Proposal Y Date Heard: Vote:

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE ARTICLE 12: MEETINGS

Problem: There is one main problem with several that are related and should be proposed together. First, Articles 6 and 7 should be combined. There is no reason to separate out "officers" and it leads to repetitive language. There are three further issues:

1. The removal language has proven to be wholly inadequate and has proven ambiguities that need to be resolved as proven by the ruling of the 2021 Harlos removal as out of order by the 2022 convention. The underlying outcry over lack of due process and the abrogation of the will of the delegates in potentially punishing a whistleblower or at least a minority voice needs to be addressed considering the LNC received over 1,000 emails on this topic.

2. There has been talk for years about the odd issues of regional alternates and the problems they cause. At-larges don't have alternates so this can give an unequal voice in debate, and is an administrative burden. A related issue is potential gamesmanship with "super-regions" when the intent was to have a clean representative voice for each 10% of sustaining membership.

3. We have items relating to meetings in the section on the National Committee while still having a separate Article on meetings. It all needs to be moved to that section. There are further issues on transparency and publication of notice issues to be solved.

Solution: The duplicative sections are combined, alternates and super-regions are eliminated, and member protections are put in place for meetings while keeping all items on that topic in one Article.

Benefits: Solves the issues noted above

SEE LANGUAGE AND ORDERING SUGGESTIONS ATTACHED.

SPONSORS: Harlos

MARK-UP LEGEND

- o In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in *red bold italic strikethrough*.
- Additions are in <u>blue bold underline</u>.
- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership

PROPOSAL Y PART ONE - COMBINE ARTICLES 6 AND 7

(attached as an appendix is where I show my work to demonstrate that nothing was left)

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 - Vice-Chair,
 - Secretary, and
 - ⊖—<mark>Treasurer.</mark>

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PROPOSAL Y PART THREE - AMEND REMOVAL PROVISION - VERSION B IF PART ONE FAILS

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS

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

ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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

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

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PROPOSAL Y PART FOUR - AMEND MEETINGS ARTICLE - VERSION A IF PART ONE PASSES - STEP ONE OF TWO

ARTICLE 6: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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- 13. The National Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by: action of the Committee, call of the Chair, or written request of 1/3 or more of its members.
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- 17. The National Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the National Committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.
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PROPOSAL Y PART FOUR - AMEND MEETINGS - VERSION B IF PART ONE FAILS - STEP ONE OF TWO

ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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- 9. The National Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by: action of the Committee, call of the Chair, or written request of 1/3 or more of its members.
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APPENDIX - SHOWING MY WORK ON PROPOSAL Y PARTS ONE AND FOUR

PART ONE

So, let's start. Everything in Article 6 is purple, and everyone thing in article 7 is in green. Here they are first, unmolested:

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS

- 1. The officers of the Party shall be:
 - Chair,
 - Vice-Chair,
 - Secretary, and
 - Treasurer.

All of these officers shall be elected by a regular convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party.

- 2. No offices shall be combined.
- 3. The Chair shall preside at all conventions and all meetings of the National Committee. The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Party with full authority to direct its business and affairs, including hiring and discharging of National Committee volunteers and paid personnel, subject to express National Committee policies and directives issued in the exercise of the National Committee's plenary control and management of Party affairs, properties and funds.
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- 6. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the National Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the National Committee and shall perform all duties required of the office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, internal and external reporting. The Treasurer shall report

to the National Committee and the convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities. The report of the Treasurer to the convention, specified in Convention Rule 1 agenda item 4, shall include an independent auditor's report opining whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Party and the changes in its net assets and its cash flow for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Unaudited interim financial statements shall also be presented. Such reports shall be made available to every delegate.

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

ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

- 1. The National Committee shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these bylaws. The Libertarian National Committee shall establish and oversee an organizational structure to implement the purposes of the Party as stated in Article 2. The National Committee shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings and the carrying out of its duties and responsibilities. The National Committee may delegate its authority in any manner it deems necessary.
- 2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:
 - a. the officers of the Party;
 - b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a regular convention; and
 - c. any additional members as specified below: Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee

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- 3. The National Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the regular convention at which they are selected and serve until the final adjournment of the next regular convention.
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- 5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-atlarge or order reinstatement of the member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.
- 7. The National Committee shall appoint new officers and members-at-large if vacancies occur, such officers and members-at-large to complete the term of the office vacated.
- 8. A National Committee Regional Representative or Alternate may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties that constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives or alternates shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs comprising the region shall prevail.
- 6. A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat. The appointing body shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat.

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- 10. A majority of the membership of the National Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.
- 11. The National Committee may adopt public policy resolutions by a ³/₄ vote with previous notice or by unanimous consent without previous notice.
- 12. Upon appeal by ten percent of the delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention or one percent of the Party sustaining members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void.
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- 15. The National Committee and all of its committees shall conduct all votes and actions in open session; executive session may only be used for discussion of personnel matters, contractual negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or political strategy requiring confidentiality.

Now here it is combined and properly numbered with standard markup except green and purple are kept to show where the section stricken out came from or is being moved to. New words added are in blue as usual and explanatory notes highlighted.

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS

ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS IS SUBSUMBED IN THE GENERAL NATIONAL COMMITTEE AS OFFICERS ARE PART OF THE NATOINAL COMMITTEE

- 1. The National Committee shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these bylaws. The Libertarian National Committee shall establish and oversee an organizational structure to implement the purposes of the Party as stated in Article 2. The National Committee shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings and the carrying out of its duties and responsibilities. The National Committee may delegate its authority in any manner it deems necessary. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.1]
- 2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:
 - a. the officers of the Party <u>comprised of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary,</u> <u>and Treasurer;</u>
 - b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a regular convention; and
 - c. any additional members as specified below:
 - Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the national convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the convention at which they take place. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.2 WITH MOVED LANGUAGE FROM **ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.1**]
- 3. The officers of the Party shall be:
- ⊖—<mark>Chair,</mark>
- Vice-Chair,
- Secretary, and
- Treasurer.

All of these officers <u>and at-large members</u> shall be elected by a regular convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention, <u>or in the case of Regional Representatives chosen up to 90</u> <u>days earlier</u>, and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party. No offices shall be combined. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.1 WITH ADDED LANGUAGE FOR CLARITY - THIS ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR ORGINAL ARTICLE 7.3]

- 4. The National Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the regular convention at which they are selected and serve until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.3] WHICH IS REDUNDANT DUE TO NEW ARTICLE 6.3]
- 4. A National Committee member shall be a sustaining member of the Party and shall not be the candidate of any party except the Party or an affiliate. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.4]
- 5. The Chair shall preside at all conventions and all meetings of the National Committee. The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Party with full authority to direct its business and affairs, including hiring and discharging of National Committee volunteers and paid personnel, subject to express National Committee policies and directives issued in the exercise of the National Committee's plenary control and management of Party affairs, properties and funds. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.3]
- 6. The Vice-Chair shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.4]
- 7. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the National Committee and all Party conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such minutes and records as necessary. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.5]
- 8. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the National Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the National Committee and shall perform all duties required of the office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, internal and external reporting. The Treasurer shall report to the National Committee and the convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities. The report of the Treasurer to the convention, specified in Convention Rule 1 agenda item 4, shall include an independent auditor's report opining whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Party and the changes in its net assets and its cash flow for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Unaudited interim financial statements shall also be presented. Such reports shall be made available to every delegate. **[ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.6]**

- 10. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the officer that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.7 RENDERED REDUNDANT BY NEW ARTICLE 6.9]
- 9. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer or member-atlarge by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-atlarge or order reinstatement of the member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.5 WITH] ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO COMBINE
- 10. The National Committee shall appoint new officers and members-at-large if vacancies occur, such officers and members-at-large to complete the term of the office vacated. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.7]
- 11. A National Committee Regional Representative or Alternate may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties that constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives or alternates shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs comprising the region shall prevail. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.8]
- 12. A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or

her seat. The appointing body shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.6]

- 8. The National Committee shall appoint new officers if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 6.8 RENDERED REDUNDANT BY NEW ARTICLE 6.10]
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- 14. A majority of the membership of the National Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.10]
- 15. The National Committee may adopt public policy resolutions by a ³/₄ vote with previous notice or by unanimous consent without previous notice. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.11]
- 16. Upon appeal by ten percent of the delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention or one percent of the Party sustaining members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.12]
- 17. The National Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the National Committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual committee member shall be recorded in the minutes. [ORIGINAL ARTICLE 7.13]
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Then combined it would look like this,

ARTICLE 6: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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PART FOUR

This is the original language assuming that a combination of Articles 6 and 7 do not happen, but this language below does not change in that combination, in just moves into that one Article intact.

ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

[...]

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ARTICLE 12: MEETINGS

Boards and committees may conduct business by teleconference or videoconference. The National Committee shall have power to adopt special rules of order and standing rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference. Showing my work. First, below I am an item that needs to stay in Article 7 or if Article 6 and 7 are combined, in Article 6. That item will be shown in purple. I have not renumbered anything yet, just moved to new section "Meetings."

ADD TO ARTICLE 12: MEETINGS

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Okay, now let's start building out this meeting section by renumbering and taking out that language, this will be a new base.

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Now here are the edits to correct perceived problems with transparency etc.

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If adopted would read,

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