

By-Laws



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ARTICLE I -- Affiliate Parties

1. Organizations applying for a charter as an affiliate party shall make such application on a standard petition form as adopted by the Executive Committee, which petition shall be signed by at least one party member in that geographical area.
2. The Executive Committee shall have power to set the geographical area.
3. All Party membership dues are to be remitted to the Party Treasurer, who shall return a percentage of the moneys collected to that member's affiliate party. The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to determine the percentage of each membership fee that is returned to each affiliate party. The percentage rate shall be applied at the same rate to all of the affiliate parties. The Party Treasurer shall not remit moneys to any affiliate party that is not in compliance with applicable state law and administrative code.

ARTICLE II -- Duties of Officers

1. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Executive Committee.
2. The Vice-Chair shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair may prescribe and having such powers as the Chair may delegate. The Vice-Chair shall serve as Acting Chair upon death, disability, resignation, or absence of the Chair until the Executive Committee appoints a new Chair.
3. The Secretary shall assist the Chair and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and keep such minutes and records as are necessary. The Secretary shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee containing such information as the Executive Committee may require.
4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the Party and shall deposit same in such banks or bank as designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee and to the membership at large and any other reports as the Executive Committee shall request with respect to the finances of the Party. The Treasurer shall file all reports required by the State and National authorities.

ARTICLE III -- Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly and each newly elected Executive Committee shall determine the times and places of their quarterly meetings and announce them to the Convention in which they are elected; and by call of the Chair, or by the written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the committee.
2. More than one-half (1/2) of the membership thereof shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by Constitution. The Executive Committee by majority vote may agree to allow absentee ballots by mail or telephone.
3. Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and By-laws a majority vote of those present at a meeting shall rule.