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INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Party members, for your review of these proposals that have been passed so far by the Bylaws and Rules Committee for presentation to the delegates at the 2024 national Libertarian Party Convention. Your feedback will help us refine these proposals or perhaps through persuasion change/drop them entirely. This is the second of multiple town halls as it is the desire of this Committee to have member engagement throughout this process.

You are also invited to subscribe to a read-only email list of the Committee discussions here: <https://groups.google.com/a/lp.org/g/bylaws-committee-2024?pli=1>

Notices of future Committee meetings are posted at that email list and also on the main Party website and calendar. You can also contact me at secretary@lp.org or at 561.523.2250.

In Liberty,
Caryn Ann Harlos, Registered Parliamentarian
National Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair

The LNC appointed the ten (10) members of the committee as follows:

- Sylvia Arrowwood
- Paul Bracco
- Nickolas Ciesielski
- Caryn Ann Harlos
- Rob Latham
- Frank Martin
- Ken Moellman
- Tom Rowlette
- Mike Rufo
- Michael Seebeck

There are seven (7) ranked alternates in the following order:

- Chuck Moulton
- Rich Tomasso
- David Roberson
- Greg Deal
- Roger Roots
- Data Logan
- Dean Rodgers

MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.
- Additions are in blue bold underline.

EXPLANATION OF STRUCTURE OF REPORT

This report will give a brief rationale at this time for a proposal; the bylaw or rule as it currently reads; a mark-up copy of the bylaw or rule in the proposal; and a final copy of how the bylaw or rule would read if the proposal passed as proposed.

Everything in this report is subject to discussion and change. Also, some proposals deal with the same portions of the main document, but each are treated independently in this report as if no other changes were passed. Ordering and other dependency decisions have yet to be made by the Committee. Some of these overlapping changes are mutually exclusive, others are not.

The first Town Hall report package covered up through proposal M which are also reproduced here. The newer proposals start with Proposal N.

IMPORTANT REFERENCE LINKS (THAT ARE HOPEFULLY HELPFUL!)

Chair's draft Timeline:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024Bylaws-Timeline>

Chair's Master Proposal Sheet:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024Bylaws-MasterProposals>

Working copy of amended Bylaws and Convention Rules:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024Bylaws-WorkingCopy>

Committee LPedia page:

[https://lpedia.org/wiki/Bylaws_and_Rules_Committee_\(2024\)](https://lpedia.org/wiki/Bylaws_and_Rules_Committee_(2024))

PROPOSAL A - CHAIR ASCENSION PROCEDURE

Rationale: There has been some ambiguity and debate on the proper procedure in the event of vacancy in the position of Chair. This proposal would explicitly restrict the LNC from filling the office of Chair if a vacancy were to occur. Per *RONR 56:32* the Vice-Chair becomes the Chair in the event of a vacancy if the Bylaws do not provide otherwise, but despite this provision, members have claimed that our Bylaws need to explicitly state this rather than having to go to *RONR* to discover this provision. It is hoped that this will eliminate any argument over the procedure for filling a vacancy in the office of Chair. This method of clarification (as opposed to “including Chair”) would also provide a distinction between the Vice-Chair and the At-Large Members which would not exist if a Chair vacancy was filled by an LNC vote.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS

[...]

8. The National Committee shall appoint new officers if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated.

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WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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PROPOSAL B - RAISE MEMBERSHIP DUES

Rationale: Party sustaining membership dues have not increased since at least 2006. There has been significant inflation since 2006, meaning that the LNC now receives less resources in real terms from membership dues. This proposal would better align membership dues in real terms to the last time they were updated.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 4: 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. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or
 - b. Are Life members.

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3. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$~~25~~⁵⁰; or
 - b. Are Life members.

Proviso: For current sustaining members only, this shall go into effect when current memberships lapse.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$50; or
 - b. Are Life members.

PROPOSAL C - CLARIFY MEMBERSHIP DEFINITION

Rationale: At times, it has been alleged that the word “member” has been used loosely to describe a non-Pledge signer. This proposal would allow no confusion that the signing of the Pledge is absolutely required to be called a national Party Member.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 4: 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. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or
 - b. Are Life members.

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ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the Party shall **exclusively** 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. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or
 - b. Are Life members.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

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2. The National Committee may offer life memberships and must honor all prior and future life memberships.
3. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.

4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or
 - b. Are Life members.

PROPOSAL D - WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN IN COMMITTEE, RETAINED IN THIS REPORT FOR CONTINUITY OF PROPOSAL LETTERING

PROPOSAL E - CHANGE PLATFORM DELETION THRESHOLD

Rationale: A deletion is an amendment, but a more extreme form. If it took 2/3 of the delegates to pass a plank, it should take the same number to delete it. This proposal would protect the prior decisions of conventions and ensures a stronger level of support, just as is required for amendments.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

[...]

3. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing platform may be amended only at regular conventions. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote. New planks or amendments to existing planks require a 2/3 vote.

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PROPOSAL F - CLARIFY PROCEDURE ON DROPPING CANDIDATES

Rationale: The way they are now worded, the convention rules can only drop a candidate in the first round. It is ambiguous, but there is an argument over it regularly. Lastly the title should be expanded as it seems pretty clear this or a future committee is going to need to deal with electronic voting. This proposal would clearly allow the convention rules to allow a candidate to be dropped every round, honors the nomination process, and more clearly allows the section in preparation for the inevitable change to some form of electronic voting, no matter how limited.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES

[...]

2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.

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ARTICLE 15: *ALTERNATIVE* VOTING PROCEDURES

[...]

2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate *initially* receives a majority in any particular round, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from further consideration.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 15: VOTING PROCEDURES

[...]

2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate receives a majority in any particular round, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from further consideration.

PROPOSAL G - CLARIFY PROCEDURE FOR APPELLATE RULES

Rationale: There is a question as to the Judicial Committee's ability to amend its rules of appellate procedure. Judicial Committee member terms are now four years, not two years. So, there may be a need during that four-year term to amend the rules of appellate procedure. This proposal explicitly authorizes the Judicial Committee to amend its rules of appellate procedure more than once a four-year term and resolves the question of whether the Judicial Committee already has this authority.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

[...]

3. Within 90 days following the regular convention at which elected, the Judicial Committee shall establish rules of appellate procedure to govern its consideration of matters within the scope of its jurisdiction. The existing Rules shall remain in effect until and unless the Judicial Committee submits new proposed rules to the National Committee for approval, which approval shall be deemed given unless denied by a 2/3 vote of the National Committee within 60 days of submission. A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be maintained by the Secretary at the Party Headquarters and shall be available to any member at cost.

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ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

[...]

3. ~~Within 90 days following the regular convention at which elected, t~~The Judicial Committee ~~shall~~ may establish new, or propose amendments to existing, rules of appellate procedure to govern its consideration of matters within the scope of its jurisdiction. ~~The existing Rules shall remain in effect until and unless t~~The Judicial Committee ~~submits~~ shall submit new ~~proposed rules~~ proposals to the National Committee for approval, which approval shall be deemed given unless denied by a 2/3 vote of the National Committee within 60 days of submission. If denied, or while proposals are pending, the existing Rules remain in effect. An appeal shall be considered under the rules of appellate procedure in effect at the time the appeal is made. A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be ~~maintained by the Secretary at the Party Headquarters and shall be available to any member at cost~~ appended to the Party's Bylaws.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

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PROPOSAL H - STANDARDIZE COMMITTEE RULES

Rationale: There are two different standards for similar national convention-related committees which can be terribly confusing, and the differences are not particularly logical. This proposal would consolidate the two sections and have one procedure for these two similar committees resulting in simplification, consistency, and ease of understanding.

CURRENT WORDING

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.

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM

1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, 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 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.
3. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - a. The Platform Committee Chair, or some other person designated by him or her, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have up to two minutes to explain the recommendation.
 - b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to 15 minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to 10 minutes.
 4. Recommendations for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - a. Spokespersons for both the majority and minority positions shall each have two minutes to present their views.
 - b. The Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five minutes during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After five 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 3b.
 5. After all committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.
 6. Finally, if time permits, proposals which were considered by the Platform Committee but which received an unfavorable vote from a majority of the committee, may be considered, with a spokesperson for the minority position giving the reasons in favor and the Platform Committee Chair or other representative of the majority position giving the reasons why it was voted down, before the proposal is taken to the floor for debate.
 7. Challenges of adopted Party planks believed by 10% of the delegates to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles shall be referred in writing, during the convention, to the Judicial Committee by the delegates requesting action for consideration. The challenge shall specify in what manner the plank is believed to be in conflict. The Judicial Committee shall consider the challenge, decide whether the Statement of Principles is conformed to and report their findings and reasons to the convention. If the plank is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it will be declared null and void but can be reinstated by a 3/4 vote of the convention.
 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 National Committee 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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~~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.~~

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE

1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, 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 Bylaws and Rules Committee and Platform Committee shall meet before each regular convention and prepare ~~a~~ reports containing ~~its~~ their recommendations. At the convention, ~~the Platform Committee's~~ these recommendations shall be reported to the floor and debated and voted upon separately. The ~~Platform~~ Committee's shall set forth the order in which each recommendation shall be considered.
3. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:

- a. The **Platform** Committee Chair, or ~~some other person designated by him or her~~ **their designee**, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have up to two minutes to explain the recommendation.
 - b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to ~~15~~ **10** minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to 10 minutes.
4. Recommendations for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - a. Spokespersons for both the majority and minority positions shall **each** have two minutes **each** to present their views.
 - b. The Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five minutes during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After five 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 3b.
5. After all committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the **bylaws and rules or the** platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.
- ~~6. Finally, if time permits, proposals which were considered by the Platform Committee but which received an unfavorable vote from a majority of the committee, may be considered, with a spokesperson for the minority position giving the reasons in favor and the Platform Committee Chair or other representative of the majority position giving the reasons why it was voted down, before the proposal is taken to the floor for debate.~~
7. Challenges of adopted Party planks believed by 10% of the delegates to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles shall be referred in writing, during the convention, to the Judicial Committee by the delegates requesting action for consideration. The challenge shall specify in what manner the plank is believed to be in conflict. The Judicial Committee shall consider the challenge, decide whether the Statement of Principles is conformed to and report their findings and reasons to the convention. If the plank is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it will be declared null and void but can be reinstated by a 3/4 vote of the convention.
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 National Committee 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.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee and Platform Committee shall meet before each regular convention and prepare reports containing their recommendations. At the convention, these recommendations shall be reported to the floor and debated and voted upon separately. The Committees shall set forth the order in which each recommendation shall be considered.
3. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - a. The Committee Chair, or their designee, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have up to two minutes to explain the recommendation.
 - b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to 10 minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to 10 minutes.
4. Recommendations for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - a. Spokespersons for both the majority and minority positions shall have two minutes each to present their views.

- b. The Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five minutes during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After five 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 3b.
5. After all committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the bylaws and rules or the platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.
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PROPOSAL I - CHANGE PLATFORM TOKEN DELETION VOTE THRESHOLD

Rationale: In large bodies, like conventions, the assembly should not have to hear certain classes of items without a showing of agreement that it should be heard of more than just a single second. This proposal would provide for a standing second of a doable number that will not suppress debate but will not allow just two people to use time on things that have traditionally been time-wasters.

CURRENT WORDING

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM

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 - 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.

[...]

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RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM

- ~~1. After the adoption of the convention agenda,~~ At each regular 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~~ three 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.
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- 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%~~ 1/3 or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.

[...]

Proviso: This amendment shall not go into effect until the adjournment sine die of the convention at which it is adopted.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – PLATFORM

1. At each regular 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 three 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.
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[...]

PROPOSAL J - RISING SECONDS

Rationale: In large bodies, like conventions, the assembly should not have to hear certain classes of items without a showing of agreement that it should be heard of more than just a single second. One solution is to require a standing second of a doable number that will not suppress debate but will not allow just two people to use time on things that have traditionally been time-wasters. Adopting this rule will result in less wasted time and frustration.

CURRENT WORDING

RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS

1. On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of Judicial Committee members, Party officers and at-large members of the National 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.

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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.
- 3. All main motions and adhering subsidiary motions, as well as all motions to suspend the rules and adopt a certain proposition or take a particular action, originating from the floor require 20 delegates to second.**

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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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.

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PROPOSAL K - CHANGE TIMING OF PLATFORM COMMITTEE APPTS

Rationale: There is far too short of a time window to prepare platform proposals and adequately engage with the membership. Also, the lack of standardization in the two committees that amend governing documents is confusing. This proposal lengthens the time for Platform Committee appointments to match that of the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 11: 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 10 affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships, excluding those affiliates from (a), as determined for convention delegate allocations at the most recent regular convention.
 - c. Five members selected by the National Committee.
 - d. These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the regular convention.

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ARTICLE 11: 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 10 affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships, excluding those affiliates from (a), as determined for convention delegate allocations at the most recent regular convention.
 - c. Five members selected by the National Committee.
 - d. These members shall be selected no later than ~~the last day of the fifth month prior to the regular convention~~ twelve months before a regular convention.

[...]

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 11: 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 10 affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships, excluding those affiliates from (a), as determined for convention delegate allocations at the most recent regular convention.
 - c. Five members selected by the National Committee.
 - d. These members shall be selected no later than twelve months before a regular convention.

[...]

PROPOSAL L - CHANGE DELEGATE ALLOCATION FORMULA

Rationale: The current delegate allocation is based in part on each state’s share of presidential vote totals, meaning that a state party could be allocated less delegates if they were to fail to qualify for the ballot due to onerous ballot access laws in their state. This proposal will separate delegate allocation from presidential vote totals, while maintaining a similar total number of delegates. Further, this proposal will prevent state party delegate allotments from being subject to onerous ballot access laws. It will also encourage state parties wishing to increase their delegate allocation to seek out more members for the national LP, which will help with the LNC’s bottom line.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

[...]

3. 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. If a state conducts its presidential election via Ranked-Choice or Instant Runoff Voting, the ballots for the Libertarian candidate as tabulated in the first round of ballot counting will be used for this purpose.

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ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

[...]

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~~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. If a state conducts its presidential election via Ranked-Choice or Instant Runoff Voting, the ballots for the Libertarian candidate as tabulated in the first round of ballot counting will be used for this purpose.~~

Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each regular convention, provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District. The number of delegates allocated to each affiliate shall be one delegate for each 0.1 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate.

[...]

Proviso: This amendment shall not go into effect until the adjournment sine die of the convention at which it is adopted.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

[...]

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Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each regular convention, provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District. The number of delegates allocated to each affiliate shall be one delegate for each 0.1 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate.

[...]

PROPOSAL M - CHANGE TIMING OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE APPTS

Rationale: There is not nearly enough time for the Credentials Committee to do its work when often the members of the Committee are also busy with their own state. The lead up time is needed to set up and train on appropriate systems. This proposal will enable the Committee to get out from under the gun by training and setting up systems while doing the heavy lifting of credentialing at the same time.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

[...]

4. The Credentials Committee, composed of 10 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 the most recent regular convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than three months prior to the regular convention.

[...]

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ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

[...]

4. The Credentials Committee, composed of 10 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 the most recent regular convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than ~~three~~ six months prior to the regular convention.

[...]

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

[...]

4. The Credentials Committee, composed of 10 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 the most recent regular convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than six months prior to the regular convention.

[...]

PROPOSAL N – LIMIT COMMITTEE ALTERNATES

Rationale: As it stands, an unlimited number of alternates can be appointed which can be chaotic and unbalanced since, by custom, alternates can generally debate and comment freely, skewing the effective size of the committees. And it is not necessary to have so many “spares” as the Affiliate (or the LNC in the case of its appointees) can always fill vacancies in the primary or alternate appointee.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

[...]

5. Ranked alternates may be named by the appointing bodies to fill any vacancies or absences in the convention committees.

[...]

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ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

[...]

- ~~5. Ranked alternates may be named by the appointing bodies to fill any vacancies or absences in the convention committees.~~ Each appointing body may appoint ranked alternates up to the number of its primary appointments.

[...]

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

[...]

5. Each appointing body may appoint ranked alternates up to the number of its primary appointments.

[...]

PROPOSAL O – ADD NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Rationale: Best practice for stability and avoiding ambush in changes to bylaws is to require notice, and it is highly unusual for an organization of our size and place in the political landscape to have no notice requirements. However, we also need to balance the protection of notice requirements with the desire to avoid “proposal committees” effectively turning into gatekeepers. This proposal balances these interests by allowing notice for member-submitted proposals and still allowing proposals from the floor with a higher passage threshold.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

[...]

3. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing platform may be amended only at regular conventions. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote. New planks or amendments to existing planks require a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any regular convention.

[...]

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. Audit Committee report
6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
7. Election of Judicial Committee (in appropriate years)
8. Election of Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee
9. Platform Committee report
10. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
11. Resolutions
12. Other business

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING–PLATFORM

[...]

5. After all committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the bylaws and rules or the platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.

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ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

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Note: this language will depend on status of current proposal E.

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT AND NOTICE

1. Notice of Proposed Amendments

a. The Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee must provide reports of their recommendations along with minority reports to the Party Secretary at least thirty-five days prior to the regular convention which shall then be published on the Party website within five days of receipt.

b. Any sustaining member may submit to the Party Secretary proposals to amend either the Platform or these bylaws, provided they are signed by fifty sustaining members at the time of proposal submission and provided to the Party Secretary no later than sixty days prior to the regular convention. These proposals shall be forwarded to the respective committee chairs and published on the Party website within five days of receipt. The committees may include recommendations on these proposals in their reports.

2. The Party platform and tThese bylaws may be amended by ~~*a 2/3 vote of*~~ the delegates at any regular convention:-

a. By a 2/3 vote with prior notice.

b. By a 3/4 vote without prior notice.

c. The Convention Rules may provide for a token process to delete platform planks without notice requirements.

[...]

ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE 17.2 (DEPENDING ON PROPOSAL E)

[...]

- c. By a majority vote with prior notice when deleting platform planks only. The Convention Rules may provide for a token process to delete platform planks without notice requirements.**
- d. By a 2/3 vote without prior notice when deleting platform planks only.**

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- ~~8.~~ **7.** Election of Judicial Committee (in appropriate years)
- ~~9.~~ **8.** Election of Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee
- ~~10.~~ ~~9.~~ Platform Committee report
- 11. Other platform amendments with notice**
- ~~12.~~ ~~10.~~ Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
- ~~13.~~ ~~11.~~ Resolutions
- ~~14.~~ ~~12.~~ Other business

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING—PLATFORM

[...]

~~*5. After all committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the bylaws and rules or the platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.*~~

[...]

RULE 6: DEBATING AND VOTING – MEMBER-SUBMITTED AMENDMENT PROPOSALS WITH NOTICE – BYLAWS AND RULES, PLATFORM

1. Member-submitted proposals shall be heard beginning with the proposal with the greatest number of sustaining member signatures and continuing in descending order.
 - a. Sustaining members may sign on to member proposals after they have been submitted, provided that no signatures shall be accepted after the convention has been called to order.
2. The member who submitted the proposal, or their designee, may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal.
3. The Convention Chair shall then open the proposal to debate without amendment for a period of up to ten minutes before bringing the matter to a vote.
 - a. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor.
 - b. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to ten minutes.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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2. The Party platform and these bylaws may be amended by-the delegates at any regular convention:
 - a. By a 2/3 vote with prior notice.
 - b. By a 3/4 vote without prior notice.

- c. The Convention Rules may provide for a token process to delete platform planks without notice requirements.

[...]

ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE 17.2 (DEPENDING ON PROPOSAL E)

[...]

- c. By a majority vote with prior notice when deleting platform planks only. The Convention Rules may provide for a token process to delete platform planks without notice requirements.
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3. The Convention Chair shall then open the proposal to debate without amendment for a period of up to ten minutes before bringing the matter to a vote.
 - a. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor.
 - b. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to ten minutes.

Proviso: Any changes to amendment thresholds, token processes, or notice, shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which they are adopted.

PROPOSAL P – BALLOTING RULES REWRITE

Rationale: The balloting rules are all over the place and there is no consistent procedure in writing (it is more custom or oral tradition) on how the Secretary, vote tellers, and delegation chairs are actually supposed to do this.

CURRENT WORDING

RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE

1. The State Chair shall serve as chair of his or her delegation, unless that delegation selects another of its members to serve as its chair and so notifies the Secretary.
2. In cases where a roll call vote is required, polling shall be by state. The Secretary will ask for the vote from each state in alphabetical order, and the chair of each delegation shall report the vote for that state. The convention seating will be by state delegation. If someone challenges the vote reported by any state's chair, the Secretary shall poll the delegates from that state individually.
3. In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.

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1. No person shall be nominated for President or Vice-President unless at least 30 registered delegates join in the nomination in writing submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of sustaining membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate for each office. The affixing of signatures to a nominating petition per this requirement shall be effected by a transfer of signature tokens issued by the Credentials Committee.

2. The Party's nominee for President shall be chosen by majority vote. If no candidate has attained a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes and any candidates polling less than 5% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote, until one candidate attains a majority.
3. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all the delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed. Following the first presidential ballot, an announcement of each delegation's vote total shall be made by delegation chairs in alphabetical order beginning with a randomly selected delegation. For all ballots, the Secretary shall then display the results.
4. The Presidential nominee except that the Presidential nominee shall have the privilege of addressing the convention for 5 minutes, after nominations have been made but before voting has begun, for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees. Nominations for Vice-President shall close after selection of the Presidential nominee.
5. Nominating and seconding speeches for each candidate shall be limited in duration as follows:
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RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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3. No person shall be nominated unless at least 15 registered delegates join in the nomination submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of the required level of membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate per seat. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration as follows:
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4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.

RULE 9: ELECTION OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Nominations and elections for members of the Judicial Committee shall be conducted in the same manner as specified for at-large members of the National Committee.

RULE 10: VERIFICATION OF DELEGATION VOTE TOTALS

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After the Secretary has recorded all delegation submissions, the state-by-state delegation totals for each candidate or choice shall be displayed on a projection screen for each delegation to review for accuracy.

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3. For single winner races, each delegate may cast a ballot with one vote for a candidate or for none-of-the-above. If no candidate has attained a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes and any candidates polling less than 5% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote, until one candidate attains a majority.
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WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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PROPOSAL P1 – ADD ELECTRONIC BALLOTING

Rationale: Using electronic balloting helps our Party practice what we preach by implementing more competitive and representative electoral methods, familiarizes Party members with the use of such methods, and models the use of such methods to external audiences. Further, once perfected, it will speed up our processes.

CURRENT WORDING

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. Audit Committee report
6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
7. Election of Judicial Committee (in appropriate years)
8. Election of Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee
9. Platform Committee report
10. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
11. Resolutions
12. Other business

RULE 3: ELECTION BALLOTING PROCEDURES

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RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The standing order of business for a regular convention shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
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3. Vote to authorize electronic balloting
- ~~3.4.~~ Adoption of agenda
- ~~4.5.~~ Treasurer's report
- ~~5.6.~~ Audit Committee report
- ~~6.7.~~ Bylaws and Rules Committee report
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- ~~10.11.~~ Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
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6. If approved by the convention, electronic balloting may be used instead of manual tabulation by affiliate delegation provided that written notice of the electronic balloting system to be used is published on the Party website at least 90 days prior to the regular convention. A delegate must be physically present to cast an electronic ballot. The electronic balloting system must provide for the following:
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 - b. Delegates must deliver their physical ballot to their delegation chair, who then places them into a sealed envelope and delivers that envelope to the tellers.
 - c. The system generates a report of votes by affiliate delegation for display to the convention.
 - d. The system allows delegates to cast write-in votes.
 - e. If a recount is successfully ordered, the recount must be done using the physical ballots collected by the Delegation Chairs.

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PROPOSAL Q – PROTECT PREAMBLE

Rationale: There is a question as to whether the Preamble is part of the Party platform. Some claim that if the Preamble is not part of the Party platform, then it may be amended or deleted by majority vote. This amendment would protect the Preamble.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PREAMBLE

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.
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PROPOSAL R – ADD RCV VOTING FOR OFFICERS

Rationale: The Party’s existing electoral method to elect Party officers of the National Committee is outdated and inefficient. The Libertarian Party platform “support[s] ... election systems that are more representative of the electorate....” Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a balloting method that eliminates multiple rounds of voting, facilitates greater voter expression than a single choice ballot, and mitigates the “wasted vote” problem. Using RCV also helps our Party practice what we preach by implementing more competitive and representative electoral methods, familiarizes Party members with the use of such methods, and models the use of such methods to external audiences. Adding RCV for officers only would allow the Party to get used to this method with an eye to add it to other offices, including also the potential for STV (proportional representation) for multi-winner races.

CURRENT WORDING

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. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.

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 - a. Officer elections shall be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. For each office, a majority vote of all the ballots cast in that round shall be necessary and sufficient for election.

- b. Ballots shall allow delegates to rank their choices of candidates in order of preference.
- c. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and the ballots of voters indicating that eliminated candidate as their First Choice shall be redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots. The Secretary and tellers approved by the Secretary shall then recount the ballots.
- d. If no candidate has a majority of votes cast, the process of eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots, and then recounting shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority.
- e. In the event of a tie in any round which makes a difference in which candidate advances, ties shall be broken by retaining the candidate that had the most First Choice votes, and if still a tie, then the most Second Choice votes, etc. If this method results in a tie up through the current round, the tie shall be broken randomly.
- f. The Secretary shall retain the record of all voting rounds and make it available to delegates upon request.
- g. The Chair shall announce the winner of the election after votes have been fully tabulated. The Chair's announcement of the election outcome shall include results from each voting round.

Proviso: This amendment shall not go into effect until the adjournment sine die of the convention at which it is adopted.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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. Officer elections shall be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. For each office, a majority vote of all the ballots cast in that round shall be necessary and sufficient for election.
 - b. Ballots shall allow delegates to rank their choices of candidates in order of preference.
 - c. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and the ballots of voters indicating that eliminated candidate as their First Choice shall be redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots. The Secretary and tellers approved by the Secretary shall then recount the ballots.
 - d. If no candidate has a majority of votes cast, the process of eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes, redistributing according to the next choice on

those ballots, and then recounting shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority.

- e. In the event of a tie in any round which makes a difference in which candidate advances, ties shall be broken by retaining the candidate that had the most First Choice votes, and if still a tie, then the most Second Choice votes, etc. If this method results in a tie up through the current round, the tie shall be broken randomly.
- f. The Secretary shall retain the record of all voting rounds and make it available to delegates upon request.
- g. The Chair shall announce the winner of the election after votes have been fully tabulated. The Chair's announcement of the election outcome shall include results from each voting round.

PROPOSAL S – REFINE DUES DEFINITION

Rationale: Staff has told the LNC that there is a difficulty with the CRM in the way we calculate dues and the way that our Bylaws describe them which can include more than just designated dues payments but other “donations.” This presumes the dues increase in Proposal B passes, if not, the amount will be \$25.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 4: 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. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or

[...]

Proviso: For current sustaining members only, this shall go into effect when current memberships lapse with the lapse date fixed as the lapse date which exists at adjournment sine die of this convention.

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PROPOSAL T – CLEAN UP COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Rationale: The language regarding passage of committee proposals is archaic and stilted and is already basic parliamentary procedure at best; or requires a majority vote of those present, not present and voting, at worst. Additionally, with the credentials committee, there are separate rules and bylaws of the affiliates that apply to them specifically which must be considered separately. Lastly, a minority report on credentials is useless. The credentials committee needs to *credential* people, and it is up to the floor to challenge. Any member of the credentials committee (except the Chair) can go to a microphone and challenge a delegation. There is too much possibility as well to weaponize the Credentials Committee and their majority decision needs to be the recommendation with the rights of objection and substitution left off to the body.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

[...]

6. Committee Procedures
 - a. A majority vote of those Committee members present is necessary for a "do pass" recommendation, and in the case of the Platform Committee, a majority must approve each specific plank separately.
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- c. The Credentials Committee must only approve delegate and alternate submissions from the officially recognized state-level affiliate and may choose to approve them individually or by state submission. There are no minority reports permitted for the Credentials Committee.

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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PROPOSAL U – CLEAN UP AFFILIATION LANGUAGE & RESPONSIBILITIES

Rationale: There are perceived ambiguities in this section and one omission. One ambiguity is that the LNC must take any taker (or even the first taker) on a petition for affiliation even if there is a good reason not to do so. The second ambiguity is whether or not the duty to provide the governing documents is ongoing. The omission is the lack of requirement for it to be sustaining members of the Party that are required to sign the Petition for Affiliation.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES

[...]

2. The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties from any qualifying organization requesting such status in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and file a copy of their constitution and/or bylaws as adopted with the Party Secretary.

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PROPOSAL V - FAILED

FAILED IN COMMITTEE, RETAINED IN THIS REPORT FOR CONTINUITY OF PROPOSAL LETTERING

PROPOSAL W - WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN IN COMMITTEE, RETAINED IN THIS REPORT FOR CONTINUITY OF PROPOSAL LETTERING

PROPOSAL X - FAILED

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PROPOSAL Y - WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN IN COMMITTEE, RETAINED IN THIS REPORT FOR CONTINUITY OF PROPOSAL LETTERING

PROPOSAL Z - FAILED

FAILED IN COMMITTEE, RETAINED IN THIS REPORT FOR CONTINUITY OF PROPOSAL LETTERING

PROPOSAL AA – LIMIT ALTERNATE ALLOCATIONS

Rationale: The existing allocation provides for 50 alternate positions, even for states with far fewer than 50 delegate positions. This creates additional work on the part of the Credentials Committee and additional planning on the part of the Convention Oversight Committee. It is also illogical for example that a state that has 4 delegates, has up to 50 alternates.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

[...]

4. Delegate Allocation:

[...]

- a. 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.

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[...]

PROPOSAL BB – PUT TIME LIMIT ON LNC APPEALS

Rationale: There is presently no deadline at all to appeal an LNC decision when all other appeals have deadlines attached. There needs to be a limit so that there can be stability and certainty.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

[...]

12. Upon appeal by ten percent of the delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention or one percent of the Party sustaining members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void.

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PROPOSAL CC – CLEAN UP STATIST LANGUAGE

Rationale: The Current rules refer to a “State Chair” or “state delegation.” Preferred nomenclature is “Delegation Chair” or “affiliate delegation.”

CURRENT WORDING

RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE

1. The State Chair shall serve as chair of his or her delegation, unless that delegation selects another of its members to serve as its chair and so notifies the Secretary.
2. In cases where a roll call vote is required, polling shall be by state. The Secretary will ask for the vote from each state in alphabetical order, and the chair of each delegation shall report the vote for that state. The convention seating will be by state delegation. If someone challenges the vote reported by any state's chair, the Secretary shall poll the delegates from that state individually.

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1. The **State Affiliation** Chair shall serve as chair of ~~his or her~~ **that affiliate's** delegation, unless that delegation selects another of its members to serve as its chair and so notifies the Secretary.
2. In cases where a roll call vote is required, polling shall be by **state delegation**. The Secretary will ask for the vote from each **state delegation** in alphabetical order, and the chair of each delegation shall report the vote for that **state delegation**. The convention seating will be by **state affiliate** delegation. If someone challenges the vote reported by any **state delegation's** chair, the Secretary shall poll the delegates from that **state delegation** individually.

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WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE

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[...]

PROPOSAL DD - FAILED

FAILED IN COMMITTEE, RETAINED IN THIS REPORT FOR CONTINUITY OF PROPOSAL LETTERING

PROPOSAL EE – RESOLVE AFFILIATE DISPUTES

Rationale: When there is a leadership or legitimacy dispute in an affiliate party, the bylaws do not provide enough guidance about which actions the LNC is, or is not, supposed to take.

CURRENT WORDING

None.

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RULE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES

[...]

7. In the event of a dispute within the membership of an affiliate as to the proper identity of its Chair, the Libertarian National Committee, upon a petition of at least ten or 10% of the sustaining members of the Party residing in the appropriate state shall investigate and make a decision as to the identity of the affiliate’s Chair by using the affiliate’s own governing documents and rules as well as these Bylaws. If the affiliate has its own Judicial Committee authorized to resolve such disputes, the decision of the body shall be respected unless it is erroneous by clear and convincing evidence. Upon notification of such a dispute, the Libertarian National Committee shall render a decision within ninety days. The unrecognized claimant(s) of the disputed chairmanship may appeal to the Judicial Committee provided such appeal is brought within thirty days of the decision. The failure of the Judicial Committee to provide a ruling within sixty days of an appeal shall result in the affirmation of the decision of the Libertarian National Committee.

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PROPOSAL FF - WITHDRAWN

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PROPOSAL GG - FAILED

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PROPOSAL HH – LIMIT MINORITY REPORT

Rationale: It is too easy to have competing minority reports which has happened several times in past conventions causing much confusion. There may be rare circumstances in which having several is needful, but it needs to be made more difficult.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

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PROPOSAL II - WITHDRAWN

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PROPOSAL JJ - WITHDRAWN

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PROPOSAL KK – RESIGNATIONS

Rationale: Per RONR, resignations must be voted on as accepted which requires a meeting or an email ballot (7 days). What if a resignation is voted down? Or if it is forgotten to take a resignation vote timely with resultant ambiguity as to entitlement to vote and appropriate thresholds?

CURRENT WORDING

None.

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ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS

[...]

8. Resignations shall be effective once tendered.

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ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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PROPOSAL LL - WITHDRAWN

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PROPOSAL MM – CLARIFY QUORUM ISSUES

Rationale: There has been a long-standing debate about whether or not our bylaws allow “check-out” with respected parliamentarians being in disagreement. The ambiguity should be cleared up one way or another. If it were resolved to allow check out, Credentials would have to have a constant desk with significant volunteer time to adequately handle.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

[...]

8. Quorum

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

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PROPOSAL NN – REMOVAL OF OFFICE

Rationale: The controversy at last convention revealed there is a reasonable ambiguity in our bylaws over whether the due process provision of RONR apply to removal of officers and by extension, at-large members. It is incumbent upon us to resolve that ambiguity. Libertarian principles and honoring the will of the delegates should compel us to choose the due process avenue. Even with due process, this procedure cannot allow the LNC to be able to remove a minority member because they find them “difficult” because that can be inherent in a vocal minority member that the delegates chose. This is a balance between honoring the will of the delegates and protecting the Party.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS

[...]

7. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the officer that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

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ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt

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[...]

ARTICLE 8: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

No officer or member-at-large shall be subject to removal from office except for failure to perform the duties of office or gross malfeasance. The process for removing officers and members-at-large shall be the trial procedure as outlined in the Party's parliamentary authority, with removal requiring a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The membership rights of the officer or member-at-large can be suspended by a 2/3 vote for up to sixty days while the matter is being investigated. The subject officer or member-at-large may appeal their removal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of removal. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the removal and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal. The Judicial Committee shall notify the petitioner and identified prospective respondents of their right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's removal of the officer or member-at-large or order reinstatement of the officer or member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to make a final decision on the appeal within 30 days shall constitute an overturning of the National Committee's removal of the subject officer or member-at-large and restoration of that individual to office. At such time as the removal is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

[Re-Number Subsequent Articles Accordingly]

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 8: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

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PROPOSAL 00 - WITHDRAWN

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PROPOSAL PP – NATIONAL DELEGATE QUALIFICATIONS

Rationale: As of right now, one of the potential of two qualifications to be a national delegate is to be a member of the Party, which is just someone who has signed the Pledge. There should be more investment in the Party, thus, this change would make one of the qualifications path require national Sustaining (dues-paying) membership.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

[...]

2. Delegates

- a. 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.

[...]

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ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

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[...]

Proviso: *This amendment shall not go into effect until the adjournment sine die of the convention at which it is adopted.*

WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

[...]

2. Delegates

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[...]

PROPOSAL QQ – CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

Rationale: As of right now, one of the potential of two qualifications to be a national delegate is to be a member of the Party, which is just someone who has signed the Pledge. There should be more investment in the Party, thus, this change would make one of the qualifications path require national Sustaining (dues-paying) membership.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES

[...]

4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate for public office in any partisan election who is a member of another party for public office in any partisan election. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these bylaws.

[...]

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ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES

[...]

4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate for public office in any partisan election unless the candidate: a) is not listed under any other partisan ballot line unless the candidate is also listed under the affiliate party's ballot line; and b) is registered to vote under the partisan designation of the affiliate party, if available. ~~who is a member of another party for public office in any partisan election.~~ No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these bylaws.

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WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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PROPOSAL RR – RE-STRUCTURE LNC

Rationale: The existing Regional system treats state affiliates as a monolith, assuming that one single vote by a Representative or Alternate can represent all the members within a state party or group of state parties. As has become apparent, different factions within the party have different visions for how the party should operate and what strategic goals the party should pursue. These factions do not cut neatly across state lines. This means that one faction or another is going to control the entire voting power of any region, leaving members within that region who lost the fight for voting power effectively unrepresented. The existing Regional system puts undue power in the hands of either state chairs or state executive committees when forming regions. The delegates who are voting for their representative have no direct say in what region their state will be joining (unless state party bylaws require their input). Additionally, the existing system potentially puts the LNC at odds with the DC non-profit code in that if a Regional acts grossly outside of fiduciary duty and the region does not remove them (regional chairs often check-out of LNC issues), the LNC has no true disciplinary power.

Additionally, these proposals allow for cumulative voting which easily allows for minority voting blocs to elect someone who is sympathetic to their views.

CURRENT WORDING

ARTICLE 7: 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) 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.

[...]

8. A National Committee Regional Representative or Alternate may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties that constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives or alternates shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs comprising the region shall prevail.

[...]

ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES

[...]

1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting.

[...]

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 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.

[...]

4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.

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ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

[...]

2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:
 - a. the officers of the Party;
 - b. ~~five~~ **seven** members elected at large by the delegates at a regular convention;
 - c. ~~any additional members as specified below:~~
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1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting or **cumulative voting**.

[...]

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WORDING IF PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

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