placed on public notice 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled start of the State Convention. Public notice shall be considered met via Party website notification, Party membership email notification, or Executive Committee posted print article notification.

Section 3. Meetings will address issues such as Party membership, the consideration of new publicity programs, educational efforts, and candidate support. Meetings will also serve to maintain the cohesiveness of the Party and shall be less formal in nature.

Subsection 3.1. Those Members present at Meetings shall be allowed to provide comment during time allotted for public comment on the Agenda.

Subsection 3.2. The Chair may duly call a meeting by giving three days' notice to the Executive Committee. This notice may be in-person or via electronic means (e.g., telephone, Email, web notification, or video conference). The Executive Committee may, by majority vote, reject or approve the meeting date, time, or place.

Subsection 3.3. Any Officer may request a meeting be called for the purpose of disciplining or removing any Officer, District Coordinator, or alternate District Coordinator in accordance with the provisions of notice (minus the requirement that it shall be called by the Chair) within Subsection 3.2.

Subsection 3.4. A Meeting Agenda will be provided by the Secretary prior to the start of a Meeting.

Article IV—PLATFORM

Section 1. The Party adopts the National Libertarian Party Platform. Said Platform shall include the implementation of the principles contained in the Statement of Principles in the form of planks.

Article V—NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Section 1. Potential Libertarian candidates for election to office in the State of Nebraska must be nominated at a State Convention or at a Meeting specifically and duly called for candidate nomination in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 2. Nomination of any Libertarian candidate shall be made by a Delegate, seconded by a separate Delegate, and approved for Party vote by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. If approved for Party vote, a Libertarian candidate for elected office in the State of Nebraska must receive a majority vote of those Delegates present.

Section 4. Libertarian candidates for public office shall swear or affirm; "I swear/affirm to adhere to the Party Purpose, support the Party Platform, and oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."

Article VI—DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Disciplinary actions against any Party Member shall be in accordance with Party Bylaws. Disciplinary action against any Member may be a reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the Party.

Section 2. Disciplinary action may be taken against a Member for reasons such as; committing the Party to financial obligations without the consent of the Executive Committee, making statements for the public record in the name of the Libertarian Party which may prove objectionable or harmful to other Members and which are in violation of the Party's Purpose.

Section 3. Any reprimand, suspension, or expulsion of any Member must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present at a State Convention or Meeting, duly called.

Article VII—BYLAWS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall promulgate the Bylaws in accordance with applicable law.

Section 2. The Bylaws of the Party may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present at any State Convention or Meeting duly called.

Section 3. The Party may not amend these Bylaws so that they are in violation of the prevailing laws of the State of Nebraska or of the United States.

Article VIII—ORGANIZATIONAL CONFORMANCE WITH THE NEBRASKA ELECTION CODE

Section 1. Nebraska Election Code and other pertinent statutes shall supersede these Bylaws in cases of conflict.

Article XIV—RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. Resolutions are position statements of the Party made on issues in accordance with the Party's Purpose. Resolutions shall be proposed by a Delegate during State Conventions. Resolutions must be seconded by a separate Delegate as he or she that proposed the Resolution and require a two-thirds majority of those Delegates present to be approved.

Article X—DUES

Section 1. Dues may be set by the Executive Committee.

These Bylaws were approved in accordance with Article III and Article VII, 22 January 2011.