

# Minutes of the 2014 Libertarian Party Bylaws and Rules Committee

Meeting in Columbus, OH at 11:00 am on Thursday, June 26, 2014

Chair Chuck Moulton called the meeting to order at 11:11 am.

In attendance were the following members: Mark Hinkle, Rob Latham, Alicia Mattson, Chuck Moulton, Geoff Neale, Jeff Orrok, Nicholas Sarwark, Rich Tomasso, Daniel Wiener and Matt Wittlief; and the following alternate: Aaron Starr.

The following agenda was adopted without objection.

11:00 Call to Order

11:00 Opportunity for Public Comment

## Housekeeping

11:15 Credentials Check

11:18 Paperwork Check

11:20 1: Consent Recommendation at Start of Bylaws Report

11:25 2: Assign Alternate Credentialing to the Correct Entity

11:30 3: Allow Fusion Candidates Where State Election Law Permits

11:35 4: Creation of a Style Committee

11:40 5: Eliminate Redundant Language for Officers Being National Committee Members

11:45 6: Eliminate Roll Call Vote Announcement by State Chairs for National Committee Elections

11:50 7: Extend Electronic Mail Ballot Voting to Committees

11:55 8: Allow Electronic Meetings for Large Committees or Boards

12:00 **break** (order delivery lunch)

12:10 9: Make Statement of Principles a Separate Stand-Alone Document

12:15 10: Approval of Convention Minutes

12:20 11: Add Per-Capita Measure of Affiliates to Committee Appointment Process

12:25 12: Alternate Business Between Conventions

12:30 13: Approval Voting for At-Large Members of the National Committee

12:35 14: Adjust Structure of the National Committee

12:40 15: Convention Committee Members

12:45 16: National Committee Vote on Convention Fee

12:50 **break** (eat working lunch)

1:00 17: Re-Authorize National Committee Establishment of Dues with a Two-Thirds Vote

1:05 18: Require National Delegates to be Party Members

1:10 19: Define in Advance the Agreement between the Party and the Presidential Campaign

1:15 20: Additional jurisdiction for Judicial Committee

1:20 21: Prohibit Floor Fees

1:25 22: Vendors & the National Committee

1:30 23: Decisions of the Judicial Committee Binding

1:35 **break**

## New Proposals

1:45 24: Align Regions by Circuit Court Jurisdictions

2:00 25: ???

2:15 26: ???

2:30 *break*

### **Housekeeping**

2:40 Order Proposals

2:50 Opportunity for Public Comment

3:00 Adjournment

Chuck Moulton moved the following:

### **Proposal #1: Consent Recommendation at Start of Bylaws Report**

*Adopted 10-0:*

**Background:** Many delegates feel too much time is taken up with updating the Bylaws. Some of these proposals clearly have no significant opposition, especially ones that are merely technical corrections, yet we take time to debate them anyway. The end result is delegate frustration with this part of the convention business.

**Proposal:** Allow the Bylaws and Rules Committee to combine a set of recommendations which had ~~unanimous consent~~ supermajority support from the Committee as one motion for the delegates. This is similar to a Consent Calendar used by legislative bodies.

**Benefits:** This would save a significant amount of debate time which can instead be used for those recommendations that have more substantial opposition.

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Convention Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party

#### RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING -- BYLAWS AND RULES

The Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall report each recommendation of the Committee to the Convention separately and shall have two minutes to explain the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment(s). The Convention Chair shall open each recommendation to discussion without amendment from the floor. The committee may submit a slate of up to ten (10) recommendations as a single consent recommendation to be voted up or down. This recommendation must be made available to the delegates at least ~~one hour~~ five hours before the start of regular convention business. ~~No recommendation may be placed into the consent recommendation if there is an objection from any member of the Committee.~~ Each consent recommendation must be approved by a 3/4 vote of the Committee. If it is not approved by the Convention, then each recommendation shall be considered separately. Each recommendation shall be considered and adopted separately, with a maximum of eight minutes discussion on any recommendation. After the discussion, the Convention Chair shall bring the recommendation to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an additional 10 minutes.

Nick Sarwark moved to eliminate the words: “at least ~~one hour~~ five hours”

Alicia Mattson moved a substitute: ~~one hour~~ eight hours

The Mattson motion became the primary amendment. The Mattson motion was adopted without objection.

Alicia Mattson moved to undo the following amendment: ~~No recommendation may be placed into the consent recommendation if there is an objection from any member of the Committee.~~ Each consent recommendation must be approved by a 3/4 vote of the Committee.

The motion carried. The motion as amended reads as follows:

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The amendment was adopted.

Chuck Moulton moved the following amendment:

#### **Proposal #4: Creation of a Style Committee**

*Adopted 10-0:*

[...]

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#### RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM

~~8. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.~~

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ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

- 3. The National Committee shall appoint a Style Committee composed of three members: the Secretary and two individuals who are not members of the National Committee. The Style Committee may propose stylistic changes to the Platform, Bylaws, and Convention Rules that ~~are non-substantive in nature~~ do not change the meaning or intent of the original language. Proposed changes shall be posted on the Party's website at least 30 days prior to being submitted to the National Committee for ratification by a two-thirds vote.*
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The motion was adopted.

Aaron Starr moved the following:

**Proposal #12: Alternate Business Between Conventions**

*Adopted 8-2:*

[...]

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ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each **Regular Mid-Term** Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the **Regular Mid-Term** Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next **Regular Mid-Term** Convention, or until their successors are elected. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to ~~serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention~~ complete the term of office vacated, or until there is an intervening Regular Convention, at which time a special election will be conducted to fill the seat.

ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

3. The officers of the Party shall be:
  - Chair,
  - Vice-Chair,

- Secretary, and
- Treasurer.

All of these officers shall be elected ~~by a Regular~~ at a Mid-Term Convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the Convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Convention, or until their successors are elected. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party.

#### ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

3. The National Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Convention at which they are selected, and serve until the final adjournment of the next ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Convention, or until their successors are elected.
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The motion was adopted without objection.

Chuck Moulton made the following motion:

#### **Proposal #13: Approval Voting for At-Large Members of the National Committee**

*Adopted 8-2:*

[...]

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#### RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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:
  - ~~a. Each delegate may cast up to five votes, but no more than one vote for any one candidate.~~
  - ~~b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.~~
  - ~~c. At this point, an announcement of each delegation's vote total shall be made by delegation chairs in alphabetical order beginning with a randomly selected delegation.~~
  - ~~d. Those five candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be declared elected. If a tie vote affecting the outcome of the election occurs, another ballot for the remaining offices shall be held with each delegate allowed to cast as many votes as there are offices to fill.~~
  - 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
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The motion was adopted without objection.

Chuck Moulton moved the following:

**Proposal #14: Adjust Structure of the National Committee**

*Adopted 7-2:*

[...]

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*Proviso: The threshold for representative regions shall remain at 10% for this convention.*

Alicia moved to amend it to read as follows:

*Proviso: The revised threshold for representative regions shall not go into effect until the next formation period for regions.*

The motion was adopted. It is now the primary amendment.

The primary amendment failed.

Chuck Moulton moved the following:

**Proposal #17: Re-Authorize National Committee Establishment of Dues with a Two-Thirds Vote**

*Adopted 6-2:*

[...]

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ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

- ~~1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.~~
- ~~2. The National Committee may offer life memberships, and must honor all prior and future life memberships.~~
- ~~3. "Sustaining member" is any Party member who has given at least \$25 to the Party in the prior twelve months, or who is a life member.~~
- ~~4. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.~~
- ~~5. Higher levels of contribution by or on behalf of a Party member qualify as sustaining member status for any provision of these Bylaws.~~
- ~~6. Only sustaining members shall be counted for delegate apportionment and National Committee representation. Only sustaining members shall be eligible to hold National Party office or be a candidate for President or Vice President.~~

1. Members of the Party are those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.
2. "Sustaining members" are members who:
  - a. Are life members; or
  - b. During the prior twelve months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, ~~an~~ a non-zero amount prescribed by a two-thirds vote of the National Committee.
3. The National Committee may offer life memberships and create other levels of membership.

Daniel Wiener moved to divide the question. It was adopted without objection.

The motion to change 2b was adopted.

The motion to add 3 was adopted.

Chuck Moulton moved the following:

### **Proposal #20: Additional jurisdiction for Judicial Committee**

*Adopted 6-3:*

[...]

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#### ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:
  - a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 6, Section 6),
  - b. suspension of officers (Article 7, Section 8),
  - c. suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 8, Section 5),
  - d. voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 8, Section 13),
  - e. challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),

- f. challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), ~~and~~
- g. suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5), ~~and~~
- h. *service as a committee of recourse by members of affiliates without a similar functional committee to handle disputes or breach of affiliate rules if expressly authorized by the affiliate bylaws or allowed by all parties in the dispute.*

Nick Sarwark moved to delete the following language: *expressly authorized by the affiliate bylaws or*

Without objection, we changed “allowed” to “agreed to”

The motion was adopted and became the primary amendment. It now reads as follows:

- , and*
- h. *service as a committee of recourse by members of affiliates without a similar functional committee to handle disputes or breach of affiliate rules if agreed to by all parties in the dispute.*

The motion carried.

Nick Sarwark moved to change the descriptive language of the proposal.

### **Proposal #23: Decisions of the Judicial Committee Binding**

*Adopted 5-4:*

**Background:** ~~Our Judicial Committee’s authority is limited to the workings of the national party. In the past, the National Committee has delegated resources and activities to other committees or organizations which have not followed the decisions of the Judicial Committee.~~

**Proposal:** ~~Expand the scope of the Judicial Committee by extending its authority to include affiliate parties, candidate committees and any other organization that might use National Committee resources, including ballot access funds, access to membership lists or being listed on the national party website.~~  
*Make Judicial Committee decisions binding on all activities of the National Committee, including those activities delegated to committees and organizations that use National Committee resources.*

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ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

- 4. Decisions of the Judicial Committee shall be binding on the National Committee and any subcommittees or organizations that are authorized to use National Committee resources.*

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The motion carried.

Daniel Wiener moved the following language:

## **Proposal #7: Extend Electronic Mail Ballot Voting to Committees**

*Adopted 9-0:*

**Background:** The bylaws authorize that business of the Libertarian National Committee may be conducted by email ballot. This same mechanism is not available to committees.

**Proposal:** Generalize the rule so that it applies to boards and committees.

**Benefit:** This will allow some of the business that currently takes place in person to be handled online.

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ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

~~**10. The National Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by electronic mail. The Secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the Chair or cosponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the Committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for ten days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain, by electronic mail to the Secretary. Votes from alternate regional representatives will be counted, in accordance with the ranking procedure of the region, only if the regional representative fails to respond to the ballot. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. The Secretary shall preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the National Committee, at which meeting the Committee shall order the disposition of such votes.**~~

### **ARTICLE 14: ELECTRONIC MAIL BALLOTS**

**Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or cosponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for ten days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion**

shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.

[re-number subsequent articles]

The motion was adopted.

Rich Tomasso moved the following:

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*[re-number subsequent articles]*

The motion failed.

Rich Tomasso moved the following:

## **Proposal #11: Add Per-Capita Measure of Affiliates to Committee Appointment Process**

*Adopted 9-1:*

**Background:** Big population states have an oversized influence on LP business.

**Proposal:** Use a per-capita measure for some committee appointments to balance the influence between high and low population states.

**Benefits:** Gives smaller states an incentive to increase membership. Also reflects the greater impact a marginal increase in Libertarians will have in a lower population state than in a large one.

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### ARTICLE 12: OTHER COMMITTEES

3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:

- a. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the greatest per capita sustaining membership as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention.
- b. One member by each of the ten affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships, excluding those five affiliates with the greatest per-capita membership from (a), as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention. ~~These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.~~
  - a. ~~Ten~~ Five members ~~appointed~~ selected by the National Committee, ~~including no less than five members from states other than the ten affiliate parties. These members shall be appointed no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.~~
  - b. These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

*[re-number subsequent clauses]*

*Proviso: This amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Jeff Orrok moved the following substitute: [excluding those affiliates from \(a\)](#),

The substitute language became the primary amendment.

The motion carried. The amendment carried.

Daniel Wiener moved the following amendment:

## **Proposal #12: Alternate Business Between Conventions**

*Adopted 8-2:*

**Background:** Delegates spend an extra day or so at convention conducting business that need not take place every two years.

**Proposal:** Split up the business portions to alternating conventions so that:

1. Outwardly focused activities (i.e. nominating our Presidential candidate and updating our Platform) take place during Presidential Nominating Conventions; and
2. Inwardly focused activities (i.e. electing Party officeholders and updating our Bylaws) take place during the Mid-Term Conventions.

**Benefits:**

1. With a shorter convention it is more likely that more people will be able to stay through the entire convention and not miss out on important business, such as electing people to party office.
2. Having Party officeholders elected at the Mid-Term Convention means that we aren't trying to get a new National Committee up-to-speed only a few months before a Presidential election.
3. Dividing the business into every other convention allows us to have a convention with less time dedicated to business and more time dedicated to workshops and interesting speakers.
4. Our Presidential Nominating Conventions are often televised. And those viewing our convention are more likely to change the channel if they see us spending time debating Bylaws changes and electing people to internal Party office. The public is far more interested in who we elect for President and what issues we stand for.

*Note: The substantive parts of this proposal are in the beginning (e.g. dividing up the business between conventions, only allow vacancies to be filled until the next convention, etc.). The later changes simply conform the language so that Regular conventions are classified as either Presidential Nominating or Mid-Term Conventions. Also please note that while Representative Regions are formed every four years in this proposal, regional representatives need not serve four-year terms. A regional formation agreement may be written so that a regional representative is replaced more frequently (e.g. at each convention).*

## Bylaws of the Libertarian Party

### ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

#### 1. Regular Conventions:

The Party shall hold a Regular Convention every two years, at a time and place selected by the National Committee. Regular Conventions shall be held sometime during the period of July of an odd-numbered year through August of an even-numbered year. All business required to be conducted at Regular Conventions shall be conducted at Regular Conventions only. *A Regular Convention shall be either a Presidential Nominating Convention or a Mid-Term Convention, alternating from one to the other. Nominations for President and Vice President, and amendments to the Platform shall only occur at Presidential Nominating Conventions. Elections of Party officeholders and amendments to the Bylaws and Convention Rules shall only occur at Mid-Term Conventions.*

### ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

7. The National Committee shall appoint new officers and members-at-large if vacancies occur, such officers and members-at-large to complete the term of the office vacated, *or until there is an intervening Regular Convention, at which time a special election will be conducted to fill the seat.*

### ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each **Regular Mid-Term** Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the **Regular Mid-Term** Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next **Regular Mid-Term** Convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to ~~serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention~~ *complete the term of office vacated, or until there is an intervening Regular Convention, at which time a special election will be conducted to fill the seat.*

### ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any **Regular Mid-Term** Convention. *During a Presidential Nominating Convention delegates may by a 3/4 vote suspend the rules to consider an exigent amendment to the Bylaws, but such an amendment shall then require a 3/4 vote to pass.*
2. Article 4, Section 1, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a **Regular Mid-Term** Convention.

#### ARTICLE 4: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

1. The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.
2. The Party Platform shall include, but not be limited to, the Statement of Principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.
3. The current Platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing Platform may be amended only at **Regular Presidential Nominating** Conventions. Additional planks, or additions to planks, must be approved by 2/3 vote. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote.

#### ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Party shall be:
  - o Chair,
  - o Vice-Chair,
  - o Secretary, and
  - o Treasurer.

All of these officers shall be elected **by a Regular at a Mid-Term** Convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the Convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next **Regular Mid-Term** Convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party.

#### ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:
  - a. the officers of the Party;
  - b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a **Regular Mid-Term** Convention; and
  - c. any additional members as specified below:

Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once **every two years** during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the **National Mid-Term Regular** Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.

3. The National Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Regular Convention at which they are selected, and serve until the final adjournment of the next ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Regular Convention.

#### ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

##### 10. Convention Rules:

The Party's Convention Special Rules of Order may be amended only by a ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Convention.

#### ARTICLE 12: OTHER COMMITTEES

1. There shall be a Platform Committee, a Bylaws and Rules Committee and a Credentials Committee for each applicable Regular Convention. The National Committee shall appoint a temporary chair of each committee to serve until each committee selects its own chair.
2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.
3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:
  - a. One member by each of the ten affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Convention. These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the ~~Regular~~ Presidential Nominating Convention.
  - b. Ten members appointed by the National Committee, including no less than five members from states other than the ten affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent ~~Regular~~ Mid-Term Convention. These members shall be appointed no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the ~~Regular~~ Presidential Nominating Convention.

#### ARTICLE 14: PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS

1. Nominations of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States may be made only at ~~the Regular Convention immediately preceding a presidential election~~ a Presidential Nominating Convention.

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#### Convention Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party

##### RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows, and further limited in these Bylaws:

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee report

3. Adoption of agenda
4. Treasurer's report
5. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
6. Platform Committee report
7. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (~~in appropriate years~~)
8. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee
9. Election of Judicial Committee
10. Resolutions
11. Other business

#### RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM

1. After the adoption of the convention agenda at a Presidential Nominating Convention, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:
  - a. The Credentials Committee shall issue five signature tokens to each delegate.
  - b. Tokens shall only be issued to delegates. Delegates are responsible for transferring possession of unused tokens to their alternates if necessary.
  - c. Each delegate may cast each token as a recommendation for deletion of one plank by noting on the token the plank to be deleted and signing the token.
  - d. A delegate may cumulate recommendations by casting any number of tokens for deletion of the same plank.
  - e. Delegates will be given until one hour prior to the scheduled start of the platform report to mark their tokens and deliver them to the Secretary.
  - f. Prior to the scheduled start of the platform report, the Secretary shall review the tokens received and tabulate and report the tokens submitted for deletion of each plank.
  - g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.
2. The Platform Committee shall meet before each ~~Regular~~ Presidential Nominating Convention and prepare a report containing its recommendations. At the convention, the Platform Committee's recommendations shall be reported to the floor and debated and voted upon separately. The Platform Committee shall set forth the order in which each recommendation shall be considered.

*Proviso: Amendments to the Platform may still take place at the convention at which this is adopted.*

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The amendment carried.

Nick Sarwark moved the following

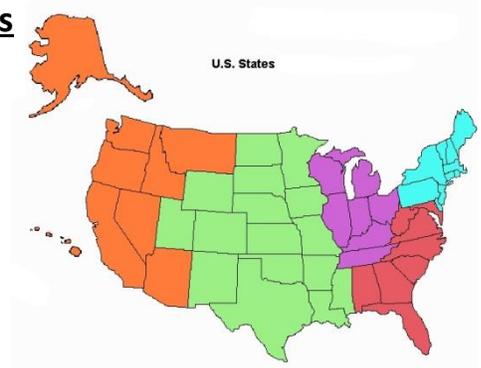
## Proposal #24: Align Regions by Circuit Court Jurisdictions

Problem:

Solution:

Benefits:

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Bylaws of Order of the Libertarian Party

### ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- a. the officers of the Party;
- b. ~~five~~ two members elected at large by the delegates at a Regular Convention; and
- c. any additional members as specified below:

~~Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.~~

One National Committee member for each of 5 regions, each known as a "Regional Representative," who are elected from a group of states aligned with United States District Court regions as follows:

- Region 1: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and DC US Circuits
- Region 2: 4th and 11th US Circuits
- Region 3: 6th and 7th US Circuits
- Region 4: 5th, 8th, and 10th US Circuits
- Region 5: 9th US Circuit

8. ~~A National Committee Regional Representative may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties which constitute the subject region.~~ Only the affiliate parties within a region shall be empowered to elect or recall the Regional Representative for that region. The voting procedure for the ~~removal and replacement of regional representatives~~ election or recall of a Regional Representative shall be determined by ~~the regions~~ those affiliates. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs of those affiliates shall prevail.

The motion failed 1-8.

### Ordering of proposals

Daniel Wiener moved the following order for the first ordering of proposals:

21, 18, 22, 1, (2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 as a consent calendar), 9, 3, 11

Alicia Mattson offered a substitute motion:

1, (consent items to be determined later, first the single vote on consent items, and if it fails the consent proposals in descending order as for the others), descending order of survey support of binary survey using all records for all remaining items.

1, 5, 2, 8, 10, 7, 21, 12, 20, 9, 19, 13, 18, 22, 4, 16, 17, 15, 11, 3, 23, 14, 6.

The substitute motion carried.

Aaron Starr moved the following substitute motion.

1, (consent items to be determined later, first the single vote on consent items, and if it fails the consent proposals in descending order as for the others), descending order of support by the committee, followed by tie breaking with survey support of binary survey using all records for all remaining items.

The substitute motion became the main motion.

Matt Wittlief offered the following substitute language:

2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 4, 9, 12, 13, 1, 3, 6, 11, 14-23 in order.

The substitute motion became the main motion.

The primary motion was adopted.

Alicia Mattson wanted to suspend the rules to discuss for five minutes the public posting of the survey results.

The motion carried.

Alicia Mattson moved to not post the results of the surveys online.

Jeff Orrok moved to substitute by redacting any reference to people's names and George Carlin's seven words.

The substitute motion became the primary amendment.

Alicia Mattson move to amend by "redacting any reference to identifiable people and George Carlin's seven words."

The motion was adopted and became the main motion. As amended, it now reads as follows:

Moved to post a version of the survey comments, redacting any reference to identifiable people and George Carlin's seven words.

The motion was adopted.

The committee adjourned at 2:30 pm.