



# Libertarian Party of Michigan

## State Convention

### Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant

### June 26, 2021

#### Agenda

#### Registration opens

7:30 am

1. Call to Order **9:00 am**
2. Opening Remarks **5 minutes**
3. Credentials report **5 minutes**
4. Approval of Agenda **5 minutes**
5. Adoption of Convention Rules **5 minutes**
6. Approval of Previous Convention Minutes **5 minutes**
7. Officer reports **35 minutes**
8. Bylaws Committee Report **60 minutes**
9. Platform Committee Report **60 minutes**

#### Luncheon

Noon

#### Resume convention business

1:30

10. Announcements **10 minutes**
11. Officer Elections **90 minutes**
  - Chair
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair / Affiliates Director
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair / Political Director
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer

*[During voting, time will be given for affiliate reports and other announcements]*

12. Caucus by Congressional District **20 minutes**
13. Election of Judicial Committee (3) **20 minutes**
14. Finish any remaining platform, bylaws, or reports (if needed) **30 minutes**
15. Resolutions **20 minutes**
16. Open floor **20 minutes**
17. Adjournment **5:00 pm**

Meeting of the newly elected Libertarian Executive Committee immediately following convention

#### Evening Reception

6:00 pm

#### Evening Dinner Banquet

7:00 pm



**CONVENTION RULES**  
**State Libertarian Party of Michigan**  
**Convention**  
**Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant**  
**June 26, 2021**

**Rule 1.**

The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening of the first business meeting, shall report the number of delegates registered as present with proper credentials, and will make a supplementary report at the beginning of each session that business continues.

**Rule 2.**

To facilitate identification in the assembly hall, delegates are required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.

**Rule 3.**

All motions, resolutions, reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings must be electronically submitted, printed or hand written, and immediately on presentation, be given to the Recording Secretary.

**Rule 4.**

The success or failure of any motion will be based on the number of delegates present and voting on that question.

**Rule 5.**

As provided by the LPM Bylaws, "VI.6. A majority shall rule at the convention except for the platform and resolutions of the Party which shall require a two-thirds vote of those present, or as otherwise required by these bylaws."

**Rule 6.**

No member may speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day, or longer than two minutes, without permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

**Rule 7.**

Division of the house in exception to the decision of the Chair on any voice vote shall require 10 members to stand for such count to occur.

**Rule 8.**

The Platform Committee Chair and Bylaws Committee Chair will act as Chairman for consideration of proposed amendments to the platform and bylaws, respectively.

**Rule 9.**

The printed report of the Platform Committee and the Bylaws Committee is submitted to the Secretary for the permanent record. The Committee Chairs shall present the individual committee proposals to the Convention for consideration, which shall be considered automatically moved and seconded.

**Rule 10.**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable unless such rule conflicts with the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Michigan or these convention rules.

**Rule 11.**

The Convention will adjourn at 5:00 pm unless 2/3rds of the membership chooses to extend.

**Rule 12.** The following rule applies to the nomination of party officers:

- a) The Party officers shall be chosen by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance at the time of voting. If no candidate has a majority, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be struck from the next vote until one candidate receives a majority.
- b) All votes for candidates for Party office shall always include "None of the Above." If a delegate votes for "None of the Above" for Judicial Committee, they may not vote for an additional candidate.
- c) Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party officers shall be considered valid. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the term of office.
- d) Candidates for Party office may self-nominate or be nominated by another.
- e) Each nominee for Party office shall be allowed up to five minutes for nominating and seconding speeches.
- f) A nominating speech may also be given on behalf of "None of the Above".



## **Libertarian Party of Michigan Bylaws**

(As amended in convention April 13, 2019)

### **I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the “Libertarian Party of Michigan,” hereinafter referred to as the “Party” or “LPM”.

### **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to further the principles of individual liberty as expressed in the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by nominating and working to elect candidates for political office and by entering into political information activities and affiliating with the National Libertarian Party.

### **III. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the Party shall be a chair, a first vice chair, a second vice chair, a secretary, a treasurer, and the Congressional district representatives described below, hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Committee.” These are the same individuals who shall serve as the directors of the “Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee, Inc.” None of these offices shall be combined. All of these officers shall be elected to a two-year term at a regular convention of the Party by the attending delegates (as to the Congressional district representatives, those delegates from the respective districts) and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next regular convention.
2. At each regular convention, following the selection of those officers of the Executive Committee elected at large, the delegates from each Congressional district shall caucus to select one person residing in that district to serve as the Congressional district representative for that district.
3. The Executive Committee shall comprise the state central committee of the Party within the meaning of state law, notwithstanding any contrary provision of state law calling for a larger state central committee, different officers, or a different procedure for selection of officers or members of the Executive Committee.
4. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at all conventions. The chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party. In the absence of directives from the Executive Committee, the chair shall have the authority to speak for, and to generally manage the affairs of, the Party. Said authority includes the appointment of a Newsletter Director to ensure the timely publication of the “Michigan Libertarian.” For purposes of Party representation at all National Libertarian Party conventions, the chair shall be a Michigan delegate and shall serve as head of the Michigan delegation.
5. The first vice chair shall act as assistant to the chair and shall perform the duties of the chair in his or her absence. The first vice chair shall also act as “affiliates director” helping affiliates organize, forming new affiliates, helping student groups organize and forming new student groups. The first vice chair shall also be responsible for organizing seminars to make certain that affiliate officers have the information necessary to work effectively with the LPM.

6. The second vice chair shall act as assistant to the chair, and in the absence of the chair and first vice chair, shall perform the duties of the chair. The second vice chair shall also act as “political director”, recruiting candidates for public office and helping them organize their campaigns. The second vice chair shall also be responsible for organizing seminars to make certain that candidates have the information necessary to qualify and run effectively for public office.
7. The secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party, and be responsible for ensuring that member-accessible archives are preserved. Excepting the Party newsletter or press releases, the secretary shall be responsible for all regular communications within the Party and between the Party and outside individuals, groups, and organizations.
8. The treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Executive Committee.
9. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet in such times and places as they shall determine and shall govern all the affairs of the Party.
10. A member of the Executive Committee who misses three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee or fails to perform his or her fiduciary duties may be removed from the Executive Committee and replaced by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee or a majority vote at convention following a motion for a vote of no confidence. All Executive Committee members must be notified of the intent to remove at least 14 days prior to the meeting. If the chair is so removed, the first vice chair shall assume the chair and a new first vice chair elected. If a Congressional district representative resigns or is so removed, then the Executive Committee must replace him or her with a person residing in the same Congressional district, who shall serve until the next state convention, at which time the caucus for that Congressional district shall select a replacement for the balance of his or her term.
11. All officers of the Party must be current members of the Party. An officer whose membership lapses must renew at the next meeting after written notice or be removed at that meeting.
12. There shall be a standing legislative committee to monitor, report on, and advocate for legislation on behalf of the Libertarian Party.
13. All officers of the Party shall be elected and serve without regard to biological sex, gender, race, ethnicity, creed, age, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical appearance, or economic status.
14. Members of a standing or special committee (except for the Judicial Committee) may be appointed by the Executive Committee, by a committee chair, or by the LPM Chair. [All appointments must be approved by the Executive Committee. Appointments shall be made only at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Only voting members of the LPM shall be eligible for appointment as members of a standing committee. The Executive Committee may fix a maximum size to any committee (except for the Judicial Committee).

#### **IV. LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Party members may form organizations entitled to be known as the “Libertarian Party” of their respective areas, subject to this Article.
2. The Executive Committee shall charter affiliate parties, each of which shall cover one or more counties of the state, hereinafter referred to as an “affiliate region”, from those organizations requesting such status. A copy of the petitioning organization’s proposed operating rules shall be submitted with the petition. No organization shall be so chartered which does not ratify the Statement of Principles of the Party or whose operating rules do not comply with these bylaws. The Executive Committee can arbitrate disputes between affiliates.
3. Each affiliate party shall oversee the county and district conventions for those counties and districts within its affiliate region in accordance with state law (MCL 168.592, 168.594, 168.595, 168.599, 168.600, 168.601, and 168.602); except that:

- A. If an affiliate region covers more than one county or district:
1. The affiliate may hold a combined convention for all counties and districts within the affiliate region at the same place(s) and/or via a synchronous electronic meeting;
  2. State convention delegates and alternates selected by the affiliate need not be apportioned to the individual counties or districts or their political subdivisions, but may be selected at large from all the counties and districts comprising the affiliate region, or at the affiliate's option, from LPM members residing anywhere in Michigan; and
  3. The affiliate may hold a combined convention for the election of a single affiliate executive committee, in lieu of separate executive committees for each county or district.
- B. An affiliate may elect in its discretion to adopt affiliate bylaws that organize the affiliate and the county(ies) and district(s) comprising its affiliate region in a manner different from the provisions of MCL 168.599 and 168.600. If the affiliate does so, then the officers and committees of the affiliate and the county(ies) and district(s) comprising its affiliate region shall be organized and selected in accordance with the affiliate's bylaws.
- C. For so long as the Party qualifies to elect precinct delegates at primary elections to county party conventions under state law, the affiliate shall be required to accept precinct delegates so selected as delegates to its county and district conventions, but if the Party ever no longer qualifies to elect precinct delegates at primary elections, then the affiliate may set its own rules for qualifying delegates to its county and district conventions.
- D. For purposes of this Article IV, Section 3, and Article VI, Section 4, below, any counties and districts in the State not organized as part of an affiliate region will together be deemed designated as one or more affiliate regions and overseen by the Executive Committee.

4. The autonomy of the affiliate Parties shall not be abridged by the Executive Committee, or any other committee of the Party, except as provided herein.
5. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to suspend affiliate party status from any organization by a two-thirds vote. Such suspension is subject to written appeal within thirty days of notification. Failure to appeal shall be construed as an act of secession by the affiliate party. The Executive Committee shall not suspend any affiliate party within a period of three months prior to a state Party convention.
6. The appeal of the affiliate party is to be directed to the Judicial Committee of the Party. Written arguments shall be sent to the Judicial Committee by representatives of the Executive Committee urging revocation and by representatives of the affiliate party opposing revocation. The Judicial Committee shall rule to either revoke the charter of the affiliate party or to reinstate the charter within thirty days of receiving the arguments and no later than thirty days prior to a State Party convention. Should the Judicial Committee fail to rule timely, the affiliate party shall be automatically reinstated with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto. The affiliate party may appeal the ruling of the Judiciary Committee to the Judicial Committee of the National Libertarian Party following the above procedure.

## **V. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

1. The judicial power of the Party shall be vested in a Judicial Committee composed of three Party members. All of these committee members shall be elected to a two-year term at a regular convention of the Party by the attending delegates and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No member of the Executive Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee.

2. The Judicial Committee shall decide cases involving alleged violations of these bylaws or resolutions.

## **VI. CONVENTIONS**

1. During years in which a Libertarian Party primary occurs, the Party shall hold a fall state convention after the date of the primary and not less than 60 days before the general November election in accordance with state law (MCL 168.591). During even-numbered years in which a Libertarian Party primary election is not required by state law, the Party shall hold a candidate nominating convention after the filing deadline for candidates to appear on Michigan's primary ballot and before the date of the primary. During odd-numbered years, the Party shall hold a regular state convention between April 1 and July 31, performing such business as required herein.
2. The Party shall also hold a state convention no later than six weeks prior to the scheduled first day of the Libertarian Party National Convention, hereinafter referred to as a "national delegate selection convention". The national delegate selection convention shall be for the purpose of selecting national convention delegates. The national delegate selection convention may also endorse any candidates for Secretary of State, Attorney General and Supreme Court to be formally nominated at the fall state convention in the same year. Votes for endorsement of candidates shall be made in the same manner as for nomination of candidates set forth in Article VII of these bylaws.
3. The Party shall hold a special convention within 45 days upon the call of the Executive Committee or when petitions are submitted by 10% of the current membership, specifying the purpose for the special convention.
4. The Executive Committee shall allocate delegates to all state conventions to be selected by each affiliate region in proportion and according to the number of votes cast within the affiliate region for the Party's most recent candidate for secretary of state (MCL 168.593 and 168.598). Delegates to the national delegate selection convention shall be allocated using the same method. An affiliate region may also select a number of alternates no greater than the number of delegates allocated to it.
  - A. The number of delegates to be seated at state conventions shall be calculated as 25% of the state members whose dues have been paid to the Libertarian Party of Michigan as of December 31st of the year prior to the state convention. There shall be a minimum of 175 seats available, though actual numbers may slightly vary due to numbers rounding up at the 0.5 interval.
  - B. The Executive Committee shall issue a call to each state convention to all affiliates no later than 60 days prior to the scheduled date of the state convention, which call shall specify the date and location of the state convention and the number of delegates each affiliate is entitled to select and send to the state convention. Notwithstanding any provision of state law requiring the Executive Committee to set a single date for counties and districts to hold conventions for the selection of delegates, each affiliate may select the date for its respective convention(s), so long as that date is at least 7 days prior to the state convention.
  - C. Each affiliate must submit the names, addresses and email addresses of its selected delegates and alternates to the LPM Credentials Committee no later than 7 days prior to a convention. Failure to submit such a listing by the deadline will cause no delegation to be registered from that affiliate. By seven-eighths vote, the convention may approve additional delegates and alternates whose names and addresses are submitted to the Credentials Committee during the convention.

5. The Executive Committee shall notify every Libertarian Party of Michigan member, whose dues were current within one year, of the convention date, time and location no less than 30 days prior to the convention. Notification shall be made by at least one of the acceptable modalities for which contact information has been made available by the member. Acceptable modalities shall include email, phone, and United States Postal Service.
6. A majority shall rule at the convention except for the platform and resolutions of the Party which shall require a two-thirds vote of those present, or as otherwise required by these bylaws.
7. The Executive Committee shall have supervision and management of all conventions.
8. The officers of each convention shall be the officers of the Party.
9. A person must be a current member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan in order to serve as a delegate to a state convention. A person who has never been a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan must become a member at least 30 days prior to a State convention, unless that person was a member of the National Libertarian Party at least 30 days prior to a State Convention, and becomes a dues paying member of the state party, before being allowed to vote at that convention.
10. Members in good standing who were duly elected as delegates shall not be denied delegate status at the business sessions of a convention. Additional charges may be charged to cover other materials available at the convention.

## **VII. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

1. Nomination of candidates for public office shall be made in accordance with state law, via primary, district caucus or state convention as necessary. No candidate may be nominated for an office for which he/she is legally ineligible to serve.
2. Delegates to the National Convention shall be elected at a national delegate selection convention by nominations from the floor. Delegates may be appointed by the Executive Committee if the allotted quota is not met. Rules governing delegate procedures shall be determined by action of the Convention or, in the absence of directives from the Convention, by the Executive Committee. Those provisions of state law governing the selection of national convention delegates shall not apply to the Party's selection of national convention delegates, and no national convention delegate shall be bound by law to vote for a particular candidate.
3. The Party's nominee for each office shall be chosen by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance at the time of voting. If no candidate has a majority, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be struck from the next vote until one candidate receives a majority.
4. All votes for candidates for public or Party office shall always include "None of the Above."
5. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for public office or the Party officers shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in voting for a public office, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the term of office.

## **VIII. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be granted to any person who affirms the Statement of Principles and whose LPM dues are current.

**IX. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES**

Asynchronous voting procedure, such as via email ballot, are strictly prohibited for official business of any recognized body of the Party, including the executive committee, unless there is an agreement to do asynchronous voting in a unanimous motion at a synchronous meeting. This does not prohibit other synchronous forms of communication and voting, such as conference call or videoconferencing, to be used for official business.

**X. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Party shall end December 31.

**XI. LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

1. The Libertarian Party of Michigan, in the exercise of its constitutional rights of free association and speech, as affirmed by the US Supreme Court ruling in *Eu, et al., vs. San Francisco Democratic Committee, State Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, et al.*, reserves the right to accept or decline the application of Michigan statutory provisions, which appear to govern its affairs. The incorporation of statutory provisions in these bylaws is voluntary and is subject to the foregoing reservation. Any violations of statutory provisions by these bylaws are deliberate and will take precedence over such statutory provisions.
2. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the bylaws or convention rules of the Party.

**XII. AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at a convention occurring in an odd-numbered year only.

**XIII. USE OF PARTY RESOURCES**

The Party does not support, condone, or give candidates of other political parties access to mailing lists, contact information, or administrative access to online social media accounts of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for use with their campaign.

**XIV. EFFECT**

These bylaws shall take effect immediately upon adoption.



# **Libertarian Party of Michigan Platform**

(As revised in convention, July 18, 2020)

## **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE:**

The Libertarian Party does not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

## **PREAMBLE:**

Libertarians seek a society based on personal liberty and responsibility—a society in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives. The most desirable method of realizing such a society is to follow the natural order that arises when the inalienable rights of individuals to life, liberty and property ownership are respected and protected.

People have the right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and pursue happiness in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with those same rights of others. The peace, prosperity, and diversity that such freedom brings is a goal toward which Libertarians aim.

The essential precondition for a free society is that people have the freedom to follow their own dreams in their own ways without government interference. This precondition allows that the only legitimate function of government, where it exists, is the protection of the inalienable rights of its citizens. To that end, government at all levels should be strictly limited to the essential services necessary to uphold individual rights, maintain public order, and adjudicate disputes. Government at the state and federal level should be involved only in issues not best handled by local or regional government.

## **I. STATE GOVERNMENT**

1. We endorse the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which reserves to our state and its people all powers not expressly delegated to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution, or prohibited from the states or the people by the U.S. Constitution.
2. The state government has no duty to enforce federal laws not authorized by the US Constitution, and which do not protect the life, liberty, or property of Michiganders. Federal agents enforcing such acts and powers in Michigan must face state level criminal prosecution.
3. We support proportional representation in the Michigan State Senate, until such time as the Senate can be eliminated.
4. In the absence of a declaration of war by the United States Congress, we oppose any use of Michigan troops by the federal government for any purpose other than natural disaster relief.

5. Individuals have the right to defend themselves and others. Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution states: “Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state.” We oppose any law that dilutes the right of a law-abiding person to own a firearm or other means of self-defense.
6. We oppose any form of discrimination by government based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other group or individual identification. Each person has the same inalienable rights that the State has a duty to protect.
7. State government should be removed entirely from the licensing process, including, but not limited to, occupational licensing. It has produced no better results than private licensing and amounts to another tax. For example, marriage licenses are contracts between individuals and should be left to the individuals, their attorneys and religious officials, without the need to pay the state for a stamp of approval.
8. We support returning to a part-time legislature, which is sufficient to carry out the legislative duties as prescribed by our state constitution.
9. We advocate a sunset law requiring an automatic end to most government offices, agencies, departments, laws, regulations, taxes, and expenditures within ten years if not reauthorized.
10. We oppose immunities for any public officials or employees for illegal acts or omissions. Like any individual, they should be subject to criminal prosecution and held personally liable for any injuries caused by their actions. Therefore, we seek to abolish the protections of qualified immunity.
11. There should be maximum separation of legislative, executive and judicial powers.
12. We believe the government should not force individuals to alter their schedules through the practice known as daylight savings, as the manipulation of time is not within the government’s legal authority.

## II. ELECTIONS

1. The only electoral duty of the state government should be providing for fair and efficient conduct of elections. Political parties, like any private voluntary group, should be free from government control and allowed to establish their own rules for nomination procedures and conventions. All taxpayer-funded subsidies to candidates for public office and political parties, including primaries and conventions, should be eliminated.
2. We support the addition of the alternative “None of the above is acceptable” to all ballots. We further propose that in the event that “None of the above is acceptable” receives a plurality of votes in any election, a new election shall be held for which none of the losing candidates shall be eligible. Other forms of voting should also be considered, such as ranked choice voting or proportional representation.
3. Campaign finance laws are unwarranted restrictions of free speech or association and should be repealed.
4. The time during which voters may circulate any statewide petition should be extended to two years.
5. Voters should have the power of referendum on all existing or new legislation.
6. We support efforts to make voting less difficult for all voters.
7. While incarcerated, citizens should retain the right to vote.

### **III. COURTS**

1. The current practice of forced jury duty should be replaced by volunteer juries.
2. The common law authority of a trial by jury preceded our constitution and is the foundation of our legal system. If a jury of peers deems a law unjust, oppressive or inappropriately applied, it has the right and duty to acquit the defendant.
3. We support the right of defendants to a fully informed jury, which would require judges to instruct jurors of their authority to judge not only the facts, but also the justice of the law according to their own good consciences. We support restitution for victims of crimes at the expense of the perpetrator. The victim should have the right to pardon the perpetrator, provided the victim is not threatened or coerced.
4. Private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges or mediators should be encouraged.
5. No-fault laws should be repealed because they deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible for causing harm.
6. The right of trial by jury should be allowed in all civil or criminal cases.
7. The use of civil asset forfeiture to enforce laws circumvents constitutional protections and should be ended.
8. Random police roadblocks and other searches without probable cause bypass constitutional protections and should be prohibited.
9. We support equal treatment and oppose discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual orientation in any judicial proceeding adjudicating a parental right, privilege or obligation concerning their child.
10. Any individual who violates the rights of another should be held liable.
11. We deny the legitimacy of criminal prosecutions of persons who have victimized no one. To prevent false prosecutions, we affirm the right of alleged victims to end prosecutions by freely asserting their objection to it. This does not preclude prosecution in cases where a victim remains silent, nor shall it preclude prosecution where a victim has been coerced into objecting.
12. No person should be denied due process on the basis of age or citizenship.

### **IV. PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. We believe the largest threat to public safety is the government itself, and thus the right to bear arms exists primarily to ensure the people the ability to effectively resist tyranny.
2. Law enforcement cannot guarantee individual safety. Self-protection is a personal responsibility. All individuals have the right to defend themselves and to possess the means to do so, as guaranteed by the state constitution Article I, Section 6
3. As we believe that government transparency is essential to public accountability. Complaints of police misconduct should be open to public scrutiny. We support the revision of the Freedom of Information Act to remove the exemption of these records.
4. Once free from incarceration, all rights should be restored immediately and the classification of “felon” should not impede one’s constitutional rights.
5. State prison facilities should be used only for the incarceration of individuals who have proven themselves a threat to others.

6. Curfew laws should be repealed as an individual's behavior is not the responsibility of the state or municipality.
7. Laws requiring the use of seat belts or other personal protection devices are misguided, paternal, and should be repealed. Individuals must assume responsibility for their own safety.

## **V. VICE LAWS**

1. Government should confine itself to protecting individuals from aggression, coercion and deceit. We oppose all laws and regulations that attempt to protect individuals from the consequences of their own behavior. While not necessarily condoning such activities, we advocate the repeal of all laws criminalizing gambling, possession and sale of drugs and alcohol. All those presently incarcerated or ever convicted solely for the commission of these victimless crimes should be pardoned and their records expunged.
2. Voluntary communities may enforce rules that prohibit certain activities to which all members subscribe, such as substance-free dorms.
3. We call for the repeal of all laws criminalizing actions between consenting adults. Libertarians support the repeal of all laws criminalizing the offer of sexual services for compensation by consenting adults, as well as the repeal of all laws criminalizing voluntarily seeking out sexual services for hire.
4. The natural, lawful, unalienable, and absolute rights of the citizens of Michigan to cultivate and utilize the natural plant known as cannabis shall not be infringed. All local and state laws regarding cannabis should be repealed, nullified or otherwise abrogated. All prior and current non-violent cannabis related convictions should be null and void and expunged from those individual's records.

## **VI. TAXES**

1. Whereas taxation is theft, the legislature should find more voluntary means of supporting state services, such as lotteries and user fees.
2. The income tax should be repealed.
3. Taxation of privately owned real property should be eliminated. In effect, it makes the state the owner of all lands by forcing individuals to pay rent to the state or forfeit their title.
4. The remaining personal property tax on Michigan businesses should be repealed.
5. Tax favoritism should be illegal. Abatements, subsidies, credits, or other incentives to businesses based on geographical area, job creation, or any other criteria deny equal protection under the law.
6. We oppose any sales or use tax, including on the Internet.

## **VII. ECONOMY**

1. We believe in the free market, thus the complete separation of the economy and the state.
2. No commercial enterprises should be granted legal monopoly status, including the so-called natural monopolies of electricity, natural gas, water supplies, telephones, and cable television. The Michigan Public Service Commission should be abolished and all rate regulation in these industries ended. The right to offer such services in the marketplace should not be curtailed. We also call on the legislature to end the state monopoly on lotteries.
3. State regulation of industries such as insurance and communications, and professions such as medicine and law, should be ended. They should be regulated by trade or consumer groups.
4. The condemnation of private property for public use should only be allowed when necessary for the protection of the rights of the citizens.
5. We recognize all mutually agreed upon forms of trade, including, but not limited to non-fiat currencies such as precious metals, cryptocurrencies and bartering.

## **VIII. POVERTY**

1. Providing for the needy by forcibly taxing others is contrary to the legitimate function of government, which is to protect the rights of everyone. Disbursing charity from a welfare system costs society more than it gains. It is inefficient, open to fraud and abuse, and creates resentment. Traditional, voluntary sources of emergency support from families, churches, private charities, and mutual aid societies have always been more humane, more effective, and willingly borne by the givers. Therefore, we call for the complete disbandment of the welfare state.
2. We oppose all attempts to criminalize the victims of coercion, such as the homeless. We therefore call for the immediate repeal of all laws against sleeping, camping, eating, feeding, or solicitation.

## **IX. EDUCATION**

1. Education is an individual or parental responsibility and best handled at the most local level. We advocate the separation of school and state.
2. Because parents are best situated to decide what is in their own children's best interests, we support all measures that enhance the educational choices available, such as charter schools, tax credits for private school tuition, and home schooling.
3. Compulsory attendance and truancy laws should be repealed. Students cannot be forced to learn, and teachers should not be forced to act as juvenile delinquency officers.
4. All individuals, regardless of age, are entitled to the protections of the constitutions of the United States and Michigan. Random drug tests, locker searches without probable cause, censorship of student publications, corporal punishment, or any similar actions violate those rights.
5. All votes relevant to school operations, including millage proposals, bond issues and school board elections, should be placed only on the regular, biannual ballot.

## **X. ENVIRONMENT**

1. Aside from public safety, there is no greater concern for the people of Michigan than having a safe, healthy environment. We look forward to the day when all property not required for police and court functions is returned to private ownership and control.
2. We call for the restoration of every individual's ancient, common law standing to sue for trespass any individual business, government or other group that pollutes their property.
3. We oppose creation of new government parks or wilderness and recreation areas. Such parks and areas that already exist should be transferred to non-government ownership. Pending such transfer, their operating costs should be borne by their users rather than by taxpayers.
4. We support efforts to hold all individuals, businesses and governments accountable for the pollution they cause. With respect to so-called orphan sites, where those responsible for contamination of ground or water either cannot be found or cannot be made accountable for the damage they caused, we support the use of the Natural Resources Trust Fund currently earmarked for expansion of state parks to be redirected to clean up.

## **X. HEALTH CARE**

1. The most fundamental property right is an individual's right to own and control their own body. All individuals have the right to determine their own health care needs and treatment. Exercise of this right does not remove the moral obligations not to violate the rights of others. We recognize the state, when it exists, has a duty to protect the rights of others, particularly those in society who are the most vulnerable, including the very old, the very young, and the mentally handicapped. The state, where it exists, does have a duty to protect the life of all individuals, and should prosecute those who utilize force or fraud to end life.
2. The right of people to extend or end their lives with dignity should not be infringed. We support the freedom to use living wills and durable medical powers of attorney.

## **XII. SECESSION**

We recognize the right to political secession. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.

## **XIII. INCLUSION**

The Libertarian Party of Michigan ratifies and hereby includes in this document the platform of the national Libertarian Party.

## **XIV. OMISSIONS**

Our silence about any other particular government law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, restriction, regulatory agency, or activity should not be construed to imply approval.

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**July 18, 2020**  
**Treetops Resort, Gaylord, Michigan**

Call to Order

The convention was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Greg Stempfle who welcomed the delegates. He moved that due to the absence of Secretary Wendi Parker that Mary Buzuma be approved as Secretary of the Convention. Motion seconded and passed.

Credentials Report

Credentials Chair Larry Johnson moved on behalf of the committee that the 53 delegates (majority: 27, 2/3rds 36; 7/8ths 47) credentialed as of 10:15 a.m. should be considered the voting roll of the Convention. Motion seconded and passed without objection.

Agenda

Convention Agenda was approved without objection.

Convention Rules

Convention Rules were approved without objection.

Previous Convention Minutes

Minutes of the March 14, 2020 State Convention were approved without objection.

Motion to amend the April 4, 2020 online State Convention Minutes to read 3 way tie for last delegate spot instead of 2 way tie under Results of National Delegate Vote. Minutes approved as amended without objection.

Officer Reports

Chair Greg Stempfle reported on the National Convention and the Hybrid Convention. He was pleased with the Michigan delegation members who were present for all votes. He gave a special thanks to Andrew Chadderdon for his hard work. Andrew became a lifetime member and was presented with a pin.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Political Director Jamie Lewis spoke about candidate paperwork and to welcome new life member Congressman Justin Amash who will be addressing the delegates later in the convention. His full report is included in the convention packet.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep Nathan Hewer reported that he is now the Michigan Campaign Coordinator for the Jo Jorgenson presidential campaign and that anyone who would like to volunteer for the campaign to contact him. He also has t-shirts and ball caps from the National Convention.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and Affiliate Director Ben Boren reported that now is a golden opportunity for liberty and that despite personal challenges he assisted in the revival of the Alpena affiliate. He also stated that now is the time to affiliate the Upper Peninsula.

Credentials Report

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Credentials Chair Larry Johnson reported that Southwest Michigan added delegate Brandon Warzybok. He moved on behalf of the committee that the 55 delegates (majority: 28, 2/3rds 37; 7/8ths 49) credentialed as of 10:34 a.m. should be considered the voting roll of the Convention. Motion seconded and passed without objection.

### Treasurer Report

Norm Peterson reported that the LPM is ahead from a year ago. The full Treasurer Report is included in the convention packet.

### Committee Reports

#### Historical

Chair Stempfle reported that items collected by Historical Committee can be found on display outside the meeting room.

#### Social Media

Connor Nepomuceno reported that the social media team is committed to supporting all candidates. He thanked Nathan Hewer, Ben Boren, Tyler Palmer, and all previous members for building the foundation. He requested that all affiliate chairs add LPM as co-host to help move their events.

#### Membership

Jeff Pittel who was not present received special thanks from Greg Stempfle for keeping affiliates updated on membership.

#### Newsletter

Scotty Boman gave special thanks to deputy editor Catherine Filus for her hard work. He would welcome more article contributions.

#### Platform Committee

Nathan Hewer thanked members Jeff Wood, Jon Elgas, Brian Ellison. Jim Fulner, Jay Gillotte, Connor Nepomuceno, James Weeks and Daniel Ziemba.

#### Platform Consideration

Nathan Hewer, Platform Committee Chair, assumes the role of Convention Chair.

#### Proposal 1

New Plank IV.3 and renumber accordingly

As we believe that government transparency is essential to public accountability. Complaints of police misconduct should be should be open to public scrutiny. ~~As such~~, we support the revision of the Freedom of Information Act to remove the exemption of these records.

Will White moved to amend. Remove "As such" for clarity. Motion seconded and approved. It was moved and seconded to remove "of these" and replace with "all". Motion passed to current language. Scotty Boman moved to add "therefore" between We and support. Motion seconded but did not pass.

Main motion – passed unopposed. New Plank IV.3 to read as follows: As we believe that government transparency is essential to public accountability. Complaints of police misconduct should be should be

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open to public scrutiny. We support the revision of the Freedom of Information Act to remove the exemption of these records.

### Proposal 2

1.9 If adopted:

We oppose immunities for any public officials or employees for illegal acts or omissions. Like any individual, they should be subject to criminal prosecution and held personally liable for any injuries caused by their actions. Therefore, we seek to abolish the protections of qualified immunity.

Call to question. Motion passes unopposed

### Proposal 3

V.4 Replace cannabis with drug

If adopted:

The natural lawful, unalienable, and absolute rights of the citizens of Michigan to cultivate and utilize the natural plant known as cannabis shall not be infringed. All local and state laws regarding drugs should be repealed, nullified or otherwise abrogated. All prior and current non-violent drug related convictions should be null and void and expunged from those individual's records.

Leonard Schwartz spoke against the proposal as platform will hurt candidates. Chair called at ease for 5 minutes to allow people to close car windows due to storm. Convention called to order at 11:14 a.m.

Scotty Boman and Bill Hall also spoke against as article 5.1 in current platform says same thing.

Call to question.

Division. Proposal did not pass as 2/3<sup>rd</sup> requirement for passage was not reached.

### Proposal 4

X.2 Proposed change: We call for the restoration of every individual's ancient, common law standing to sue for trespass any individual business, government or other group that pollutes their property.

### XI.1

The most fundamental property right is an individual's right to own and control their own body. All individuals have the right to determine their own health care needs and treatment. Exercise of this right does not remove the moral obligations not to violate the rights of others. We recognize the state, when it exists, has a duty to protect the rights of others, particularly those in society who are the most vulnerable, including the very old, the very young, and the mentally handicapped. The state, where it exists, does have a duty to protect the life of all individuals, and should prosecute those who utilize force or fraud to end life.

Proposal passes

### Proposal 5

I.5 If adopted:

We support the rights of the smallest minority the individual. We oppose bigotry as irrational and repugnant. Individuals' human rights should not be based upon sex, wealth, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, personal habits, political preference, sexual orientation, or any other group or personal identification. Nor should an additional privileges or benefits, be granted on these same bases. Each individual has the same inalienable rights that must be protected.

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Lisa Gioia moved to add after sexual orientation “and/or preferences” and change “and/or” to “or to preference.” Motion seconded. Scotty Boman stated to include preference platform already speaks to consent. Jamie Van Alstine stated consent already in platform.

Call to question on amendment. Amendment fails.

Motion to change “should be” to “are not.” Motion seconded and passed.

Call to question on main motion.

Division

Motion fails.

Proposal 6

New Plank Iv.4

If adopted:

While incarcerated, citizens should retain the right to vote.

It was moved and seconded to change location to II.7

Amendment passes

Orders of the day. Convention adjourned for lunch

Convention reconvened at 1:38 p.m.

Credentials.

Credentials Chair Larry Johnson moved on behalf of the committee that the 62 delegates (majority: 32, 2/3rds 42; 7/8ths 55) credentialed as of 1:38 p.m. should be considered the voting roll of the Convention. Motion seconded and passed without objection.

Candidate Nominations for November 3, 2020 General Election

US Senate

Max Riekse

NOTA

Max Riekse spoke to his nomination.

Mike Saliba spoke to NOTA

Results

Max Riekse - 17

NOTA – 43

60 votes total

The LPM will not put forth a candidate for U.S. Senate.

State Board of Education (2)

Nominations

Bill Hall

Richard Hewer

Both candidates nominated by acclamation.

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MSU Board of Trustees  
Tabled until after district caucuses.

U of M Board of Regents  
Eric Larsen  
Jim Hudler  
Both candidates nominated by acclamation.

Wayne State U Board of Governors  
Tabled until after district caucuses.

Justice of the Supreme Court (2)  
Nominations  
Kerry Morgan  
Katie Nepton  
Robert Roddiss  
NOTA

Results  
Kerry Morgan 41  
Katie Nepton 48  
Robert Roddiss 24  
NOTA – 1  
Candidates for Justice of the Supreme Court are Kerry Morgan and Katie Nepton.

Results of Congressional District as reported to  
the Convention Secretary:

District 1  
U.S. Rep in Congress – Ben Boren  
Elector - David Holmer

District 2  
U.S. Rep in Congress – Max Riekse  
Elector – Alex Avery

District 3  
U.S. Rep in Congress – NOTA  
Elector – Vicki Hall  
LEC Rep - Jay Gillotte

District 4  
U.S. Rep in Congress – David Canny  
Elector – Richard Hewer

District 5  
U.S. Rep in Congress – James Harris  
Elector – Angela Thornton

District 6  
U.S. Rep in Congress – Jeff DuRoy  
Elector – Rafael Wolf

District 7  
U.S. Rep in Congress – NOTA  
Elector – James Hudler

District 8  
U.S. Rep in Congress – Joe Hartman  
Elector – Jonathan Elgas

District 9  
U.S. Rep in Congress – Mike Saliba  
Elector – Greg Stempfle

District 10  
U.S. Rep in Congress – NOTA  
Elector – Jim Fulner  
LEC – Jim Fulner

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District 11  
U.S. Rep in Congress – Leonard Schwartz  
Elector – Daniel Ziemba

District 13  
U.S. Rep in Congress – NOTA  
Elector – Andrew Chadderdon

District 12  
U.S. Rep in Congress – NOTA  
Elector – Claranna Gelineau

District 14  
U.S. Rep in Congress – Lisa Lane Gioia  
Elector – Scotty Boman

Results of Affiliate Caucuses as reported to the Convention Secretary:  
*[For clarity, a full list of candidates will be included at the end of these minutes rather than here.]*

Convention body reconvenes

Additional Candidate Nominations for November 3, 2020 General Election

MSU Board of Trustees  
Nomination  
Will White  
Candidate nominated by acclamation.

Wayne State U Board of Governors  
Jonathan Elgas  
Candidate nominated by acclamation.

At Large Electors to the Electoral College  
Connor Nepomuceno  
Andy Evans  
Candidates elected by acclamation.

Endorsement of Candidates Running for Nonpartisan Office

Scotty Boman endorsed for Detroit Community Advisory Council, District 4

Motion made and seconded to extend adjournment time to 4:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Resumption of Platform Consideration with Nathan Hower acting as Chair

Proposal 7  
II.2 If adopted:  
We support the addition of the alternative “None of the above is acceptable” to all ballots. We further propose that in the event that “None of the above is acceptable” receives a plurality of votes in any election, a new election shall be held for which none of the losing candidates shall be eligible. Other forms of voting should also be considered, such as ranked choice voting or proportional representation.

Passes unopposed

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### Proposal 8

New plank IV.7 If adopted:

Fuck the police.

Proposal fails

### Proposal 9

New plank I.11 If adopted:

~~The Libertarian Party of Michigan~~ We believes the government ~~should no longer~~ should not force individuals to alter their schedules through the practice known as daylight savings, as the manipulation of time is not within the government's legal authority.

Moved and seconded to change "Libertarian Party of Michigan" to "We";  
"believes" to "believe" and "should no longer" to "should not"

Amendment passes and the plank now reads:

We believe the government should not force individuals to alter their schedules through the practice known as daylight savings, as the manipulation of time is not within the government's legal authority  
Proposal passes as amended.

Justin Amash addresses convention delegates remotely at 3:45 p.m.

Luke Sciberras proposed amendment to I.5

Replace the "state has a duty to protect" with "must be protected."

After discussion it was moved and seconded to table this to the next platform committee meeting.

Motion passes.

Connor Nepomuceno proposed new plank 1.2, and renumber the subsequent planks accordingly.

If adopted would read:

"The state government has no duty to enforce federal laws and powers not explicitly permitted by, or contrary to, actions not authorized by the US Constitution, and which do not protect the life, liberty, or property of Michiganders. Federal agents enforcing such acts and powers in Michigan must face state level criminal prosecution."

Rationale - This is a measure to expand upon our beliefs on nullification and decentralization. Nullifying federal powers would greatly expand the freedom of michiganders. Think about the implications. The majority of the alphabet soup agencies would be barred from the state. The ATF, FBI, NSA, ICE, Border Patrol and dozens more would not be allowed to operate here.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the plank by removing "and powers not explicitly permitted by, or contrary to". The amendment passes and the plank now reads:

The state government has no duty to enforce federal laws not authorized by the US Constitution, and which do not protect the life, liberty, or property of Michiganders. Federal agents enforcing such acts and powers in Michigan must face state level criminal prosecution.

Call to question. Plank passes.

## Resolutions

### From Scotty Boman: Resolution Against Trump's Threat

We the Libertarian Party of Michigan oppose the use of the United States Military against Americans on American soil, and condemn President Donald Trump's threat to do so. Furthermore, we believe he has set a dangerous precedent by using this threat to extort governors into using more draconian policies against residents of their states. This is not only a threat to the life and liberties of individuals in these United States of America, but is an usurpation of state powers by the less accountable Federal government.

Because some former libertarians have publicly supported Donald Trump and his abuses of power, we must clearly state that Donald Trump is not a libertarian, nor is any other person who advocates the use of the United States Military against the American people. As a Libertarian Party affiliate, we don't endorse any candidate who supports such policy and urge all other Libertarian Party organizations to withhold such an endorsement.

Resolution passed unanimously.

### From Daniel Ziemba: Resolution Condemning Governor Whitmer's Response to the Coronavirus Outbreak

The Libertarian Party of Michigan (LPM) strongly condemns the actions of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer in response to the spread of COVID-19. We believe the governor has no authority under the Michigan Constitution to restrict individuals' freedom of movement and association unilaterally. The LPM does not advocate any legal restriction of personal freedom; rather we advocate voluntary participation in scientifically sound measures to prevent the virus' spread as the most preferable solution (social distancing, rigorous hygiene, and the use of personal protective equipment). Only private citizens can achieve this through their own volition, whereas the Governor's actions are both oppressive and incapable of mitigating the severe crisis at hand. Moreover, her actions will cause irreparable harm to the economy of the State of Michigan at both the personal and societal level. Citizens will feel this in the form of lost jobs, homes, businesses and lives, along with the suffering that follows.

The mask mandate of July 2020 has redoubled the governor's tyranny, demanding business owners participate in the enforcement of state lawlessness. Moreover, Governor Whitmer has demanded the violation of ADA and HIPAA protections by insisting that business owners confirm that unmasked customers have medical justification for their non-compliance. We call for the nullification of this demand to the extent that citizens deem it safe to do so.

We therefore call on Governor Whitmer to lift the authoritarian restrictions in place and restore the human rights of movement and interaction to the citizens of Michigan. We also call upon the public servants of Michigan to resist these edicts and act to protect the rights of their constituents. Most importantly, we implore the citizens of Michigan to speak out against these egregious violations of human rights and demand a return to sanity and freedom.

It was moved and seconded to add "and lives" in the last sentence of the first paragraph. Motion passes. The sentence will now read: Citizens will feel this in the form of lost jobs, homes, businesses and lives, along with the suffering that follows.

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Call to question

Resolution passes as amended.

Convention adjourned by the Chair at 4: 25 pm

Mary Buzuma

Convention Secretary

Libertarian Party Candidates Nominated at Convention or Caucus who appeared on the 2020 ballot

**State Board of Education**

William Hall  
Richard A. Hewer

**Michigan State University Board of Trustees**

William Tyler White

**University of Michigan Board of Regents**

James Lewis Hudler  
Eric Larson

**Wayne State University Board of Governors**

Jonathan Elgas

**Michigan Supreme Court Justice**

Kerry Lee Morgan  
Katherine Mary Nepton

**Representative in Congress**

Dist. 1 - Benjamin Boren  
Dist. 2 - Max Riekse  
Dist. 4 - David Canny  
Dist. 5 - James Harris  
Dist. 6 - Jeffrey Depoy  
Dist. 8 - Joseph Hartman  
Dist. 9 – Michael Saliba  
Dist. 11 - Leonard Schwartz  
Dist. 14 - Lisa Lane Gioia

**State Representative**

Dist. 1 - Gregory Creswell  
Dist. 27 - Gregory Stempfle  
Dist. 28 – Frederick Horndt  
Dist. 35 - Timothy Yow  
Dist. 37 - James Young  
Dist. 39 - Anthony Croff  
Dist. 63 - Rafael F Wolf  
Dist. 64 – Dr. Norman Peterson  
Dist. 104 – Jason Crum

**Antrim County**

Mancelona Twp. Trustee - Donna Gundle-Krieg

**Benzie County**

Homestead Township Clerk - Frank Pelky

**Cheboygan County**

Treasurer - James Johnson  
County Comm. – Dist. 3 - Andy Evans  
County Comm. – Dist. 7 - Dana Carver

**Grand Traverse**

Blair Township Trustee - Cory Dean  
Long Lake Township Trustee – Thomas Bosch

**Jackson County**

Grass Lake Twp. Trustee - Andrew Wrenbeck

**Kent County**

Sheriff - John Stedman  
Clerk - Jamie Lewis  
Drain Commissioner- Alex Avery

**Macomb County**

Dist. 1 - Deidre Griffith  
Dist. 13 - Matt Saliba  
Armada Township Trustee - Jim Fulner

**Manistee County**

County Comm. Dist. 7 - David Holmer

**Muskegon County**

Fruitport Twp. Parks Commission - Richard Riekse

**Oakland County**

County Executive - Connor Nepomuceno  
Commerce Township Supervisor - Bruce Jaquays

**Otsego County**

County Sheriff - Joseph Charles

**Ottawa County**

County Clerk/Register of Deeds – Mary Buzuma

**Wayne County**

County Prosecuting Attorney – Daniel Ziemba  
County Register of Deeds - Richard Secula  
County Comm. – Dist. 4 - Loel Gnadt  
County Comm. – Dist. 11 - Jami VanAlstine  
County Comm. – Dist. 12 - Andrew Chadderdon  
County Comm. – Dist. 14 - Wesley Crouse  
Plymouth Township Trustee - Joseph LeBlanc

**Nonpartisan endorsement**

Scotty Boman – Detroit Community Advisory Council  
– Dist. 4



**Libertarian Party of Michigan  
State Convention  
June 26, 2021**

**Chair Report**

**Since we last met in July 2020....**

**2020 Election**

The LPM ran 56 candidates for public office in Michigan. Our candidates faced unprecedented challenges trying to campaign during a lockdown with nearly all public events cancelled. Despite these challenges, four candidates were elected in November; two partisan Libertarians and two nonpartisan candidates. {See Political Director Report, no spoilers here!}

When the ballot proof went out in August, we discovered that the LP and its candidates were listed in the 5<sup>th</sup> position on the ballot, rather than 3<sup>rd</sup> position. We were entitled to that spot based on the results of the previous race for Secretary of State. With the help of Bill Hall and the election law specialists at his law firm, we were able to convince the Bureau of Elections to change the ballot order without litigation.

We experienced a significant bump in membership and contacts following the events at the US Capitol on January 6. Many people who contacted me were finally fed up with the dysfunctional two party system and wanted to get involved in a different party. However a couple people who reached out to me were disappointed that we did not want to help their efforts to overturn the presidential election.

The lockdown orders persisted through early 2021 which made planning this event difficult. This was actually our second attempt at planning a convention this year and it turned out to be our biggest in years. Thank you to Andrew Chadderdon, Dan Ziemba, and Connor Nepomuceno for organizing this three day event!

**Things we did well**

State party membership is up and more organized thanks to Jeff Pittel and the membership committee. The team is utilizing the CiviCRM database set up by the national party to it's full potential and has created LPM membership cards {See Membership Report for more highlights!}.

We have seen a major increase in our Social Media outreach on Facebook and Twitter. Thanks to Connor and the Social media team for their efforts {See Social Media Report for more highlights!}.

We continue to publish the monthly newsletter "Michigan Libertarian" with content written by party members. Thanks to Editor Scotty Boman and to Catherine Filus and Jeff Pittel for distribution.

Old news but good news. Immediately after the last state convention, the LEC voted to make the Upper Peninsula the most recent affiliate of the LPM.

### **Things we need to do better**

The new executive committee we elect today will have a lot of work ahead of them and can use all the volunteer help you, the party membership, can offer. There are a couple of areas that need the most attention that I encourage people to get involved with.

Media outreach and press releases. We need to develop a better relationship with traditional media outlets.

Re engage in public outreach efforts. COVID made it difficult for doing public outreach last year and much of this year as well. With an election season right around the corner, we need to start planning for events in 2022 and later this year.

### **Lessons from the LNC / NH dispute**

After the events of the past few weeks involving the LP of New Hampshire and the Libertarian National Committee, I gave a lot of thought to how we can prevent a similar situation in Michigan. Moving forward I encourage the next LEC to take two steps.

1. Better understand the security and ownership of our membership data and other assets.
2. Develop a social media policy with safeguards so nobody can abuse the platform.

I would like to thank all of the officers I served with the past two years and the LPM membership for entrusting the leadership of the party with me. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as state party chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stempfle

Chair – Libertarian Party of Michigan

# Report of the Political Director to the Libertarian Party of Michigan, assembled in Convention

The purpose of this organization is to further the principles of individual liberty as expressed in the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by nominating and working to elect candidates for political office. Like the rest of the year, the 2020 election year proved to be challenging. The usual campaign activities of parades, festivals and door to door outreach were not available, but the Libertarian Party of Michigan still nominated 60 candidates for office.

**Successes** - In Antrim County, Donna Gundle-Krieg was elected to the Mancelona Township Board of Trustees. Donna received 583 votes to her Democratic opponent's 489. This put her in the top two, earning her a place on the board.

In Muskegon County, Richard Riekse was elected to the Fruitport Township Parks Commission. Richard received 1,421 for 13% and a seat on the 5 member board.

In Detroit, Scotty Boman and Greg Creswell were elected to the Non-Partisan 4th District Detroit Community Advisory Council. Greg was a write-in.

**Achievements**- Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney candidate Daniel Ziembra received the most votes ever for a Libertarian in a County wide race! His 127,109 votes were the most in 2020 for any Libertarian Candidate in Michigan!

Presidential Candidate Jo Jorgensen received 60,381 for the second most by a Libertarian Presidential candidate in Michigan ever. The total was below the threshold for the LPM to return to being a Primary Party in the state, so for the next four years we will continue to be a party that nominates by convention.

The LPM had 9 US House candidates running in the state's 14 districts. 6th district's Jeff Depoy received the most votes with 10,399 (2.74%) in a 5 way race.

We also had 9 candidates in Michigan's 110 House districts. 64th district's Norman Peterson received 1,071 (2.61%) in a 3 way race.

Six Libertarian were nominated for the State Education boards. Wayne State Board of Governors candidate Jon Elgas received the most votes with 126,102 for 1.3%.

The Libertarian Party nominated two candidates for Michigan Supreme Court who appear on the ballot as nonpartisan. Kerry Morgan received 340,396 votes (4.62%) and Katie Nepton received 290,377 votes (3.94%).

**Looking Ahead-** There will be two special elections for Michigan State Senate in 2021. The Libertarian Party of West Michigan nominated affiliate Vice-Chair Alex Avery for the 28th district vacancy. There is also one for the 8th district which is entirely within Macomb County. If you are interested in running for that seat, contact the Macomb affiliate. The deadline for nomination is Monday, August 2.

2022 will be seeing us nominate candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Statewide Education Boards, State Supreme Court, State Senate, State House and County Commissioners. For non statewide offices, redistricting will make some big changes in the landscape. Start thinking now about running for office!

Jamie Lewis  
Political Director  
Libertarian Party of Michigan

# Treasurer's Report

Norman Peterson - LPM Treasurer

The current budget cycle is Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2021

This report covers the LPM budget from May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021

## Expenditures

- Comerica Bank fees: **\$13.90** for bank fees related to LPM accounts
- Mail Chimp: **\$24.96**
- James Weeks **\$100.00**
- Sparkpost: **\$20.00**
- PayPal Fees: **\$241.80**

**Total Expenses = \$400.66**

## Income

- Deposited to General Acct: **\$7,160.00**
- Deposited to Federal Acct: **\$0.00**
- Deposited to State Acct: **\$0.00**

**Total Income = \$7,160.00**



## Comerica Bank account balances as of 5/31/2021

- Checking Acct: **\$18537.69**
- Federal Campaign Acct: **\$8,880.23**
- State Campaign Acct: **\$12,340.37**

Contact your LPM treasurer with any questions or comments: [treasurer@michiganlp.com](mailto:treasurer@michiganlp.com)

# 2021 Budget

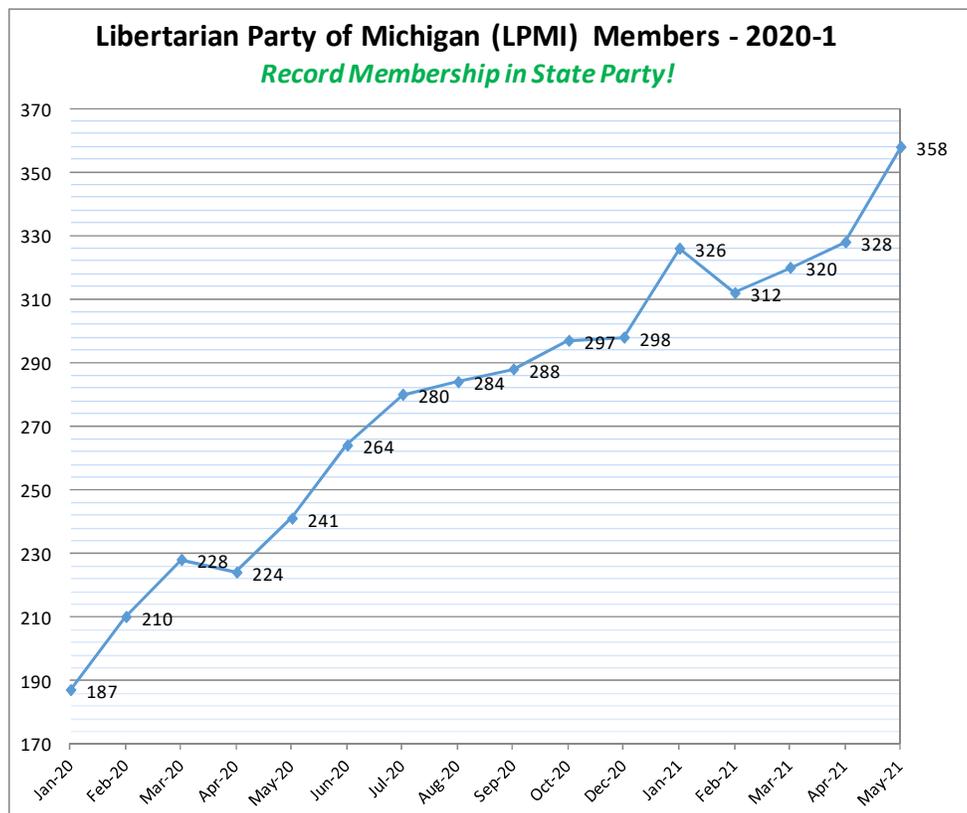
Item	Budget Forecast for year	YTD Actual
One Year Membership	\$3,500.00	\$4,525.00
Monthly Pledge	\$80.00	\$
Unsolicited Donations	\$	\$575.00
Fall Convention Reservations	\$	\$
Spring Convention Reservations	\$16,400.00	\$5,420.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$
Special Event Registration	\$	\$
Fall Convention Fundraiser/Donations	\$	\$
Spring Convention Fundraiser/Donations	\$750.00	\$
Life Time Membership	\$1,000.00	\$2,250.00
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,830.00</b>	<b>\$12,770.00</b>
Office Operations (rent, equipment, office expenses)	\$300.00	\$322.00
Telephone	\$360.00	\$105.05
Website/Webmaster	\$1,000.00	\$854.88
Reply letters/ stamps	\$100.00	\$
P.O. Box rental	\$220.00	\$
Insurance	\$780.00	\$-
Incorporation	\$20.00	\$
Bank/Credit Card Fees	\$700.00	\$330.25
<b>STANDARD EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,480.00</b>	<b>\$1,612.18</b>
Chair Discretionary Fund	\$150.00	\$
Vice Chair / Affiliate Support	\$100.00	\$
Fall Convention Expense	\$	\$
Fundraising Expense	\$700.00	\$
Membership Outreach Expense	\$500.00	\$
Campaign Expense	\$	\$
Spring Convention Expense	\$17,500.00	\$
Special Event Expense	\$1,000.00	\$
<b>SPECIAL EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,950.00</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Libertarian Party of Michigan – Membership Report – State Convention June 26-27, 2021

Report Completed by: Jeff Pittel

The Libertarian Party of Michigan (LPMI) has seen a fantastic rate of Membership growth in the last eighteen months by both retaining Members and attracting new Members. I attribute this to the efforts of our Members to communicate and engage with their friends, family, acquaintances and others through the new social media forums. Another key element in this growth is CiviCRM, which I'll elaborate on later.

Per graph below, since Jan 2020 when I assumed role of the Membership Committee Chairman and began tabulating the Membership statistics, LPMI Membership has increased **91%** and we have attracted **294** new Members during that time period !



I have high expectations that the LPMI will continue to grow as our National Membership stands at **737** which is a **44%** increase from January 2020. So Membership Committee's intent is to engage these folks and encourage them to join the LPMI, as they're missing half the action.

Thanks to the National Libertarian Party's adoption of the CiviCRM application, we now have access to contact information for **15,806** individuals and the Michigan email mailing list contains **5413** contacts.

Through CiviCRM these contacts can be informed of events, volunteer opportunities, etc. specific to their geographic area or interest, and of course, recruit Candidates.

The Membership Committee has numerous responsibilities to support our Members and Leadership including:

- Informing Affiliate Leaders of new contacts and Members in their area
- Sending emails to new or renewing Members and Sign-ups (i.e., Contacts)
- Sending out Membership Cards \*\*\* NEW in 2021 \*\*\*
- Tabulating monthly Membership statistics for the LEC
- Sending out communication to targeted groups per Affiliate / Candidate request
- Tabulating event Participants (e.g., LPMI State Convention)

As the Membership grows, these efforts are more time consuming and require more people to assist in these duties. With that in mind, LPMI Membership Committee is encouraging Members to join the Membership Committee and become active and adept CiviCRM Users to assist in the above efforts. If you wish to join the Membership Committee, please send an email to:

[membership@michiganlp.org](mailto:membership@michiganlp.org)

We also encourage our Affiliate Leaders to become active CiviCRM Users to communicate with and develop their local Membership. LP National has requested and needs active Users at the Affiliate level. Affiliate Leaders can request CiviCRM User access via the following link:

<https://my.lp.org/user-request/>

CiviCRM has numerous capabilities and data to grow and engage our Membership and Party including:

- Contact filtering and targeted communication
- Event planning & tracking
- Phone bank logging
- Candidate Information
- Media Contacts

CiviCRM is the foundational tool to grow the Party and I appreciate the Leaders and Members willingness to learn and use this system ! SO STEP UP AND HELP US GROW THIS PARTY !!

In closing I would like to thank Jay Gillotte and his company, Extend Your Reach, in Lansing, Michigan, for printing the Annual Membership Card blanks and my fellow Membership Committee members Larry Johnson, Norm Peterson, Greg Stempfle, Lisa Lane Gioia, and Jerry Bloom.

LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED GROWTH OF OUR MEMBERSHIP TO NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION !!

Hello, LPM members.

Please accept the following as my Social Media Committee Chair report over the past two years.

The Facebook page had steady growth. At the start of the term, we had 5.7K Page “Likes,” and have 13.8K today. Post reach has averaged over 21.7K over this time, frequently exceeding 400K/month, with a notable post reaching in excess of 2 million people, several breaking into the hundreds of thousands, and many posts reaching in excess of 50K people.

Our progress in 2021 has been halted. Facebook made changes to it’s algorithm in January, stating openly that they want to discourage politics on it’s platform. In addition to the changes to the algorithm, in March, Facebook put restrictions on the page because changes to the content moderation bots flagged a post made in November 2019. The post in question featured a picture of the Nuremberg Rallies with the caption “Obedience Is Not a Virtue.” I appealed the decision, and my appeal was approved, only for the same post to be flagged again. The second appeal was denied. I was unable to get in contact with any Facebook moderation staff. I sent emails to the LNC to appeal to their contacts with Facebook, but I received no answers. The restrictions were lifted sometime in early June. I did not receive any messages from Facebook, but the restrictions no longer appear in my administrative logs. In the time since these developments, our page “likes” have plateaued, and post reach has dropped dramatically.

My thanks go to Nathan Hewer for making some of our most successful posts and keeping the Facebook page active when I have been on any of my numerous bans.

I have had the keys to the Twitter account since January. We have added over 1,400 new followers, the new total is 5,278 followers. Our tweets have had in excess of 2 million engagements.

We still maintain a MeWe page, though I have not been utilizing it. I am keeping this as a backup. We have 157 followers at the time of this report. MeWe provides no other analytical data.

Other resources which have been under utilized include Instagram and Youtube. I would love to get more active on these platforms but I have not yet sought out access, nor do I have volunteers to manage these additional platforms.

Some areas of improvement I have identified are:

More total volunteers to

Branch into different platforms

Develop more original content

Diversify tone and views presented

Ban-proof each of the platforms

Get advertising approved and establish policies and budget

It has been my pleasure serving the LPM as social media committee chair and I hope to continue serving in any capacity I can going forward.

In Liberty,  
Connor Nepomuceno



## Report of the 2021 Libertarian Party of Michigan Bylaws Committee [FINAL]

Every odd numbered year, the Libertarian Party of Michigan opens up their bylaws for amendment at their state convention. This year, the Libertarian Executive Committee selected the members of the 2021 bylaws committee at their February meeting.

### Committee Members:

Greg Stempfle (Chair)  
Adam Childress  
Jon Elgas

Connor Nepomuceno  
Thomas Scott  
Brandon Warzybok

Jeff Wood  
Tim Yow

Over the following months we discussed various proposals over email that were submitted by party members. We received 18 proposals in total. We meet on May 26 on Zoom to vote on the proposals. The Zoom platform crashed about two thirds through the meeting so the committee resumed their meeting the following day on May 27. Eight members were present for the first part but only six members were present for the second part. Two proposals which passed on the first day were later amended on the second day and are noted in the report.

### Proposals passing the committee for recommendation to convention delegates

1. Proposal GS03: Clarify section applies when a Libertarian primary occurs.

Passed 8-0

2. Proposal GS04: Eliminate state convention delegate selection by affiliates, unless there is a Libertarian primary

Passed 8-0 and again as amended 6-0.

3. Proposal GS02: Clarify “None of the Above” rules when voting in multi winner elections.

Passed 6-0

4. Proposal CJN04: The convention body may move to reopen nominations should “None of the Above” be selected.

Passed 6-0

5. Proposal CJN03: Send call to convention to more expired members and do so 60 days prior

Passed 6-0\*

6. Proposal GS01: Explicitly Allow for Electronic Meetings

Passed 5-0-1

7. Proposal JE02: Remove the residency mandate for District Representatives to LEC

Passed 7-1

8. Proposal JE04: District Reps to LEC may be replaced at any convention by people residing in the district

Passed 7-1

9. Proposal GS05: Require 2/3 vote for the LEC to pass resolutions.

Passed 6-2, and again as amended 6-0.

10. Proposal JE03: 14 Day Notice of LEC meetings

Did not pass 4-4 but will be presented at convention, time permitting.

**1. Proposal GS03: Clarify section applies when a Libertarian primary occurs.**

New language underlined, ~~language to be removed is struck through~~

IV. LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS

3. During years in which a Libertarian primary does occur, ~~E~~ each affiliate party shall oversee the county and district conventions for those counties and districts within its affiliate region in accordance with state law (MCL 168.592, 168.594, 168.595, 168.599, 168.600, 168.601, and 168.602); except that:

- A) \*\*\*
- B) \*\*\*
- C) \*\*\*
- D) \*\*\*

Passed 8-0

*Rationale: (GS) This amendment simply clarifies that this section is relevant only when we are primary qualified since these statutes in Michigan election law apply only in that situation.*

**2. Proposal GS04: Eliminate state convention delegate selection by affiliates, unless there is a Libertarian primary**

New language underlined, ~~language to be removed is struck through~~

VI. CONVENTIONS

**4. During years in which a Libertarian primary does not occur, all members of the Party who attend, are Michigan residents, and register for a convention shall be delegates.**

~~4.~~ **5. During years in which a Libertarian primary does occur,** ~~the~~ Executive Committee shall allocate delegates to all state conventions to be selected by each affiliate region in proportion and according to the number of votes cast within the affiliate region for the Party's most recent candidate for secretary of state (MCL 168.593 and 168.598). Delegates to the national delegate selection convention shall be allocated using the same method. An affiliate region may also select a number of alternates no greater than the number of delegates allocated to it.

- A)\*\*\*
- B)\*\*\*
- C)\*\*\*

*{Move section up one level and renumber accordingly}*

~~6. D.)~~ The Executive Committee shall notify every Libertarian Party of Michigan member, whose dues were current within one year, of the convention date, time and location no less than 30 days prior to the convention. Notification shall be made by at least one of the acceptable modalities for which contact information has been made available by the member. Acceptable modalities shall include email, phone, and United States Postal Service.

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**11. 9.** Members in good standing **and, if required,** who were duly elected as delegates shall not be denied delegate status at the business sessions of a convention. Additional charges may be charged to cover other materials available at the convention.

Passed 8-0 and again as amended 6-0.

*Note: The amendment to this proposal was adding "are Michigan residents".*

*Statements regarding proposal on following page.*

*Continued from above (GS04)*

*Rationale: (GS) This would be the simplest way to amend the current bylaws to eliminate the requirement that state convention delegates be selected by each affiliate and return to the previous way, prior to 2017, where any dues paying member who registered and in good standing could be a delegate.*

*This amendment also keeps the sections in the bylaws that relate to being qualified for the primary election when our state delegate process is dictated by Michigan election law. As written, the amendment would be that during a primary year both the "fall" candidate nominating convention, the one dictated by state law, and the national delegate selection convention, held earlier in the year would both use the delegate apportionment system. The selection convention would help serve as a trial run before the fall convention.*

*This amendments further serves to clarify what sections are relevant when we are primary qualified and when we are not.*

*Logic: (TY) This is a simple revert back to our previous process for selecting delegates that we had before obtaining major party status in 2016 and losing in 2018. It will return the voice back to every member of the state party, at our conventions, and stop penalizing rural areas for being underpopulated by only allowing many of their counties 1 or 0 seats. It will also greatly simplify the process of selecting delegates, particularly in unaffiliated counties.*

*Minority Report: (JW) This proposal was amended at an improperly announced meeting to include language denying out of state members the right to serve as delegates. This language does not reflect that which was unanimously supported by the committee. This minority prefers that the proposal be amended to its original language, by removal of the phrase "are Michigan residents".*

**3. Proposal GS02: Clarify “None of the Above” rules when voting in multi winner elections.**

New language underlined

VII. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

5. Votes cast for “None of the Above” in voting on the Party’s nominees for public office or the Party officers shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for “None of the Above” in voting for a public office, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should “None of the Above” be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for the term of office. **If a delegate votes for “None of the Above” in a race in which more than one candidate is elected, they may not vote for an additional candidate.**

Passed 6-0.

*Rationale: (GS) The LPM used voting software during its online state convention in April 2020. When preparing electronic ballots, we had to make this an explicit rule so that a delegate could not vote for NOTA and another candidate on the same ballot. This was adopted as convention rule during both of our 2020 State Convention.*

**4. Proposal CJN04: The convention body may move to reopen nominations should “None of the Above” be selected.**

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Passed 6-0.

*Note: CJN04 would go after GS02 if passed.*

*Rationale: (CJN) The NOTA Option is a beloved Libertarian Tradition and it's place in our bylaws is non-negotiable. Last year, however, the bylaw as written prevented us from being represented in the most visible statewide race on the ballot. Clearly, that was a missed opportunity. The Bylaws committee worked this proposal to protect the NOTA Option and expand the delegates' right to nominate a candidate explicitly, in such a way that odious candidates are still excluded.*

## 5. Proposal CJN03: Send call to convention to more expired members and do so 60 days prior

New language underlined, language to be removed is struck through

### VI. CONVENTIONS

4. D. The Executive Committee shall notify every Libertarian Party of Michigan and Michigan resident National Libertarian Party member, whose dues were current within ~~one year~~ 5 years, of the convention date, time and location no less than ~~30~~ 60 days prior to the convention. Notification shall be made by at least one of the acceptable modalities for which contact information has been made available by the member. Acceptable modalities shall include email, phone, and United States Postal Service.

Passed 6-0

*Note: This proposal was divided in committee but we agreed to present as a combined proposal. Adding “and Michigan resident National Libertarian Party” and replacing ~~one year~~ with 5 years passed 6-0 whereas replacing ~~30~~ with 60 days passed 4-2.*

*Rationale: (CJN) I drafted this proposal after having a conversation with our Membership Committee Chair. Currently, our contact list is 13,000+ contacts, while under our current bylaws, the Call to Convention was only sent to a small portion of that. In other words, our bylaws allow us to under utilize our resources. Expanding the list of people our Call to Convention is sent to can increase attendance to our convention, leading to more engagement and membership buy-in. This is key to generating more long-term membership and activists, with the added bonus of improving our fundraising.*

## 6. Proposal GS01: Explicitly Allow for Electronic Meetings

### IX. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

New language {section} underlined

**2. The Libertarian Party of Michigan may hold electronic meetings and conventions for official party business of any recognized body of the State Party, including the Libertarian Executive Committee as well as any committees created by the Libertarian Executive Committee, unless specifically prohibited from doing so during their creation. Any official party business conducted via electronic means shall comply with the Electronic Meetings section of the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.**

Passed 5-0-1

*Rationale: (GS) Robert’s Rules of Order requires an organization that conducts electronic meetings to explicitly state these are allowed in their bylaws. During the COVID lockdowns of 2020, it became necessary for the LPM to hold meetings and a convention online. While our bylaws implied we could hold electronic meetings, (the LEC had been meeting electronically on and off for several years already), this proposal would make it explicit.*

## 7. Proposal JE02: Remove the residency mandate for district representatives to LEC

Language to be removed is struck through

### III. OFFICERS

2. At each regular convention, following the selection of those officers of the Executive Committee elected at large, the delegates from each Congressional district shall caucus to select one person ~~residing in that district~~ to serve as the Congressional district representative for that district.

Passed 7-1

*Rationale: (JE) This allows each congressional district to choose who best represents them both in and outside of their district. It also allows them to seek out someone that they believe best represents them, regardless of where the representative may live. (I think idea does represent what the LP, as a whole, strive for).*

## 8. Proposal JE04: All district Reps to LEC may be replaced at any convention by people residing in the district

New language underlined

### III. OFFICERS

10. A member of the Executive Committee who misses three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee or fails to perform his or her fiduciary duties may be removed from the Executive Committee and replaced by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee or a majority vote at convention following a motion for a vote of no confidence. All Executive Committee members must be notified of the intent to remove at least 14 days prior to the meeting. **A Congressional district representative may be replaced by a majority vote of a congressional district caucus at any state convention.** If the chair is so removed, the first vice chair shall assume the chair and a new first vice chair elected. If a Congressional district representative resigns or is so removed, then the Executive Committee must replace him or her with a person residing in the same Congressional district, who shall serve until the next state convention, at which time the caucus for that Congressional district shall select a replacement for the balance of his or her term.

Passed 7-1

*Rationale: (JE) This allows a congressional district to remove their representative at a convention, without approval of the LP body. (like what we saw two years ago at our convention in Romulus). It also limits this type of vote to any LP convention.*

**9. Proposal GS05: Specify requirement for the LEC to pass resolutions.**

New language underlined

III. OFFICERS

9. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet in such times and places as they shall determine and shall govern all the affairs of the Party. **A majority shall rule at meetings of the Executive Committee except for resolutions which shall require a two-thirds vote of those present, or as otherwise required by these bylaws.**

Passed 6-2, and again as amended 6-0.

*Edit: The amendment to this proposal was adding “or as otherwise required by these bylaws” since there are two other places in the bylaws that require a two thirds LEC vote.*

*Rationale: (GS) A couple of times this past term the LEC voted on resolutions and there was a debate among LEC members as to whether resolutions require 2/3<sup>rd</sup> to pass or a simple majority. The bylaws state that resolutions require 2/3<sup>rd</sup> to pass at convention but does not state if this applies to the LEC as well.*

**10. Proposal JE03: Notice of LEC meetings**

New language underlined

III. OFFICERS

9. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet in such times and places as they shall determine, **giving party members fourteen (14) days notice, except in cases of emergencies,** and shall govern all the affairs of the Party.

Did not pass 4-4, but will be presented at convention, time permitting.

*Rationale: (JE) This will ensure transparency, and allow both members of the LEC and the party as a whole, time to plan for such meeting. It also helps in planning of LEC year. The 28 days’ notice is only applied for regular meetings, and allows flexibility for emergency meetings.*

# 2021 LPM Platform Committee Report

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# Proposal A

Replace Article I plank 1

Current text	Changes	New Plank
1. We endorse the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which reserves to our state and its people all powers not expressly delegated to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution, or prohibited from the states or the people by the U.S. Constitution.	1. <del>We endorse the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which reserves to our state and its people all powers not expressly delegated to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution, or prohibited from the states or the people by the U.S. Constitution.</del> We oppose interventions by the federal government in state, local or personal affairs that impair regional efforts to secure more liberty in their regions.	We oppose interventions by the federal government in state, local or personal affairs that impair regional efforts to secure more liberty in their regions.

**Rationale:** This change would simplify and broaden the plank to clarify our support for the idea behind the 10th amendment, rather than merely our support for the amendment itself.

## Proposal B

New Article I plank 13

### Changes

13. We oppose the federal government's inhumane policies toward undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers. We support laws that would discontinue cooperation by state and local agencies with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for non-violent undocumented immigrants.

### New Plank

13. We oppose the federal government's inhumane policies toward undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers. We support laws that would discontinue cooperation by state and local agencies with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for non-violent undocumented immigrants.

**Rationale:** This new plank would clarify our opposition to state government cooperation with federal law enforcement of immigration policies.

## Proposal C

Change Article III plank 4

Current Text	Changes	New Plank
4. Private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges or mediators should be encouraged.	4. Private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges or mediators, <a href="#">including religious courts and adjudicative bodies</a> , should be encouraged.	4. Private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges or mediators, including religious courts and adjudicative bodies, should be encouraged.

**Rationale:** A topical change to clarify that the LPM supports any form of adjudicative body agreed to by the participants.

## Proposal D

Change Article III plank 5

Current Text	Changes	New Plank
No-fault laws should be repealed because they deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible for causing harm.	<del>No fault laws should be repealed because they</del> We oppose no fault laws that deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible for causing harm.	We oppose no fault laws that deprive the victim of the right to recover damages from those responsible for causing harm

**Rationale:** This change attempts to update and adjust the plank in accordance with recent changes to no-fault statutes.

## Proposal E

New Article VII plank 6

### Changes

We oppose all government restrictions upon voluntary peaceful use of outer space, though this does not absolve launch providers or payload owners of damage they may cause to others. We condemn all international attempts to prevent or limit private exploration, industrialization, and colonization of the moon, planets, asteroids, satellite orbits, Lagrange libration points, or any other extra-terrestrial resources. We repudiate the principles contained in the U.N. Moon Treaty. We support the privatization of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### New Plank

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**Rationale:** As private launch providers become more commonplace, the LPM should note in its platform our longstanding support for non-governmental space technology development.

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