

## **Bylaws and Rules Committee for the 2012 Regular Convention**

The Bylaws and Rules Committee for the 2012 Regular Convention came to order on Friday, April 15, 2012, at 10:15 A.M., at the Sheraton Suites in Alexandria, Virginia.

Dan Karlan, selected by committee members via e-mail for the position as Chair, presided and Aaron Starr acted as temporary Secretary.

Acting Secretary Aaron Starr noted the following people in attendance:

Dan Karlan, Chair  
M Carling  
Marc Goddard  
Michael Johnston  
Vicki Kirkland  
Chuck Moulton  
Mark Rutherford  
Aaron Starr, Secretary Pro Tem  
Alicia Mattson, Alternate

In Rob Oates' and Jonathan Morris' absence, Alicia Mattson served as a member.

Aaron Starr moved to ratify the e-mail decision to appoint Dan Karlan as Chair. The motion passed without objection.

Dan Karlan asked unanimous consent to appoint Aaron Starr as Secretary of the Committee. The motion passed without objection.

An agenda was adopted.

1) A proposal entitled "Appointment of Assistant Treasurer" was moved and seconded.

Following debate, the following proposal was adopted without objection.

### **ARTICLE 10: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

[6. The National Committee shall designate an Assistant Treasurer to temporarily serve in the event the Treasurer is incapacitated or unavailable, or vacates the position.](#)

2) A proposal entitled "Expedite LNC Mail Ballot Process" was moved and seconded.

Following debate, the following proposal was adopted without objection.

#### 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. ~~Fifteen days shall be allowed for the return of the votes cast, by electronic mail, to the Secretary.~~ 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.

3) A proposal entitled "Creation of Style Committee" was moved and seconded.

Following debate, the following proposal was adopted without objection.

~~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.~~

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.

2. Article 4, Section 1, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.

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, such as corrections to spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, active versus passive voice, breaking up run-on sentences, correcting references, reordering, and renumbering. 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.

4) A proposal entitled "Transparency and Access to LNC Meeting Records" was moved and seconded.

A motion was adopted to extend time for five minutes.

Following debate, the following proposal was adopted.

ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

15. The Secretary or a designee shall promptly post notice for each session of the National Committee; any National Committee proposed agendas; and approved minutes of each Convention and open National Committee session to a permanent archive section on the Party's website. Any sustaining member may record the National Committee's proceedings while in open session.

Voting YES

Dan Karlan, Chair

M Carling

Michael Johnston

Vicki Kirkland

Chuck Moulton

Mark Rutherford

Aaron Starr, Acting Secretary

Alicia Mattson, Alternate

Voting NO

Marc Goddard

5) A proposal entitled "Open Conventions" was moved and seconded.

A motion was adopted to extend time for 15 minutes.

A motion was adopted to extend time for 1 minute.

Following debate, the following proposal was rejected.

## ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

### 1. Regular Conventions:

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### 2. Non-Regular Conventions:

In any year which does not include a Regular Convention, a non-regular convention may be held at the discretion of the National Committee.

### 3. Delegates:

~~a. Every sustaining member of the Party shall be eligible to register as a delegate at every Regular Convention. Delegates shall be required to be members of either the Party or an affiliate party. At all Regular Conventions delegates shall be those so accredited who have registered at the Convention.~~ At all Non-Regular Conventions, any person who wishes to attend may do so.

~~b. Any federal or state law to the contrary notwithstanding, delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party; provided however, that only members of the Party as defined in these Bylaws, or members of the affiliate party as defined in the constitution or bylaws of such affiliate party, shall be eligible to vote for the selection of delegates to a Regular Convention.~~

### 4. Affiliate Party Delegate Entitlements:

~~Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each Regular Convention on the following basis:~~

~~a. One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.~~

~~b. One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state.~~

### 5. Delegate Allocation:

~~a. In order to be counted for delegate allocation, sustaining membership applications must be sent to the National Headquarters by either the individual member or the affiliate party and received or postmarked no later than the last day of the seventh month prior to the Regular Convention.~~

~~b. The Secretary shall make a count of the sustaining members qualified under the requirements set forth here and shall compute the delegate allocations for the affiliate~~

~~parties. Notification of the sustaining membership totals and allocation totals shall be sent by the Secretary to the Chair of each affiliate party no later than the last day of the sixth month prior to a Regular Convention.~~

~~e. A list of the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates chosen by each affiliate party shall be sent to the Credentials Committee no later than one month prior to start of the first general session of the Regular Convention. Amendments to such lists may be made by the affiliate parties and submitted to the Credentials Committee until the close of the Credentials Committee meeting preceding the Convention. The number of alternates' names submitted shall not exceed the greater of 50 or the number of delegates allocated.~~

~~d. Failure to submit a listing of delegate/alternate names and addresses, as prescribed within these Bylaws, shall cause no delegation to be registered from that affiliate party.~~

~~e. By seven eighths vote, the Convention may approve additional delegates and alternates whose names and addresses are submitted to the Credentials Committee during the Convention.~~

#### 6.4. Delegate List:

Any Party member shall be provided, upon request and payment of copying and mailing costs, a list of the names and addresses of all delegates ~~selected to attend and those who actually~~ attended the most recent two Conventions, ~~with those who attended clearly identified, and all delegates / alternates selected to the upcoming convention, if available.~~

#### 7.5. Voting Eligibility:

a. Use of the unit rule or unit voting is prohibited at national conventions.

~~b. Duly selected alternates may be freely substituted for any members of their delegation who are temporarily or permanently absent from the floor, provided the procedure has been clearly specified by the affiliate party in advance of the Convention, and the Secretary has been provided with lists of the affiliate party's delegates and alternates as well as a copy of the affiliate party's rules governing substitutions.~~

~~c. An alternate, upon certification by the Secretary, may function as a delegate whenever a delegate of the same state has not been registered in attendance. This status shall continue until the absent delegate registers in attendance. If the affiliate party has made no provision for filling delegate vacancies, the alternate substitute shall be decided by drawing lots.~~

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~~e.b.~~ All members must wear the identification badge issued upon registration in order to be admitted to the Convention hall.

8.6. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for President and Vice-President, the Party Officers, and at-large members of the National Committee, shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in the Presidential or Vice-Presidential balloting, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing

candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.

~~9~~.7. Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of 40% of the total number of delegates registered in attendance at the Convention.

~~10~~.8. Convention Rules:

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

## 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 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~~ measured as of the last day of the fourth month prior to the Regular Convention) 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.

## ARTICLE 12: OTHER COMMITTEES

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~~ of 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.

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~~ of the most recent Regular Convention. These members shall be appointed no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows.

a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a Regular Convention.

b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as ~~determined for Convention delegate allocations at~~ of the most recent

Regular Convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than one month prior to the Regular Convention.

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

Voting YES

M Carling  
Marc Goddard  
Aaron Starr, Secretary  
Alicia Mattson, Alternate

Voting NO

Michael Johnston  
Vicki Kirkland  
Chuck Moulton  
Mark Rutherford

ABSTAIN

Dan Karlan, Chair

6) A proposal entitled "Requiring a Minimum Term as a Sustaining Member to be Seated Automatically as a Delegate" was not introduced as it was to only be considered by the Convention if the proposal to create open conventions was enacted.

7) A proposal entitled "Ensure Delegate Investment in LP" was moved and seconded, the proposal to be considered by the Convention only if the proposal to create open conventions was not enacted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20; scheduled to reconvene at 1:30. The meeting reconvened at 1:40.

Following debate and amendment, the following proposal was rejected.

#### ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

3. Delegates:

a. ~~Delegates shall be required to be members of either the Party or an affiliate party.~~  
Eligibility: Each delegate must be a sustaining member of the Party and a member of the affiliate party in whose delegation he or she is seated.

#### Voting YES

Michael Johnston  
Aaron Starr, Secretary  
Alicia Mattson, Alternate  
Dan Karlan, Chair

#### Voting NO

Marc Goddard  
Vicki Kirkland  
Chuck Moulton  
Mark Rutherford

#### ABSTAIN

M Carling

A second proposal entitled "Ensure Delegate Investment in LP" was moved and seconded, the proposal to be considered by the Convention only if the proposal to create open conventions was not enacted.

Following debate, the following proposal was adopted.

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Eligibility: Each delegate must be a sustaining member of the Party or a member of the affiliate party in whose delegation he or she is seated.

#### Voting YES

M Carling

Michael Johnston  
Vicki Kirkland  
Chuck Moulton  
Mark Rutherford  
Alicia Mattson, Alternate

Voting NO

Dan Karlan, Chair  
Marc Goddard  
Aaron Starr, Secretary

8) A proposal entitled "Empower Libertarian Party Members to Amend the Bylaws" was moved and seconded.

Following debate and amendment, the following proposal was adopted without objection.

#### ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention or by a 4/5 vote by electronic mail ballot of sustaining members. For an amendment to be enacted by electronic mail ballot the number participating must be greater than the number registered at the most recent Regular Convention.
2. Article 4, Section 1, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a Regular Convention.

#### ARTICLE 10: MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING PARTY'S BYLAWS

1. The Party shall contract out the election services to an independent, professional firm that conducts elections for other organizations.
2. Proposed amendments to the Party's Bylaws shall be sponsored by the Bylaws and Rules Committee (or by petition on an approved form signed by ten percent of the sustaining membership to the National Committee) and submitted to sustaining members for approval via electronic mail ballot no more than once per calendar year.
3. Proposals shall be delivered together with any minority reports.
4. Sustaining members as of the end of the month immediately preceding the mailing of ballots who have provided an e-mail address shall be eligible to vote.
5. The period for voting shall be 30 days.
6. The Party shall provide an online forum where sustaining members may debate any pending proposal.

9) A proposal entitled "Empower Libertarian Party Members to Elect the National Committee" was moved and seconded.

Following debate and amendment, the following proposal was adopted without objection.

#### ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Party shall be:

- Chair,
- Vice-Chair,
- Secretary, and
- Treasurer.

~~All of these officers shall be elected by a Regular 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 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, all elected by electronic mail ballot of sustaining members;
- b) five members elected at large ~~by the delegates at a Regular Convention by~~ electronic mail ballot of sustaining members; 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, all elected by electronic mail ballot of sustaining members of the representative region. "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.

3. ~~The National Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which they are selected, and serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.~~ National Committee members shall serve from February 1 of the year following a nationwide Congressional election through January 31 of the year following a nationwide Congressional election or until their successors are elected.

## ARTICLE 10: MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES FOR ELECTIONS

1. The Party shall contract out the election services to an independent, professional firm that conducts elections for other organizations.
2. The officers shall be elected by Ranked Choice Voting; all other offices shall be elected by majority vote.
3. The ballot design shall allow for the casting of write-in votes and votes for "None of the Above." Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.
4. Candidates shall be nominated on a standard petition form approved by the National Committee to be circulated by candidates during the period beginning the day after a nationwide Congressional election and must be received by the national office on or before December 15. The Party shall notify the membership of this deadline and of the requirements for nomination by petition on its website. Eligible candidates with petitions signed by 10 or more sustaining members shall be included on the mail ballot.
5. Sustaining members as of December 31 immediately following the nationwide Congressional election who have provided an e-mail address shall be eligible to vote.
6. The period for voting shall be no less than 15 days.
7. The Party shall provide to eligible voters website links to the campaign websites of the candidates for National Committee.

## ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

8. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for President and Vice-President, ~~the Party Officers, and at large members of the National Committee,~~ shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in the Presidential or Vice-Presidential balloting, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. ~~Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.~~

## RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:

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 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS

1. On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of ~~Party Officers and at large members of the National~~ the Judicial Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by either voice vote or rising vote. If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.
2. The Chair may require any motion offered from the Convention floor to be in writing, signed by the mover and submitted to the Secretary.

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

- ~~1. Nominations for Party Officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:
  - ~~a. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary for election.~~
  - ~~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. For the first round of voting for Chair, an announcement of each delegation's vote total shall be made by delegation chairs in alphabetical order beginning with a randomly selected delegation. Subsequent announcements of each delegation's totals shall be made by the Secretary.~~
  - ~~d. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.~~~~
- ~~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.~~~~



10) A proposal entitled "Minority Report Handling for Bylaws & Rules" was moved and seconded.

Following debate and amendment, the following proposal was rejected.

#### 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. 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.~~

1. The Bylaws Committee shall meet before each Regular Convention and prepare a report containing its recommendations. At the convention, the Bylaws Committee's recommendations shall be reported to the floor and debated and voted upon separately. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall set forth the order in which each recommendation shall be considered.

2. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:

a. The Bylaws Committee Chair, or some other person designated by him or her, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have one minute to explain the recommendation.

b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to eight minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an additional 10 minutes.

3. Recommendations for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:

a. Spokespersons for both the Committee and minority positions shall each have one minute to present their views.

b. The Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for four minutes during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After four minutes, there will be a vote on which of the two reports shall be considered for purposes of adopting a recommendation. The report receiving the greater number of votes shall then be discussed and voted upon in the manner described in Section 2b.

Voting YES

Vicki Kirkland  
Chuck Moulton

Voting NO

M Carling  
Michael Johnston  
Alicia Mattson, Alternate  
Mark Rutherford  
Aaron Starr, Secretary

ABSTAIN

Marc Goddard  
Dan Karlan, Chair

11) A proposal entitled "Require Officers to have Officer-Like Experience" was moved and seconded.

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Proviso: this will take effect at the conclusion of the Convention at which it is adopted.

#### Voting YES

#### Voting NO

M Carling  
Marc Goddard  
Michael Johnston  
Alicia Mattson, Alternate  
Chuck Moulton  
Mark Rutherford  
Aaron Starr, Secretary

#### ABSTAIN

Vicki Kirkland  
Dan Karlan, Chair

12) A proposal entitled "Ensure Leadership Commitment" was moved and seconded.

Following debate, the following proposal was rejected.

#### ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

4. A National Committee member shall be a sustaining member of the Party [for at least 3 years prior to their election](#), and shall not be the candidate of any party except the Party or an affiliate.

Proviso: this shall not apply to those already serving on the National Committee at the time of the adoption of this amendment.

#### Voting YES

Chuck Moulton

#### Voting NO

M Carling

Marc Goddard

Michael Johnston

Alicia Mattson, Alternate

Mark Rutherford

Aaron Starr, Secretary

Dan Karlan, Chair

#### ABSTAIN

Vicki Kirkland

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- b. five 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~~ measured as of the last day of the fourth month prior to the Regular Convention) 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.

## ARTICLE 12: OTHER COMMITTEES

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~~ of 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.

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~~ of the most recent Regular Convention. These members shall be appointed no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows.

a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a Regular Convention.

b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as ~~determined for Convention delegate allocations at~~ of the most recent

Regular Convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than one month prior to the Regular Convention.

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

Voting YES

M Carling

Marc Goddard

Dan Karlan, Chair

Aaron Starr, Secretary

Alicia Mattson, Alternate

Vicki Kirkland

Voting NO

Michael Johnston

Chuck Moulton

Mark Rutherford

ABSTAIN

14) As a consequence of the Open Convention proposal being adopted, a proposal entitled "Require Minimum Term as a Sustaining Member to be Seated Automatically as a Delegate" was moved and seconded, the proposal to be considered by the Convention only if the proposal to create open conventions was enacted.

Following debate, the following proposal was adopted.

### **ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS**

3. Delegates:

To be eligible to register as a delegate at a Regular Convention, an individual must be both:

- a) a sustaining member of the Party; and
- b) a registered Libertarian Party voter, if eligible.

However, individuals who first became sustaining members fewer than (FILL THE BLANK) days prior to the opening of the Regular Convention shall need approval of the Convention to be seated. At all Non-Regular Conventions, any person who wishes to attend may do so.

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

Voting YES

M Carling

Michael Johnston

Vicki Kirkland

Alicia Mattson, Alternate

Chuck Moulton

Aaron Starr, Secretary

Dan Karlan, Chair

Voting NO

Marc Goddard

Mark Rutherford

ABSTAIN

15) A proposal to establish the order of the proposals to be presented was moved and seconded.

Following debate and amendment, the following order for proposals was adopted without objection.

- Appointment of Assistant Treasurer
- Expedite LNC Mail Ballot Process
- Creation of Style Committee
- Transparency and Access to LNC Meeting Records
- Open Conventions
- Require Minimum Term as a Sustaining Member to be Seated Automatically as a Delegate
- Ensure Delegate Investment in LP
- Empower LP Members to Amend the Bylaws
- Empower LP Members to Elect the LNC

16) A proposal to establish and populate a style committee to decide on language surrounding the proposals was moved and seconded.

Following debate and amendment, Chair Dan Karlan, Secretary Aaron Starr, and Chuck Moulton were selected to populate the style committee. The motion was adopted without objection.

The motion to adopt the minutes as read passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

*Aaron Starr*

Aaron Starr, Secretary