



**Member Submissions of Proposals for the  
Constitution and Bylaws to the Delegates of the  
Libertarian Party of Colorado 2021 State  
Convention**

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## **Introduction to Recommendations**

Our Constitution and Bylaws provide a means that proposals can be submitted by Members rather than relying only on items proposed by the official Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

We have several Members who have many combined years of experience with the Party governing documents; bylaws both state and national; the Colorado Minor Party Law; and parliamentary procedure. We also have several new Members who have shown an interest in Bylaws and parliamentary procedure. These proposals present the long-awaited and overdue merge of the Constitution and Bylaws and also seek to resolve issues discovered since the overhaul at the 2019 Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Aforementioned Members

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## **MERGE PROPOSALS**

### **Proposal #A, PART I (Constitution): Amend Bylaws Amendment Threshold**

*(not divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

*Submitted by Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Caryn Ann Harlos, Margot Herzl, Blake Huber, and Michael Seebeck*

**Problem:** In order to propose a merge to the Delegates of the Bylaws into the Constitution with minimal changes, it is first necessary to amend the threshold for amending the Bylaws to match the amending threshold of the Constitution. Further, the majority threshold to amend the Bylaws is not consistent with modern best practices<sup>1</sup>. See RONR 11<sup>th</sup> 580:25-581:3 (See [Appendix J](#)).

**Solution:** Amend the Constitution to make the amendment threshold for the Bylaws modern and consistent to facilitate the merge.

**Benefits:** Simplification.

*Proviso: If this Part I does not pass, Part II will not be moved. However, if Part II does not pass, Part I is repealed.*

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

##### **Article XI – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Bylaws may be amended by a **majority two-thirds (2/3)** vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

<sup>1</sup> A two-thirds (2/3) threshold for amendment is currently used in the Bylaws of 36 state Libertarian Parties, so this also conforms to recommended best practices. Only five (5) states (CA, NY, ND, OK, and SC) have a majority vote threshold for Bylaws with no Constitution. See [Appendix I](#).

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**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:***(not divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

Amend Constitution Article XI, Section 1 as follows:

- In the first sentence, strike out “majority” and insert “two-thirds (2/3)”, that it would read as follows:

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## **Proposal #A, PART II (Constitution): Merge Bylaws into Constitution**

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*Submitted by Michael Seebeck, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Margot Herzl, Blake Huber, and Caryn Ann Harlos*

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### **Background:**

In the course of the 2019 Convention, the Delegates adopted Proposal #16, which included a Proviso to place before the 2020 Convention a proposal to merge the Constitution and Bylaws into one document. That proviso has since expired.

The 2020 Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report was not heard due to circumstances related to COVID-19. The submitters of this proposal were members of that 2020 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and are the co-authors of this proposed merge.

The original recommendation, proposed by Ms. Harlos, to merge the documents comes from the *2016 Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report*:

Recommendation 2: The next Committee should consider combining the Bylaws and Constitution into one document as recommended by Robert's Rules of Order. Research would need to be done to make sure that separate documents are not required by any State rule or Statute, and a parliamentarian would need to be consulted. Additionally implications on differing vote requirements for amendments would need to be considered as presently it is more difficult to amend the Constitution than the Bylaws.

The first merge proposal was drafted in July of 2016, by Mr. Seebeck. It has been adjusted each year for subsequent amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, to reach the form it is in today. It has had over five (5) years of deliberation, research, and development. It is ready NOW.

Therefore, this proposal is presented by Mr. Seebeck and Ms. Harlos to meet the unmet will and demand of the Delegates.

**Problem:** When the Colorado Libertarian Party was founded in the early 1970s, it was organizational best practices to have a separate Constitution and Bylaws that served distinct roles, with the Constitution having a higher amendment threshold than the Bylaws. Over time, those

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best practices have evolved to the present standard of combining the Constitution and Bylaws into one document with at least a two-thirds (2/3) amendment threshold. Additionally, having a Constitution separate from the Bylaws creates confusion when cross-referencing terms, processes, roles, and overall Party organization. It also creates the possibility of amending one without the other, creating a conflict between the two. *RONR 11th* (12:8-16, 565:8-13) recommends that when there are separate documents in this scenario that they be combined into one document known as “Bylaws” or “Constitution and Bylaws,” with no less than a two-thirds (2/3) vote threshold to amend (580:25-581:3) (See [Appendix J](#)).

**Solution:** Merge the Bylaws into the Constitution,<sup>2</sup> ensuring that the substance and context are not lost, and that the resulting document titled “Bylaws” makes coherent sense.

**Benefits:** Brings the Party’s foundational documents into modern best practices.

**PARLIAMENTARY NOTES (See Appendix J):**

1. This motion is not divisible. See *RONR 11<sup>th</sup>* 272:19-24, 272:29-30.
2. This is not a revision of the Bylaws. A revision is effectively a full rewrite, and this is not a rewrite but a merge and rearrangement of the current Constitution and Bylaws. *RONR 11th*, 593:16-19 states that a revision is changes “that are so extensive and general that they are scattered throughout” the Bylaws, but those changes are substantive in nature. The changes to this rearrangement are non-substantive and stylistic in nature. See the markup copy below in [Appendix G](#) for details. Further, no submission by members can ever be considered a revision. It is noted that this is explicitly stated in *RONR 12th* 562n2 which is not the edition currently used by the Party; however, Ms. Harlos asked the authorial team of *RONR* this question:

*That footnote (562n2) does not exist in the 11th edition. Is this a new rule or a clarification from the fact that the prior version mentions a revision from a committee alone? Also in that paragraph above (57:5 stating that only a committee specifically authorized to prepare a revision can do so) for that footnote the last sentence is also new - same question... Is that a new rule or a clarification?*

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<sup>2</sup> The Bylaws are merged into the Constitution and not vice versa because the Constitution is the superior document and the Bylaws is the subordinate document. See *RONR 11<sup>th</sup>* 10:31-11:5 and 14:22-25.

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*Mr. Daniel H. Honemann (one of the authors of both editions) responded:*

*In my view, both of these are, as you put it, essentially "a clarification from the fact that the prior version mentions a revision from a committee alone.*

*In the 11th edition (and now in the 12th), you will note that wherever a general revision of the bylaws is referred to, it is referred to as being the work of a committee (see, e.g., p. 566, ll. 20-26, pp. 569-70, p. 581, ll. 24-29, p. 593, ll. 22-25, tinted p. 30, No. 6). This derives primarily from what General Robert said about committees on revision of bylaws in PL on page 371. Only the Society itself can authorize the preparation and submission of an entirely new set of bylaws, and this authorization constitutes notice that members should be prepared for any kind of change.*

3. *The current Constitution and Bylaws Committee is not authorized to prepare a revision. As stated just above, "Only the Society itself can authorize the preparation and submission of an entirely new set of bylaws, and this authorization constitutes notice that members should be prepared for any kind of change." (Parliamentary Law 371, RONR 566, 24-26 and discussion above in #2). Even if the 2019 proviso for the 2020 Constitution and Bylaws Committee is considered to have carried through to this committee due to no report being presented in 2020 (which the Chair of the 2021 Committee denies), this authorization is limited to proposing only a merged document with the only changes needed being those to bring our documents into current recommended best practices of one document with a 2/3 amendment threshold. That's what this proposal does.*
4. *This motion, like all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, or Platform, is a Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted, and as such can only be amended and the amendment amended, two "layers" deep only.*

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

See [Appendix G](#) for markup. See [Appendix H](#) for a list that back-references the merge section by section to the current Constitution and Bylaws.

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**MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

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Move to merge all of the provisions of the existing Bylaws into the Constitution, ensuring that the substance and context are not lost, renaming the document “Bylaws,” with the proviso that these changes take effect immediately and the existing Bylaws would be rendered obsolete and subsumed into the resulting document, that would read as follows:

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## The Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado

**ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE: <TBD>, 2021**

### Article I: Name

The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”

### Article II: Purposes

The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, throughout the state of Colorado by:

- (a) providing leadership and direction for the Libertarian movement in Colorado;
- (b) communicating the message and positions of the Party;
- (c) entering into political information and educational activities;
- (d) promoting, chartering, coordinating, and supporting Party affiliates;
- (e) growing the Party through attracting and retaining members;
- (f) attracting, nominating, and promoting serious Party candidates for political office; and
- (g) promoting Libertarian legislation throughout Colorado.

### Article III: Principles

The Party shall take no position inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

### Article IV: Members

- (a) Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors (“Voters”) in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is “Libertarian.” Membership in the Party begins on the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, “Application”), where “Libertarian,” or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, “Unaffiliated,” or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and

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Recorder's office; or the Voter registers in another state or country; or the Voter is removed from the voter rolls.

- (b) In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Secretary or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State's office or the applicable county Clerk and Recorder's office.
- (c) A prospective member may challenge an error of the Secretary of State or a Clerk and Recorder by virtue of an affidavit signed by two (2) other Members who are in good standing.
- (d) Any current Member in good standing may challenge the validity of the proof of membership. The burden of proof of invalidation shall be upon the challenging Member.
- (e) No membership in any other organizations shall be required of any applicant for consideration for Party membership.
- (f) All Directors, delegations, candidacies, and other roles within the Party and its affiliates shall be occupied and exercised only by Party Members.

## **Article V: Affiliates and Development Groups**

### **Section 1. Affiliates**

- (a) The Board may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected Members and approved by the Board.
- (b) Organizations applying for charter as affiliates shall make such applications on a standard petition form as adopted by the Board. The petition shall include ratification of the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. The petition and the ratification shall be signed by no fewer than five (5) Members.
- (c) Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. They shall also submit contact information for their officers/directors, who shall include at least a Chair and a Treasurer, being separate people. They shall maintain at least five (5) Members, publish their bylaws to those Members and the State Board of Directors, and file their initial Fair Campaign Practices Act filings as necessary.

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- (d) Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.
- (e) Affiliates shall make known to the Board the Affiliate Representative to whom all Party business shall be directed. The Affiliate Representative shall be a Member.
- (f) Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:
  - (1) nominating candidates for public office;
  - (2) working to elect Libertarian candidates and to promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; and
  - (3) selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.
- (g) Affiliates may choose to accept as Associate Members, Libertarians who are members of the national Libertarian Party, even though they have signed an approved voter application form establishing their Party affiliation as Unaffiliated rather than Libertarian. If adopted, this policy must be included in the affiliate's bylaws. Associate Members may be allowed to vote at local affiliate meetings and receive newsletters and mailings from the affiliate. Associate Members shall not be allowed to vote at the Convention, serve as an officer of the Party, including at the affiliate level, or seek nomination as a Libertarian Party candidate for any public office.
- (h) The Board shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) Members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

## **Section 2. Development Groups**

- (a) For each county without an affiliate, the Board or a committee it appoints for this purpose may charter one (1) or more development groups for the purpose of increasing Party membership, communication, and influence within the county as an interim to establishing a formally organized affiliate. Subject to the provisions below and any rules and instructions issued by the Board, a development group shall have the power to select its own name and leadership, adopt rules and agendas, and set times and places of meeting.

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- (b) A development group may be assigned to a subset of precincts within a county.  
Development groups shall not overlap geographically. Development groups may negotiate among themselves with respect to merging, splitting, or gaining or releasing one or more precincts, and shall notify the Board within three (3) business days of any such changes made.
- (c) A development group may have, as members, any residents within its geographical boundary, as well as any residents not living within any other current development group boundary.
- (d) Development group leadership shall be limited to Party Members and shall submit a report of activities to the Affiliate Development Director at least once per quarter or upon request.
- (e) Development groups may, jointly or separately, engage in: outreach and voter registration; membership education, support, and training; recruiting activists and potential candidates; raising funds on behalf of the Party; and supporting or opposing local issues, subject to Board approval.
- (f) A development group shall follow applicable law with respect to collecting and recording donations by political parties. A development group shall also submit all money collected and records of the donors to the Treasurer within three (3) business days of receipt.
- (g) A development group shall not nominate or endorse candidates for office; shall not interact with the media except by the approval and instruction of the Chair; and shall not spend money except as authorized by the Board.
- (h) The Board may revoke the charter of any development group at any time and without cause.
- (i) Upon the formation of an affiliate within a county, all development groups therein shall become constituents of and wholly subject to that affiliate.

## **Article VI: State Party Directors**

### **Section 1. Composition of the Board of Directors**

- (a) The Board of Directors ("Board") shall consist of the Party Directors. The Board shall be the Party's State Central Committee.
- (b) There shall be eleven (11) Party Directors ("Directors"), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director,

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Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director.

- (c) Any member of the Board may be suspended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the current Board. Any member of the Board absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be suspended at adjournment of the second regular meeting. The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate Directors if vacancies or suspensions occur. Reinstated or appointed Directors are to serve until the next Convention.
- (d) The Board shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws and shall meet in the manner specified in these Bylaws.

### **Section 2. Director Elections**

- (a) Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.
- (b) Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Officers shall be elected in odd-numbered years, in this order: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years, in this order: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in these Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.
- (c) An appointed Director's term ends at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule above.
- (d) Director elections shall exclude any Director eliminated upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and shall include any Director created upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it above, with the term of each Director adjusted to end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention of the designated year.

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### **Section 3. Director-Specific Duties**

- (a) The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board, as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party. Unless otherwise specified in the Party's Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in these Bylaws. The Chair, or their designee, including other Directors acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.
- (b) The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in these Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director's continuity binders in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair. In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:
- (1) Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller
  - (2) Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake
  - (3) Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo
  - (4) San Luis: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache
  - (5) San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel
  - (6) Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray
  - (7) Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit
  - (8) Northwest: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt
  - (9) Metro: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson
  - (10) Northeast: Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld
  - (11) Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma
- (c) The Affiliate Development Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. The Affiliate

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Development Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.

- (d) The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign volunteers. The Campaigns Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other campaign functions.
- (e) The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party. The Membership Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other membership functions.
- (f) The Communications Director shall be responsible for all outward-facing communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries. The Communications Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other communications functions.
- (g) The Outreach Director shall be responsible for booking and running outreach booths and community events, and for maintaining outreach materials. The Outreach Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other outreach functions.
- (h) The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining official Party records and shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes. The Secretary shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws and the Secretary of State, and shall post these dates within sixty (60) days of their deadlines in accordance with the Party's Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order. The Secretary shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board a publication listing all Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order adopted by the Board and shall file any amendments to these Bylaws with the Secretary of State's office within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted.
- (i) The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented

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committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs), and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

- (j) The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses at each regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer may also prepare budgets for the other Directors or assist them in preparing their own budgets. The Treasurer shall maintain an efficient double-entry system of accounts.
- (k) The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from Members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions.
- (l) Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board.
- (m) Each Director shall be an ex-officio member of each Party affiliate's Board of Directors for the purposes of: upholding the spirit and letter of the Statement of Principles of the National Party; enforcing these Bylaws, and the Rules and Resolutions adopted by the Convention or the State Board; and providing relief in times of distress. Directors shall not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum at an affiliate's Annual or Board Meetings but may be counted in determining that a quorum is present. Each Director shall actively participate in a meeting of at least one (1) Party affiliate or development group each calendar year.

### **Article VII: Meetings**

- (a) Any meeting to elect Party Directors or National Convention Delegates, or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general

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circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting.

- (b) The Board shall convene open meetings at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the current Board. Notice must be sent to the official email address of each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. Such meetings shall be called at least once per calendar month.
- (c) More than one-half (1/2) of the current membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by these Bylaws. Any member Director may participate in a Board meeting or committee meeting by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear or otherwise communicate with each other.
- (d) The Board and its appointed or Party-mandated committees may transact business by electronic communications, as specified by Special Rules of Order.
- (e) Any active Member of the Party may attend the Board Meetings as a "Proxy" at the request of that Director who temporarily cannot attend. No Proxy may represent more than one (1) Director at any board meeting. The Director who is being represented by a Proxy must notify at least two (2) other Directors of the substitution.

## **Article VIII: Conventions**

### **Section 1. Annual Conventions**

- (a) The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates ("Convention") each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy-three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.
- (b) Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

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- (c) No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.
- (d) A Member, having been a Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention may attend and vote at the Business Session as a “Delegate.” The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates , or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention.

### **Section 2. Special Conventions**

- (a) In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done in between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law.
- (b) Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.
- (c) Any required changes to the Party Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting threshold required to change the document as provided for in these Bylaws, or else they will be rendered null and void.
- (d) All current Members that were eligible to vote at the previous annual Convention shall be eligible to vote at a Special Convention.

### **Section 3. Nomination of Candidates**

- (a) The United States Supreme Court has recognized that the nomination of candidates—under political party rules—falls under the First Amendment’s Freedom of Association protections and therefore overrides state laws when such rules so state. As such, all rules

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for nominating candidates are limited to only these Bylaws, and all state laws regarding nominating candidates are to be considered overridden and void. The Party reserves all First Amendment Rights in this regard.

- (b) Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.
- (c) The application shall consist of: 1) a photograph of the candidate; 2) the application form provided by the Board; 3) a biography and a minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; 4) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party; and 5) signing a statement to the effect that they supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.
- (d) Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention.
- (e) For nominations at the Convention:
  - (1) For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.
  - (2) Candidates nominated from the floor or by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.
  - (3) The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Convention directs otherwise.
- (f) In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.
- (g) Any Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates nominated by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation. A Party nominee qualifies for campaign assistance from the Party.

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- (h) The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Directors in their official capacities, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian Party nominees for election to partisan public office.
- (i) At any time that any of the Party's candidates participate in a primary election, the Party shall opt-out of allowing Unaffiliated or other persons who are not Party Members from participation and provide appropriate notice to the Secretary of State's as provided by law.

#### **Section 4. National Convention Delegates and Alternates**

- (a) All National Convention Delegates must have been Members or have been pre-registered to become Members for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the Convention in which they are elected, and must sign a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.
- (b) The Board shall solicit applications from qualified Members for election as National Convention Delegates and Alternates at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention and shall publish the completed applications (with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses redacted) to the Party website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. An application is not required for nomination.
- (c) The Party Chair shall announce the number of National Convention Delegates to be elected by the state Convention Delegates.
- (d) Nominations for National Convention Delegates shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves. Each state Convention Delegate in attendance at the state Convention shall cast a single vote for each National Convention Delegate candidate of their choice by submitting a signed ballot prepared by the Board for this purpose. The total votes cast by each state Convention Delegate shall not exceed the number of National Convention Delegates to be selected. National Convention Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of the state Convention Delegates voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining National Convention Delegate slots. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are National Convention Delegate slots to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected. No elections by slate shall be permitted.
- (e) After the National Convention Delegates are elected, National Convention Alternates shall be selected by using the same procedure as used for selecting National Convention Delegates.

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- (f) The Chair shall serve as Delegation Chair or may request that the National Convention Delegates select a Delegation Chair. Substitutions shall only be made from the list of National Convention Alternates selected by the state Convention Delegates or afterwards added by a majority vote of the present Board (provided said National Convention Alternates did not receive a less than majority vote by the last state Convention.) Substitutions and selection of additional National Convention Delegates may be made at the National Convention by a majority of the attending National Convention Delegates, provided that such substitutes or additions would have been qualified to be elected at the state Convention, did not receive less than a majority vote at the last state Convention, and have signed a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.
- (g) All National Convention Delegates will sign their ballots and these results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes.

## **Article IX: Committees**

### **Section 1. State Committees**

- (a) The Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large Members selected by the Board and an additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate.
- (1) The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Bylaws Committee as well as the Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Members at least six (6) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform and Bylaws are considered. The Board shall appoint five (5) at-large Members at a Board meeting held at least one (1) month after the final solicitation, but no later than four (4) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform and Bylaws are considered. If any subsequent vacancies occur in the initially-appointed, at-large positions, the Board may select Members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee.
- (2) Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) Member to each committee. Should an affiliate not appoint a committee member, the Board may appoint an additional at-

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large Member at the time of committee formation. The Board shall solicit one (1) committee member from each chartered affiliate on the same schedule implemented by the Board pursuant to subsection 1 above, and at its meeting for appointment of the members of the committees it shall confirm such committee members as have been certified by the Affiliate Representatives. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee votes, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.

- (3) Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party Member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.
- (4) The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety to the Convention.
- (b) The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party Members selected by the Board of Directors. The at-large Style Committee members shall be selected within sixty (60) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Bylaws Committees as appropriate.
- (c) The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.
- (d) Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board or Convention Delegates shall from time to time deem necessary to carry out the work of the Party.
- (e) Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall

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be open to Members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

### **Section 2. National Committee Representatives and Alternates**

- (a) Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention Delegates shall elect the committee representatives and alternates in the same manner as and immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote after soliciting applications from Members.
- (b) Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions.

### **Article X: Finances and Accounting**

The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31st.

### **Article XI: Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, any Standing Rules, and any Special Rules of Order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt.

- (a) If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released more than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of that Convention.
- (b) If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released less than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of the following year's Convention.

### **Article XII: Amendments**

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- (a) During odd-numbered years, these Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.
- (b) During odd-numbered years, the Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.
- (c) Any Article, Section, or Clause of these Bylaws which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Clause (a) of this Article shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within these Bylaws.

**Article XIII: Severability**

If any Article, Section, or Clause of these Bylaws is to any extent determined to be invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such Article, Section, or Clause shall be excluded only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of these Bylaws are declared to be severable.

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## **NON-MERGE PROPOSALS**

### **Proposal #B (Constitution): Bind Membership Requirements to Convention Date**

*(divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Caryn Ann Harlos, Michael Seebeck, Margot Herzl, Sean Vadney, Wayne Harlos, and Blake Huber*

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**Problem:** A discussion over the period of time that a person must be a member to be a Delegate to the regular Convention revealed that as currently worded, the Party Constitution does not give a specific binding on the 90 day requirement to be a Delegate. There is a similar issue with the 150 days requirement to be a candidate. As currently worded, those periods can be any 90 or 150 days before the Convention, when the proper period should be the specific 90 or 150 days just prior to the Convention.

**Solution:** Amend the Constitution in Article VII, Section 4 and Article IX, Section 4 to make the periods bound to the Convention.

**Benefits:** Closes a loophole in the Constitution.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VIII, Section 1, subsection (d) Section 3, subsection (d), respectively.*

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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

##### **Article VII – ANNUAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 4: A Member, having been a Member for at least the ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may attend and vote at the Business Session as a “Delegate.” The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates , or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention.

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## Article IX – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least **the** one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention.

### **MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

*(divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

Amend Constitution Article VII, Section 4, and Article IX, Section 4 as follows:

- In Article VII Section 4, insert “the ” between “at least” and “ninety”, and
- In Article IX Section 4, insert “the ” between “at least” and” one hundred fifty”, that the two sections would read as follows:

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## **Proposal #C (Constitution): Authorize Document Amendments at Special Conventions**

*(divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Caryn Ann Harlos, Michael Seebeck, Sean Vadney, Margot Herzl, Blake Huber, and Wayne Harlos*

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**Problem:** The wording of Article VIII of the Constitution implies that a Special Convention can amend the Constitution and Bylaws, but the wording of Articles XI and XIII Section 1 explicitly only allows for such amendments at Regular Conventions in odd-years. The Special Convention should not just be for reasons of compliance with state law but for any emergency that arises that is outside the normal functioning of the Party, particularly since we have only typically allowed Constitution and Bylaws revisions for off-years. Further, the Board and the official Bylaws Committee are advocating a carte blanche authority for the Board to change or disregard the Constitution and Bylaws, which is absolutely unacceptable.

**Solution:** Amend Constitution Article VIII Section 1 to make the implied into the explicit.

**Benefits:** If there is some fatal defect discovered in our governing documents, it could be a very long two years until resolution. This amendment would give the Board a path to ask the delegates to change those documents if there is a genuine emergency not limited to compliance with state or federal law. Also solves the problem—which is real—in a way that doesn't have the fox guarding the henhouse and deciding when it is hungry for chicken dinner.

*Proviso: if the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment to Article VIII Section 1 applies to Article VIII, Section 2, and the words "this Constitution or the Bylaws" become "these Bylaws".*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

### **Article VIII – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally

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reserved for the annual Convention must be done between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as ~~required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law~~ necessary to resolve the situation, which may include revisions to this Constitution or the Bylaws, regardless of year.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

*(divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

Amend Constitution Article VIII Section 1 as follows:

- After “by the Board” strike out “ required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law“ and insert “ necessary to resolve the situation, which may include revisions to the this Constitution or the Bylaws, regardless of year”,

that would read as follows:

**Article VIII – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as necessary to resolve the situation, which may include revisions to the this Constitution or the Bylaws, regardless of year.

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## **Proposal #D (Bylaws): Chair Delegation of Additional Duties**

*(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Caryn Ann Harlos, Margot Herzl, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Blake Huber, and Michael Seebeck*

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**Problem:** At times, there are tasks that Directors should accomplish that are not delineated in the Bylaws but fall within the general scope of their duties. “It’s not my job” should not be an excuse.

**Solution:** Allow the Chair to delegate those tasks.

**Benefits:** Creates flexible scope delineated by the Chair for all Board positions.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VI, Section 3, subsection (l).*

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### **ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 12: Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board. The Chair may assign additional duties reasonably within the scope of any Director’s area of responsibility.

#### **MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

*(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 12 as follows:

- Add “The Chair may assign additional duties reasonably within the scope of any Director’s area of responsibility.”,

that would read as follows:

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## ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 12: Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board. The Chair may assign additional duties reasonably within the scope of any Director’s area of responsibility.

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## Proposal #E (Bylaws): Board Committees

*(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Caryn Ann Harlos, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Blake Huber, and Michael Seebeck*

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**Problem:** Specifying that each Director can form committees is excessively repetitive and can be consolidated into one Section.

**Solution:** Consolidate the Director committee authorizations into one Section.

**Benefits:** Cleanup of repetitive wording; improves the flexibility of the Secretary and the Treasurer by allowing them to form committees.

*Proviso #1: If the proposals for the Technology Director and News Director pass, the last sentences of those positions, which parallel these, will also be deleted in the same way for the purposes of consistency.*

*Proviso #2: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VI, Section 3, subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), and (k), respectively, and the new subsection (m).*

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 3: The Affiliate Development Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. ~~The Affiliate Development Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.~~

Section 4: The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign

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volunteers. ~~The Campaigns Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other campaign functions.~~

Section 5: The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party. ~~The Membership Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other membership functions.~~

Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all outward-facing communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries. ~~The Communications Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other communications functions.~~

Section 7: The Outreach Director shall be responsible for booking and running outreach booths and community events, and for maintaining outreach materials. ~~The Outreach Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other outreach functions.~~

Section 9: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees ~~(including the appointment of any committee chairs)~~, and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

Section 11: The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from Members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. ~~The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions.~~

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

**Section 13: Each Director, except for the Chair and Vice Chair, may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to assist with their duties.**

**(Renumber subsequent Sections)**

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

*(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

Amend Bylaws Article II as follows:

- Strike out the last sentence from each of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 11,
- Strike out “ (including the appointment of any committee chairs)” from Section 9,
- Insert a new Section 13 that states “Each Director, except for the Chair and Vice Chair, may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to assist with their duties.”, and
- Renumber subsequent sections,

that would read as follows:

**ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 3: The Affiliate Development Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status.

Section 4: The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign volunteers.

Section 5: The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party.

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

## **Proposal #F (Joint): Establish Technology Director**

*(not divisible, majority to amend Bylaws part, 2/3 to amend Constitution part or adopt all)*

*Referred by Caryn Ann Harlos, Margot Herzl, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Steve Gallant, Stephen Cureton, Blake Huber, and Michael Seebeck*

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**Problem:** The original Board positions and their subsequent adjustments have not adequately compensated for the Party's growing and evolving technology needs. The work involved has led the Board to create a de facto non-Board Technology Chair position to perform the various tasks that address the technology. This has caused two problems: 1.) The current Technology Chair does not have the same rights as the other Directors, and 2.) The duties are unofficial and dispersed, and sometimes unfulfilled. This needs to become an official Director position.

**Solution:** Create the Technology Director position.

**Benefits:** Consolidates the duties under one Director and gives them authority to go with the responsibility.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VI, Section 3, subsection (l), Section 1, subsection (b), Section 2, subsection (b), respectively, and new subsection (m).*

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### **BYLAWS:**

#### **ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

**Section 12: The Technology Director shall be responsible for the technical support for the Party to include database administration, website administration, the digital publishing of Party materials, multimedia support for Party events and meetings, and recommendations for improvement of software and other technology needs. The Technology Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.**

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

*(Renumber subsequent sections accordingly.)*

**CONSTITUTION:**

**Article V – DIRECTORS**

Section 1: There shall be ~~eleven (11)~~ twelve (12) Party Directors (“Directors”), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, ~~and~~ Fundraising Director, and Technology Director. Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.

Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, ~~and~~ Fundraising Director, and Technology Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

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**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

*(not divisible, majority to amend Bylaw part, 2/3 to amend Constitution part or adopt all)*

Amend Bylaws Article II, as follows:

- Add a new Section 12 that states “The Technology Director shall be responsible for the technical support for the Party to include database administration, website administration, the digital publishing of Party materials, multimedia support for Party events and meetings, and recommendations for improvement of software and other technology needs. The Technology Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.”; and
- Renumber subsequent sections,

and amend Constitution Article V, Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

- In Section 1, strike out “eleven (11)” and insert “twelve (12)”;
- In Section 1, strike out “and” before “Fundraiser Director” and insert “, and “Technology Director” after “Fundraiser Director”;
- In Section 2, strike out “and” before “Fundraiser Director” and insert “, and “Technology Director” after “Fundraiser Director”,

that would read as follows:

**BYLAWS:****ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 12: The Technology Director shall be responsible for the technical support for the Party to include database administration, website administration, the digital publishing of Party materials, multimedia support for Party events and meetings, and recommendations for improvement of software and other technology needs. The Technology Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.

**CONSTITUTION:****Article V – DIRECTORS**


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Section 1: There shall be twelve (12) Party Directors (“Directors”), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, Fundraising Director, and Technology Director. Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.

Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, Fundraising Director, and Technology Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

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## **Proposal #G (Joint): Establish News Director**

*(not divisible, majority to amend Bylaws part, 2/3 to amend Constitution part or adopt all)*

*Referred by Margot Herzl, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Michael Seebeck, Stephen Cureton, Blake Huber, and Caryn Ann Harlos*

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**Problem:** The State Party considers its newsletter crucial to Party functions, as well as to expanding the reach and effectiveness of the Party. However, responsibility for producing the newsletter has been a hot potato as it represents a substantial amount of work and the current Director positions already have sufficient duties to occupy most of their time and energy. Also, there is a dearth of **good** local news in Colorado. People from all parts of the political spectrum have complained that, while they know exactly what is happening on the national stage, they have no idea what's going on in Colorado.

**Solution:** Establish a News Director for the Board to handle the responsibilities.

**Benefits:** This is an opportunity for the Party to gain prominence in Colorado's political conversation, and to choose and frame the issues of the day. In addition, the newsletter will become a primary rather than an auxiliary duty, and will create more fundraising, communication, and recruiting opportunities.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VI, Section 3, subsection (l), Section 1, subsection (b), Section 2, subsection (b), respectively, and new subsection (m).*

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### **BYLAWS:**

#### **ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

**Section 12: The News Director shall be responsible for publishing a regular internal newsletter to the Membership. In addition, the News Director shall establish and maintain news platforms for the publication of descriptive, philosophical, investigative, and op-ed pieces relating to Colorado issues and solicited from the Membership. The News Director**

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires 2/3 vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

shall act as the Editor-in-Chief for all Party news platforms. The News Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.

(Renumber subsequent sections accordingly.)

## CONSTITUTION:

### Article V – DIRECTORS

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Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, ~~and~~ Fundraising Director, and News Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

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**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:***(not divisible, majority to amend Bylaw part, 2/3 to amend Constitution part or adopt all)*

Amend Bylaws Article II as follows:

- Add a new Section 12 that states “The News Director shall be responsible for publishing a regular internal newsletter to the Membership. In addition, the News Director shall establish and maintain news platforms for the publication of descriptive, philosophical, investigative, and op-ed pieces relating to Colorado issues and solicited from the Membership. The News Director shall act as the Editor-in-Chief for all Party news platforms. The News Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.”; and
- Renumber subsequent sections,

and amend Constitution Article V, Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

- In Section 1, strike out “ eleven (11)” and insert “ twelve (12)”;
- In Section 1, strike out“ and” before “Fundraiser Director” and insert “, and News Director” after “Fundraiser Director”;
- In Section 2, strike out “ and” before “Fundraiser Director” and insert “, and News Director” after “Fundraiser Director”,

that would read as follows:

**BYLAWS:****ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 12: The News Director shall be responsible for publishing a regular internal newsletter to the Membership. In addition, the News Director shall establish and maintain news platforms for the publication of descriptive, philosophical, investigative, and op-ed pieces relating to Colorado issues and solicited from the Membership. The News Director shall act as the Editor-in-Chief for all Party news platforms. The News Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.

**CONSTITUTION:**


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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

## **Proposal #H (Bylaws): National Convention Delegates Ballot Retention**

*(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Michael Seebeck, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Margot Herzl, Stephen Cureton, Blake Huber, and Caryn Ann Harlos*

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**Problem:** Under normal national Convention circumstances, paper ballots are used. However, the 2020 national Convention was a hybrid of in-person and online attendance, which included electronic votes, making the terms of Bylaws Article VII Section 7 impossible to follow for electronic votes. In the interests of transparency to the Membership about the votes of the national convention Delegates, this section needs adjustment for electronic voting.

**Solution:** Amend Bylaws Article VII Section 7 to change the procedure to cover both paper and electronic ballots.

**Benefits:** Consistency in transparency.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VIII, Section 4, subsection (g).*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

### **Article VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 7: ~~All~~ **For each vote, all** National Convention Delegates will sign their **paper** ballots ~~s-~~ **and these or submit to the Delegation Chair an accurate list of their electronic ballots. These** results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes.

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:***(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

Amend Bylaws Article VII, Section 7 as follows:

- In the first sentence, strike out “All” and insert “For each vote, all”,
- In the first sentence, insert “paper” between “their” and “ballots”, and
- In the first sentence, strike out “s and these ”, and insert “submit to the Delegation Chair an accurate list of their electronic ballots. These ”,

that would read as follows:

**Article VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 7: For each vote, all National Convention Delegates will sign their paper ballot or submit to the Delegation Chair an accurate list of their electronic ballots. These results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes.

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

## **Proposal #I (Bylaws): Reform Election of National Committee Representatives and Alternates**

*(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Michael Seebeck, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Margot Herzl, and Caryn Ann Harlos*

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**Problem:** The 2019 Convention had a fundamental procedural problem in how the national Party Platform Committee representative and alternates were selected. The Bylaws were ignored, but a post-convention analysis of what went wrong exposed a flaw in the selection process if it was properly followed. Ties are also not addressed, and it is impossible to follow the process as it currently exists if the number of alternates is not fixed.

**Solution:** This proposal addresses these problems. Not more than two alternates solves the selection process, as does switching to ranked-choice voting in both cases for consistency. Random draw was chosen over coin flip because a coin flip cannot address a three-way or more-way tie.

**Benefits:** Fixes a flaw in the Bylaws.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article IX, Section 2, subsection (a).*

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### **Article VIII – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

Section 1: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding regional representatives and alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention Delegates shall elect the committee representatives and not more than two (2) alternates ~~in the same manner as and by~~ ranked-choice voting immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee representatives and

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

not more than two (2) alternates by ~~majority vote~~ ranked-choice voting after soliciting applications from Party members. All ties shall be broken by random draw.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

*(divisible, majority to amend or adopt)*

Amend Bylaws Article VIII, Section 1 as follows:

- Insert the words “not more than two (2) ” between “representatives and” and “alternates” in the second and third instances,
- Strike out “in the same manner as and ” and insert “by ranked-choice voting ”,
- Strike out “majority vote ” and insert “ranked-choice voting ”, and
- Add at the end of the section, “ All ties shall be broken by random draw.”,

that would read as follows:

**Article VIII – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

Section 1: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding regional representatives and alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention Delegates shall elect the committee representatives and not more than two (2) alternates by ranked-choice voting immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee representatives and not more than two (2) alternates by ranked-choice voting after soliciting applications from Party members. All ties shall be broken by random draw.

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

## **Proposal #J (Constitution): Better Define Vacancy Committee to Fix Nomination Problems**

*(not divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Michael Seebeck, Caryn Ann Harlos, Wayne Harlos, Margot Herzl, Stephen Cureton, Blake Huber, and Sean Vadney*

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**Problem:** As the Constitution is currently worded, Libertarian candidates that run in recall elections, or local affiliate nominations that cannot be nominated at Convention by the Delegates due to timing of those races, cannot be on the ballot as a Libertarian, unless nominated by the Vacancy Committee. (Libertarian candidates can only be nominated by the Delegates or by the Vacancy Committee.) The Vacancy Committee is the proper means to resolve this between Conventions, but its role is not defined well enough to accomplish it.

**Solution:** Amend Constitution Article IX Sections 4-5 and add Section 6 to fix the problem by better defining the role of the Vacancy Committee.

**Benefits:** Fixes a problem in the Constitution and allows more candidates. For recall candidates, this should remove the petitioning requirement as well because it pulls their nominations into the Constitution in accordance with the Minor Party Law, which does not exclude nomination of recall candidates.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VIII, Section 3, subsection (g).*

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### Article IX – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to ~~the Convention~~ nomination.

Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by Delegates to the Convention ~~or by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates. For nominations at the Convention: .~~

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

1. For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.
2. Candidates nominated from the floor ~~or by the Vacancy Committee~~ shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.
- ~~3. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Convention directs otherwise.~~

**Section 6: Candidates may be nominated by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates.**

1. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Delegates to the Convention direct otherwise.
2. The Vacancy Committee shall operate between Conventions and shall vet candidates as needed.
3. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.

*(Renumber subsequent sections)*

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

**MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:***(not divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

Amend Constitution Article IX as follows:

- In Section 4, at the end of the sentence, strike out “ the Convention” and insert “ nomination”,
- In the first sentence of Section 5, insert a period after “Delegates to the Convention” and strike out “ or by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates. For nominations at the Convention:”,
- In Section 5, subsection 2, strike out “or by the Vacancy Committee”, and
- Strike out Section 5, subsection 3,
- Add a new Section 6 “Section 6: Candidates may be nominated by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates.
  1. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Delegates to the Convention direct otherwise.
  2. The Vacancy Committee shall operate between Conventions and shall vet candidates as needed.
  3. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.”, and
- Renumber subsequent sections,

that would read as follows:

**Article IX – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to nomination.

Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by Delegates to the Convention.

1. For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.
2. Candidates nominated from the floor shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing

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the use of force to achieve political or social goals.

**Section 6:** Candidates may be nominated by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates.

1. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Delegates to the Convention direct otherwise.
2. The Vacancy Committee shall operate between Conventions and shell vet candidates as needed.
3. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.

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## **Proposal #K (Bylaws): Adjust Board Duties**

*(divisible, majority to amend or pass)*

*Referred by Wayne Harlos, Michael Seebeck, Caryn Ann Harlos, Margot Herzl, Stephen Cureton, Blake Huber, and Sean Vadney*

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**Problem:** Leadership training and succession planning should be under the purview of the Vice Chair, not the Chair. In the same vein, the future regions, which exist as a goal to achieve in Party growth, should be under the purview of the Affiliates Director, not the Vice Chair. The Membership Director should be recruiting members for both the state and national parties, especially for purposes of seats on national convention committees and if the proposed Joint Dues program by the national Party is implemented. The Policy Manual is an official party document that should be the responsibility of the Secretary.

**Solution:** Place these duties under the appropriate Directors.

**Benefits:** Places duties where they actually belong. Better organizes Party administration.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment applies to Article VI, Section 3, subsections (a), (b), (c), (e), and (h), respectively.*

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### **Article II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 1: The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board, ~~as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party~~. Unless otherwise specified in the Party's Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair, or their designee, including other Directors acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

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Section 2: The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, oversee leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director's continuity binder in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair. ~~In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:~~

- ~~a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller~~
- ~~b. Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake~~
- ~~c. Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo~~
- ~~d. San Luis: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache~~
- ~~e. San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel~~
- ~~f. Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray~~
- ~~g. Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit~~
- ~~h. Northwest: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt~~
- ~~i. Metro: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson~~
- ~~j. Northeast: Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld~~
- ~~k. Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma~~

Section 3: The ~~Affiliates Development~~ Affiliates Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. The ~~Affiliates Development~~ Affiliates Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions. When the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Affiliates Director shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions may be composed of the following counties:

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- e. San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel
- f. Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray
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Section 5: The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party. The Membership Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other membership functions. The Membership Director shall recruit state Party Members to become national Party members.

Section 8: The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining official Party records and shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes. The Secretary shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws, the Constitution, and the Secretary of State and shall post these dates within sixty (60) days of their deadlines in accordance with the Party's Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order. The Secretary shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board and Party Membership a ~~publication listing~~ Policy Manual containing all Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order adopted by the Board and shall file any amendments to the Party's Constitution or Bylaws with the Secretary of State's office within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted.

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**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:***(divisible, majority to amend or pass)*

Amend Bylaws Article II as follows:

- In Section 1, strike out “, as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party”,
- In Section 2, insert “, oversee leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party”,
- In Section 2, strike out “. In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:
  - a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller
  - b. Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake
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  - k. Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma”,
- In Section 3, strike out “Affiliate Development ” and insert “Affiliates ” in both occurrences,
- In Section 3, add “When the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Affiliates Director shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions may be composed of the following counties:
  - a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller
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  - k. Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma”,
- In Section 5, add “ The Membership Director shall recruit state Party Members to become national Party members.”,
  - In section 8, insert “and party membership “, and
  - In Section 8, strike out “publication listing “ and insert “Policy Manual containing “, that would read as follows:

## **Article II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

**Section 1:** The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board. Unless otherwise specified in the Party’s Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair, or their designee, including other Directors acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

**Section 2:** The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, oversee leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director’s continuity binder in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair.

**Section 3:** The Affiliates Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups,

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and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. The Affiliates Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions. When the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Affiliates Director shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions may be composed of the following counties:

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## **Proposal #L (Constitution): Protection of Affiliates and Member Rights**

*(not divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Michael Seebeck, Margot Herzl, Sean Vadney, Wayne Harlos, Stephen Cureton, Blake Huber, and Caryn Ann Harlos*

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**Problem:** It is possible to interpret the powers of the Board to trample Member rights and Affiliate autonomy and do whatever they want regardless of best practices or the best interest of the Party.

**Solution:** Add new Constitution Article VI, Section 4, to protect Affiliates and Members.

**Benefits:** Supports the bottoms-up grassroots philosophy and operations of the Party while preserving Member rights. Puts Board focus on state party administration and expansion while leaving the Affiliates the flexibility to do what they need locally to grow.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment becomes Article VI, Section 1, new subsection (e), and the words “this Constitution or the Bylaws” becomes “these Bylaws.”*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

### **Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 4: The rights of all Members shall be respected at all times. The autonomy of the Affiliates shall not be abridged, except as provided for by this Constitution or the Bylaws.**

<p><b>MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:</b></p>
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*(not divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

Amend Constitution Article VI by adding a new Section 4 that would read as follows:

### **Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires 2/3 vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

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## **Proposal #M (Bylaws): Committees of Convention Elections**

*(divisible, majority to amend, 2/3 to adopt because of Proviso #1)*

*Referred by Caryn Ann Harlos, Wayne Harlos, Sean Vadney, Margot Herzl, Stephen Cureton, Blake Huber, and Michael Seebeck*

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**Problem:** The Platform Committee and Constitution and Bylaws Committees are committees of the Convention, directly reporting to the Convention Delegates, and the Style Committee indirectly is a committee of the Convention because its work directly ties to those other committees. Appointments to them by the Board of the Directors is a direct conflict of interest because the Committees develop process and policy for the Board as directed by the Delegates.

**Solution:** Amend the Bylaws to remove the role of the Board from appointing and serving on these Committees, and place their member elections in the hands of the Delegates at even-year Conventions for the Platform Committee and Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and at odd-year Conventions for the Style Committee.

**Benefits:** Removes the conflict of interest and places the Style Committee, Platform Committee, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee solely for the interest of the Members. Gives these committees more time to do their work. Board members are still able to provide input to the committees. Also places alignment of these committees into a consistent non-overlapping schedule to improve their productivity. Cleans up language consistency.

*Proviso #1: The Convention Agenda would also be amended to add Style Committee elections at this Convention. Explanation: If passed, this Bylaw change takes effect immediately, adding Style Committee elections immediately prior to elections of the Board of Directors for this Convention and requiring amendment of the Convention Agenda. Such an amendment of the Convention Agenda normally requires a 2/3 vote to suspend the rules to amend the Convention Agenda, so the proposal requires a 2/3 vote to adopt.*

*Proviso #2: For 2021 only, the Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall be eligible to serve on the Style Committee even if they are Party Directors at the time or are subsequently elected.*

*Proviso #3: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment replaces Article XI, Section 1, subsections (a) and (b), respectively, the words “Constitution and” in Section 1, Section 1 subsection (a), Section 2 subsections (c) and (f) are deleted, and the words “, Constitution, “in Section 2 subsection (f) are deleted.*

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires 2/3 vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Article VI – STATE COMMITTEES**

~~Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large Members elected by the Delegates at an even-year Convention and an additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate no later than one (1) month after adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the even-year Convention.~~

- ~~a. Each Committee shall elect their committee Chair from the members of their committee.~~
- ~~b. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) Member to each committee. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee meetings, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.~~
- ~~c. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the next Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party Member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.~~
- ~~d. The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety to the Convention.~~
- ~~e. At-large committee members elected by Delegates at Convention shall be elected by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. The five (5) candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected.~~
- ~~f. No Director may be elected or appointed to the Constitution and Bylaws or Platform Committee.~~

~~Section 2: The Style Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) Members, elected by Delegates at an odd-year Convention, by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. The five (5) candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. The Chairs of the most recent Constitution and Bylaws Committee and~~

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~~Platform Committee shall be automatically nominated. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change, no later than six (6) weeks before the next Convention. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate. No Director shall be elected or appointed to the Style Committee. The Style Committee members shall elect their committee Chair from the members of the Style Committee.~~

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of up to five (5) at-large Members and up to one (1) additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate.

- a. No state Party Director shall be elected or appointed to the Constitution and Bylaws or Platform Committee.
- b. At-large committee members shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an even-year Convention by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. Candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. A committee member elected by the Delegates who fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate, if any.
- d. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) member to each committee no later than thirty (30) days after adjournment sine die of the Business Session of an even-year Convention.
- e. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.
- f. Each Committee shall elect their committee Chair from the members of their committee.
- g. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the next odd-year Convention. These

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reports shall be available in their complete electronic form to any Member upon request and on the Convention website or web page. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the next odd-year Convention.

Section 2: The Style Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) Members.

- a. No state Party Director shall be elected to the Style Committee.
- b. Each member shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an odd-year Convention, by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. Candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. The Chairs of the most recent Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee shall be automatically nominated, if they are eligible.
- d. A committee member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate, if any.
- e. The committee members shall elect their committee Chair from the members of the committee.
- f. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change, no later than six (6) weeks before the next even-year Convention. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the next Platform Committee or Constitution and Bylaws Committee as appropriate.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

*(divisible, majority to amend, 2/3 to adopt because of Proviso #1)*

Amend Bylaws Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

- Strike out current wording and insert new sections, that would read as follows:

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires 2/3 vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

## Article VI – STATE COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large Members and an additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate.

- a. No Director shall be elected or appointed to the Constitution and Bylaws or Platform Committee.
- b. At-large committee members shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an even-year Convention by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. The five (5) candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. A committee member elected by the Delegates who fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate.
- d. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) member to each committee no later than one (1) month after adjournment sine die of the Business Session of an even-year Convention.
- e. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee meetings, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.
- f. Each Committee shall elect their committee Chair from the members of their committee.
- g. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the next odd-year Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete electronic form to any Member upon request and on the Convention website or web page. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the next odd-year Convention.

Section 2: The Style Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) Members.

- a. No Director shall be elected to the Style Committee.

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- b. Each member shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an odd-year Convention, by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. The five (5) candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. The Chairs of the most recent Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee shall be automatically nominated, if they are eligible.
- d. A committee member who fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate.
- e. The committee members shall elect their committee Chair from the members of the committee.
- f. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change, no later than six (6) weeks before the next even-year Convention. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the next Platform Committee or Constitution and Bylaws Committee as appropriate.

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## **Proposal #N (Constitution): Establish a Judicial Committee**

*(not divisible, 2/3 to amend or adopt)*

*Referred by Sean Vadney, Caryn Ann Harlos, Wayne Harlos, Margot Herzl, Blake Huber, Stephen Cureton, and Michael Seebeck*

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**Problem:** The Party currently has no mechanism for appealing decisions.

**Solution:** Establish a Judicial Committee.

**Benefits:** A Judicial Committee will be empowered to hear and rule on appeals.

*Proviso: If the submitted merge proposal passes, then this amendment would become Article VII in the merge, with subsequent Articles renumbered.*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

### ARTICLE VII – JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

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Section 2: Members of the State Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Judicial Committee. Judicial Committee members must have been Members for the past three (3) years, and shall have signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

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Section 7: All rulings of the Judicial Committee must be in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws.

Section 8: A verdict must be reached within five (5) days of the adjournment of the hearing. A report of the case and its verdict must be uploaded to the Party website within two (2) business days.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER AN AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

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Amend Constitution by adding new Article VII, and renumbering subsequent Articles, to read as follows:

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## **Appendix A: Current Constitution**

### **Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Colorado**

[Adopted in Convention April 28th, 2019]

#### **Article I – NAME**

Section 1: The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”

#### **Article II – PURPOSES**

Section 1: The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, throughout the state of Colorado by:

- a. providing leadership and direction for the Libertarian movement in Colorado;
- b. communicating the message and positions of the Party;
- c. entering into political information and educational activities;
- d. promoting, chartering, coordinating, and supporting Party affiliates;
- e. growing the Party through attracting and retaining members;
- f. attracting, nominating, and promoting professional, serious Party candidates for political office; and
- g. promoting Libertarian legislation throughout Colorado.

#### **Article III – PRINCIPLES**

Section 1: The Party shall take no position inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

#### **Article IV – MEMBERS**

Section 1: Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors (“Voters”) in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is “Libertarian.” Membership in the Party begins on

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the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, "Application"), where "Libertarian," or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter's county Clerk and Recorder's office. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, "Unaffiliated," or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter's county Clerk and Recorder's office; or the Voter registers in another state or country; or the Voter is removed from the voter rolls.

Section 2: In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Secretary or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State's office or the applicable county Clerk and Recorder's office.

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Section 4: Any current Member in good standing may challenge the validity of the proof of membership. The burden of proof of invalidation shall be upon the challenging Member.

Section 5: No membership in any other organizations shall be required of any applicant for consideration for Party membership.

Section 6: All Directors, delegations, candidacies, and other roles within the Party and its affiliates shall be occupied and exercised only by Party Members.

## **Article V –DIRECTORS**

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Section 1: There shall be eleven (11) Party Directors (“Directors”), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.

Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

Section 3: An appointed Director’s term ends at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 4: Director elections shall exclude any Director eliminated upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and shall include any Director created upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term of each Director adjusted to end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention of the designated year.

## **Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1: The Board of Directors (“Board”) shall consist of the Party Directors. The Board shall be the Party’s State Central Committee.

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Section 2: Any member of the Board may be suspended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the current Board. Any member of the Board absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be suspended at adjournment of the second regular meeting. The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate Directors if vacancies or suspensions occur. Reinstated or appointed Directors are to serve until the next Convention.

Section 3: The Board shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Party Bylaws.

## **Article VII – ANNUAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates (“Convention”) each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.

Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

Section 3: No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.

Section 4: A Member, having been a Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may attend and vote at the Business Session as a “Delegate.” The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates, or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention.

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## Article VIII – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law.

Section 2: Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.

Section 3: Any required changes to the Party Constitution or Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting thresholds required to change the respective documents as provided for in this Constitution, or else they will be rendered null and void.

Section 4: All current Members that were eligible to vote at the previous annual Convention shall be eligible to vote at a Special Convention.

## Article IX – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 1: The United States Supreme Court has recognized that the nomination of candidates—under political party rules—falls under the First Amendment’s Freedom of Association protections and therefore overrides state laws when such rules so state. As such, all rules for nominating candidates are limited to only the Party Constitution and Bylaws, and all state laws regarding nominating candidates are to be considered overridden and void. The Party reserves all First Amendment Rights in this regard.

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Section 2: Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.

Section 3: The application shall consist of: 1) a photograph of the candidate; 2) the application form provided by the Board; 3) a biography and a minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; 4) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party; and 5) signing a statement to the effect that they supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention.

Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by Delegates to the Convention or by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates. For nominations at the Convention:

- a. For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.
- b. Candidates nominated from the floor or by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.
- c. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Convention directs otherwise.

Section 6: In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.

Section 7: Any Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates nominated by the process set

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forth in this Article may use this designation. A Party nominee qualifies for campaign assistance from the Party.

Section 8: The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Directors in their official capacities, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian Party nominees for election to partisan public office.

Section 9: At any time that any of the Party's candidates participate in a primary election, the Party shall opt-out of allowing Unaffiliated or other persons who are not Party members from participation and provide appropriate notice to the Secretary of State's office as provided by law.

#### **Article X – PARTY AFFILIATES**

Section 1: The Board may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected Members and approved by the Board. Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:

- a. nominating candidates for public office;
- b. working to elect Libertarian candidates and to promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; and
- c. selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.

Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.

Section 2: Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. They shall also submit contact information for their officers/directors, who shall include at least a Chair and a Treasurer, being separate people. They shall maintain at least five (5) Members, publish their bylaws to those Members and the Board, and file their initial Fair Campaign Practices Act filings as necessary.

Section 3: The Board shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) Members where officers

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are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

#### **Article XI – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

#### **Article XII – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

#### **Article XIII – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, this Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.

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Section 2: Any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 of this Article shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this Constitution.

#### **Article XIV – SEVERABILITY**

Section 1: If any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution is to any extent determined to be invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such Article, Section, or Clause shall be excluded only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Constitution are declared to be severable.

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## **Appendix B: Current Bylaws**

### **Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado**

[Adopted in Convention April 28th, 2019]

#### **Article I – PARTY AFFILIATES**

Section 1: Organizations applying for charter as affiliates shall make such applications on a standard petition form as adopted by the Board. The petition shall include ratification of the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. The petition and the ratification shall be signed by no fewer than five (5) Members.

Section 2: Affiliates shall make known to the Board the Affiliate Representative to whom all Party business shall be directed. The Affiliate Representative shall be a Member.

Section 3: Affiliates may choose to accept as Associate Members, Libertarians who are members of the national Libertarian Party, even though they have signed an approved voter application form establishing their Party affiliation as Unaffiliated rather than Libertarian. If adopted, this policy must be included in the affiliate’s bylaws. Associate Members may be allowed to vote at local affiliate meetings and receive newsletters and mailings from the affiliate. Associate Members shall not be allowed to vote at the Convention, serve as an officer of the Party, including at the affiliate level, or seek nomination as a Libertarian Party candidate for any public office.

#### **Article II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 1: The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board, as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party. Unless otherwise specified in the Party’s Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair, or their designee, including other Directors acting within their designated job duties at the

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direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

Section 2: The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director's continuity binder in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair. In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:

- a. **Pikes Peak:** El Paso, Park, Teller
- b. **Upper Arkansas:** Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake
- c. **Southeast:** Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo
- d. **San Luis:** Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache
- e. **San Juan:** Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel
- f. **Western Slope:** Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray
- g. **Central:** Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit
- h. **Northwest:** Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt
- i. **Metro:** Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson
- j. **Northeast:** Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld
- k. **Plains:** Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma

Section 3: The Affiliate Development Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. The Affiliate Development Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.

Section 4: The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign volunteers. The Campaigns Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other campaign functions.

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Section 5: The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party. The Membership Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other membership functions.

Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all outward-facing communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries. The Communications Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other communications functions.

Section 7: The Outreach Director shall be responsible for booking and running outreach booths and community events, and for maintaining outreach materials. The Outreach Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other outreach functions.

Section 8: The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining official Party records and shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes. The Secretary shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws, the Constitution, and the Secretary of State and shall post these dates within sixty (60) days of their deadlines in accordance with the Party's Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order. The Secretary shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board a publication listing all Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order adopted by the Board and shall file any amendments to the Party's Constitution or Bylaws with the Secretary of State's office within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted.

Section 9: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs), and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

Section 10: The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income

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and expenses at each regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer may also prepare budgets for the other Directors or assist them in preparing their own budgets. The Treasurer shall maintain an efficient double-entry system of accounts.

Section 11: The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from Members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions.

Section 12: Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board.

Section 13: Each Director shall be an ex-officio member of each Party affiliate's Board of Directors for the purposes of: upholding the spirit and letter of the Statement of Principles of the National Party; enforcing the Party Constitution, Bylaws, and the Rules and Resolutions adopted by the Convention or the State Board; and providing relief in times of distress. Directors shall not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum at an affiliate's Annual or Board Meetings but may be counted in determining that a quorum is present. Each Director shall actively participate in a meeting of at least one (1) Party affiliate or development group each calendar year.

### **Article III – MEETINGS**

Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Directors or National Convention Delegates, or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting.

Section 2: The Board shall convene open meetings at such times and places as may be

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determined by action of the Board, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the current Board. Notice must be sent to the official email address of each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. Such meetings shall be called at least once per calendar month.

Section 3: More than one-half (1/2) of the current membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by the Constitution. Any Director may participate in a Board meeting or committee meeting by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear or otherwise communicate with each other.

Section 4: The Board and its appointed or Party-mandated committees may transact business by electronic communications, as specified by Special Rules of Order.

Section 5: Any active Member of the Party may attend the Board Meetings as a “Proxy” at the request of that Director who temporarily cannot attend. No Proxy may represent more than one (1) Director at any board meeting. The Director who is being represented by a Proxy must notify at least two (2) other Directors of the substitution.

#### **Article IV – FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING**

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31st.

#### **Article V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Party Constitution, these Bylaws, any Standing Rules, and any Special Rules of Order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt.

- a. If a new edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released more than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of that Convention.
- b. If a new edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released less than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon

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## Article VI – STATE COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large Members selected by the Board and an additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate.

- a. The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Members at least six (6) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. The Board shall appoint five (5) at-large Members at a Board meeting held at least one (1) month after the final solicitation, but no later than four (4) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. If any subsequent vacancies occur in the initially-appointed, at-large positions, the Board may select Members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee.
- b. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) Member to each committee. Should an affiliate not appoint a committee member, the Board may appoint an additional at-large Member at the time of committee formation. The Board shall solicit one (1) committee member from each chartered affiliate on the same schedule implemented by the Board pursuant to subsection 1 above, and at its meeting for appointment of the members of the committees it shall confirm such committee members as have been certified by the Affiliate Representatives. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee votes, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.
- c. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party Member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.
- d. The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety to the Convention.

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Section 2: The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party Members selected by the Board. The at-large Style Committee members shall be selected within sixty (60) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the Chicago Manual of Style, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate.

Section 3: The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.

Section 4: Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board or Convention Delegates shall from time to time deem necessary to carry out the work of the Party.

Section 5: Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall be open to Members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

## **Article VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: All National Convention Delegates must have been Members or have been pre-registered to become Members for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the Convention in which they are elected, and must sign a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

Section 2: The Board shall solicit applications from qualified Members for election as National Convention Delegates and Alternates at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention and shall publish the completed applications (with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses redacted) to the Party website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. An application is

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not required for nomination.

Section 3: The Party Chair shall announce the number of National Convention Delegates to be elected by the state Convention Delegates.

Section 4: Nominations for National Convention Delegates shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves. Each state Convention Delegate in attendance at the state Convention shall cast a single vote for each National Convention Delegate candidate of their choice by submitting a signed ballot prepared by the Board for this purpose. The total votes cast by each state Convention Delegate shall not exceed the number of National Convention Delegates to be selected. National Convention Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of the state Convention Delegates voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining National Convention Delegate slots. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are National Convention Delegate slots to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected. No elections by slate shall be permitted.

Section 5: After the National Convention Delegates are elected, National Convention Alternates shall be selected by using the same procedure as specified in Section 4.

Section 6: The Chair shall serve as Delegation Chair or may request that the National Convention Delegates select a Delegation Chair. Substitutions shall only be made from the list of National Convention Alternates selected by the state Convention Delegates or afterwards added by a majority vote of the present Board (provided said National Convention Alternates did not receive a less than majority vote by the last state Convention.) Substitutions and selection of additional National Convention Delegates may be made at the National Convention by a majority of the attending National Convention Delegates, provided that such substitutes or additions would have been qualified to be elected at the state Convention, did not receive less than a majority vote at the last state Convention, and have signed a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.

Section 7: All National Convention Delegates will sign their ballots and these results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall

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also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes.

## **Article VIII – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

Section 1: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention Delegates shall elect the committee representatives and alternates in the same manner as and immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote after soliciting applications from Members.

Section 2: Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions.

## **Article IX –DEVELOPMENT GROUPS**

Section 1: For each county without an affiliate, the Board or a committee it appoints for this purpose may charter one (1) or more development groups for the purpose of increasing Party membership, communication, and influence within the county as an interim to establishing a formally organized affiliate. Subject to the provisions below and any rules and instructions issued by the Board, a development group shall have the power to select its own name and leadership, adopt rules and agendas, and set times and places of meeting.

Section 2: A development group may be assigned to a subset of precincts within a county. Development groups shall not overlap geographically. Development groups may negotiate among themselves with respect to merging, splitting, or gaining or releasing one or more precincts, and shall notify the Board within three (3) business days of any such changes made.

Section 3: A development group may have, as members, any residents within its geographical boundary, as well as any residents not living within any other current development group boundary. Development group leadership shall be limited to Party Members and shall submit a

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report of activities to the Affiliate Development Director at least once per quarter or upon request.

Section 4: Development groups may, jointly or separately, engage in: outreach and voter registration; membership education, support, and training; recruiting activists and potential candidates; raising funds on behalf of the Party; and supporting or opposing local issues, subject to Board approval. A development group shall follow applicable law with respect to collecting and recording donations by political parties. A development group shall also submit all money collected and records of the donors to the Treasurer within three (3) business days of receipt. A development group shall not nominate or endorse candidates for office; shall not interact with the media except by the approval and instruction of the Chair; and shall not spend money except as authorized by the Party Treasurer or the Board.

Section 5: The Board may revoke the charter of any development group at any time and without cause. Upon the formation of an affiliate within a county, all development groups therein shall become constituents of and wholly subject to that affiliate.

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## **Appendix C: Proposed Constitution with All Proposals (excluding merge), Markup Copy**

### **Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Colorado**

[Adopted in Convention April 28th, 2019]

#### **Article I – NAME**

Section 1: The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”

#### **Article II – PURPOSES**

Section 1: The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, throughout the state of Colorado by:

- a. providing leadership and direction for the Libertarian movement in Colorado;
- b. communicating the message and positions of the Party;
- c. entering into political information and educational activities;
- d. promoting, chartering, coordinating, and supporting Party affiliates;
- e. growing the Party through attracting and retaining members;
- f. attracting, nominating, and promoting professional, serious Party candidates for political office; and
- g. promoting Libertarian legislation throughout Colorado.

#### **Article III – PRINCIPLES**

Section 1: The Party shall take no position inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

#### **Article IV – MEMBERS**

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Section 1: Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors (“Voters”) in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is “Libertarian.” Membership in the Party begins on the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, “Application”), where “Libertarian,” or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, “Unaffiliated,” or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office; or the Voter registers in another state or country; or the Voter is removed from the voter rolls.

Section 2: In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Secretary or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State's office or the applicable county Clerk and Recorder's office.

Section 3: A prospective member may challenge an error of the Secretary of State or a Clerk and Recorder by virtue of an affidavit signed by two (2) other Party members who are in good standing.

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Section 4: Any current Member in good standing may challenge the validity of the proof of membership. The burden of proof of invalidation shall be upon the challenging Member.

Section 5: No membership in any other organizations shall be required of any applicant for consideration for Party membership.

Section 6: All Directors, delegations, candidacies, and other roles within the Party and its affiliates shall be occupied and exercised only by Party Members.

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## Article V –DIRECTORS

Section 1: There shall be ~~eleven (11)~~ **thirteen (13)** Party Directors (“Directors”), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, ~~and~~ Fundraising Director, **News Director, and Technology Director**. Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.

Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, ~~and~~ Fundraising Director, **News Director, and Technology Director**. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

Section 3: An appointed Director’s term ends at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 4: Director elections shall exclude any Director eliminated upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and shall include any Director created upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term of each Director adjusted to end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention of the designated year.

## Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Section 1: The Board of Directors (“Board”) shall consist of the Party Directors. The Board shall be the Party’s State Central Committee.

Section 2: Any member of the Board may be suspended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the current Board. Any member of the Board absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be suspended at adjournment of the second regular meeting. The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate Directors if vacancies or suspensions occur. Reinstated or appointed Directors are to serve until the next Convention.

Section 3: The Board shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Party Bylaws.

Section 4: The rights of all Members shall be respected at all times. The autonomy of the Affiliates shall not be abridged, except as provided for by this Constitution or the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII – JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Judicial Committee shall consist of five (5) Party Members elected by the Delegates in attendance at every odd-year Convention. In the case of vacancy, the existing members of the Judicial Committee may vote to fill the vacancy until the next election. The term of each Judicial Committee member shall begin at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the odd-year Convention and end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next odd-year Convention.

Section 2: Members of the State Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Judicial Committee. Judicial Committee members must have been Members for the past three (3) years, and shall have signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 3: The Chair of the Judicial Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee.

Section 4: The Judicial Committee shall be limited to hearing and deciding cases involving the

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following: suspensions or other disciplinary actions, disaffiliation of chartered affiliates, appeals of Board decisions, and challenges to resolutions or platform planks.

Section 5: Only Party Members may present an appeal to the Judicial Committee. All appeals must be in writing, submitted to the Chair of the Judicial Committee within thirty (30) days of the disputed decision.

Section 6: All appeals shall be resolved within sixty (60) days of the date of submission to the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Chair of the Judicial Committee must present all requests for appellate review to the Committee within five (5) days of receipt. The Committee shall then have five (5) days to decide whether or not to hear the appeal, with the agreement of two (2) or more Judicial Committee members being sufficient to hold a hearing. The Committee Chair shall then schedule this hearing to be held within thirty (30) days with at least ten (10) days' notice to the Membership and all involved parties. Hearings may be virtual or in-person. The Committee may require written briefs or arguments from the Appellants or Respondents, and may decide to hold additional hearings. Any Member may attend any hearing and submit written briefs or arguments to the Committee which may be considered at the Committee's discretion.

Section 7: All rulings of the Judicial Committee must be in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws.

Section 8: A verdict must be reached within five (5) days of the adjournment of the hearing. A report of the case and its verdict must be uploaded to the Party website within two (2) business days.

#### Article ~~VII~~VIII – ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates (“Convention”) each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.

Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in

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accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

Section 3: No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.

Section 4: A Member, having been a Member for at least the ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may attend and vote at the Business Session as a “Delegate.” The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates, or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention.

#### Article ~~VIII~~X – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board ~~required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law~~ necessary to resolve the situation, which may include revisions to this Constitution or the Bylaws, regardless of year.

Section 2: Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.

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Section 3: Any required changes to the Party Constitution or Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting thresholds required to change the respective documents as provided for in this Constitution, or else they will be rendered null and void.

Section 4: All current Members that were eligible to vote at the previous annual Convention shall be eligible to vote at a Special Convention.

## **Article ~~IX~~X – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

Section 1: The United States Supreme Court has recognized that the nomination of candidates—under political party rules—falls under the First Amendment’s Freedom of Association protections and therefore overrides state laws when such rules so state. As such, all rules for nominating candidates are limited to only the Party Constitution and Bylaws, and all state laws regarding nominating candidates are to be considered overridden and void. The Party reserves all First Amendment Rights in this regard.

Section 2: Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.

Section 3: The application shall consist of: 1) a photograph of the candidate; 2) the application form provided by the Board; 3) a biography and a minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; 4) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party; and 5) signing a statement to the effect that they supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least the one hundred fifty (150) days prior to ~~the Convention~~ nomination.

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Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by Delegates to the Convention ~~or by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates. For nominations at the Convention: .~~

1. For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.
2. Candidates nominated from the floor ~~or by the Vacancy Committee~~ shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.
- ~~3. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Convention directs otherwise.~~

Section 6: Candidates may be nominated by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates.

1. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Delegates to the Convention direct otherwise.
2. The Vacancy Committee shall operate between Conventions and shall vet candidates as needed.
3. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 67: In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.

Section 78: Any Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates nominated by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation. A Party nominee qualifies for campaign assistance from the Party.

Section 89: The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Directors in their official capacities, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian Party nominees for election to partisan public office.

Section 910: At any time that any of the Party’s candidates participate in a primary election, the

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Party shall opt-out of allowing Unaffiliated or other persons who are not Party members from participation and provide appropriate notice to the Secretary of State's office as provided by law.

## **Article XXI – PARTY AFFILIATES**

Section 1: The Board may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected Members and approved by the Board. Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:

- a. nominating candidates for public office;
- b. working to elect Libertarian candidates and to promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; and
- c. selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.

Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.

Section 2: Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. They shall also submit contact information for their officers/directors, who shall include at least a Chair and a Treasurer, being separate people. They shall maintain at least five (5) Members, publish their bylaws to those Members and the Board, and file their initial Fair Campaign Practices Act filings as necessary.

Section 3: The Board shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) Members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

## **Article XII – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

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Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

#### **Article ~~XIII~~XIII – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

#### **Article ~~XIII~~XIV – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, this Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.

Section 2: Any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 of this Article shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this Constitution.

#### **Article ~~XIV~~XV – SEVERABILITY**

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

Section 1: If any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution is to any extent determined to be invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such Article, Section, or Clause shall be excluded only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Constitution are declared to be severable.

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## **Appendix D: Proposed Bylaws with All Proposals (excluding merge), Markup Copy**

### **Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado**

[Adopted in Convention April 28th, 2019]

#### **Article I – PARTY AFFILIATES**

Section 1: Organizations applying for charter as affiliates shall make such applications on a standard petition form as adopted by the Board. The petition shall include ratification of the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. The petition and the ratification shall be signed by no fewer than five (5) Members.

Section 2: Affiliates shall make known to the Board the Affiliate Representative to whom all Party business shall be directed. The Affiliate Representative shall be a Member.

Section 3: Affiliates may choose to accept as Associate Members, Libertarians who are members of the national Libertarian Party, even though they have signed an approved voter application form establishing their Party affiliation as Unaffiliated rather than Libertarian. If adopted, this policy must be included in the affiliate’s bylaws. Associate Members may be allowed to vote at local affiliate meetings and receive newsletters and mailings from the affiliate. Associate Members shall not be allowed to vote at the Convention, serve as an officer of the Party, including at the affiliate level, or seek nomination as a Libertarian Party candidate for any public office.

#### **Article II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 1: The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board, ~~as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party~~. Unless otherwise specified in the Party’s Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair,

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or their designee, including other Directors acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

Section 2: The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, oversee leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director's continuity binder in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair. ~~In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:~~

- ~~a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller~~
- ~~b. Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake~~
- ~~c. Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo~~
- ~~d. San Luis: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache~~
- ~~e. San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel~~
- ~~f. Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray~~
- ~~g. Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit~~
- ~~h. Northwest: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt~~
- ~~i. Metro: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson~~
- ~~j. Northeast: Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld~~
- ~~k. Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma~~

Section 3: The ~~Affiliates Development~~ Affiliates Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. ~~The Affiliate Development Affiliates Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.~~ When the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Affiliates Director shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions may be composed of the following counties:

- a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller
- b. Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake

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- c. Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo
- d. San Luis: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache
- e. San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel
- f. Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray
- g. Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit
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Section 4: The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign volunteers.-  
~~The Campaigns Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other campaign functions.~~

Section 5: The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party.~~The Membership Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other membership functions.~~ The Membership Director shall recruit state Party Members to become national Party members.

Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all outward-facing communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries.~~The Communications Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other communications functions.~~

Section 7: The Outreach Director shall be responsible for booking and running outreach booths and community events, and for maintaining outreach materials.~~The Outreach Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to~~

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~~perform these and other outreach functions.~~

Section 8: The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining official Party records and shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes. The Secretary shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws, the Constitution, and the Secretary of State and shall post these dates within sixty (60) days of their deadlines in accordance with the Party's Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order. The Secretary shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board and Party Membership a ~~publication listing~~ Policy Manual containing all Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order adopted by the Board and shall file any amendments to the Party's Constitution or these Bylaws with the Secretary of State's office within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted.

Section 9: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees- ~~(including the appointment of any committee chairs)~~, and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

Section 10: The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses at each regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer may also prepare budgets for the other Directors or assist them in preparing their own budgets. The Treasurer shall maintain an efficient double-entry system of accounts.

Section 11: The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from Members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. ~~The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions.~~

Section 12: The News Director shall be responsible for publishing a regular internal newsletter to the Membership. In addition, the News Director shall establish and maintain news platforms for the publication of descriptive, philosophical, investigative, and op-ed pieces relating to

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Colorado issues and solicited from the Membership. The News Director shall act as the Editor-in-Chief for all Party news platforms. ~~The News Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.~~

Section ~~12~~13: The Technology Director shall be responsible for the technical support for the Party to include database administration, website administration, the digital publishing of Party materials, multimedia support for Party events and meetings, and recommendations for improvement of software and other technology needs. ~~The Technology Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions.~~

Section ~~12~~14: Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board. ~~The Chair may assign additional duties reasonably within the scope of any Director's area of responsibility.~~

Section ~~13~~15: Each Director, except for the Chair and Vice Chair, may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to assist with their duties.

Section ~~13~~16: Each Director shall be an ex-officio member of each Party affiliate's Board of Directors for the purposes of: upholding the spirit and letter of the Statement of Principles of the National Party; enforcing the Party Constitution, Bylaws, and the Rules and Resolutions adopted by the Convention or the State Board; and providing relief in times of distress. Directors shall not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum at an affiliate's Annual or Board Meetings but may be counted in determining that a quorum is present. Each Director shall actively participate in a meeting of at least one (1) Party affiliate or development group each calendar year.

### **Article III – MEETINGS**

Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Directors or National Convention Delegates, or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such

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Section 2: The Board shall convene open meetings at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the current Board. Notice must be sent to the official email address of each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. Such meetings shall be called at least once per calendar month.

Section 3: More than one-half (1/2) of the current membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by the Constitution. Any Director may participate in a Board meeting or committee meeting by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear or otherwise communicate with each other.

Section 4: The Board and its appointed or Party-mandated committees may transact business by electronic communications, as specified by Special Rules of Order.

Section 5: Any active Member of the Party may attend the Board Meetings as a “Proxy” at the request of that Director who temporarily cannot attend. No Proxy may represent more than one (1) Director at any board meeting. The Director who is being represented by a Proxy must notify at least two (2) other Directors of the substitution.

#### **Article IV – FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING**

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31st.

#### **Article V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Party Constitution, these Bylaws, any Standing Rules, and any Special Rules of Order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt.

- a. If a new edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released more than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon

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- b. If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released less than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of the following year's Convention.

## Article VI – STATE COMMITTEES

~~Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large Members elected by the Delegates at an even-year Convention and an additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate no later than one (1) month after adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the even-year Convention.~~

- ~~a. Each Committee shall elect their committee Chair from the members of their committee.~~
- ~~b. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) Member to each committee. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee meetings, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.~~
- ~~c. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the next Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party Member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.~~
- ~~d. The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety to the Convention.~~
- ~~e. At-large committee members elected by Delegates at Convention shall be elected by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. The five (5) candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected.~~
- ~~f. No Director may be elected or appointed to the Constitution and Bylaws or Platform Committee.~~

~~Section 2: The Style Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) Members, elected by Delegates at an odd-year Convention, by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. The five (5) candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. The Chairs of the most recent Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform~~

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~~Committee shall be automatically nominated. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change, no later than six (6) weeks before the next Convention. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate. No Director shall be elected or appointed to the Style Committee. The Style Committee members shall elect their committee Chair from the members of the Style Committee.~~

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of up to five (5) at-large Members and up to one (1) additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate.

- a. No state Party Director shall be elected or appointed to the Constitution and Bylaws or Platform Committee.
- b. At-large committee members shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an even-year Convention by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. Candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. A committee member elected by the Delegates who fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate, if any.
- d. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) member to each committee no later than thirty (30) days after adjournment sine die of the Business Session of an even-year Convention.
- e. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.
- f. Each Committee shall elect their committee Chair from the members of their committee.
- g. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the next odd-year Convention. These

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reports shall be available in their complete electronic form to any Member upon request and on the Convention website or web page. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the next odd-year Convention.

**Section 2: The Style Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) Members.**

- a. No state Party Director shall be elected to the Style Committee.
- b. Each member shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an odd-year Convention, by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. Candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. The Chairs of the most recent Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee shall be automatically nominated, if they are eligible.
- d. A committee member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate, if any.
- e. The committee members shall elect their committee Chair from the members of the committee.
- f. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change, no later than six (6) weeks before the next even-year Convention. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the next Platform Committee or Constitution and Bylaws Committee as appropriate.

**Section 3:** The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.

**Section 4:** Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board or Convention Delegates shall from time to time deem necessary to carry out the work of the Party.

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Section 5: Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall be open to Members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

## **Article VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: All National Convention Delegates must have been Members or have been pre-registered to become Members for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the Convention in which they are elected, and must sign a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

Section 2: The Board shall solicit applications from qualified Members for election as National Convention Delegates and Alternates at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention and shall publish the completed applications (with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses redacted) to the Party website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. An application is not required for nomination.

Section 3: The Party Chair shall announce the number of National Convention Delegates to be elected by the state Convention Delegates.

Section 4: Nominations for National Convention Delegates shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves. Each state Convention Delegate in attendance at the state Convention shall cast a single vote for each National Convention Delegate candidate of their choice by submitting a signed ballot prepared by the Board for this purpose. The total votes cast by each state Convention Delegate shall not exceed the number of National Convention Delegates to be selected. National Convention Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of the state Convention Delegates voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining National Convention Delegate slots. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are National Convention Delegate slots to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected. No elections by slate shall be permitted.

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Section 5: After the National Convention Delegates are elected, National Convention Alternates shall be selected by using the same procedure as specified in Section 4.

Section 6: The Chair shall serve as Delegation Chair or may request that the National Convention Delegates select a Delegation Chair. Substitutions shall only be made from the list of National Convention Alternates selected by the state Convention Delegates or afterwards added by a majority vote of the present Board (provided said National Convention Alternates did not receive a less than majority vote by the last state Convention.) Substitutions and selection of additional National Convention Delegates may be made at the National Convention by a majority of the attending National Convention Delegates, provided that such substitutes or additions would have been qualified to be elected at the state Convention, did not receive less than a majority vote at the last state Convention, and have signed a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.

Section 7: ~~All~~ For each vote, all National Convention Delegates will sign their paper ballots ~~and these~~ or submit to the Delegation Chair an accurate list of their electronic ballots. These results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes.

## **Article VIII – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

Section 1: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention Delegates shall elect the committee representatives and not more than two (2) alternates ~~in the same manner as and by ranked-choice voting~~ immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee representatives and not more than two (2) alternates by ~~majority vote~~ ranked-choice voting after soliciting applications from Party members. All ties shall be broken by random draw.

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Section 2: Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions.

## **Article IX –DEVELOPMENT GROUPS**

Section 1: For each county without an affiliate, the Board or a committee it appoints for this purpose may charter one (1) or more development groups for the purpose of increasing Party membership, communication, and influence within the county as an interim to establishing a formally organized affiliate. Subject to the provisions below and any rules and instructions issued by the Board, a development group shall have the power to select its own name and leadership, adopt rules and agendas, and set times and places of meeting.

Section 2: A development group may be assigned to a subset of precincts within a county. Development groups shall not overlap geographically. Development groups may negotiate among themselves with respect to merging, splitting, or gaining or releasing one or more precincts, and shall notify the Board within three (3) business days of any such changes made.

Section 3: A development group may have, as members, any residents within its geographical boundary, as well as any residents not living within any other current development group boundary. Development group leadership shall be limited to Party Members and shall submit a report of activities to the Affiliate Development Director at least once per quarter or upon request.

Section 4: Development groups may, jointly or separately, engage in: outreach and voter registration; membership education, support, and training; recruiting activists and potential candidates; raising funds on behalf of the Party; and supporting or opposing local issues, subject to Board approval. A development group shall follow applicable law with respect to collecting and recording donations by political parties. A development group shall also submit all money collected and records of the donors to the Treasurer within three (3) business days of receipt. A development group shall not nominate or endorse candidates for office; shall not interact with the media except by the approval and instruction of the Chair; and shall not spend money except as authorized by the Party Treasurer or the Board.

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Section 5: The Board may revoke the charter of any development group at any time and without cause. Upon the formation of an affiliate within a county, all development groups therein shall become constituents of and wholly subject to that affiliate.

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## **Appendix E: Proposed Constitution with All Proposals (excluding merge), Clean Copy**

### **Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Colorado**

[Adopted in Convention April 28th, 2019]

#### **Article I – NAME**

Section 1: The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”

#### **Article II – PURPOSES**

Section 1: The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, throughout the state of Colorado by:

- a. providing leadership and direction for the Libertarian movement in Colorado;
- b. communicating the message and positions of the Party;
- c. entering into political information and educational activities;
- d. promoting, chartering, coordinating, and supporting Party affiliates;
- e. growing the Party through attracting and retaining members;
- f. attracting, nominating, and promoting professional, serious Party candidates for political office; and
- g. promoting Libertarian legislation throughout Colorado.

#### **Article III – PRINCIPLES**

Section 1: The Party shall take no position inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

#### **Article IV – MEMBERS**

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Section 1: Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors (“Voters”) in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is “Libertarian.” Membership in the Party begins on the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, “Application”), where “Libertarian,” or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, “Unaffiliated,” or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office; or the Voter registers in another state or country; or the Voter is removed from the voter rolls.

Section 2: In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Secretary or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State's office or the applicable county Clerk and Recorder's office.

Section 3: A prospective member may challenge an error of the Secretary of State or a Clerk and Recorder by virtue of an affidavit signed by two (2) other Party members who are in good standing.

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Section 4: Any current Member in good standing may challenge the validity of the proof of membership. The burden of proof of invalidation shall be upon the challenging Member.

Section 5: No membership in any other organizations shall be required of any applicant for consideration for Party membership.

Section 6: All Directors, delegations, candidacies, and other roles within the Party and its affiliates shall be occupied and exercised only by Party Members.

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## Article V – DIRECTORS

Section 1: There shall be thirteen (13) Party Directors (“Directors”), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, Fundraising Director, News Director, and Technology Director. Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.

Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, Fundraising Director, News Director, and Technology Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

Section 3: An appointed Director’s term ends at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 4: Director elections shall exclude any Director eliminated upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and shall include any Director created upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term of each Director adjusted to end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention of the designated year.

## Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors (“Board”) shall consist of the Party Directors. The Board shall be the Party’s State Central Committee.

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Section 2: Any member of the Board may be suspended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the current Board. Any member of the Board absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be suspended at adjournment of the second regular meeting. The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate Directors if vacancies or suspensions occur. Reinstated or appointed Directors are to serve until the next Convention.

Section 3: The Board shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Party Bylaws.

Section 4: The rights of all Members shall be respected at all times. The autonomy of the Affiliates shall not be abridged, except as provided for by this Constitution or the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII – JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

Section 1: The Judicial Committee shall consist of five (5) Party Members elected by the Delegates in attendance at every odd-year Convention. In the case of vacancy, the existing members of the Judicial Committee may vote to fill the vacancy until the next election. The term of each Judicial Committee member shall begin at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the odd-year Convention and end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next odd-year Convention.

Section 2: Members of the State Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Judicial Committee. Judicial Committee members must have been Members for the past three (3) years, and shall have signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 3: The Chair of the Judicial Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee.

Section 4: The Judicial Committee shall be limited to hearing and deciding cases involving the following: suspensions or other disciplinary actions, disaffiliation of chartered affiliates, appeals of Board decisions, and challenges to resolutions or platform planks.

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Section 5: Only Party Members may present an appeal to the Judicial Committee. All appeals must be in writing, submitted to the Chair of the Judicial Committee within thirty (30) days of the disputed decision.

Section 6: All appeals shall be resolved within sixty (60) days of the date of submission to the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Chair of the Judicial Committee must present all requests for appellate review to the Committee within five (5) days of receipt. The Committee shall then have five (5) days to decide whether or not to hear the appeal, with the agreement of two (2) or more Judicial Committee members being sufficient to hold a hearing. The Committee Chair shall then schedule this hearing to be held within thirty (30) days with at least ten (10) days' notice to the Membership and all involved parties. Hearings may be virtual or in-person. The Committee may require written briefs or arguments from the Appellants or Respondents, and may decide to hold additional hearings. Any Member may attend any hearing and submit written briefs or arguments to the Committee which may be considered at the Committee's discretion.

Section 7: All rulings of the Judicial Committee must be in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws.

Section 8: A verdict must be reached within five (5) days of the adjournment of the hearing. A report of the case and its verdict must be uploaded to the Party website within two (2) business days.

## **Article VIII – ANNUAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates (“Convention”) each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.

Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of

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Section 3: No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.

Section 4: A Member, having been a Member for at least the ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may attend and vote at the Business Session as a “Delegate.” The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates, or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention.

## **Article IX – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board necessary to resolve the situation, which may include revisions to this Constitution or the Bylaws, regardless of year.

Section 2: Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.

Section 3: Any required changes to the Party Constitution or Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting thresholds required to change the respective documents as provided for in this Constitution, or else they will be rendered null and void.

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Section 4: All current Members that were eligible to vote at the previous annual Convention shall be eligible to vote at a Special Convention.

## **Article X – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

Section 1: The United States Supreme Court has recognized that the nomination of candidates—under political party rules—falls under the First Amendment’s Freedom of Association protections and therefore overrides state laws when such rules so state. As such, all rules for nominating candidates are limited to only the Party Constitution and Bylaws, and all state laws regarding nominating candidates are to be considered overridden and void. The Party reserves all First Amendment Rights in this regard.

Section 2: Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.

Section 3: The application shall consist of: 1) a photograph of the candidate; 2) the application form provided by the Board; 3) a biography and a minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; 4) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party; and 5) signing a statement to the effect that they supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least the one hundred fifty (150) days prior to nomination.

Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by Delegates to the Convention.

1. For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.
2. Candidates nominated from the floor shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the

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Section 6: Candidates may be nominated by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates.

1. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Delegates to the Convention direct otherwise.
2. The Vacancy Committee shall operate between Conventions and shall vet candidates as needed.
3. Candidates nominated by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.

Section 7: In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.

Section 8: Any Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates nominated by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation. A Party nominee qualifies for campaign assistance from the Party.

Section 9: The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Directors in their official capacities, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian Party nominees for election to partisan public office.

Section 10: At any time that any of the Party’s candidates participate in a primary election, the Party shall opt-out of allowing Unaffiliated or other persons who are not Party members from participation and provide appropriate notice to the Secretary of State's office as provided by law.

## **Article XI – PARTY AFFILIATES**

Section 1: The Board may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected Members and

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approved by the Board. Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:

- a. nominating candidates for public office;
- b. working to elect Libertarian candidates and to promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; and
- c. selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.

Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.

Section 2: Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. They shall also submit contact information for their officers/directors, who shall include at least a Chair and a Treasurer, being separate people. They shall maintain at least five (5) Members, publish their bylaws to those Members and the Board, and file their initial Fair Campaign Practices Act filings as necessary.

Section 3: The Board shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) Members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.

## **Article XII – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

## **Article XIII – PLATFORM AMENDMENTS**

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Section 1: During odd-numbered years, the Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention.

#### **Article XIV – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: During odd-numbered years, this Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.

Section 2: Any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 of this Article shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this Constitution.

#### **Article XV – SEVERABILITY**

Section 1: If any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution is to any extent determined to be invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such Article, Section, or Clause shall be excluded only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Constitution are declared to be severable.

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## **Appendix F: Proposed Bylaws with All Proposals (excluding merge), Clean Copy**

### **Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado**

[Adopted in Convention April 28th, 2019]

#### **Article I – PARTY AFFILIATES**

Section 1: Organizations applying for charter as affiliates shall make such applications on a standard petition form as adopted by the Board. The petition shall include ratification of the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. The petition and the ratification shall be signed by no fewer than five (5) Members.

Section 2: Affiliates shall make known to the Board the Affiliate Representative to whom all Party business shall be directed. The Affiliate Representative shall be a Member.

Section 3: Affiliates may choose to accept as Associate Members, Libertarians who are members of the national Libertarian Party, even though they have signed an approved voter application form establishing their Party affiliation as Unaffiliated rather than Libertarian. If adopted, this policy must be included in the affiliate’s bylaws. Associate Members may be allowed to vote at local affiliate meetings and receive newsletters and mailings from the affiliate. Associate Members shall not be allowed to vote at the Convention, serve as an officer of the Party, including at the affiliate level, or seek nomination as a Libertarian Party candidate for any public office.

#### **Article II – DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Section 1: The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board. Unless otherwise specified in the Party’s Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in the Party Constitution. The Chair, or their designee, including other Directors acting within their designated job duties at the

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direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

Section 2: The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, oversee leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director's continuity binder in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair.

Section 3: The Affiliates Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status. When the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Affiliates Director shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions may be composed of the following counties:

- a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller
- b. Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake
- c. Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo
- d. San Luis: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache
- e. San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel
- f. Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray
- g. Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit
- h. Northwest: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt
- i. Metro: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson
- j. Northeast: Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld
- k. Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma

Section 4: The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign volunteers.

Section 5: The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records

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Section 6: The Communications Director shall be responsible for all outward-facing communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries.

Section 7: The Outreach Director shall be responsible for booking and running outreach booths and community events, and for maintaining outreach materials.

Section 8: The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining official Party records and shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes. The Secretary shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws, the Constitution, and the Secretary of State and shall post these dates within sixty (60) days of their deadlines in accordance with the Party's Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order. The Secretary shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board and Party Membership a Policy Manual containing all Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order adopted by the Board and shall file any amendments to the Party's Constitution or these Bylaws with the Secretary of State's office within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted.

Section 9: The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees, and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern.

Section 10: The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses at each regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer may also prepare budgets for the other Directors or assist them in preparing their own budgets. The Treasurer shall maintain an efficient double-entry system of accounts.

Section 11: The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from Members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party

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fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting.

Section 12: The News Director shall be responsible for publishing a regular internal newsletter to the Membership. In addition, the News Director shall establish and maintain news platforms for the publication of descriptive, philosophical, investigative, and op-ed pieces relating to Colorado issues and solicited from the Membership. The News Director shall act as the Editor-in-Chief for all Party news platforms.

Section 13: The Technology Director shall be responsible for the technical support for the Party to include database administration, website administration, the digital publishing of Party materials, multimedia support for Party events and meetings, and recommendations for improvement of software and other technology needs.

Section 14: Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board. The Chair may assign additional duties reasonably within the scope of any Director's area of responsibility.

Section 15: Each Director, except for the Chair and Vice Chair, may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to assist with their duties.

Section 16: Each Director shall be an ex-officio member of each Party affiliate's Board of Directors for the purposes of: upholding the spirit and letter of the Statement of Principles of the National Party; enforcing the Party Constitution, Bylaws, and the Rules and Resolutions adopted by the Convention or the State Board; and providing relief in times of distress. Directors shall not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum at an affiliate's Annual or Board Meetings but may be counted in determining that a quorum is present. Each Director shall actively participate in a meeting of at least one (1) Party affiliate or development group each calendar year.

### **Article III – MEETINGS**

Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Directors or National Convention Delegates, or any

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assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting.

Section 2: The Board shall convene open meetings at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the current Board. Notice must be sent to the official email address of each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. Such meetings shall be called at least once per calendar month.

Section 3: More than one-half (1/2) of the current membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by the Constitution. Any Director may participate in a Board meeting or committee meeting by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear or otherwise communicate with each other.

Section 4: The Board and its appointed or Party-mandated committees may transact business by electronic communications, as specified by Special Rules of Order.

Section 5: Any active Member of the Party may attend the Board Meetings as a "Proxy" at the request of that Director who temporarily cannot attend. No Proxy may represent more than one (1) Director at any board meeting. The Director who is being represented by a Proxy must notify at least two (2) other Directors of the substitution.

#### **Article IV – FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING**

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31st.

#### **Article V – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Party Constitution, these Bylaws, any Standing Rules, and any Special Rules

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of Order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt.

- a. If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released more than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of that Convention.
- b. If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released less than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of the following year's Convention.

## Article VI – STATE COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of up to five (5) at-large Members and up to one (1) additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate.

- a. No state Party Director shall be elected or appointed to the Constitution and Bylaws or Platform Committee.
- b. At-large committee members shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an even-year Convention by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. Candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. A committee member elected by the Delegates who fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate, if any.
- d. Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) member to each committee no later than thirty (30) days after adjournment sine die of the Business Session of an even-year Convention.
- e. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings, the affiliate may appoint a replacement.
- f. Each Committee shall elect their committee Chair from the members of their committee.
- g. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the next odd-year Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete electronic form to any Member upon request

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and on the Convention website or web page. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the next odd-year Convention.

**Section 2:** The Style Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) Members.

- a. No state Party Director shall be elected to the Style Committee.
- b. Each member shall be nominated and elected by Delegates at an odd-year Convention, by a single ballot, with Delegates voting for up to five (5) candidates. Candidates receiving both a majority vote and the most votes shall be elected. Candidates receiving a majority vote but not the most votes shall be ranked by vote totals and shall be considered to be committee alternates. Candidates not receiving a majority vote shall not be committee members or alternates.
- c. The Chairs of the most recent Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee shall be automatically nominated, if they are eligible.
- d. A committee member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive committee meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the committee and shall be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate, if any.
- e. The committee members shall elect their committee Chair from the members of the committee.
- f. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change, no later than six (6) weeks before the next even-year Convention. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the next Platform Committee or Constitution and Bylaws Committee as appropriate.

**Section 3:** The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.

**Section 4:** Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board or Convention Delegates shall from time to time deem necessary to carry out the work of the Party.

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Section 5: Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall be open to Members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs.

## **Article VII – ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

Section 1: All National Convention Delegates must have been Members or have been pre-registered to become Members for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the Convention in which they are elected, and must sign a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

Section 2: The Board shall solicit applications from qualified Members for election as National Convention Delegates and Alternates at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention and shall publish the completed applications (with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses redacted) to the Party website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. An application is not required for nomination.

Section 3: The Party Chair shall announce the number of National Convention Delegates to be elected by the state Convention Delegates.

Section 4: Nominations for National Convention Delegates shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves. Each state Convention Delegate in attendance at the state Convention shall cast a single vote for each National Convention Delegate candidate of their choice by submitting a signed ballot prepared by the Board for this purpose. The total votes cast by each state Convention Delegate shall not exceed the number of National Convention Delegates to be selected. National Convention Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of the state Convention Delegates voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining National Convention Delegate slots. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are National Convention Delegate slots to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected. No elections by slate shall be permitted.

Section 5: After the National Convention Delegates are elected, National Convention Alternates

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shall be selected by using the same procedure as specified in Section 4.

Section 6: The Chair shall serve as Delegation Chair or may request that the National Convention Delegates select a Delegation Chair. Substitutions shall only be made from the list of National Convention Alternates selected by the state Convention Delegates or afterwards added by a majority vote of the present Board (provided said National Convention Alternates did not receive a less than majority vote by the last state Convention.) Substitutions and selection of additional National Convention Delegates may be made at the National Convention by a majority of the attending National Convention Delegates, provided that such substitutes or additions would have been qualified to be elected at the state Convention, did not receive less than a majority vote at the last state Convention, and have signed a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.

Section 7: For each vote, all National Convention Delegates will sign their paper ballot or submit to the Delegation Chair an accurate list of their electronic ballots. These results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes.

#### **Article VIII – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

Section 1: Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention Delegates shall elect the committee representatives and not more than two (2) alternates by ranked-choice voting immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board of Directors shall elect the committee representatives and not more than two (2) alternates by ranked-choice voting after soliciting applications from Party members. All ties shall be broken by random draw.

Section 2: Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions.

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## Article IX –DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Section 1: For each county without an affiliate, the Board or a committee it appoints for this purpose may charter one (1) or more development groups for the purpose of increasing Party membership, communication, and influence within the county as an interim to establishing a formally organized affiliate. Subject to the provisions below and any rules and instructions issued by the Board, a development group shall have the power to select its own name and leadership, adopt rules and agendas, and set times and places of meeting.

Section 2: A development group may be assigned to a subset of precincts within a county. Development groups shall not overlap geographically. Development groups may negotiate among themselves with respect to merging, splitting, or gaining or releasing one or more precincts, and shall notify the Board within three (3) business days of any such changes made.

Section 3: A development group may have, as members, any residents within its geographical boundary, as well as any residents not living within any other current development group boundary. Development group leadership shall be limited to Party Members and shall submit a report of activities to the Affiliate Development Director at least once per quarter or upon request.

Section 4: Development groups may, jointly or separately, engage in: outreach and voter registration; membership education, support, and training; recruiting activists and potential candidates; raising funds on behalf of the Party; and supporting or opposing local issues, subject to Board approval. A development group shall follow applicable law with respect to collecting and recording donations by political parties. A development group shall also submit all money collected and records of the donors to the Treasurer within three (3) business days of receipt. A development group shall not nominate or endorse candidates for office; shall not interact with the media except by the approval and instruction of the Chair; and shall not spend money except as authorized by the Party Treasurer or the Board.

Section 5: The Board may revoke the charter of any development group at any time and without cause. Upon the formation of an affiliate within a county, all development groups therein shall become constituents of and wholly subject to that affiliate.

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## **Appendix G: Proposed Merge of Bylaws into Constitution, Markup Copy**

This version is the same as in Proposal #A, Part II, but with the necessary markups for the merge included for reference. **This does not include any other proposal.** The notations in Italics for each section are included for reference back to the current documents for the Delegates to show how it all pieces together, as well as indicating requirements by either state law or the national Bylaws. Some non-substantive cleanup is included to adjust language to the new arrangement, e.g., references to the Constitution are removed as not being needed any further. Others are simply for titles and section numbering. There is some minor non-substantive stylistic cleanup included as well. It is strongly suggested to read the markup copy first to better see the merge and adjustments. In the markup copy, the wording of the current Constitution is in normal purple, and the wording of the current Bylaws is in green. By traditional custom, insertions are in bold blue underline, and ~~strikeouts are in bold red strikethrough~~. Constitution rearrangement insertions are in bold purple underline, and Bylaws insertions are in bold green underline. **NO SECTIONS OR ARTICLES HAVE BEEN STRICKEN OUT EXCEPT CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XIII SECTION 1, WHICH IS SUBSUMED BY THE AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI IN PART I OF THIS PROPOSAL, AND IS THEREFORE NO LONGER NEEDED.**

### **The Constitution Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado**

#### **ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE: <TBD>, 2021**

#### **Article I: Name** (*Constitution, Article I*)

~~**Section 1:**~~ The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”

#### **Article II: Purposes** (*Constitution, Article II*)

~~**Section 1:**~~ The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to libertarian principles, such as those in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, throughout the state of Colorado by:

- (a) providing leadership and direction for the Libertarian movement in Colorado;
- (b) communicating the message and positions of the Party;
- (c) entering into political information and educational activities;

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- (d) promoting, chartering, coordinating, and supporting Party affiliates;
- (e) growing the Party through attracting and retaining members;
- (f) attracting, nominating, and promoting serious Party candidates for political office; and
- (g) promoting Libertarian legislation throughout Colorado.

### **Article III: Principles** (*Constitution, Article III*)

**Section 1:** The Party shall take no position inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party.

### **Article IV: Members** (*Constitution, Article IV*)

- (a) **Section 1:** Membership in the Party is exclusively limited to all registered electors (“Voters”) in the State of Colorado whose party affiliation is “Libertarian.” Membership in the Party begins on the date an eligible Voter signs an approved voter application form or personal letter conforming to statute (collectively, “Application”), where “Libertarian,” or a reasonable abbreviation thereof, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office. Membership in the Party ends on the date the Voter either signs an Application where another party, “Unaffiliated,” or a reasonable abbreviation of either, has been indicated as the party affiliation, and the Application is subsequently accepted by the Voter’s county Clerk and Recorder’s office; or the Voter registers in another state or country; or the Voter is removed from the voter rolls. (*Section 1*)
- (b) **Section 2:** In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Secretary or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State's office or the applicable county Clerk and Recorder's office. (*Section 2*)
- (c) **Section 3:** A prospective member may challenge an error of the Secretary of State or a Clerk and Recorder by virtue of an affidavit signed by two (2) other Members who are in good standing. (*Section 3*)
- (d) **Section 4:** Any current Member in good standing may challenge the validity of the proof of membership. The burden of proof of invalidation shall be upon the challenging Member. (*Section 4*)

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- (e) ~~Section 5:~~ No membership in any other organizations shall be required of any applicant for consideration for Party membership. (*Section 5*)
- (f) ~~Section 6:~~ All Directors, delegations, candidacies, and other roles within the Party and its affiliates shall be occupied and exercised only by Party Members. (*Section 6*)

#### Article V: ~~Directors~~ Affiliates and Development Groups

~~Section 1: There shall be eleven (11) Party Directors (“Directors”), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article.~~

~~Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.~~

~~Section 3: An appointed Director’s term ends at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule in Section 2 of this Article.~~

~~Section 4: Director elections shall exclude any Director eliminated upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and shall include any Director created upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term of each Director adjusted to end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention of the designated year.~~

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**Section 1. Affiliates** (*Constitution, Article X; Bylaws, Article I*)

- (a) ~~Section 1-~~ The Board may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected Members and approved by the Board. ~~Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:~~
- ~~a. nominating candidates for public office;~~
  - ~~b. working to elect Libertarian candidates and to promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; and~~
  - ~~c. selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.~~
- ~~Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.~~ (*Constitution, Article X, Section 1, Clause 1*)
- (b) Section 1- Organizations applying for charter as affiliates shall make such applications on a standard petition form as adopted by the Board. The petition shall include ratification of the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. The petition and the ratification shall be signed by no fewer than five (5) Members. (*Bylaws, Article I, Section 1*)
- (c) Section 2- Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. They shall also submit contact information for their officers/directors, who shall include at least a Chair and a Treasurer, being separate people. They shall maintain at least five (5) Members, publish their bylaws to those Members and the State Board of Directors, and file their initial Fair Campaign Practices Act filings as necessary. (*Constitution, Article X, Section 2*)
- (d) Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative. (*Constitution, Article X, Section 1, Clause 3*)
- (e) Section 2- Affiliates shall make known to the Board the Affiliate Representative to whom all Party business shall be directed. The Affiliate Representative shall be a Member. (*Bylaws, Article 1, Section 2*)
- (f) Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:
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- (3) ~~selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.~~ (Constitution, Article X Section 1, Clause 2)
- (g) ~~Section 3:~~ Affiliates may choose to accept as Associate Members, Libertarians who are members of the national Libertarian Party, even though they have signed an approved voter application form establishing their Party affiliation as Unaffiliated rather than Libertarian. If adopted, this policy must be included in the affiliate's bylaws. Associate Members may be allowed to vote at local affiliate meetings and receive newsletters and mailings from the affiliate. Associate Members shall not be allowed to vote at the Convention, serve as an officer of the Party, including at the affiliate level, or seek nomination as a Libertarian Party candidate for any public office. (Bylaws, Article 1, Section 3)
- (h) ~~Section 3:~~ The Board shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) Members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate. (Constitution, Article X, Section 3)

~~Article IX:~~ Section 2. Development Groups (Bylaws, Article IX)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ For each county without an affiliate, the Board or a committee it appoints for this purpose may charter one (1) or more development groups for the purpose of increasing Party membership, communication, and influence within the county as an interim to establishing a formally organized affiliate. Subject to the provisions below and any rules and instructions issued by the Board, a development group shall have the power to select its own name and leadership, adopt rules and agendas, and set times and places of meeting. (Section 1)
- (b) ~~Section 2:~~ A development group may be assigned to a subset of precincts within a county. Development groups shall not overlap geographically. Development groups may negotiate among themselves with respect to merging, splitting, or gaining or releasing one or more precincts, and shall notify the Board within three (3) business days of any such changes made. (Section 2)

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- (c) ~~Section 3:~~ A development group may have, as members, any residents within its geographical boundary, as well as any residents not living within any other current development group boundary. (Section 3, Clause 1)
- (d) Development group leadership shall be limited to Party Members and shall submit a report of activities to the Affiliate Development Director at least once per quarter or upon request. (Section 3, Clause 2)
- (e) ~~Section 4:~~ Development groups may, jointly or separately, engage in: outreach and voter registration; membership education, support, and training; recruiting activists and potential candidates; raising funds on behalf of the Party; and supporting or opposing local issues, subject to Board approval. (Section 4, Clause 1)
- (f) A development group shall follow applicable law with respect to collecting and recording donations by political parties. A development group shall also submit all money collected and records of the donors to the Treasurer within three (3) business days of receipt. (Section 4, Clauses 2 and 3)
- (g) A development group shall not nominate or endorse candidates for office; shall not interact with the media except by the approval and instruction of the Chair; and shall not spend money except as authorized by the Board. (Section 4, Clause 4)
- (h) ~~Section 5:~~ The Board may revoke the charter of any development group at any time and without cause. (Section 5, Clause 1)
- (i) Upon the formation of an affiliate within a county, all development groups therein shall become constituents of and wholly subject to that affiliate. (Section 5, Clause 2)

#### Article VI: ~~Board of~~ State Party Directors

##### Section 1. Composition of the Board of Directors (Constitution, Articles V and VI)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ The Board of Directors (“Board”) shall consist of the Party Directors. The Board shall be the Party’s State Central Committee. (Article VI, Section 1)
- (b) ~~Section 1:~~ There shall be eleven (11) Party Directors (“Directors”), as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, Communications Director, Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. (Article V, Section 1, Clause 2)
- (c) ~~Section 2:~~ Any member of the Board may be suspended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the current Board. Any member of the Board absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be suspended at adjournment of the second regular meeting.

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The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate Directors if vacancies or suspensions occur. Reinstated or appointed Directors are to serve until the next Convention. (*Article VI, Section 2*)

- (d) ~~Section 3-~~The Board shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with ~~this Constitution~~ these Bylaws and shall meet in the manner specified in ~~the Party~~ these Bylaws. (*Article VI, Section 3*)

~~Article V-~~Section 2. Directors Elections (*Constitution, Article V*)

- (a) Only Convention Delegates eligible to vote may run for a Party Director, and only if they promise to fulfill the requirements of this article. (*Section 1, Clause 2*)
- (b) ~~Section 2-~~Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Officers shall be elected in odd-numbered years, in this order: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years, in this order: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, ~~in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article.~~ Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in these Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed. (*Section 2*)
- (c) ~~Section 3-~~An appointed Director's term ends at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule ~~in Section 2 of this Article~~ above. (*Section 3*)
- (d) ~~Section 4-~~Director elections shall exclude any Director eliminated upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and shall include any Director created upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it ~~in Section 2~~ above, with the term of each Director adjusted to end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention of the designated year. (*Section 4*)

~~Article II-~~Section 3. Director-Specific Duties of the Board (*Bylaws, Article II*)

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(a) ~~Section 1:~~ The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board, as well as overseeing leadership training and succession planning at all levels within the Party. Unless otherwise specified in the Party's Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, or resolutions of the Board, the Chair is responsible for appointing the chairs of all committees. The Chair shall call the Convention as specified in ~~the Party Constitution~~ these Bylaws. The Chair, or their designee, including other Directors acting within their designated job duties at the direction of the Chair, shall be the person who shall communicate on behalf of the Party.

*(Section 1)*

(b) ~~Section 2:~~ The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in ~~the Party Constitution and~~ these Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director's continuity binders in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair. In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:

~~a.~~ (1) Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller

~~b.~~ (2) Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake

~~c.~~ (3) Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo

~~d.~~ (4) San Luis: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Saguache

~~e.~~ (5) San Juan: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel

~~f.~~ (6) Western Slope: Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray

~~g.~~ (7) Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit

~~h.~~ (8) Northwest: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt

~~i.~~ (9) Metro: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson

~~j.~~ (10) Northeast: Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld

~~k.~~ (11) Plains: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Yuma *(Section 2)*

(c) ~~Section 3:~~ The Affiliate Development Director shall develop and support affiliates and development groups, and guide development groups towards official affiliate status.

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- The Affiliate Development Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these functions. (Section 3)
- (d) ~~Section 4:~~ The Campaigns Director shall identify political races and recruit candidates. The Campaigns Director shall also coordinate candidates and campaigns, and assist candidates in navigating compliance with campaign legal requirements and in obtaining campaign volunteers. The Campaigns Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other campaign functions. (Section 4)
- (e) ~~Section 5:~~ The Membership Director shall be responsible for developing membership education programs, recruiting and training activists, and publishing a regular internal newsletter. The Membership Director shall also be responsible for managing and accessing membership records for internal party use and coordinating membership data with the national Libertarian Party. The Membership Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other membership functions. (Section 5)
- (f) ~~Section 6:~~ The Communications Director shall be responsible for all outward-facing communications, websites, multimedia, social media, press releases, media appearances, and media inquiries. The Communications Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other communications functions. (Section 6)
- (g) ~~Section 7:~~ The Outreach Director shall be responsible for booking and running outreach booths and community events, and for maintaining outreach materials. The Outreach Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to perform these and other outreach functions. (Section 7)
- (h) ~~Section 8:~~ The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining official Party records and shall act as recording secretary for all legal purposes. The Secretary shall maintain a Party calendar of all deadlines required by these Bylaws, ~~the Constitution,~~ and the Secretary of State, and shall post these dates within sixty (60) days of their deadlines in accordance with the Party's Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order. The Secretary shall compile, maintain, and make available to the Board a publication listing all Standing Rules and Special Rules of Order adopted by the Board and shall file any amendments to ~~the Party's Constitution or~~ these Bylaws with the Secretary of State's office within fifteen (15) days after such amendments are adopted. (Section 8)

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- (i) ~~Section 9:~~ The Legislative Director shall be responsible for monitoring activity in the State Legislature, communicating with that body, developing legislation or issue-oriented committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs), and working with other organizations on areas of mutual concern. (Section 9)
- (j) ~~Section 10:~~ The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses at each regular meeting of the Board. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Treasurer may also prepare budgets for the other Directors or assist them in preparing their own budgets. The Treasurer shall maintain an efficient double-entry system of accounts. (Section 10)
- (k) ~~Section 11:~~ The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for establishing and operating fundraising activities including, but not limited to, the annual Convention, a monthly pledge program, fundraising from Members, coordinating speakers and events for the purpose of Party fundraising, and reporting all income and expenses related to fundraising at each regular Board meeting. The Fundraising Director may establish and manage committees (including the appointment of any committee chairs) to accomplish these and other fundraising functions. (Section 11)
- (l) ~~Section 12:~~ Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board. (Section 12)
- (m) ~~Section 13:~~ Each Director shall be an ex-officio member of each Party affiliate's Board of Directors for the purposes of: upholding the spirit and letter of the Statement of Principles of the National Party; enforcing ~~the Party Constitution,~~ these Bylaws, and the Rules and Resolutions adopted by the Convention or the State Board; and providing relief in times of distress. Directors shall not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum at an affiliate's Annual or Board Meetings but may be counted in determining that a quorum is present. Each Director shall actively participate in a meeting of at least one (1) Party affiliate or development group each calendar year. (Section 13)

Article VII: ~~III:~~ Meetings (Bylaws, Article III)

### Article VII: Annual Conventions

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

~~Section 1: The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates (“Convention”) each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.~~

~~Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.~~

~~Section 3: No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.~~

~~Section 4: A Member, having been a Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may attend and vote at the Business Session as a “Delegate.” The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates, or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention.~~

- (a) Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Directors or National Convention Delegates, or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting. (Section 1)
- (b) Section 2: The Board shall convene open meetings at such times and places as may be determined by action of the Board, by call of the Chair, or by written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the current Board. Notice must be sent to the official email address of each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. Such meetings shall be called at least once per calendar month. (Section 2)

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- (c) ~~Section 3:~~ More than one-half (1/2) of the current membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by the Constitution these Bylaws. Any member Director may participate in a Board meeting or committee meeting by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear or otherwise communicate with each other. (Section 3)
- (d) ~~Section 4:~~ The Board and its appointed or Party-mandated committees may transact business by electronic communications, as specified by Special Rules of Order. (Section 4)
- (e) ~~Section 5:~~ Any active Member of the Party may attend the Board Meetings as a "Proxy" at the request of that Director who temporarily cannot attend. No Proxy may represent more than one (1) Director at any board meeting. The Director who is being represented by a Proxy must notify at least two (2) other Directors of the substitution. (Section 5)

#### Article VIII: ~~Special Conventions~~

##### Section 1. Annual Conventions (Constitution, Article VII)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates ("Convention") each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy-three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election. (Section 1)
- (b) ~~Section 2:~~ Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. (Section 2)
- (c) ~~Section 3:~~ No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events. (Section 3)
- (d) ~~Section 4:~~ A Member, having been a Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention may attend and vote at the Business Session as a "Delegate." The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general

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selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates , or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention. (Section 4)

### Section 2. Special Conventions (Constitution, Article VIII)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done in between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law. (Section 1)
- (b) ~~Section 2:~~ Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations. (Section 2)
- (c) ~~Section 3:~~ Any required changes to the Party ~~Constitution or~~ Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting thresholds required to change the ~~respective documents~~ as provided for in ~~this Constitution~~ these Bylaws, or else they will be rendered null and void. (Section 3)
- (d) ~~Section 4:~~ All current Members that were eligible to vote at the previous annual Convention shall be eligible to vote at a Special Convention. (Section 4)

### Section 3. Nomination of Candidates (Constitution, Article IX)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ The United States Supreme Court has recognized that the nomination of candidates—under political party rules—falls under the First Amendment’s Freedom of Association protections and therefore overrides state laws when such rules so state. As such, all rules for nominating candidates are limited to only ~~the Party Constitution and these Bylaws~~, and all state laws regarding nominating candidates are to be considered overridden and void. The Party reserves all First Amendment Rights in this regard.  
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- (b) ~~Section 2:~~ Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention. (Section 2)
- (c) ~~Section 3:~~ The application shall consist of: 1) a photograph of the candidate; 2) the application form provided by the Board; 3) a biography and a minimum of three (3) issue positions for the web page; 4) filling out any electronic forms required by the Party or the national Libertarian Party; and 5) signing a statement to the effect that they supports the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. (Section 3)
- (d) ~~Section 4:~~ Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention. (Section 4)
- (e) ~~Section 5:~~ For nominations at the Convention:
- (1) For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.
  - (2) Candidates nominated from the floor or by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.
  - (3) The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Convention directs otherwise. (Section 5)
- (f) ~~Section 6:~~ In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election. (Section 6)
- (g) ~~Section 7:~~ Any Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates nominated by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation. A Party nominee qualifies for campaign assistance from the Party. (Section 7)
- (h) ~~Section 8:~~ The Party, its affiliates, and its elected Directors in their official capacities, either individually or as a group, shall endorse only Libertarian Party nominees for election to partisan public office. (Section 8)

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- (i) ~~Section 9:~~ At any time that any of the Party's candidates participate in a primary election, the Party shall opt-out of allowing Unaffiliated or other persons who are not Party Members from participation and provide appropriate notice to the Secretary of State's as provided by law. (Section 9)

~~Article VII: Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Conventions~~ Section 4. National Convention Delegates and Alternates (Bylaws, Article VII)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ All National Convention Delegates must have been Members or have been pre-registered to become Members for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the first day of the Convention in which they are elected, and must sign a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. (Section 1)
- (b) ~~Section 2:~~ The Board shall solicit applications from qualified Members for election as National Convention Delegates and Alternates at least sixty (60) days prior to the Convention and shall publish the completed applications (with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses redacted) to the Party website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. An application is not required for nomination. (Section 2)
- (c) ~~Section 3:~~ The Party Chair shall announce the number of National Convention Delegates to be elected by the state Convention Delegates. (Section 3)
- (d) ~~Section 4:~~ Nominations for National Convention Delegates shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves. Each state Convention Delegate in attendance at the state Convention shall cast a single vote for each National Convention Delegate candidate of their choice by submitting a signed ballot prepared by the Board for this purpose. The total votes cast by each state Convention Delegate shall not exceed the number of National Convention Delegates to be selected. National Convention Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of the state Convention Delegates voting. Subsequent ballots shall be taken as necessary to fill any remaining National Convention Delegate slots. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are National Convention Delegate slots to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected. No elections by slate shall be permitted. (Section 4)
- (e) ~~Section 5:~~ After the National Convention Delegates are elected, National Convention Alternates shall be selected by using the same procedure as ~~specified in Section 4~~ used for selecting National Convention Delegates. (Section 5)

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- (f) ~~Section 6:~~ The Chair shall serve as Delegation Chair or may request that the National Convention Delegates select a Delegation Chair. Substitutions shall only be made from the list of National Convention Alternates selected by the state Convention Delegates or afterwards added by a majority vote of the present Board (provided said National Convention Alternates did not receive a less than majority vote by the last state Convention.) Substitutions and selection of additional National Convention Delegates may be made at the National Convention by a majority of the attending National Convention Delegates, provided that such substitutes or additions would have been qualified to be elected at the state Convention, did not receive less than a majority vote at the last state Convention, and have signed a statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party. (Section 6)
- (g) ~~Section 7:~~ All National Convention Delegates will sign their ballots and these results will be compiled by the Delegation Chair in a post-National Convention report. Upon request, within thirty (30) days of the National Convention, National Convention Delegates as they are able shall also report how they voted on particular Bylaws, Convention Rules, and Platform changes. (Section 7)

#### Article IX: ~~Nomination of Candidates for Public Office Committees~~

~~Section 1: The United States Supreme Court has recognized that the nomination of candidates—under political party rules—falls under the First Amendment’s Freedom of Association protections and therefore overrides state laws when such rules so state. As such, all rules for nominating candidates are limited to only the Party Constitution and Bylaws, and all state laws regarding nominating candidates are to be considered overridden and void. The Party reserves all First Amendment Rights in this regard.~~

~~Section 2: Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.~~

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~~Section 4: Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention.~~

~~Section 5: Candidates may be nominated by Delegates to the Convention or by a Vacancy Committee designated by the Delegates. For nominations at the Convention:~~

- ~~1. For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.~~
- ~~2. Candidates nominated from the floor or by the Vacancy Committee shall sign a statement that they support the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the use of force to achieve political or social goals.~~
- ~~3. The Board or its designees shall serve as the Vacancy Committee unless the Convention directs otherwise.~~

~~Section 6: In addition to candidates, "None of the Above" (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.~~

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~~Section 9: At any time that any of the Party's candidates participate in a primary election, the Party shall opt out of allowing Unaffiliated or other persons who are not Party members from participation and provide appropriate notice to the Secretary of State's office as provided by law.~~

~~Article VI: Section 1. State Committees~~ (Bylaws, Article VI)

(a) ~~Section 1: The Constitution and~~ Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee shall each consist of five (5) at-large Members selected by the Board and an additional Member selected by each chartered affiliate. (Section 1, Clause 1)

~~a.~~ (1) The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Members at least six (6) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. The Board shall appoint five (5) at-large Members at a Board meeting held at least one (1) month after the final solicitation, but no later than four (4) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. If any subsequent vacancies occur in the initially-appointed, at-large positions, the Board may select Members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee. (Section 1, subsection 1)

~~b.~~ (2) Each chartered affiliate may appoint one (1) Member to each committee. Should an affiliate not appoint a committee member, the Board may appoint an additional at-large Member at the time of committee formation. The Board shall solicit one (1) committee member from each chartered affiliate on the same schedule implemented by the Board pursuant to subsection 1 above, and at its meeting for appointment of the members of the committees it shall confirm such committee members as have been certified by the Affiliate Representatives. If a committee member appointed by an affiliate resigns from a committee or fails to attend two (2) consecutive committee votes, the affiliate may appoint a replacement. (Section 1, subsection 2)

~~c.~~ (3) Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party Member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall

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ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention. (Section 1, subsection 3)

- d. (4) The Chair of each committee shall certify and cause to be published at Party expense a report representing each document in its entirety to the Convention.  
(Section 1, subsection 4)
- (b) ~~Section 2:~~ The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party Members selected by the Board of Directors. The at-large Style Committee members shall be selected within sixty (60) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate. (Section 2)
- (c) ~~Section 3:~~ The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the Board within ninety (90) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention. (Section 3)
- (d) ~~Section 4:~~ Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair as the Board or Convention Delegates shall from time to time deem necessary to carry out the work of the Party. (Section 4)
- (e) ~~Section 5:~~ Chairs of committees shall be responsible for completion and reproduction of their final reports at Party expense. They shall also be responsible for interim documents for committee use and for scheduling of committee meetings. All committee meetings shall be open to Members, who may request the committees' schedules from their respective Chairs. (Section 5)

~~Article VIII: Election of Representatives and Alternates to National Committees~~ Section 2. National Committee Representatives and Alternates (Bylaws, Article VIII)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ Representatives and alternates to national Party committees and subcommittees, excluding Regional Representatives and Alternates to the Libertarian National Committee, shall be elected by one of the following methods: If the number of representatives to national Party committees is known at the time of the Convention and the committees are to convene after the Convention, the Convention

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Delegates shall elect the committee representatives and alternates in the same manner as and immediately after the election of At-Large National Convention Delegates; otherwise the Board shall elect the committee representatives and alternates by majority vote after soliciting applications from Members. (Section 1)

- (b) Section 2: Each representative and alternate to these committees shall report to the Board as to the progress of these Committees and shall not agree to any secrecy or non-transparency provisions. (Section 2)

Article X: ~~IV~~: Finances and Accounting (Bylaws, Article IV)

Article X: Party Affiliates

~~Section 1:~~ The Board may charter as affiliates those organizations requesting such status to represent counties, or other geographical entities, if requested by affected Members and approved by the Board. Affiliates shall be chartered for, but shall not be limited to, the following purposes:

- ~~a. nominating candidates for public office;~~
- ~~b. working to elect Libertarian candidates and to promote Libertarian principles through political information and educational activities; and~~
- ~~c. selecting representatives to appropriate Party activities.~~

~~Each affiliate so chartered shall declare, for the purposes of liaison between the Party and the chartered affiliate, an Affiliate Representative.~~

~~Section 2:~~ Every organization so chartered shall ratify the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. They shall also submit contact information for their officers/directors, who shall include at least a Chair and a Treasurer, being separate people. They shall maintain at least five (5) Members, publish their bylaws to those Members and the Board, and file their initial Fair Campaign Practices Act filings as necessary.

~~Section 3:~~ The Board shall have the power to revoke the affiliate status of any organization by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current Board if said organization: supports candidates, policies, or positions inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party or the State Party Platform; fails to hold an annual meeting with at least five (5) Members where officers are elected with contact information and minutes submitted to the State Board of Directors; or fails to report to the proper governmental agencies their Fair Campaign Practices

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~~Act filings. Thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the Affiliate Representative of the affected affiliate.~~

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31st.

Article XI: ~~V~~ Parliamentary Authority (*Bylaws, Article V*)

Article XI: Bylaws Amendments

~~Section 1: During odd-numbered years, these Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.~~

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with ~~the Party Constitution,~~ these Bylaws, any Standing Rules, and any Special Rules of Order the Party or the Board of Directors may adopt.

- (a) If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released more than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of that Convention.
- (b) If a new edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is released less than six (6) months prior to the Convention, it shall become the Party's parliamentary authority upon the adjournment of the following year's Convention.

Article XII: ~~Platform~~ Amendments (*Constitution, Articles XI, XII, and XIII (partially subsumed)*)

- (a) ~~Section 1:~~ During odd-numbered years, these Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the ~~Constitution and~~ Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt.

*(Article XI)*

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- (b) ~~Section 1:~~ During odd-numbered years, the Party may adopt or amend, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, a Platform stating its position on all political issues affecting the state or any constituent entity thereof, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Platform Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. Any Platform plank or the entire Platform may be repealed by a simple majority of the Delegates to the Convention. (*Article XII*)
- (c) ~~Section 2:~~ Any Article, Section, or Clause of ~~this Constitution~~ these Bylaws which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 Clause (a) of this Article shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this ~~Constitution~~ these Bylaws. (*Article XIII, Section 2*)

#### Article XIII: Constitution Amendments

~~Section 1: During odd-numbered years, this Constitution may be amended at any Party Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates to the Convention, provided the amendment is included in the annual report or a minority report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or written notice including the formal language of the amendment and signed by two (2) Members is provided to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Such notice shall be posted to the Party's website within two (2) business days of receipt. No amendment shall take effect until the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention.~~

~~Section 2: Any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution which requires a vote greater than the proportion in Section 1 shall not be amended except by a vote of the greater proportion, and this Section shall not be amended except by a vote of the greatest proportion specified anywhere within this Constitution.~~

#### Article ~~XIV~~XIII: Severability (*Constitution, Article XIV*)

~~Section 1:~~ If any Article, Section, or Clause of ~~this Constitution~~ these Bylaws is to any extent determined to be invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced, such Article, Section, or Clause shall be excluded only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability; all other

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Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of ~~this Constitution~~ these Bylaws are declared to be severable.

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## **Appendix H: “Merged” Bylaws Outline**

This outline gives the cross-references between the current [Constitution](#) and [Bylaws](#) and this merge proposal. It includes references to the [Colorado Revised Statutes](#) that require the specifics of the [Minor Party Law](#) for each section, in order for the Bylaws to be in compliance with the law and maintain the Party’s status as a political party in Colorado. It also includes references to the [national Libertarian Party Bylaws](#) where applicable. This also indicates WHY the parts of the Constitution and Bylaws exist.

**Article I: Name** ([Constitution Article I](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(3\)](#))

**Article II: Purposes** ([Constitution Article II](#))

**Article III: Principles** ([Constitution Article III](#))

**Article IV: Members** ([Constitution Article IV](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1304 \(2\)\(a\)](#), [1-502 \(3\)\(a\)](#))

**Article V: Affiliates and Development Groups**

Section 1. Affiliates ([Bylaws Article I](#), [Constitution Article X](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(g\)](#))

Section 2. Development Groups ([Bylaws Article IX](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(g\)](#))

**Article VI: State Party Directors**

Section 1. Composition of the Board of Directors ([Constitution Articles V and VI](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(e\)](#))

Section 2. Director Elections ([Constitution Article V](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(d\)](#))

Section 3. Director-Specific Duties ([Bylaws Article II](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(f\)](#), [1-4-1301 \(1\)\(i\)](#), [1-4-1301 \(2\)](#))

**Article VII: Meetings** ([Bylaws Article III](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(h\)](#))

**Article VIII: Conventions**

Section 1. Annual Conventions ([Constitution Article VII](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(b\)](#), [1-4-1301 \(1\)\(c\)](#))

Section 2. Special Conventions ([Constitution Article VIII](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(c\)](#), [1-4-402 \(1\)\(a\)](#), [1-4-402 \(b\)](#))

Section 3. Nominations of Candidates ([Constitution Article IX](#)) ([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(a\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(1.5\)\(b\)\(i\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(1.5\)\(c\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(1.5\)\(d\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(2\)\(a\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(2\)\(b\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(2\)\(c\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(3\)](#), [1-4-1304 \(4\)](#), [1-4-302 \(1\)](#), [1-4-402 \(1\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#), [1-4-502 \(1\)](#), [1-4-502 \(2\)](#), [1-4-502 \(3\)\(a\)](#), [1-4-802 \(1\)\(a\)](#))

Section 4. National Convention Delegates ([Bylaws Article VII](#)) ([National Party Bylaws Article 10, Section 2-b](#))

**Article IX: Committees**

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Section 1. State Committees ([Bylaws Article VI](#))

Section 2. National Committee Reps ([Bylaws Article VIII](#)) (*Derived from [National Party Bylaws Article 11](#)*)

Article X: Finances and Accounting ([Bylaws Article IV](#))

Article XI: Parliamentary Authority ([Bylaws Article V](#))

Article XII: Amendments ([Constitution Article XI](#), [Constitution Article XII](#), [Constitution Article XIII](#))  
([CRS 1-4-1301 \(1\)\(j\)](#))

Article XIII: Severability ([Constitution, Article XIV](#))

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## **Appendix I: LP Affiliates Use of Constitution and Bylaws and Amendment Thresholds**

This table lists, state affiliate by state affiliate, the amending thresholds for each affiliate's Constitution and Bylaws.

Affiliate	Constitution	Bylaws	Affiliate	Constitution	Bylaws
US	--	2/3	NH	--	2/3
NV	--	2/3	NJ	--	2/3
AK	3/4	2/3	NM	--	2/3
AZ	3/4	2/3	NY	--	majority
AR	--	2/3	NC	--	2/3
CA	--	majority	ND	--	majority
CO	2/3	majority	OH	6/10	2/3
CT	--	2/3	OK	--	majority
DE	--	2/3	OR	--	2/3
DC	--	2/3	PA	2/3	majority
FL	2/3	majority	RI	--	2/3
GA	--	2/3	SC	--	majority
HI	--	2/3	SD	--	3/4
ID	2/3	majority	TN	--	3/4
IL	--	2/3	TX	2/3	2/3
IN	--	2/3	UT	2/3	2/3
IA	9/10	majority	VT	--	2/3
KS	--	2/3	VA	--	2/3
KY	3/4	6/10	WA	2/3	majority
LA	--	2/3	WV	--	2/3
ME	--	2/3	WI	--	2/3
MD	3/4	6/10	WY	--	2/3
MA	2/3	majority	<b>Summary</b>		
MI	--	2/3		6/10 = 1	majority = 12
MN	--	2/3		2/3 = 8	6/10 = 2
MS	--	2/3		3/4 = 4	2/3 = 36
MO	--	2/3		9/10 = 1	3/4 = 2
MT	--	2/3		none = 38	
NE	--	2/3			

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Threshold Votes: Bylaws requires majority vote to adopt, amend, or repeal; Constitution requires 2/3 vote to adopt, amend, or repeal.

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## **Appendix J: Robert’s Rules of Order References**

These references are for the Merge proposals.

### PART I:

“The Bylaws should always prescribe the procedure for their amendment, and such provision should always require that at least advance notice be given in a specified manner, and that the amendment be approved by a two-third vote.” (580:25-581:3)

### PART II:

“In general, the constitution and bylaws—or both—of a society are the documents that contain its own basic rules relating principally to itself as an organization, rather than to the parliamentary procedure that it follows. In the ordinary case, it is now the recommended practice that all of a society’s rules be combined into a single instrument, usually called the “bylaws,” although in some societies called the “constitution”—or the “constitution and bylaws,” even when it is only one document.” (12:8-16)

“Under the preferred practice for ordinary societies today, the constitution and the bylaws—once usually separate—are now combined in a single instrument, referred to in this book as the *bylaws* (although in some organizations called the *constitution*, or—even though only one document—the *constitution and bylaws*).” (565:8-13)

“The Bylaws should always prescribe the procedure for their amendment, and such provision should always require that at least advance notice be given in a specified manner, and that the amendment be approved by a two-third vote.” (580:25-581:3)

“MOTIONS THAT CANNOT BE DIVIDED. A motion cannot be divided unless each part presents a proper question for the assembly to act upon if none of the other parts is adopted, and unless the effect of adopting all of the parts will be exactly the same—no more, no less—as adoption of the compound main question.” (272:19-24)

“Another type of motion that cannot be divided is one whose parts are not easily separated.” (272:29-30)

“GENERAL REVISIONS. Changes of the bylaws that are so extensive and general that they are scattered throughout the bylaws should be effected through the substitution of an entirely new set of bylaws, called a revision.” (593:16-19)

“In other words, in the case of a revision, the assembly is not confined to consideration of only the points of change included in the proposed revision as submitted by the committee that has drafted it.” (593:22-25)

“... if an existing society wishes to undertake a general revision of its bylaws, a committee to draw up the proposed revision can be appointed at any regular meeting, just as any other committee.” (566:23-26)