

LPVA Lifetime Membership

Problem: The existing provision allows for life members of the national Libertarian Party to be members of the Party, despite the national Libertarian Party being a separate (though certainly related) organization.

Solution: Remove this provision within the Constitution and replace it with a provision to allow lifetime membership in the Party. To compensate existing national Libertarian Party lifetime members, they will continue to be considered Party members until a year after the state convention.

Benefits: Aligns life membership in the Party to payments received by the Party. Ensures that all Party members have helped fund the organization in which they wish to participate.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY</p> <p>[Existing Language]</p> <p>Any resident of Virginia who is a Life member of the National LP shall be considered a member of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.</p>	<p>ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY</p> <p>[Existing Language]</p> <p>Any resident of Virginia who is a Life member of the National LP shall be considered a member of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.</p> <p><u>The State Central Committee may offer life memberships to the Party. All life members who reside and are domiciled in Virginia (as defined by Virginia law), or U.S. citizens who, due to military service, do not reside in Virginia but are registered Virginia voters, or U.S. citizens temporarily living overseas who can prove Virginia domiciliary residence are members of the Party.</u></p> <p><u>Once an individual qualifies as a life member the State Central Committee shall not rescind their life membership for any reason, except in the case of member expulsion. Any former life member expelled from the Party and subsequently readmitted shall have their life membership reinstated.</u></p>	<p>ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY</p> <p>[Existing Language]</p> <p>The State Central Committee may offer life memberships to the Party. All life members who reside and are domiciled in Virginia (as defined by Virginia law), or U.S. citizens who, due to military service, do not reside in Virginia but are registered Virginia voters, or U.S. citizens temporarily living overseas who can prove Virginia domiciliary residence are members of the Party.</p> <p>Once an individual qualifies as a life member the State Central Committee shall not rescind their life membership for any reason, except in the case of member removal. Any former life member removed from the Party and subsequently reinstated shall have their life membership reinstated.</p>
<p>Proviso 1: <i>This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.</i></p>		

Proviso 2: *All life members of the national Libertarian Party residing in Virginia as of the final adjournment of the meeting at which this amendment is adopted shall be considered members of the Party until 366 days after the final adjournment of that meeting.*

SPONSORS: Bracco

MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.
- Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- Per LPVA Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, amending the constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
 - Exceptions defined in Section 2 of the same article require 4/5 vote to pass and 90 days notice.
 - Article I, Section 2
 - Article VIII, Section 2
 - Article IX
 - Article X
- 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