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## Thank you for your submission

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Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

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**Email**[neiljbanerjee@gmail.com](mailto:neiljbanerjee@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

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**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Not enough. Between work and college, I have to squeeze libertarian events in.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I am the next generation of Libertarian voters. The current Libertarian party needs to be a force that drives itself into the lives of Generation Z and younger millennials. I am a fire arm owning, crypto currency owning, Libertarian. Most of my friends refuse to register Libertarian for various reasons, but they say if the party gets its act together, they'd consider registering. The LP needs a youth voice to represent the future voting population and how to resonate with them.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

1. No indecent Behavior at Libertarian meetings (i.e stripping on stage and making a fool out of Libertarians)
2. Every 3 months or maybe half a year, all the state parties meet with local parties to discuss campaign strategy and fund raising. Exchange ideas among community.
3. Every year, the national LP has a meeting with all the state LP representatives to discuss campaign strategy, name recognition, and funding
4. Offer internship opportunities to small town schools and colleges to increase our branding recognition. Especially with high school juniors and seniors and College seniors. We need to find a way to reach young people, and fluffing up people's resumes is a tried way to speak to young people.
5. Every year, the LP should pick 1 state to focus its efforts on to gain recognition that isn't a Presidential election year. The LP needs to stop worrying about getting into presidential debates, and worry about speaking to localities and becoming a serious grass roots movement. The LP needs to designate one state to focus its attention as an experiment. This state will get either more funding, strategists or what ever is needed to bring more small elections to the LP's win list.
6. We need to fundamentally change our rhetoric from less antagonizing "taxation is theft" to "government wastes and taxes" or some more tamed version. Voters are alienated when we take hardline stances like borders should be open, all programs should be cut. Larry Sharpe did it best, we should take a directionalist approach to speaking. Meaning compromise. For example, rather than saying we're going to open borders and not deport people. Larry Sharpe says, let localities suffer at their own risk. If your community doesn't want illegals, fine, they can ask ICE for help.
7. We need to run ads on services young people use. Say the Ben Shapiro Show, YouTube, Spotify. Even if it's a small 10 second ad, we have to understand TV ads aren't as effective as they use to be: knocking door to door speaks to older people, but ads on services can stick to younger people.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

For most of it yes, 3.4 Free Trade and migration needs to be tweaked: we need to understand not all actors in trade and

migration hold the same values. We need to restructure the sentence to ideally want a society with free trade and migration, but we understand that it takes work to achieve this.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes, if it fits within my schedule, if not we have technology .

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

No national conventions

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

The idea of libertarianism is that the state is a watchmen who protects, and a referee that mitigates and takes out foul players. Besides that, people are left to their own will.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

We want full transparency. We should strive to have open communications with people. The party needs to speak with voters and not party heads.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My most important accomplishment was accepting my own fault for whatever I've done. I used to be a democratic socialist 4 years ago, but I grew to understand every man is responsible for their own action: now I respect the right to bear arms, bitcoin, and the business man for helping to create new goods and services. Before this revelation, I was an arrogant; angry socialist who blamed everyone for my problems but myself.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

The people who annoy me are the ones who take no responsibilities and blame others. I used to try to explain to them rational or argumentatively how they're wrong, but they don't change. Now I just ignore them.



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## Thank you for your submission

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Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 1:11 PM

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Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

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Joe Bishop-Henchman

**Email**[jdhenchman@gmail.com](mailto:jdhenchman@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

25+ years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Chair of DC party and member of their 2016 convention delegation. When I lived in California, active member of the San Diego party and was a California delegate to the 2004 national convention.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I served on the 2017-18 Bylaws Committee. While I did not author any of the proposals, I helped fine tune them, incorporate public feedback to them, and explain them to delegates on the convention floor. Nine proposals ended up being adopted. My background is a lawyer, and I've helped draft and analyze legislative proposals in numerous states.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I don't have any, other than hoping that the committee supports any voting process changes that may be recommended.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2004, 2016, 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Don't hurt people, don't take their stuff!

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Support

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Marrying an awesome guy. Adopting a 15 year old black lab named Magic. I worked with state tax administrators to develop guidance for same-sex tax filers between the Windsor and Obergefell decisions, preventing double taxation. I'm also one of three plaintiffs challenging the IRS's collection of excessive fees.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I value honesty, respectfulness, and drive. I can generally work with anyone and have generally found treating people well is reciprocated.



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## Thank you for your submission

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Wed, Sep 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM

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Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

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David Blau

**Email**[blau.liberty@gmail.com](mailto:blau.liberty@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Life member

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Former State Committee, almost 10 years

Former State Chair, 6 years

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I am the current chair of my town bylaws and rules committee. The scope of this committee is to curate the rules governing the conduct of the town's legislative process. As to qualifications, I have been a lawyer for a dozen years and my daily responsibilities include navigating federal patent laws and regulations to draft and prosecute legal documents that are enforceable in court.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

None at this time. If obtaining a sample is the purpose of this question, I will be happy to refer anyone to any of the published legal documents I have written.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2008, 2010, 2012, 2014

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Never start a fight, but always finish one. Nobody (including government) should lie, cheat, or steal from anyone. Always try to be nice, but never fail to be kind. The rest is just the tender application of these principles to particular situations.

(I prefer to avoid long-winded quotes from either the platform or dense philosophical treatises.)

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I favor transparency except as to sensitive matters (e.g. those pertaining to Party strategy, member discipline, or litigation).

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I was elected to my town's legislature last year. I coordinated the signature drive for Gary Johnson in Massachusetts in 2012. I drove the process of purchasing a national headquarters building.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Closed-minded people annoy me the most. In ordinary life, I simply ignore them and move on. At work, I attempt to minimize the damage they do. In committees, I recognize that the best way to resolve disagreements is to vote, and I move the previous question as expeditiously as is fair to meaningful debate.



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Joe Burnes

**Email**[joeburnes@gmail.com](mailto:joeburnes@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

1 to 2 years when I was a dues paying member of national. I allowed my membership dues to lapse roughly May of 2018.

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I am an elected representative for SD24 sitting on LP TX SLEC.

I have recently been appointed as a Development Director (one of three geographical divisions in charge of fundraising and volunteer recruitment for the state party)

I am also currently Llano County Chair.

I am Treasurer for our Lt. Governor candidate Kerry McKennon.

I have been a delegate to both state and national convention.

I am happy to provide an extensive list of my accomplishments within the Liberty movement if necessary.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

No, I have not. This would be a first for me. In fact, I am hopeful that we have much more qualified people than I to attend to such matters but have sadly found our volunteer base to be very thin, which is one of the reasons I am throwing my hat in the ring. As for what I bring to the table, I have been a lifelong entrepreneur and have two BBAs from Baylor, one in accounting, and one in entrepreneurship. The faculty of Hankamer Business School saw fit to vote me as their most outstanding entrepreneurial student for the graduating class 1995. Having been a successful entrepreneur in a variety of Industries has given me a deep well of experience to call on when attempting to account for possible ramifications and ripple effects of set standards, operating procedures, and rules. My close ties to attorneys throughout my business ventures have given me a keen eye for what will work and what might be problematic in contractual type legal situations. Honestly, I would feel much more comfortable if our bylaws committee were staffed entirely by contract law attorneys and headed by party members who could give them direction. I'm guessing we don't have contract law attorneys lining up to volunteer to be on this committee, so here I am. If you feel the need to call on me to fill this position, know that you will be getting a workhorse. I take volunteer positions as seriously as I do any paid job. I have been adequately warned that this particular committee can be quite taxing when it comes to work load. In fact, I have been advised against volunteering. However, I do not believe one can respectfully dislike a situation if they are not willing to put in the work to change it.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

The following is a proposal that would be a good start for deliberation among committee members. I personally favor keeping this issue off the LNC's plate and out of their purview by establishing a small committee to oversee these issues with the JC having ultimate say. But, of all suggested changes I have seen regarding this issue, this one is the most well thought out, with allowance for due process to prevent misuse of proposed rule.

Membership Revocation Proposal

PROPOSAL: To create a process by which membership may be revoked, with cause.



Description: Move Article 5 Section 6 to its own Article. Expand article to empower LNC to remove membership status. Expand appeal process for Judicial Committee to include appeals for membership.

## ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES

1. No person, group or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws.
2. The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties from any qualifying organization requesting such status in each state, territory and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and file a copy of their Constitution and/or Bylaws with the Party Secretary.
3. There shall be no more than one state-level affiliate party in any one state. Each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions. A state-level affiliate party may charter sub-affiliate parties within the state, which will entitle such sub-affiliates to use the name "Libertarian Party."
4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate who is a member of another party for public office in any partisan election. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these Bylaws.
5. The autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party, except as provided by these Bylaws.

## ARTICLE x: REVOCATION OF STATUS

6. 1. The National Committee shall have the power to revoke, for cause, the status of any affiliate party or any member, for cause, by a vote of 3/4 of the entire National Committee. A motion to revoke the status of an affiliate party for cause must specify the nature of the cause for revocation. The affiliate party may challenge the revocation of its status by written appeal to the Judicial Committee within 30 days of receipt of notice of such revocation. Failure to appeal within 30 days shall confirm the revocation and bar any later challenge or appeal.
2. The National Committee shall not revoke the status of any affiliate party within six months prior to a Regular Convention, or revoke the status of any member within two months prior to a Regular Convention.
3. The affected party may challenge revocation by written appeal to the Judicial Committee within 30 days of receipt of notice of such revocation. Failure to appeal within 30 days shall confirm the revocation and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal within 20 to 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and submit 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 revocation of affiliate party status or order reinstatement of the affiliate party.

The Judicial Committee shall issue its ruling within 30 days of the hearing and in no case later than 90 days prior to a Regular Convention.

Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's revocation; except on matters of affiliate party status except when the last day of the 30 day period falls within 90 days prior to a Regular Convention, in which case the Judicial Committee's non-action shall result in reinstatement of affiliate party status.

## ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:

suspension of affiliate parties or membership (Article 5 x, Section 6 3 ),  
suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),  
suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 7, Section 5),  
voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section 12),  
challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),  
challenges to Resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and  
suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes. Yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Don't hurt people and don't take their stuff.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I am for complete transparency. I would consider limitations on transparency on a case-by-case basis, but the argument would have to be pretty persuasive to convince me that our membership should not be allowed to see our work.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I apologize but the question is far too open ended. Important to who? Definition of accomplishment? In Life or in a specific field?

I'm happy to answer specific questions but this one seems to leave the answer open to allow those who would, to brag about whatever they would like.

If you need specific information to inform your decision, I'm happy to provide it...but I hesitate to list my accomplishments without knowing what the question is trying to achieve.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Socialists. Avoid when possible.



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## Thank you for your submission

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16 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Currently the Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of Nevada and Chair of the Washoe County Libertarian Party. I also ran for State Senate as a Libertarian in 2016 and for County Commissioner as a Libertarian in 2010.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Frequently enlisted into the LPNV Bylaws Committee, along with Tim Hagan. Many of our existing bylaws were either written by me or edited by me.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I am less interested in individually proposing specific changes and more interested in identifying, evaluating, and refining proposed changes from other members. For example, the voting system used in the last convention was conducted sub-optimally, so I would like to work with subject matter experts and the rest of the Bylaws and Rules Committee to amend bylaws and rules that produce a more workable outcome.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I have read the Statement of Principles several times and generally agree with it.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

I do.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Libertarian philosophy is, at its core, a skeptical philosophy. Namely, Libertarianism is skeptical of the need, efficacy, and morality of coercive power. Philosophically, when presented with a common problem, a Libertarian will first and always ask if a voluntary solution to the common problem can be found, what the costs would be of a coercive solution, and what other infringements would be normalized should a coercive solution be chosen. Libertarians believe that free individuals create free communities, and free communities will address the needs of its members far more peacefully, effectively, and morally than communities created through force.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Generally yes, with specific and well-defined exceptions agreed to in advance.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My most important accomplishments that pertain to any prospective position within the Bylaws and Rules Committee

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would all revolve around my work with the bylaws of my county and state party. The Libertarian Party of Nevada's bylaws are only seven pages long and have not been amended in years, thanks to the work of not just myself, but other dedicated and interested activists in the state, including the current LNC Treasurer. This has been accomplished through a conscious policy of putting only what's needed within our bylaws to conduct our business, along with a consciously pursued policy of communicating to members how to achieve our goals without placing them in the bylaws.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I'm generally polite to all, and generally remain so as long as they return the favor. I consistently develop a dim view of those that don't give others the benefit of the doubt and those that assume malice when ignorance or different priorities are more likely motivations. These days, I deal with them by giving them the benefit of the doubt they deny to others, by informing them of the behavior that I am witnessing, and by granting them a chance to explain themselves.



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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 2:31 PM

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Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

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Andy Craig

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~5 yrs.

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Secretary, LP-Wisconsin  
2014 nominee, WI Secretary of State  
2016 nominee, US House WI-4

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have served on both the Bylaws and Platform committee for 2018, as well as for four years on the Wisconsin state party committee.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I do not have any particular change I am seeking. My goal is to evaluate the entire Bylaws and Rules for needed fixes, and to carefully consider any proposals brought to the committee.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes. Mostly.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2016, 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Freedom is good.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

All meetings where business is being conducted (including, if applicable, "meetings" via email or other electronic method) should be public. I have never seen anybody in the party argue otherwise.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

- senior staffer, Gov. Gary Johnson 2016 campaign
- Staff Writer, Cato Institute (Cato Policy Report, Cato Audio, Cato's Letter)
- two-time Libertarian nominee (WI Secy of State; US House)
- submitted successfully adopted proposals, 2018 Platform & Bylaws cmtes.
- restored LP ballot access in WI, 2014
- double-digit result for Congress, 2016

- LP-WI state party cmte. member, 2014-2018
- coordinated endorsements for the 2016 ticket: state legislators, celebrities, newspapers, other notables, etc.
- I usually manage to be on friendly terms, most of the time, with our fine, hard-working, very excellent Libertarian National Committee members. And they sing well, too!

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Statists.

I vote Libertarian.



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## Thank you for your submission

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Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Cris Crawford

**Email**[crawford.cris@gmail.com](mailto:crawford.cris@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Off and on since 1980.

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes currently I'm the secretary of the state affiliate, and before that I was state chair for two years. Before that served on state committee as a member, also have run a few statewide petition drives.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

The Massachusetts state committee, not our state convention, can modify the bylaws, so I'm familiar with the purposes of bylaws and how they are used and misused. I'm also currently on the finance committee for a statewide ballot initiative in Massachusetts to enact Ranked Choice Voting, which is less similar.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I would be interested in reducing the percentage of members required to form a region. In New England, sometimes we have good representation on the LNC, but at other times our representative is from New York or New Jersey, and we don't have the opportunity for in-person contact.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Totally.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes, I have a track record of showing up.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

I don't remember all, probably 5-6 total including 2016 and 2018. In 2018 I was the delegation chair.

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

No person or group of people has the right to initiate force or fraud against any other person or group of persons. This includes coercing people to involuntarily support social programs. People have the right to defend themselves against force or fraud, and to seek compensation for damages. I think reasonable libertarians can disagree about whether we can legitimately grant exclusive power to even a limited government to prosecute criminal acts of force or fraud and on what constitutes legitimate property ownership, among other topics.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Meeting minutes should be available to party members. I really don't know about email. If public email is the standard then I'm fine with that. I don't think committee members should correspond privately one on one about committee work.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

In terms of the LP, I managed the very difficult Ron Paul ballot drive in 1988. We had to collect about 50K signatures in

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Massachusetts. Then in 1990, I was a key member of the campaign to pass a ballot initiative to reduce that number of signatures. I identified the need to hire a professional public relations expert, and I paid him out of pocket. The initiative was passed by the voters and lowered the signature count considerably. In 2016 I raised some of the money and ran the ballot drive to get Gary Johnson on the ballot. We had about 2000 signatures from volunteers. National LP pitched in about 35K of a 50K price tag. We finished early and our best volunteers helped New Hampshire get on the ballot. In 2018 encouraged Dan Fishman to run for State Auditor, raised all of the money for the ballot drive and ran it. Statewide petition drives in Massachusetts are probably the most difficult in the country logistically. Petitions have to be turned in to each city and town, certified by the clerks, and then retrieved by the campaign before turning them in to the state. Aside from the LP my most important accomplishment has been a good marriage and the production of two awesome kids, now young adults. I also was a key collaborator on the first parametric computer aided design system for mechanical engineering. Prior systems were non-parametric, meaning the designs could not be modified after the fact.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I really don't like the alt-right trolls who misuse the word libertarian to give themselves false legitimacy. Once in a while I say what I think about that, but most of the time I just focus on what I can control.





Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Thu, Sep 26, 2019 at 3:01 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: spencer.a.dias@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Spencer Dias

**Email**[spencer.a.dias@gmail.com](mailto:spencer.a.dias@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

01/07/2017

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Hillsborough County Libertarian Committee  
Chair (Position established 2019 - Present)

Southern New Hampshire Libertarian Party  
Executive Committee Vice-Chair (2019 - Present)

Southern New Hampshire Libertarian Party  
Executive Committee At-Large (2018—2019)

Southern New Hampshire Libertarian Party  
Bylaws Committee Chair (2018-Present)

Libertarian Party of New Hampshire  
Judicial Committee member (2018-2019)

Libertarian Party of New Hampshire  
Platform Committee Chair (2018-2019)  
Member (2019-2020)

Libertarian Party of New Hampshire  
Bylaws Committee  
Chair (2018-2019)  
Secretary (2019-2020)

Ran for State Representative under the Libertarian Ticket in 2018.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have been on the LPNH Bylaws Committee since 2018 and have been the chair for the 2019 Annual Convention. I do have the 2019 Annual Convention report containing the proposed amendments. Under my chairmanship, I proposed putting the amendments in order of least controversial to most controversial.

I have been to the 2018 National Convention and have witnessed the antics that ensued around Bylaws. I already have an amendment in mind that I know New England would love.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

One change in mind is to Article 7: National Committee

Amend: Art. 7, 2, C

Any affiliate party with 10% [AMEND to 8%] 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% [AMEND to 8%] 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% [AMEND to 8%] or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% [AMEND to 8%] 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.

Rationale: This would allow for slightly smaller Representative Regions which may be more culturally alike. An example would be New England: under this proposed amendment, New England would be able to be a single continuous region.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Whole heartedly.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

For sure, and before someone brings up the point about being able to travel, yes I can support my self.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Libertarianism, while a big tent of economical and philosophical reason systems, can be summed up to mean being able to what you want as long as it does not involuntarily affect another.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Running for office three times and winning one.

Graduating high school with two diplomas.

Being able to juggle work, school, friends, family, clubs, being an RA, and being an active part of the Libertarian Party all at once.

At 19 years of age, I'm sure there will be tonnes more.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Those that do not have open ears, an open mind, and an open heart. I simply exhibit the qualities I see best and listen to all sides.

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# Spencer A. Dias

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(603)203-1316 | spencer.a.dias@gmail.com

Hard-working, reliable, and energetic student with a passion for politics both foreign and domestic.

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## Education

**Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH - Bachelor of Arts**

*May 2022*

Politics Major, American Studies & Public Policy Minor

Dean's List Spring 2019 - Cum. GPA 3.12

## Related Experience

**Saint Anselm College - Residence Assistant at Saint Mary's Hall**

*August 2019 - Present*

Provides leadership and fosters a community on a floor in Saint Mary's Hall.

Enforces college policy while also keeping the residents on equal footing.

**Hannaford Supermarket, Bedford, NH - Service Leader**

*May 2016 - Present*

Helps customers with anything needed in regards to the Front End and provides leadership and help to other front end employees. Promoted from Customer Service Associate to Service Leader in May of 2019.

**Running for Public Office - School Board, State Representative, and Budget Committee**

*January 2018 - Present*

Received 497 votes for School Board in March of 2018, raised more than \$1000 for State Representative Campaign. Completed many events related to the campaigns including Sign Waves and Canvassing. Showed great use of organizational and communication skills. *Currently serves on the Goffstown Budget Committee since March of 2019.*

**Lowe's, Bedford, NH - Customer Service/ Head Cashier/ Seasonal**

*May 2018 - October 2018*

Helped associates through issues with Genesis and customer assistance.

Knowledgeable of the Genesis, Sterling, Kronos, and XPO systems.

Showed great problem solving, organization, leadership, and communication skills.

**Southern New Hampshire Libertarian Party (SNHLP) - Vice-Chair**

*January 2017 - Present*

Founding member of the SNHLP and part of multiple committees

including the Executive Committee, Platform Committee,

Bylaws Committee, and Chair of the Hillsborough County

Libertarian Committee (HCLC).

## Additional Experience

**Model United Nations (MUN), Bedford, NH - Delegate**

*Fall 2016 - Spring 2018*

Was a delegate to multiple Model Un Conventions including,

NAIMUN, EagleMUNC, HMUN, BulldogMUN, and PEAMUN. Demonstrated

great use of diplomatic policy and history while trying to solve issues.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: alexander.dibenedetto@gmail.com

Sun, Sep 22, 2019 at 6:47 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Alexander DiBenedetto

**Email**[alexander.dibenedetto@gmail.com](mailto:alexander.dibenedetto@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Since 2015

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I just moved to Arizona, so not quite yet! But I was the Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Nevada for 2 years. Together, the team and I worked toward exceeding 1% voter registration in the state for the Libertarian Party. I'm pleased to see that as of this past month, they are up to 1.04% - we build an incredible team there that is continuing to grow. I assisted directly with putting on the state conventions, organizing and training candidates and interns, and fundraising over \$10,000/year toward the state party's funds.

After I get moved into my new place, I plan to get involve in the Maricopa County Libertarian Party, or even the AZLP and help in whatever capacity they need and I have skills.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I served on the 2018 Convention Platform Committee. We worked hard to create several important improvements to the amazing LP platform. Most notably, I worked passionately to represent Nevada on one of our most important issues - sex work. I was pleased to see a nearly-unanimous Libertarian Party vote in favor of our new sex work / sex worker plank at the 2018 National Convention.

As far as reports or finished products, I have years of ten page + reports, strategies, and this sort of thing I can provide that I prepared in my role as the Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Nevada. These reports detailed our strategies for working toward increases in 5 key metrics, and eventually, delivering on many!

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Our Bylaws violate the Mayor-Manager division of responsibilities, powers and duties (an extremely effective one between Boards and ED+Staff). They give the power of the day-to-day running of the party to the Chair of the Party. But the Chair should only be in charge of chairing the committee/conventions. The entire LNC should have a say in who runs the Party - and that power should be vested in an Executive Director. A person who can be hired or fired at the pleasure of the committee, not unlike the way a Mayor and City Council hires/fires the City Manager.

The key here is to ensure that the Chair can be effective in their role - helping define (in consultation with the LNC) the strategy and high-level vision of the Party. I would strike this from the Bylaws (Article 6, Number 3, second sentence):

"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."

The Libertarian Party of all organizations should understand the importance of dividing the responsibilities, powers, and duties of the executive officer into two or more pieces - something nearly every nonprofit and political party in the United States has done to make itself more competitive.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, in principle. Though I think in many ways it doesn't go far enough to make clear our feelings on the State. I also think that by enumerating a list of rights/liberties we support/believe in, we may have missed some important liberties.

But overall, I'm in agreement with it. Just could be worded in a way that makes it more clear our feelings about the State our individual liberties.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes, I work hard on all of the duties I commit to in life. I have the time and inclination to be involved in the Bylaws committee and all of its important work.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2016, 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

This is a pretty loaded question for a bylaws application, am I being detained?

Ok - my understanding of Libertarian philosophy is that we believe in individual liberty for ALL, not just some. We broadly, without violation of principle, believe in the rights of the individual - with some notable exceptions, such as when someone hurts someone else (or a minor). What happens when someone hurts someone else depends on your brand of libertarian cola (minarchist, anarchist, etc.).

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I have seen committees work effectively both ways. I rarely make any statement that I would not also make in full view of the public eye. So I have no issue with transparency, but if someone felt it violated their right to privately discuss issues and wanted a closed session, I could understand that.

I have no strong feelings either way. I just want to work on Bylaws stuff.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I feel accomplished helping the Libertarian Party of Nevada achieve an excess of 1% voter registration. I am proud of the national attention we received by working to clean up Lake Mead National Recreation area (I was interviewed as the Party organizer for that). Also helped to raise tens of thousands of dollars for an AIDS charity in Nevada, and I loved seeing the outpouring of support from LP members for that cause.

I've had a tremendous number of individual successes (been published for inventing new mathematical metrics, worked on some interesting dark matter research, etc. ). But by far the ones I hope I am remembered for most are the ones I've done in pursuit of liberty and justice for all via the Libertarian Party and individual actions.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I most vehemently am annoyed by those who are dishonest. I deal with them by either ignoring the dishonesty (trivial) or confronting it head-on (substantive). All other annoyances are by and large trivial if I know the person I'm dealing with is honest about who they are and what they think.



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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: fastrichard77@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 12:54 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Richard Fast

**Email**[fastrichard77@gmail.com](mailto:fastrichard77@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

since 2015

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes. I am an At Large for the state party and the chair of my county party (recently re-elected). I started my county party from scratch and within one year, I tripled its membership. I helped draft proposals for state and local bylaws, to make it easier to form county affiliates. I am looking to organize neighboring county affiliates. On the state level, I am active on the media committee, social media committee, and from time to time I write press releases. I am also on the national Voting Process Committee. I am also chair of College Libertarians at Troy University, currently the only LP student club in the state of Alabama.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes, I've served on two state Executive Committees (Louisiana and Alabama) and multiple subcommittees of those. In Louisiana, I was the Chairman of the state Platform Committee and as well as the state Membership Officer. I believe my experience in handling the membership gives me a good foundation for what policies work as far as retaining current members, based on my interactions with them individually and feedback I've written down for future reference, as well as strategies for recruiting new members (what works, what doesn't work). I have helped draft bylaws proposals with committee members from three states (California, Louisiana, and Alabama) over the nine years that I've been involved with the Libertarian Party. It would be an honor to help the LNC refine its bylaws and rules.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Currently, what binds the state affiliates together is the box that you check to say you don't believe in using force to achieve political or social goals. While that is a good start, I don't think it is sufficient. In addition, I would like to require that each state affiliate adopt the national Statement of Principles to be recognized. This would solve both a bylaws and platform issue in one fell swoop and I don't think it would be controversial.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes! I think it's absolutely brilliant!

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes and Yes! 110%

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2014, 2016, 2018, and soon 2020!

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Non-Aggression Principle (don't hurt other people and don't take their stuff) plus property rights.

Taxation is theft.

No victim, no crime.

#Voluntaryism #Agorism #NAP

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Yes, full transparency. Dues paying members have a right to know what the LNC and subcommittees are doing.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Starting an LP county affiliate from scratch, elected as Chair twice

Getting into graduate school (Masters in Economics)

Being Chairman of the LP Louisiana platform committee

Being a delegate to the NatCon three consecutive times (2014, 2016, 2018)

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I can't think of any.

**File (optional)**

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# Richard Fast

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Assistant Aug. 2018 - current  
Troy University, 600 University Ave, Troy, AL 36082  
Supervisor: Prof. Dan Sutter (334) 670-5771  
-Assist in proctoring exams, grading tests and quizzes, and holding office hours to tutor undergraduates.

Summer Algebra Teacher May 2018 -  
June 2018  
De La Salle High School, 5300 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70115  
Supervisor: Paul Kelly, principal (504) 895-1300  
-Taught Summer Session I Pre-Algebra and Algebra I; two week algebra boot camp for remedial students.

Title 1 Teacher Jan. 2018 - May 2018  
Catapult Learning, L.L.C., 660 Distributors Row, Harahan, LA 70123  
Supervisor: Elizabeth Burnett (813) 401-7842  
Intervention tutoring for Track 4 students at DeLaSalle High School.  
Subjects taught:  
-Pre-Algebra: order of operations, evaluating algebraic expressions, plotting coordinates  
-Algebra I: multiplying polynomials, F.O.I.L, graphing exponential functions, compound interest  
-Geometry: applying radius and circumference, identifying types of triangles, calculating angles  
-Algebra II: applying Pythagorean Theorem  
-English Language Arts: five paragraph essay

Instructor March 2017 - April 2018  
Cameron College, 2740 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70116  
Supervisor: Elsa Chesnut, Academic Director (504) 684-9677  
Courses taught: (number of times taught)  
-Computer: Keyboarding I & II, Word Processing, Fundamentals: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint  
-Economics: Principles of Macro (2)  
-Math for Healthcare Professionals  
-Management and Organizational Behavior (3)  
-Algebra  
-Spanish (3)  
-Sociology  
-Accounting for Healthcare Professionals  
-Personnel Management  
-Medical Office Administration

Research Assistant for Prof. Walter Block Jan. 2014 – Nov.  
2016  
Loyola University New Orleans, 6363 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118  
Supervisor: Prof. Walter Block (504) 864-7934  
-Contacted publishers for Prof. Block's most recent book "Water Capitalism"



- Created and updated indices, checking and correcting for errors
- Scanned and uploaded articles on economics and public policy for website

Intern for New Orleans City Councilmember Susan Guidry, District A  
2016 Aug. 2016 – Sep.

Supervisor: Vanessa Spinazola, Chief of Staff, (504) 658-1013

- Conducted research/compiling data
- Answered constituents' calls and following up with information
- Canvassed major streets for a small business success/job fair

Account Representative  
2013 Feb. 2013 - May

Verity Concepts, Inc. (now Alpha Acquisitions, Inc.) Concord, CA

Supervisor: Damien Javier; office phone (925) 692-0076

28% commission + \$100 bonus for 30% recurring web orders within 6 weeks

- Business-to-Business sales, direct marketing and advertising for Quill.com and MedicalArtsPress.com
- Weekly goal: close 8 accounts at \$1,600 per week
- Some experience teaching new hires

Self-employment: Tutor of Spanish Business Writing Aug. 2011- Aug. 2012

- Reviewing grammar, tenses, verb conjugations, translation, all for college or business situations
- Helped write a multi-page proposal letter for student's medical training in Argentina

## **SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:**

Fast, Richard, Jessica O'Brien, and Walter E. Block (2017), "Welfare Harms Its  
Ostensible Beneficiaries," Economics, Management, and Financial Markets 12(3): 51–63.

## **EDUCATION:**

Master of Arts, Economics Aug. 2018 - current  
Troy University

- Founder and President of the student College Libertarians at Troy club

Bachelor in Business Administration, Economics Jan. 2014 – Aug. 2016

Loyola University New Orleans

- Founder and President of the student College Libertarians at Loyola club

Associate in Arts, Spanish Language and Literature Jan. 2011 – Dec.  
2013

Berkeley City College, Berkeley, CA

- Graduated with Honors

## **CERTIFICATE:**

Louisiana Association of Private Colleges and Schools Oct. 20, 2017

Certificate of Participation

Faculty In-Service Seminar, Dr. Mike Lanoutte

## **REFERENCES**

1. Prof. Stephen Miller (economics), 334-670-3525, Troy University
2. Prof. Nicholas Capaldi (business ethics), (504) 864-7957, Loyola University New Orleans
3. Prof. Walter Block (economics), (504) 864-7934, Loyola University New Orleans



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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 6:01 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: Cflynn5@roadrunner.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Charlie Flynn

**Email**[Cflynn5@roadrunner.com](mailto:Cflynn5@roadrunner.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

1 yr

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Chair, Niagara county libertarian committee  
Niagara County, NY

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I organized the registered libertarians in my county. I wrote the county rules, had them approved by the New York State libertarian committee.  
I have raised \$9800 in my county since July, 2019.  
I am a retired federal employee. Retired from US Treasury Dept. 2017.  
Ph 716-826-0395

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I feel all parties in all states should have commissioners at the local boards of elections.  
Also, we should elect 2 delegates from each congressional district.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Socially liberal, fiscally conservative in a nutshell.  
The US and New York State, have slowly eroded our liberties and freedoms. We need to enforce our constitution and fight these grabs at our freedoms.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

There are some party members that are (professional againsters). People who want to be negative and fight with everybody. Some info should be limited.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I fought affirmative action in the federal court in Buffalo, NY for 5 years and finally got it stopped in Buffalo.

Chair of Niagara county libertarian committee.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

People who are new to politics and know very little. I try to reason with them intelligently. If that fails, I ignore them.

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 8, 2019 at 1:28 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: patrick.glasgow@lpo.org

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Patrick Glasgow

**Email**[patrick.glasgow@lpo.org](mailto:patrick.glasgow@lpo.org)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

5 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes, Political Director, Executive Committee, Central Committee, Bylaws Subcommittee

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes, I serve on the Bylaws committee for the LPO

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

At this time I am.open to hearing changes but looking for no specific change.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, Yes

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

The libertarian philosophy is the same thing that I tell my kids, don't hurt people and don't take their stuff.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Eagle Scout, Submarine Warfare Qualification, Starting and running a family produce operation



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: mglogowski08@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 8:18 AM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Mark Glogowski

**Email**[mglogowski08@gmail.com](mailto:mglogowski08@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**[mglogowski08@gmail.com](mailto:mglogowski08@gmail.com)**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I joined the LP in 2009 as a member of the LPNY. In 2012 and 2014 I was the Libertarian Candidate for the 139th NYS Assembly District.; 8was elected the Chairman of the LPNY in 2015 and served in that position for 3 years; ran for the 139th Assembly position in 2018; was re-elected the Free Libertarian Party, Inc chairman in 2019. (The FLP is the original name of the corporation that was formerly referred to as the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY). We now distinguish between the official "Libertarian Party in New York" that was formed under election law and the corporation. The LPNY is the political party officially recognized by the state as the Libertarian Party of New York and the original corporation that was formed under corporate law and is transitioning to a PAC is referred to as the FLP and will be doing business under the DBA of Libertarian Associates of New York.)

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I drafted bylaws changes for the LPNY county chapter when I first joined. Drafted a template for county chapters when I was chairman. Held several Bylaws committee meetings and made significant changes to the LPNY's bylaws. Was a member of the Rules Committee for the new, officially recognized political LP party in NYS, and have drafted the bylaws for the FLP (LANY) to turn it into a PAC.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I am very concerned about the way we handle delegates. There has been expressed a significant amount of disgust regarding the wholesale 'sale' of delegate seats at conventions. The policy seems to be, any vacant seat can be filled by anyone. I believe the allocated seats should be mandatorily filled by someone from the state. If that is not important, then why allocate them in the first place?n Not only was NYS one of those who would seek new members at the convention, even 'out of state', but because that was an accepted practice I was even forced into allocating our empty seats to non-NY residents.

I would propose, "The delegate positions allocated to a state must be filled by a resident of the state."

For the LPNY, that is no longer a problem because state law requires the delegates to the national conventions of the political parties to be residents of New York State. In fact, our delegates to the National Convention of 2024 will have to be elected at the primary election in 2024. They will not be appointed. In 2020 they will still be appointed (I believe), but they must be residents of NYS or we potentially will lose our official recognition as a political party.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I have and completely agree

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

All of politics can be summarized with two concepts

Direction and approach

Direction: Democrats - the government makes decisions

Direction Green/Reform - Government makes decisions

Direction Republican - Individuals make decisions

Direction Libertarian - individuals make decisions

Approach: Democrats - People are good and should be empowered

Approach: Green/Reform - People are evil and need to be controlled

Approach: Republican - People are evil and society needs to be controlled

Approach: Libertarian - People are good and should be empowered

The result is the creation of four different Worldviews which create 4 completely different societal structures. I would be glad to elaborate with examples if you wish

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Transparency is important, but transparency can be used as a means to defame anyone. Should the matter be one of a scandal, alleged crime, or some similar occurrence, an appropriate closed-door meeting might be appropriate. The problem with transparency and closed-door policies is that they are extremes and have consequences. Formally scheduled meetings should be open. Emails sent out in the capacity of an officer should be open. No one should be putting in writing something that they don't want everyone to see, and if they are using their position to berate someone or to promote an opposing view, those who elected the individual should be able to see those documents.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Was a research chemist at Eastman Kodak for 32 and 1/2 yrs. I received a 3 year Doctoral Award in 1973. Many scientific contributions in several fields. Obtained a \$200,000 grant to study Black Lake water quality and weed infestation. Was the Master of a Masonic Lodge, ran a Bike-a-thon for St Jude's for 4 years, Politically was the Town of Hamlin Republican town leader from 1980 to 1983, the Chairman of the LPNY from 2015 to 2018, the current chairman of the FLP, Inc., ran for a town council seat, ran for NYS Assembly,

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Passive-aggressive. I tolerate them, but mostly avoid interaction with them.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 4:29 PM

To: twocatsandadog@new.rr.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

David Grover

**Email**[twocatsandadog@new.rr.com](mailto:twocatsandadog@new.rr.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

2016

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I am the secretary for the Fox Valley Libertarians in Wisconsin

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have served on several committees. I can send you meeting minutes that I have prepared as Secretary for the Fox Valley Libertarians. I assisted in writing the bylaws for the Fox Valley Libertarians.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I am unaware of any changes that I feel need to be made.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I have read the Statement of Principles. The only part I take issue with is on abortion, however at this time I have not heard a better alternative.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

0 but planing on 2020

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Libertarians trust you to make your own decisions, control your money and your actions.

Fiscally conservative and socially liberal.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I would not be opposed to that.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Self Employed, built my own business.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I think you can learn something from everyone.

**File (optional)**



FVLP Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday July 10, 2019  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
World Headquarters  
620 E Longview Drive Appleton WI 54911

*Call to Order:* 7:08 PM

Members in attendance Brian Defferding, , David Grover, Tyler Dahnke, Stephen Ecker, Mike Hammond, Carmen Collar

Members prior to meeting reviewed previous Meeting Minutes. Motion to accept by Tyler Danke, seconded by Brian Defferding, unanimous vote to accept.

*Treasurers Report*

Checkbook has been received.  
\$70.00 Balance

*Old Business:*

*Discussion of bylaws:* Amendments made to definition of residency, removal of previous chairs on committees. Discussion of by laws tabled to a future meeting due to length of discussion.

*Latino Fest:* Website still not updated from 2018. Planning meeting set for Aug 7 time and location to be set by Brian Defferding. Deadline for preparation set for Friday Aug 30.

*Brat Fry:* Brian Defferding and David Grover gave reports on the Neenah and Oshkosh Festival Foods stores. Applications need to be submitted un February, subject to revisit topic in December to discuss manpower.

*Oktoberfest Food Booth:* Carmen Collar to investigate and give report at August meeting.

*Event Kit:* Mike Hammond made donation towards supplies. Brian Defferding donated Sign and Canopy. Carmen Collar to look into acquiring a tote and a bed sheet to be used as a table cloth and give report at next meeting.

*Business Cards and Signs:* Brian Defferding reported that future signs can be made at Fast Signs @ \$39.00 if a total of four are ordered. Business Cards will be ordered through Vista Print, pricing to be verified after submittal of design by Brian Defferding.

*New Business:*

*Increasing Meeting Attendance:* Tyler Danke set up and broadcast the meeting on Zoom to report on the experience next meeting.

*Radio and Other Media:* David Grover reported that UWO and Ripon College is interested but we need to wait until September to schedule with them. WPNE is interested but we will need to submit an outline of what we would talk about on the

air, a committee was suggested be formed to explorer this and will be tabled until after gaining some experience with both UWO and Ripon College.

*Other Fundraising Ideas:* A book sale at future events.

*Future Events:* Vigil for "Lights of Liberty" on Friday July 12 Brian Defferding to give report next meeting.

*Topics for next meeting:* Dues

*Next Meeting:*

Wednesday August 14 @ World HQ 620 E Longview Dr, Appleton, WI 54911

Potluck dinner, bring dish to pass and serving utensils. David Grover to bring paper plates, napkins and plastic utensils.

*End of Meeting:* 9:18 PM



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: carynannharlos@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 4:23 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Caryn Ann Harlos

**Email**[carynannharlos@gmail.com](mailto:carynannharlos@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

5 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

Social Media Chair (January 2015-March 2018)

Historical Committee (2016)

Standing Rules Committee (2016-2017)

Credentialing Committee- Chair (2016-2017)

Bylaws Committee (October 2016-March 2017)

Colorado Convention 2017 Planning Committee- Party Business Subcommittee Chair (2016-2017)

Communications Director (January 2016-March 2018)

Platform Committee- Chair (2015-2016)

Bylaws Committee (2015-2016)

Platform Committee- Chair (2016-2017)

Bylaws Committee (2016-2017)

Policy Manual Committee (August 2017- March 2018)

Platform Committee (2017-2018, 2018-2019)

Bylaws Committee (2017-2018, 2018-2019)

Standing Rules Committee (2018)

Platform Committee- Chair (2018-2019)

Constitution and Bylaws Committee (2018-2019)

Convention Oversight Committee - Business Planning Chair - Emergency Ad Hoc Convention Committee Chair (2019)

Membership Director, Declared Candidate (2019)

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

Libertarian Party of Colorado Constitution and Bylaws Committee- Douglas County Representative (2017-2018)

Libertarian Party of Douglas County (Development Group)

Bylaws Committee- Chair (October 2016)

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

Member (2019)

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF VENTURA COUNTY

Member (2019)

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Member (2019)

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes multiple times. Nationally, I served on the last Bylaws committee but even more substantially I have served on the

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LPCO Bylaws committee for four years as part of the major overhaul, and I authored the LPDC Bylaws in order for them to affiliate.

Other qualifications include my legal background and my membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians and working towards the next level of certification by that body. I can send over the LPCO reports upon request. They are quite lengthy as major overhaul was done.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I would like to take another look at Mr. Starr's proposed simplification of the officer and non-officer LNC positions and duties. I think it needed further delegate prep and education for them to be comfortable nothing was changed.

Also, here are two further changes, but I would want to workshop with the other bylaws members, but this is the general thrust:

1. The procedures and rights of the members of the Bylaws committee should mirror those of the Platform committee
2. The bylaws either need to prohibit or codify the handling of multiple minority reports

And though I am not married to this idea, I would like to see affiliates get to appoint half of the bylaws committee seats. This could be by lottery, but biggest membership improvement or any number of metrics that would encourage national party growth.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Absolutely. I have often joked I would tattoo it on my rear but I don't have that much back.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

I love meetings. So yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2016 and 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

The only inherent rights are negative rights that require only non-aggression from other people, and all we owe is non-aggression. Additional obligations can be voluntarily assumed and must be in a healthy flourishing society rather than Libertarian Thunderdome.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I believe in absolute transparency. This is a committee of the convention, and the convention has ever right to observe its functioning. Additionally, as a member of LPCO, I am forbidden by the LPCO bylaws to agree to any non-transparency provision.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

This is tough. I am most proud of getting out of a very bad marriage and making something of myself without ever thinking the world owed me something. As I have been able-bodied and of sound mind, I have always supported myself and volunteered lots of time to charitably assist others.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Mean people. I tend to absorb their blows to protect others that may not be in a position to do so at this point in life.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

**File (optional)**

- [Caryn-Ann-Harlos-LPedia.pdf](#)



# Caryn Ann Harlos

**Caryn Ann Harlos** is the current Libertarian Party National Secretary and former Region 1 Representative on the Libertarian National Committee. She is also the Chair of the Libertarian Party Preservation Committee, former Communications Director for the Libertarian Party of Colorado, and former Colorado State Coordinator with the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus. She is also a Life Member of the Libertarian Party. She is married to Wayne Harlos who is the former chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

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## Organizational Positions

### Libertarian Party

- National Party Secretary (July 2018-present)
- National Social Media Team (August 2015-February 2018)
- Region 1 Representative (May 2016-July 2018)
- Advertising and Publication Review Committee (May 2016-present)
- Historical Preservation Committee- Chair (January 2017-present)

### Caryn Ann Harlos



### Secretary Libertarian National Committee

2018–incumbent

**Predecessor:** Alicia Mattson

**Successor:** incumbent

### Region 1 Representative Libertarian National Committee

2016–2018

**Predecessor:** Norm Olsen

**Successor:** Richard Longstreth

### Communications Director Libertarian Party of Colorado

2016–2018

**Predecessor:** Nathan Grabau

**Successor:** Lance Cayko

### Personal Details

**Occupation:** Paralegal, Author, Activist

**Residence:** Castle Rock, Colorado

**Party:** Libertarian Party

### Media

**Facebook:** Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pinkflameofliberty/>)

- Candidate Support Committee (August 2017-July 2018)
- Bylaws and Rules Committee (2018)
- Platform Committee Chair (2018)
- Convention Voting Process Committee Secretary (2019-present)

### **Libertarian Party of Colorado**

- Social Media Chair (January 2015-March 2018)
- Historical Committee (2016)
- Standing Rules Committee (2016-2017)
- Credentialing Committee- Chair (2016-2017)
- Bylaws Committee (October 2016-March 2017)
- Colorado Convention 2017 Planning Committee- Party Business Subcommittee Chair (2016-2017)
- Communications Director (January 2016-March 2018)
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### **Libertarian Party of Douglas County**

- Libertarian Party of Colorado Constitution and Bylaws Committee- Douglas County Representative (2017-2018)

### **Libertarian Party of Douglas County (Development Group)**

- Bylaws Committee- Chair (October 2016)

### **Libertarian Party of California**

- Member (2019)

### **Libertarian Party of Ventura County**

- Member (2019)

### **Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania**

- Member (2019)

### **Libertarian Party Radical Caucus**

- Convention Committee (October 2017- present)
- Bylaws Committee (October 2017- present)

- Platform Committee (October 2017- present)
- Branding Committee (October 2016- present)
- Colorado State Coordinator (April 2016- August 2017)
- Platform Committee- Chair (October 2016- May 2017)
- Bylaws Committee (2016)
- Platform Committee (October 2015- March 2016)
- Platform Committee (September 2017- present)
- Policy Manual Committee (August 2017- present)
- Standing Rules Committee (January 2018-March 2018)

## 2016 Gary Johnson Campaign

- Libertarian Advisory Committee (July 2016- November 2016)

## Convention Delegate

### National Convention Delegate

- 2016 in Orlando
- 2018 in New Orleans

### Libertarian Party of Colorado Delegate

- 2015 in Aurora
- 2016 in Colorado Springs
- 2017 in Westminster
- 2018 in Thornton
- 2019 in Colorado Springs

## "Ballot Selfie" Lawsuit

In 2016, Caryn Ann and several other defendants sued the Colorado Secretary of State, State Attorney, and Denver Attorney General over a Colorado statute forbidding the disclosure of the contents of one's own ballot.<sup>[1]</sup> This came in the wake of multiple similar suits, including a successful overturning of a similar law in New Hampshire.<sup>[2]</sup> View a copy of the Complaint and the Order for Injunctive Relief as well as a copy of the Colorado statute that was overturned.



If there is live newscast, you'll see a LIVE button in the top left corner. If we're not currently live streaming, you'll see a REPLAY button instead and our most recent newscast segment will appear and repeat.

On local TV news coverage of "ballot selfie" lawsuit

## Ideology

Caryn Ann is an ideological anarchist/voluntaryist who has become distinguished for presentations on the Dallas Accord and the Statement of Principles. She is also widely known as a pro-life Libertarian having authored "Abortion and the Libertarian Conscience."<sup>[3]</sup> She is also a pacifist, but this is for religious, rather than political, reasons.

## Radical Caucus



Caryn Ann has been a public face for the Radical Caucus and was a key mover in its formal organization prior to the 2016 National Convention. She was its Colorado State Coordinator from 2016-2017. She no longer maintains membership in any caucus believing that Party officers need to steer clear from any appearance of factionalism.

## Close the Back Door

At the 2018 national convention in New Orleans, Caryn Ann successfully organized an initiative to protect the Statement of Principles.

## Convention Appearances

Caryn Ann delivered a historical presentation<sup>[4]</sup> on the Statement of Principles and the Dallas Accord at these conventions:

- Arizona Libertarian Party, January 2017.
- Montana Libertarian Party, March 2017.
- Libertarian Party of Colorado, March 2017.
- Libertarian Party of New Mexico, April 2017.
- Libertarian Party of Washington, April 2017
- Alaska Libertarian Party, May 2017.
- Libertarian Party of Oregon, June 2017.
- Libertarian Party of New Hampshire, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Ohio, May 2018.
- Libertarian Party of California, April 2019.
- Libertarian Party of Arkansas, April 2019
- Missouri Libertarian Party, June 2019



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Caryn Ann spoke as membership recruiter at the following conventions:



- Arizona Libertarian Party, January 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Washington, February 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Louisiana, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Oklahoma, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Utah, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Texas, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of New Hampshire, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of California, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Indiana, May 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Ohio, May 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, September 2018.
- Libertarian Party of California, April 2019.
- Libertarian Party of Arkansas, April 2019.
- Libertarian Party of Colorado, April 2019 (also participated in an LNC panel).
- Libertarian Party of Florida, May 2019 (also participated in an LNC panel).
- Missouri Libertarian Party, June 2019

In her campaign for LNC Secretary Caryn Ann spoke at the following conventions/events:

- Libertarian Party of Colorado, March 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Louisiana, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Oklahoma, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Utah, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Texas, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of New Hampshire, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of California, April 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Indiana, May 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Ohio, May 2018.
- Roads to Freedom Unconvention, May 2018.
- Libertarian Party of Alabama, June 2018.

Caryn Ann has been invited to speak at the following upcoming conventions (some tentative):

- Libertarian Party of Maine (not convention, training seminar, October 2019)

## Other Media Appearances and Interviews

- Politico, May 2016<sup>[5]</sup>
- The Washington Post, May 2016<sup>[6]</sup>
- Reason "Hit and Run," July 2016<sup>[7]</sup>
- Denver Post, August 2016<sup>[8]</sup>
- Westword, August 2016<sup>[9]</sup>
- The Johny Rocket Launchpad, September 2016, Episode 102<sup>[10]</sup>
- Colorado Independent, October 2016<sup>[11]</sup>
- Tom Woods Show, February 2017, Episode. 844<sup>[12]</sup>
- Reason Magazine, February 2017<sup>[13]</sup>
- Libertopia Cartoons, February 2017<sup>[14]</sup>
- Colorado Independent, May 2017<sup>[15]</sup>
- Dankertarian Podcast, Ep 01, June 2017<sup>[16]</sup>
- Colorado Public Radio, August 2017<sup>[17]</sup>

- Reason "Hit and Run," September 2017<sup>[18]</sup>
- Ask a Libertarian AMA Part One<sup>[19]</sup>
- Ask a Libertarian AMA Part Two<sup>[20]</sup>
- Westword, January 2018<sup>[21]</sup>
- Reason "Hit and Run," February 6, 2018<sup>[22]</sup>
- Washington Times, May 2018, <sup>[23]</sup>
- Reason "Hit and Run," July 13, 2018<sup>[24]</sup>
- Ask a Libertarian AMA December 6, 2018<sup>[25]</sup>
- Reddit AMA May 29, 2019<sup>[26]</sup>

## Libertarian Party Sponsored Appearances

- National Libertarian Party Facebook Spotlight, January 2017<sup>[27]</sup>
- Libertarian National Party Conference Call "How to Get Involved With the Libertarian Party", April 12, 2017
- Libertarian National Party Conference Call "How to Get Involved With the Libertarian Party", July 2017 ([http://recordings.lpedia.org/2017/Events/2017\\_National-How-to-Get-Involved\\_Harlos.mp3](http://recordings.lpedia.org/2017/Events/2017_National-How-to-Get-Involved_Harlos.mp3))
- "Abortion and the Libertarian Conscience" with the Flathead County Libertarian Party
- Libertarian Party Snapchat Takeover, January 6, 2018
- Libertarian National Party Conference Call "How to Get Involved With the Libertarian Party", January 8, 2018
- National Libertarian Party Facebook Spotlight, July 2018<sup>[28]</sup>
- Libertarian National Party New Member Orientation, June 2019



Caryn Ann at 2016 National Convention, photo by Matt Welch



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## Other Noteworthy Appearances

- 2016 Nomination Speech for Libertarian Presidential candidate Darryl W. Perry (video not available)
- 2016 Nomination Speech for Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate Will Coly<sup>[29]</sup>
- Clip on CNN promo on Libertarian Party<sup>[30]</sup>
- Defending Markets at Warm Cookies of the Revolution, December 2016<sup>[31]</sup>
- Libertarian Party Snapchat Takeover, January 2018

## Video Channel and Podcast

Caryn Ann has a YouTube channel Pink Flame of Liberty (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBIJ1p-SiK7hxfhtK6aGrw%7C>) and also hosts the Big L Podcast.



LP Promotional Image

Speaking at Warm Cookies of the Revolution  
December 2016

At the LNC Meeting on April 15 2017, 2017, Caryn Ann was appointed to the Platform Committee for the 2018 Convention. In the first round of voting there was a 4-way tie between Adam Bates, Aaron Starr, Joe Henchman, and Caryn Ann Harlos. Those four were the only ones included in the second round which then had a tie between Aaron Starr and Caryn Harlos at 9 votes each (and a majority). In round three of voting Aaron Starr and Caryn Ann Harlos each received 8 votes, and Adam Bates received 6 votes. For the next round, the rules were suspended to allow only one vote rather than approval voting. In round four, no one received a majority with Aaron Starr receiving 8 votes, Caryn Ann Harlos receiving 6 votes, and Adam Bates received 3 votes. A motion to suspend the rules to appoint Aaron Starr failed and voting went to another round. In the fifth round, no candidate received a majority with Aaron Starr receiving 6 votes, Caryn Ann Harlos receiving 8 votes, and Adam Bates receiving 2 votes. In round 6, Aaron Starr and Caryn Ann Harlos each received 8 votes, and Adam Bates received 1 vote. The rules suspended to have the results determined by a coin flip between Aaron Starr and Caryn Ann Harlos. The minutes describe the results as follows:

*Using a New Jersey quarter which Mr. Redpath purportedly obtained from The Sopranos on his last visit, Mr. McKnight conducted the coin toss, and Ms. Harlos called the "New Jersey / tails" side of the coin. Ms. Harlos won the coin toss, thus she was appointed to the fifth position on the Platform Committee, and Mr. Starr was appointed as an alternate.*

In February 2018, Caryn Ann and Alicia Mattson both sought the Platform Committee Chair position. The results came in as follow:

Voting for Mattson: Carling, Clift, Craig, DiBenedetto, Mattson, Robson, Van Horn

Voting for Harlos: Cholko, Fulner, Harlos, Knapp, Longstreth, Morris, Nanna, Perry, Rosenbeck, Scheetz, Watts

Express abstentions: Fockler, Miron

With 11 votes out of 18 ballots cast, Caryn Ann Harlos is elected as committee chair, having received a majority vote.

## 2018 Run for LNC Secretary

On February 28, 2018, Caryn Ann announced her run for LNC Secretary<sup>[32]</sup> and launched her campaign website in March 2018.<sup>[33]</sup> Her campaign is managed by Sarah Daggers. She won against incumbent Alicia Mattson and fellow challenger Jeff Wood on the first ballot with 56.621% of the votes. Caryn Ann's campaign was ran with zero negative campaigning and in fact she was cited by Alicia Mattson in Mattson's campaign materials as someone who called Ms. Mattson "one of the best secretaries" she has ever worked with.

Popular Libertarian evangelist Larry Sharpe endorsed Caryn Ann for this position.

## Larry Sharpe Endorses Caryn Ann Harlos for LNC Secretary 2018



Vote Results



Ruwart, Harlos, and Hogarth wait to give nominating speeches



Harlos campaigning for LNC Secretary

## Notable Other Accomplishments

Caryn Ann is a paralegal with over twenty years of experience. She has also authored a book on Christian eschatology that had been used as a reference work in a class at Liberty University. She has appeared in radio shows and podcasts all over the world on this topic and was a guest lecturer at Appalachian State University. Caryn Ann has been involved in various other non-profit activist and service organizations including volunteering for a teen runaway and suicide hotline, regular head and assistant cook volunteer at Gold Coast Via de Cristo events, and served as Treasurer on the Gold Coast Via de Cristo Secretariat, as well as archivist of its banner collection spanning multiple decades.

## Professional Memberships

- NALA (National Association of Legal Assistants) since 1999
- NAP (National Association of Parliamentarians) since 2019

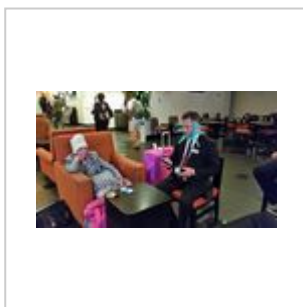
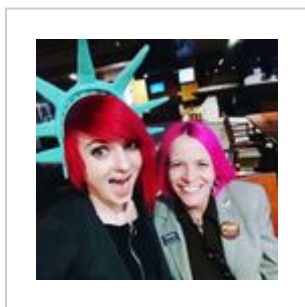
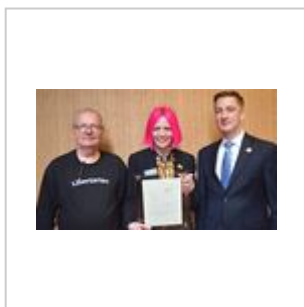
## Past Volunteer Activities



- Junior Class President, Blanche Ely High School (1984)
- AM1400 Fill-In Talk Show Host (Approx 1991-1992)
- Youth Crisis/Suicide hotline counselor with 1-800-Hit-Home (1997-1998)
- Youth Evangelism Explosion Trainer (approx 2001-2003)
- Junior Achievement Class Leader (approx 1998-2001)
- WayFM office volunteer (approx 2004-2005)
- Treasurer, Gold Coast Via de Cristo (approx 2006)
- Head and Assistant Cook, Gold Coast Via de Cristo, multiple occasions in the 2000s
- Speaker on Leadership and Ideals, Gold Coast Via de Cristo, several occasions in the mid-2000s
- Historic Banner Preservation and Custodian, Gold Coast Via de Cristo (approx 2007-2008)

## Misc.

In May 2019, after some profound life struggles, Caryn Ann was diagnosed with high-functioning ASD (autism spectrum disorder, f/k/a/ Asperger's Syndrome) which has sparked in interest (of course it has!) in ASD issues in the Libertarian Party and bullying surrounding same. Caryn Ann was also diagnosed as a young adult with Obsessive Compulsion Disorder which she puts to good use for liberty. After the state convention in 2019, she became involved in a group of members expressing dissatisfaction with the then present Colorado leadership. One of her main complaints was what she felt was ableist bigotry and bullying in response to her disclosure of her autism diagnosis. The Libertarian Party of Colorado has made no official comment but it can be assumed they would dispute her assertion. She and Mike Seebeck started an alternative discussion group at Libertarian Party of Colorado Uncensored for LPCO members who believe they were wrongly silenced. She noted that the intention was for the group to be temporary, to be archived when the controversies between the various sides are eventually resolved.



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9. "How "Terrible" Trump and Clinton Help the Libertarian Party in Colorado and Beyond" (<http://www.westword.com/news/how-terrible-trump-and-clinton-help-the-libertarian-party-in-colorado-and-beyond-8207966>)
10. *Party-Archy, the Libertarian Wing of the Libertarian Party*" (<https://jrlp.podbean.com/e/johnny-rocket-launch-pad-episode-102-caryn-ann-harlos/>)
11. How a Libertarian plans to challenge Colorado's 'ballot-selfie' law (<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/161836/colorado-ballot-selfie-libertarian-free-speech-lawsuit>)
12. *After 2016, Where Is the Libertarian Party Today, and Where Is It Going?* (<http://tomwoods.com/ep-844-after-2016-where-is-the-libertarian-party-today-and-where-is-it-going/>)
13. "Did the Libertarian Party Blow It in 2016?" (<http://reason.com/archives/2017/01/07/did-the-libertarian-party-blow>)
14. "Find What You Love and Let it Kill You" (<https://libertopiacartoon.wordpress.com/2017/02/21/find-what-you-love-and-let-it-kill-you-an-exclusive-interview-with-caryn-ann-harlos/>)
15. <http://www.coloradoindependent.com/165618/libertarian-party-archives-colorado> The Libertarian Party's national archives now live in Colorado
16. Larry Sharpe and Caryn Ann Harlos, *Uniting the Clans* (<http://dankertarians.com/2017/06/28/sharpeharlos/>)
17. Libertarianism Was Born In Westminster And Other Historical Party Facts (<https://www.cpr.org/news/story/libertarian-party-historical-preservation-project>)
18. "The Libertarian Party's Paid Membership Numbers Take a Dive" (<http://reason.com/blog/2017/09/15/the-libertarian-partys-paid-membership-n>)
19. "Ask Me Anything Part 1" (<https://www.facebook.com/askalibertarian/videos/1937329746505472/>)
20. "Ask Me Anything Part 2" (<https://www.facebook.com/askalibertarian/videos/1937357053169408/>)
21. Kratom Ban in Denver Ripped by Libertarian Party of Colorado (<http://www.westword.com/news/kratom-ban-in-denver-ripped-by-libertarian-party-of-colorado-9908252>),
22. Larry Sharpe, Libertarian Candidate for Governor of New York, Quits the Party's National Committee (<http://reason.com/blog/2018/02/07/larry-sharpe-libertarian-candidate-for-g>)
23. Libertarian Party rescues its original founding document from eBay (<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/may/22/libertarian-party-rescues-its-original-founding-do/>)
24. Candidate Kicked Out of New Hampshire Libertarian Party Nonetheless on House Primary Ballot as a Libertarian (<https://reason.com/blog/2018/07/13/candidate-kicked-out-of-new-hampshire-li>)
25. "Ask Me Anything" (<https://www.facebook.com/askalibertarian/videos/2344519055562173/>)
26. AMA with LNC Secretary Caryn Ann Harlos (<https://redd.it/btrjrn>)
27. Meet the LNC: Caryn Ann Harlos, January 31, 2017 (<https://www.facebook.com/libertarians/photos/a.10150126121157726.302978.5978057725/10154964960482726/?type=3&theater>)
28. Meet the LNC: Caryn Ann Harlos, July 20, 2018 (<https://www.facebook.com/libertarians/photos/a.10150126121157726.302978.5978057725/10156465852292726/?type=3&theater>)
29. CSPAN coverage of 2016 Libertarian Party National Convention (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVWDaDBkOB0>)
30. "Why you should care about the Libertarian Party in 2016" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS Qyq9OeySc>)
31. "The People vs. Capitalism" (<http://www.warmcookiesoftherevolution.org/event/the-people-vs-capitalism/>)
32. Facebook Announcement (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186169278803875/permalink/199383900815746/>)

### 33. Pink is the New Gold (<https://www.pink.vote>)

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Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

## Thank you for your submission

**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
 Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
 To: Chad@enclavelegalconsulting.com

Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 7:37 AM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

### Name

Charles Harrison

### Email

[Chad@EnclaveLegalConsulting.com](mailto:Chad@EnclaveLegalConsulting.com)

### How long have you been a dues paying member of National?

Spring of 2018, Registered Party Member since 1993

### Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?

I am not as involved as I would like to be locally. I hope and expect that if I am selected to sit on the Rules Committee my participation locally will increase by necessity.

### Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?

I have served on many committees in my professional career as a corporate attorney and in-house general counsel. Special qualifications would include legal drafting skills, experience with statutory and rule making review and interpretation of legislative intent and practical consequences of reality in lawmaking, the creation and strengthening (or redefining) of both defensive and offensive strategies to any number of differing legal theories, and an ability to be devil's advocate against my most firmly held beliefs.

### What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).

Changes I would like to pursue idealistically would be #1) a stricter requirement of a minimum number of years as a sustaining member of the party before one could run to be voted in as the party's presidential nominee (I'm not sure how one does that without restricting candidacies solely, and probably impermissibly, based on their age, but I think it's possible. #2) I think party leaders and staff should be able to borrow more than \$2,000 without the permission of the National Committee. Undoubtedly the party needs to grow, it won't grow without spending money, the accounting system is robust and transparent enough to satisfy an army of auditors, and a \$2,000 limit on manager's fiscal borrowing authority is appropriate for a neighborhood softball club, not the third largest party in the US.\*

\*I realize this limit may be irrelevant and impacts no one's day to day efforts, but symbolically I still think it sends a bad message.

### Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?

I have, and I do. I particularly love the language about crime and justice but am not overly fond of the way abortion is discussed in the Statement.

### Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?

I am ready to commit to the Committee's need for active participation from its members and foresee no difficulty complying with the attendance requirements.

### Which national conventions have you attended?

2018

### Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.

The government needs to exist in order to protect us from force and fraud, anything else is mission creep and should be regarded with great suspicion. Tied to the other end of a long piece of government string that makes you compliant with so

many rules and regulations, is a gun.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Unless the discussion is related to a private HR matter, a committee's meeting minutes and related communications should be open and available for all to review. It's a good policy and changes to it will harm the entire party.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I am the father of two daughters who as young adults are kind, independent thinkers who can respect someone they don't agree with, and understand sarcasm at a PhD level. That's really the only accomplishment that matters to me.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

The type of person I have the least amount of patience for is someone who is unwilling to acknowledge even the tiniest amount of weakness, hypocrisy or logical fallacy in their arguments. Accepting your own weaknesses, that you may change or overcome them, is the only way to stay sane anymore.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 8:20 PM

To: jrspace@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Robert Haseloff Jr

**Email**[jrspace@gmail.com](mailto:jrspace@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

1-3 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I am not. I joined while I was stationed in Fort Worth, TX. I recently retired, have moved my family back to San Antonio and am getting affiliated with the local chapter.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

As an Intelligence Officer, I've developed, screened, briefed, and polished numerous analytical products. I can't share them with you, unfortunately. I think they frown on that now.

I'm analytically-minded, able to articulate and communicate complex issues, and would love to assist in our cause.

I intend to be present in Austin for the conference as well.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I have no personal rules that I am wishing to push through.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, Since 1974.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes. My wife and I are financially stable, I'm recently Navy-retired and currently hold a flexible position at USAA here in San Antonio. I am willing to sole-support my own travel without compensation.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

I was unable to previously attend conventions due to the Hatch Act and my affiliation with the US Navy.

The Libertarian philosophy includes contributions from Mises, Hayek, Spooner, Rothbard, John Stuart Mills, among others. Don't Hurt People and Don't Take their Stuff is a simplified version which denotes principles of Property Rights, Individualism, and the Non Aggression Principle.

I'm bound to mention that more current age activists such as Ron Paul, Tom Woods, and Ayn Rand have all made great surges in the movement in their own unique ways.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I'd prefer complete open transparency. Tie it to a block chain mechanism. Force the committees to act in private in the same manner as they would act in public. It would likely have secondary and tertiary effects that would be beneficial.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

In general, my accomplishments are just things I've done. When seen collectively, they tell a story of someone who has initiative to always do more and make the world around me better for my family.

- Beautiful wife of 10 years and two good looking kiddos.
- US Navy 20+ years, enlisted 9 years, Intelligence officer 12 years, multiple professional certifications
- live debt free, build wealth for my family
- Started two Liberty related websites including [www.liberty.wiki](http://www.liberty.wiki)
- Real Estate license on the side, [jrhaseloff.com](http://jrhaseloff.com)
- published two books on Amazon
- MBA, working toward my PMP
- developed half a dozen twitterbots spreading message of Liberty, developed courses on Skillshare.com
- transitioned from military and within one month of returning 'home' secured my dream job at USAA
- novice beekeeper and gentlemen farmer.

I am always developing new skills in order to experience more.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Lazy people who are happy with their current position in life.

Most people just don't know the opportunities that exist out there today. You have to communicate with them clearly and often. Remind them that we live in the most prosperous time this world has ever known. There are so many opportunities to improve our lives and the lives of those around us.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 2:24 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: dkkaiser123@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Daniel Kaiser

**Email**[dkkaiser123@gmail.com](mailto:dkkaiser123@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Just joined

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

No, not yet

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I am a senior corporate executive, adjunct professor, and licensed attorney. I have also served on many boards.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

1. Help usher in a base level of professionalism for elected officials.
2. Find a better balance of individual rights and healthy shared resources.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes!

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes. I can firmly commit

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Small but necessary government were practical, individual liberty without infringing on others' like individual liberties.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 1:46 PM

To: amnfn@well.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Aya Katz

**Email**[amnfn@well.com](mailto:amnfn@well.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

3 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes. I was a speaker at the 2017 Missouri Libertarian Party Convention.

[https://4.bp.blogspot.com/-BdArM\\_dbifl/WWLXYc8W4VI/AAAAAAAAACsA/3ag8ZTeCo9M9ofl4WLo\\_4P2fWQd-5IClQCLcBGAs/s1600/MOLP201.png](https://4.bp.blogspot.com/-BdArM_dbifl/WWLXYc8W4VI/AAAAAAAAACsA/3ag8ZTeCo9M9ofl4WLo_4P2fWQd-5IClQCLcBGAs/s1600/MOLP201.png)**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have a J.D. from Baylor University. I passed the Texas bar exam and practiced in Texas for 9 years. I am familiar with Roberts' Rules of Order. Here is a law review article I once wrote: <https://hubpages.com/politics/Taking-from-One-and-Granting-Another-Substantive-Due-Process-in-Marital-Property>

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Here is my proposed change to the LP Bylaws: <https://theodosiaandthepirates.blogspot.com/2017/09/proposed-libertarian-party-bylaws-change.html>

Here is some of the reasoning behind the proposed change:

<https://theodosiaandthepirates.blogspot.com/2017/10/neither-populism-nor-elitism.html>**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2016

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Each person has the right to decide what he or she will do with his or her body, time and property. We should not hurt others or take their stuff. We can help others and often we should do so, but no one has the right to coerce us into helping. Government should not redistribute wealth nor provide for health, and all taxation is theft. Live and let live.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I support full transparency.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

You can read my bio in the LPedia to learn about my accomplishments.

[http://lpedia.org/Aya\\_Katz](http://lpedia.org/Aya_Katz)

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

People who want to tell others how to lead their lives annoy me the most. I usually try to ignore them.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Fri, Sep 13, 2019 at 4:23 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: joknecht29@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

John Knecht

**Email**[joknecht29@gmail.com](mailto:joknecht29@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

5 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

No

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I've served on Graduate Medical Education Committee, Cancer Committee, Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and Ethics Committee at numerous hospitals. Also I have previously served on the Socioeconomic Committee at the Texas Medical Association House of Delegates meeting in 2015.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I'm not aware of the Rules and Bylaws sufficiently to suggest any changes. But with this qualifying statement I can ensure my impartiality.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I have and agree wholeheartedly with it in its entirety.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

I do

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

That every individual is created equal and should therefore not be subjected to the imposition of power from others, including the government and/or special interest groups. This philosophy also includes the personal liberties included in the constitution including but not restricted to the right to bear arms and the freedom of speech. Fiscal beliefs are in favor of a balanced budget, while limiting spending and limiting taxation to the greatest extent possible in a case by case basis.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I don't believe they need to be open. Not only to limit bureaucracy but to prevent confusion. Of course if any future Committee of the party or a vote of Delegates should request they become available, they should at that time.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My medical degree and my beautiful family

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**



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Gmail - Thank you for your submission

Those that are limited in their views to either those of a particular party or through media influence are at times frustrating. The only way to deal with them is through frank conversation and education, while providing examples and questions to stimulate outlook changes.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: akobs@hotmail.com

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 11:40 AM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Adam Kobs

**Email**[akobs@hotmail.com](mailto:akobs@hotmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

12 years?

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Minimally. I am a member of both. I have also presented at our local members on the law.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I am the chair of the Texas Criminal Defense Attorney's Association Bylaws committee and have been for approximately 7 years. I draft proposed changes as requested by the Executive Committee and present them at our annual meeting for a members vote. I also meet quarterly with the Board and answer their questions and concerns. I feel qualified to serve on this committee.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I have not studied our LP Bylaws sufficiently to propose any changes. However, if the ExComm or Board have suggestions, I am happy to help draft for consideration and believe I can give feedback both pro and con to achieve their goal. I will print and review LP's Bylaws for areas which need improvement.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes. Yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None.

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Limited government necessary only to protect an individual's rights when violated by another. Freedom for all.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I personally believe in transparency. In my role as TCDLA bylaw chair, I understand all my emails may be subject to disclosure. However, I also believe some emails when done in ExComm or committee are not subject to disclosure for either privacy, litigation or privilege reasons.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My family.

Successfully representing innocent individuals charged with committing a crime.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Not many people annoy me as I am pretty happy go lucky. If someone is annoyed with me, or is annoying me, I will ask them what I can do to help so I can understand where they are coming from.

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## Adam Kobs---Biographical Information

### EDUCATION

University of Southern Mississippi, BS in Criminal Justice 1993  
St. Mary's School of Law, JD 1998

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President, San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association (2008-2009)  
Fellow, College of the State Bar of Texas (2001-present)  
Parliamentarian, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association (2018-present)  
Director, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association (2010-2018)  
Member, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association (1998-present)  
Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (1999-present)

### LICENSED JURISDICTIONS

Texas Supreme Court 1998  
United States District Court for the Western District of Texas 1999  
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas 2002  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit 1999  
United States Supreme Court 2002

### AUTHOR

One Way to Win a DWI ALR, The San Antonio Defender (June 2003).

### SPEAKER

ALR, First Annual How to Try a DWI in Bexar County (August 2005)  
*Course Director*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual How to Try a DWI in Bexar County (August 2007)  
DWI Case Law: Some May Help, Third Annual How to Try a DWI in Bexar County (2008)  
Voir Dire, SACDLA Nuts & Bolts (2010)  
MTRs, SABLA Criminal Defense 101, (2012 & 2013)  
DWI Hot Case Law Update, TCDLA Stu Kinard Advanced DWI Seminar (2014)  
MTRs, SACDLA Nuts & Bolts (2014)  
DWI Start to Finish, SACDLA Against All Odds (2015)  
ALR Questions for the Arresting Officer, Breath Test Operator and Technical Supervisor, TCDLA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Stu Kinard Advanced DWI Seminar (2015)  
How to Win the DWI at the ALR, 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Criminal Law Institute (2016)  
How to Win the DWI at the ALR, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Institute (2018)  
Breath Testing and the Intoxilyzer 9000, SBOT 44<sup>th</sup> Advanced Criminal Law (2018)  
Developing a Persuasive Defense Strategy, Come and Take It (2018)  
DWI Case Law Update, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual TCDLA Stu Kinard Advanced DWI Seminar (2018)  
DWI Start to Finish, ACDLA (2019)

### RECOGNITION

Voted Rising Star 2006 & 2008, 2009, 2010 as Published in Texas Monthly, Super Lawyer's Edition  
Voted one of San Antonio's Best Lawyers 2009, 2016 in Criminal Defense as Published in Scene in S.A.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 2:54 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: laurebeccas@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Rebecca Lau

**Email**[laurebeccas@gmail.com](mailto:laurebeccas@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

2 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Vice chair of Manhattan Libertarian Party: September 2019-present

Media director of Manhattan Libertarian Party: April 2019-present

At-Large executive committee member of Libertarian Party of California: April 2018-present

Treasurer of Libertarian Party of San Francisco: January 2019-March 2019

Vice chair of Libertarian Party of San Francisco: January 2018-January 2019

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have never served on a bylaws committee.

I have served on the budget committee and program committee in California's executive committee.

I was vice chair of Libertarian Party of San Francisco and helped work on our first bylaws change in 15 years, but it was mostly to modernize the document and keep it in alignment with state bylaws. <https://lpsf.org/bylaws>

Manhattan Libertarian Party adopted new Rules (what New York calls Bylaws) at our convention on September 11, 2019, and I reviewed them before bringing them to the convention. The Rules were from a template that was created from the state party.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/155GT4y2eioZUHtoHCjR6ZiTegJhKyMvm/view?usp=sharing>

I submitted two suggested bylaws changes to the LP of California (2019 Bylaw Amendments with Advance Notice) but they did not come up at convention because we ran out of time. <https://ca.lp.org/bylaws/>

I have read nearly every state's bylaws while doing research for my own proposed amendments.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I don't have any changes that I personally want to submit. I want to be on the committee to consider changes brought by the members.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes I have read it. I agree with it.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

none

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Libertarian philosophy is about individual rights. People are free to do whatever they want, as long as it does not harm others. The Libertarian Party calls this concept the "NAP," the non-aggression principle. Libertarians believe that individuals know how to control their money and run their lives better than the state.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I am fine with transparency. California's executive committee is a leader in party transparency.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My greatest accomplishment is remaining on California's executive committee while living in another state, because California's bylaws do not have a residency requirement.

My second greatest accomplishment is being able to promote liberty full-time and get paid.

**RULES, AND REGULATIONS  
of the  
LIBERTARIAN PARTY of NEW YORK COUNTY  
in New York State**

The Libertarians in New York County do hereby adopt the rules and regulations following, for the organization and government of the Libertarian Party of New York County, doing business as the Manhattan Libertarian Party.

**ARTICLE I  
Party Organization**

Section 1 – Basic Organization. Until the primary election of 2020, the basic organization of the Libertarian Party of New York County shall consist of the membership defined by and consistent with the Libertarian Party’s Rules filed with the NYS Board of Elections, Article 5, after which time the basic organization of the Libertarian Party of New York County shall consist of the Libertarian electors of each Election District who have duly enrolled as required by law in their respective election districts for the purposes of participation in the primary elections of the Libertarian Party.

Section 2 – Territory. The territory of this organization will encompass the entire County of New York, State of New York.

Section 3 – Purpose of Organization. The County Committee is organized for the purpose of supporting and electing to public office candidates nominated by the Libertarian Party pursuant to law, of engaging in political action for the promotion of principles and policies of the Libertarian Party, and of coordinating the activities of all other Libertarian Party organizations within New York County.

**ARTICLE II  
County Committee**

Section 1 – Authority and Power. The County Committee shall have general authority over the Libertarian Party organization of New York County and every subdivision thereof except where limited by these rules and regulations, by the rules and regulations of the Libertarian Party, or by law. All committees, organizations and other activities of the Libertarian Party within New York County shall be under the jurisdiction of the County Committee and subject to such provisions and regulations as it may prescribe.

Section 2 – Membership. If a County Committee has not been constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, the County Committee shall be constituted by every voter registered in New York County who has enrolled in the Libertarian Party as provided by statute. If a County Committee has been constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, the County Committee shall be constituted

by the Election, biennially in each even numbered year at the first primary election in each such year, held pursuant to the election law, of two (2) members from each Election District within the county, who shall be residents of the Assembly district containing the Election District from which they are elected except as hereinafter provided in this section. If more than fifty (50), but not more than seventy five (75) Libertarian Party votes were cast for Governor in any Election District in the last preceding Gubernatorial Election, then three (3) County Committee members shall be elected from that district. If more than seventy five (75) Libertarian Party votes were cast in the last preceding Gubernatorial Election then four (4) County Committee members shall be elected from that district. If the boundaries of any Election District have been changed or a new Election District has been created since the last preceding Gubernatorial Election, the Libertarian Party enrollment in such new district(s) shall be used in lieu of the last Gubernatorial Election vote. Each new Election District shall be granted the right to elect two (2) County Committee members and one additional County Committee member for each number of enrolled Libertarians in the new Election District that exceeds the average number of enrolled Libertarians in the other Election Districts by multiples of fifty percent (50%) of the average number of enrolled Libertarians per district, with a maximum of four (4) County Committee members to be elected per Election District.

Section 2.1 Interim Membership. In compliance with Article 5 of the Libertarian Party of New York Rules, Membership for the County Committee shall be open to every voter who has enrolled in the Libertarian Party as provided by statute. Through November 30, 2019, membership in the Libertarian Party of New York County shall also be open to members of the Free Libertarian Party, Inc. who currently are and were in good standing as of December 2, 2018 and members of the affiliated county chapter. This rule will apply until the 2020 primary elections after which County Committee membership will then be governed as outlined in Article II, Section 2.

Section 3 – Officers. The officers of the County Committee shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, all who shall be elected by the County Committee at its organizing meeting as hereinafter proved. Such officers shall be enrolled members of the Libertarian Party and residents of the State of New York ~~and~~ New York County.

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Section 4 – Terms of Office. Officers of the County Committee shall serve until their successors are elected at the next biennial organizing meeting or until the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from office of any such officer, whichever shall first occur. No officer shall be limited in the number of terms nor consecutive terms in which they serve.

Section 5 – Vacancies on County Committee. If a County Committee has been constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, any vacancy in the membership of the County Committee caused by death, resignation, declination, disqualification, removal from the Election District, or removal from office of a member of the County Committee, or by failure to elect a member, or by creation of a new Election District for which there shall be no member in the County Committee may be filled by the remaining members of the County Committee by the election



at any regular or special meeting thereof or at its organizing meeting of an enrolled Libertarian qualified to represent the Election District in question.

Section 6 – Vacancies of County Office. Any vacancy of a County Committee office shall be filled by the Executive Committee which shall meet not later than forty-five (45) days after the effective date of such vacancy for the purpose of electing a successor to serve the remainder of such unexpired term.

Section 7 – Removal of Member of County Committee.

a. A member of the County Committee may be removed from such committee for disloyalty to the party, corruption in office, enrollment in another party or conduct reflecting discredit upon the Libertarian Party, pursuant to a hearing of the Executive Committee, upon written charges and motion for removal made by another member.

b. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the Executive Committee meeting sustaining the charges, the party so charged shall immediately be suspended from the County Committee. He shall thereafter have 30 days to file notice of appeal to the County Committee with the Secretary thereof. If such notice of appeal is not received by the Secretary within such thirty (30) day period, the member in question shall be immediately and automatically removed from membership at the expiration thereof, and a vacancy shall thereby be created.

c. If notice of appeal is filed, the County Chairman shall call a special meeting of the County Committee to be held within 30 days after the receipt of the notice of appeal for the purpose of hearing arguments thereon. Upon the hearing of such appeal, all available testimony or other evidence may again be presented, either personally or by counsel, by the appellant, together with the arguments for overruling the decision of the Executive Committee. The General Counsel of the County Committee or such other person as may be designated by the Executive Committee shall present evidence and arguments for sustaining the decision of the Executive Committee.

d. The County Committee shall, after hearing all evidence and arguments on the motion to overrule the decision of the Executive Committee, vote thereon. A majority voter of those present in person and voting shall be necessary to overrule the decision of the Executive Committee. Such vote shall be by secret ballot by writing the word “overrule” or “sustain” thereon. If such decision is so overruled, the applicant shall immediately and automatically be fully reinstated as a member of the County Committee. If such decision is not overruled then it shall be deemed sustained, and the applicant shall immediately and automatically be removed from membership, and a vacancy shall be created.

Section 8 – Removal of Officers. Any officer of the County Committee may be removed from office on the same grounds and by the same procedure as hereinbefore set forth in Section 7, provided, however that said procedure shall be known as an impeachment proceeding, and

provided further that impeachment proceeding and proceeding for removal of the offices as a member of the County Committee may be combined in one proceeding.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Meetings**

Section 1 – Organizing Meeting. If a County Committee has been constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, an organizing meeting of the County Committee shall be held within twenty (20) days after the election of members thereof at a primary election as hereinbefore provided.

Section 2 – Other Meetings. Other meetings of the County Committee shall be held at such times and places as the County Committee may decide.

Section 3 – Special Meetings. Special meetings of the County Committee shall be called by the Chairman, upon the vote of the Executive Committee or the written request of at least five percent (5%) of the membership of the County Committee, which request shall be filed with the County Secretary. A meeting called upon such written request shall be held within sixty (60) days after receipt by the County Secretary thereof.

Section 4 – Notice. Five (5) day's written notice of all regular, special, or organizing meetings shall be given to members of the County Committee and when notice is sent, it shall contain an agenda of topics to be discussed at the meeting and a starting time of said meeting. Other topics not listed on the agenda may be discussed at any regular or organizing meeting, but in the absence of a vote to the contrary, discussions at any special meeting shall be limited to those topics listed on the agenda.

Section 5 – Presiding Officer. The County Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman will preside at all meetings of the County Committee. Upon the organizing meeting of the County Committee, the Chairman of the outgoing County Committee, or in his absence the Vice Chairman thereof, shall preside until the Chairman of the new County Committee is elected.

Section 6 – Quorum. If a County Committee has been constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, one tenth (1/10) of the duly elected members of the County Committee or one hundred (100) persons, whichever is less, present in person shall constitute a quorum. If a County Committee has not been constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, five (5) persons present in person shall constitute a quorum. In case a quorum shall not be present at any meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to a future date by those present. Appropriate notice of such adjourned date shall be given to all members of the County Committee.

Section 7 – Majority Vote. A majority of votes cast by duly qualified members of the County Committee, present in person unless specified elsewhere in these Rules and Regulations, shall be sufficient to decide the outcome of any issue presented for a vote or of any election.

Section 8 – Voting. Voting at County Committee meetings will be by either secret ballot, roll-call, show of hands, or “ayes” (yes’s) and “nays” depending upon the decision of the majority of the County Committee members present in person at the meeting: provided, however, that the election of County Officers shall be voted upon by secret ballot in the event that said election is contested. In regard to the removal of a County Officer or Committeeman from office or membership on the Committee, regardless of opposition, a vote must be taken by secret ballot to record any “no” or opposition votes.

Section 9 – Proxies

a. No proxy votes shall be allowed at any time or in any committee and are invalid on every issue.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Duties of Officers**

Section 1 – Chairman. The Chairman of the County Committee shall be the chief executive officer of the Libertarian Party of New York County and shall have overall authority and responsibility for the operation of the Libertarian Party throughout the County. The Chairman shall be the chief spokesman of the Party in New York County and shall represent the Party in that capacity in its relations with the public, other parties, elected officials, candidates for public office, the Libertarian Party State Committee and State Executive Committee and officers thereof. The Chairman shall perform the duties prescribed by these Rules and Regulations and those usually devolving upon a Chairman and incident to the office of Chairman and those provided by law. The Chairman shall be Ex-Officio a member of all standing and special committees. The Chairman shall make all appointments called for by law or by these Rules and Regulations.

Section 2 – Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of the foregoing duties. The Vice Chairman will be responsible for coordinating the internal activities of the Libertarian Party of New York County including but not limited to the activities of all committees and other organizations or groups operating under the authority of or in alliance with the Libertarian Party or any of its candidates, the operation of all standing or special Committees of the County Committee and all Libertarian Party Local Committees operating within New York County and shall report periodically to the County Executive Committee as to the progress being made by the Local Committees in furtherance of their responsibilities as outlined by the County Executive Committee. In the absence of the Chairman or in the event of the Chairman’s disability, all the powers and duties conferred upon the Chairman by law or by these Rules and Regulations shall, during such absence or disability devolve upon the Vice Chairman, or in the event the Vice Chairman is also absent or under disability upon the Treasurer. In the event of a vacancy of the office of Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman until the vacancy is filled as provided in Article II, Section 6 of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 3 – Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the records and maintain the files and offices of the County Committee; shall keep or cause to be kept, the minutes of all meetings of the County Committee; shall notify Executive Committee members of meetings; keep the vote count of all Executive and County Committee meetings; be prepared to supply a copy of the minutes of any County Executive Committee meeting or County Committee meeting upon request to any member of the County Executive Committee; and, perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Executive Committee or the County Chairman.

Section 4 – Treasurer.

a. The Treasurer shall receive and have custody of all funds contributed, earned, raised or otherwise accruing to the Libertarian Party of New York County, and shall submit statements of the Party's receipts, expenditures and financial conditions to the County Executive Committee.

b. All monies in the custody of the County Treasurer will be deposited in a Bank operating in New York County no later than 15 days after receipt of such monies. The Treasurer is empowered to open a single checking account and a single savings account in the name of the Libertarian Party of New York County. Only the County Treasurer, in conjunction with the County Chairman or Vice Chairman are empowered to withdraw funds from the Party's Bank accounts. Any check withdrawal order or other direction of instruction to any depository bank used by the Libertarian Party of New York County shall require the signature of the County Committee's Treasurer and the countersignature of either the Chairman, Vice Chairman, or County Committee's Secretary.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Standing Committee**

Section 1 – Standing Committees. Once a County Committee is constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, there shall be the following Standing Committees of the County Committee. Until that point, there shall be no mandated Standing Committees.

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| 1. Law.               | 5. Membership.     |
| 2. Finance.           | 6. Campaign.       |
| 3. Public Relations.  | 7. Communications. |
| 4. Political Affairs. | 8. Youth.          |

Section 2 – Committee Chairmanships. The Chairman of each such committee shall be appointed by the County Chairman, but only with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. To qualify for such an appointment, a person must be enrolled Libertarian, but need not be a member of the County Committee or a resident of the county; provided, however, that no Assembly District Leader shall be eligible for such appointment. Once appointment as hereinbefore provided is made, such Committee Chairman shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman or the Executive Committee and may be removed from office

for any reason and at any time by the County Chairman, or by a motion of any member of the Executive Committee duly made and carried out at any meeting by that body.

Section 3 – Vacancies of Committee Chairmanships. Any vacancy of the Chairmanship of any Standing Committee shall be filled by the appointment of a successor by the County Chairman as hereinbefore provided. Upon the occurrence of such a vacancy, the members of such committees shall elect from among their number a temporary Chairman who shall serve to perform the duties of the Chairman until the duly appointed successor takes office.

Section 4 – Committee Membership. The members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of such committee, and shall serve at his/her pleasure provided, however, that no such committee shall have less than 3 nor more than 25 members. Upon the occurrence of any vacancy in the Chairmanship of any committee the members thereof shall continue as members until removed or replaced by the duly appointed successor Chairman.

Section 5 - Law Committee. It shall be the duty of the Law Committee to advise the County Committee and the Executive Committee concerning the legal aspects of all activities, and in particular to ensure that the activities of the Libertarian Party of New York County comply with the provisions of the New York Election Law. The Chairman of the Law Committee shall be the General Counsel of the Libertarian Party of New York County, shall advise the County Committee and the Executive Committee in connection with any and all legal matters, and shall represent the Libertarian Party of New York County in all legal proceedings.

Section 6 – Finance Committee. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to conduct Fund Raising activities and drives for the support of the activities of the County Committee and the campaigns of candidates for county wide office or for other candidates within the County for which the County Committee or the Executive Committee has authorized countywide financial support. The net proceeds, together with the full accounting of receipts and expenditures for each such fund raising activity shall be turned over to the County Committee's Treasurer. The Finance Committee may, pursuant to the instructions of the Executive Committee maintain a petty cash fund for which the Finance Committee Chairman shall be personally responsible.

Section 7 – Public Relations Committee. It shall be the duty of the Public Relations Committee to develop and execute programs to publicize the Libertarian Party, its activities and candidates in all media of communications in New York County. To maintain and coordinate a speaker's Bureau and to sponsor, schedule, and carry out political or educational programs designed to further the ends and philosophy of the Party. The Chairman of the Publicity Committee shall be the Public Relations Director of the Libertarian Party of New York County.

Section 8 – Political Affairs Committee. It shall be the duty of the Political Affairs Committee to follow all state, local, national or international events which are of particular interest and importance to the party, keep a record of the legislative and political activities of all those public office holders responsible in whole or in part to the people of New York County, to perform such political research as may be assigned it by the County Chairman or Executive

Committee, to maintain a political calendar and a calendar of events of importance or interest to the Party and to recommend appropriate individual Local Committee or county wide political action.

Section 9 – Membership Committee. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to coordinate membership drives and procedures and enrollment drives in the county, to assist and advise Local Committees in similar activities, to maintain list of (1) all enrolled Libertarians in the county (2) members of all Local Committees in the County and (3) members of the County Committee; to compile and maintain statistics on enrollment, voting, registration and district lines within New York County and to initiate or assist in the establishment and organization of such new Libertarian Party Local Committees or other Libertarian organizations within the County as the County Committee or Executive Committee shall direct.

Section 10 – Campaign Committee. It shall be the duty of the Campaign Committee to coordinate all campaigns for Libertarian Party candidates within the county, to advise individual candidates and campaign managers so as to provide a smoothly coordinated campaign in each election; to coordinate the circulation of petitions; to organize all county political actions deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Campaign Committee shall be the Campaign Coordinator of the Libertarian Party of New York County.

Section 11 – Communications Committee. It shall be the duty of the Publications Committee to sell or distribute the official news publications of the Party, both County and State. This committee will also be responsible for publication of a county email newsletter, management of social media channels, creation of promotional materials, and maintenance of the website. This committee may act either alone or in conjunction with any similar committee or any Libertarian Party committee or Local Committees within the county.

Section 12 – Youth Committee. It shall be the duty of the Youth committee to provide an effective education and advisory program for Libertarian youths and to encourage the ideals of Libertarianism in the youth in this county. The Chairman of the Youth Committee shall be the Youth Coordinator of the Libertarian Party of New York County.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Executive Committee**

**Section 1 – Composition of the Executive Committee.** There shall be an Executive Committee of the New York County Committee of the Libertarian Party herein referred to as the Executive Committee, which shall be separate and distinct from, and shall not be a subcommittee of the County Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the County Committee.
- b. The Chairman of all Standing and Special Committees of the County Committee as herein provided.
- c. The Assembly District Leaders of all Assembly Districts within New York County as hereinafter provided.
- d. The immediate past Chairman of the County Committee or Interim County Committee.
- e. Assembly District Administrators as hereinafter provided.

**Section 2 – Officers.** The officers of the Executive Committee shall be the Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, of the County Committee.

**Section 3 – Powers.**

- a. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the full County Committee when such Committee is not in session. It shall carry out the resolutions of the County Committee and shall, between meetings of the County Committee, administer the affairs of the Libertarian Party of New York County.
- b. The County Executive Committee shall have the power to create such special committees as it may determine and will delegate the selection of a Chairman of each to the County Chairman of the Executive Committee who shall make such appointment, but only with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.
- c. The County Executive Committee shall have the power to make Rules and Regulations, adopt procedures and make decisions for its own government and activities not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations.

**Section 4 – Administrative Officials.** The Chairman of the Executive Committee may appoint, but only with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, a Recording Secretary or other such administrative officials as he may deem advisable. Such officials shall hold office only at the pleasure of the Chairman and of the Executive Committee, and may be removed from office for any reason and at any time by the County Chairman or by a motion of any member of the Executive Committee only, made and carried at any meeting of the Executive Committee. These Administrative Officials will not have the right to vote at Executive Committee meetings

and may be excluded from any meeting of the Executive Committee or any portion of such meeting by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 5 – Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two months at such times and places as the Committee may decide, or upon the call of the Chairman, or upon the request of 25% of its members, which request shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of such Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the requested meeting date. Five (5) days written notice of each Executive Committee meeting must be given to each member thereof.

Section 6 – Quorums and Voting. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the members thereof. Unless otherwise specified in these Rules and Regulations, a majority vote of those present in person and voting shall decide any issue. No member may vote in more than one capacity regardless of whether or not they are serving in more than one capacity on the Executive Committee, a Standing or Special Committee, or a Local Committee. Each Executive Committee officer is entitled to one vote. Standing, Special Committee Chairman, and the immediate past County Chairman shall have 1 vote. All Assembly District Leaders representing districts within which the last vote for Governor in their district on the Libertarian line was less than 500 votes shall have 1 vote. Those leaders representing districts within which the last vote for Governor on the Libertarian Line was 500, or more than five hundred, votes shall have 2 votes.

Section 7 – Removal of members of the Executive Committee.

a. Any member of the Executive Committee, other than an officer thereof, may be removed from such committee for disloyalty to the party, corruption in office, enrollment in another party, conduct reflecting discredit upon the Libertarian Party, or dereliction in the performance of their duties, pursuant to a hearing by the Executive Committee, upon written charges and a motion for removal made by another member.

b. Upon a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the Executive Committee meeting, sustaining the charges, the party so charged shall immediately and automatically be removed from membership.

c. If the member removed shall be the immediate past Chairman, then no successor shall be appointed.

d. If the member removed shall be an appointed member, then a successor shall be appointed as provided by these Rules and Regulations

e. If the member removed shall be an Assembly District Leader, then an Administrator shall be appointed – as provided by Article III, Section 4 of these Rules and Regulations



f. The remedies provided in this section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the provision of Article V, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 4 and Article VIII, Section 4 of these Rules and Regulations,

g. An officer of the Executive Committee may be removed only pursuant to an impeachment proceeding as provided for in Article II, Section 8 of these Rules and Regulations

Section 9 – Hearings. Whenever by these Rules and Regulations a hearing is required to be held, by the Executive Committee, in a removal, impeachment or revocation proceeding, such hearing shall be subject to the following rules:

a. The charges upon which the proceedings is base must be approved for hearing by a majority vote of those present and voting at an Executive Committee meeting which MUST be held within 60 days from the date the charges and motion are presented to the Secretary of the Executive Committee, and if such approval is not given, the charge shall be deemed dismissed and the motion defeated.

b. Ten (10) days written notice of the hearing shall be given by the Secretary to all members of the Executive Committee, the party presenting the charges and the party charged, and, in the case of a charter revocation proceeding, to all officers of the Local Committee in question whose names and addresses are known to the County Executive Committee. Such notice shall contain a copy of the motion and charges and of this section and of the sections under which the proceeding is instituted.

c. The hearing shall be held within ninety (90) days of the date of receipt, by the Secretary of the Executive Committee, of the written charges and motion upon which the proceeding is based.

d. At such hearing, both the party presenting the charges and the party charged shall be given every reasonable opportunity, either personally or by counsel, to present their respective cases in full, including all available testimony or other evidence.

e. Failure of either party, without good cause shown at the time of the hearing, to be present therefore, shall operate as a forfeiture of such party's right to the hearing, and the decision of the Executive Committee shall be made upon the written charges and whatever evidence is presented by any person or party at such hearing.

f. The hearing shall be closed to all except members of the Executive Committee, the parties, including Officers and Executive Committeemen of the Local Committee in question in a Charter revocation proceeding, and counsel for the parties.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **Parliamentary Procedure**

#### Section 1 – Authority.

a. In all cases not provided by law, or by these Rules and Regulations, the authority for parliamentary procedure for any meeting of the County Committee of Executive Committee shall be “Robert’s Rules of Order”, latest edition (however titled), insofar as such rules may be appropriately applied to instill equity in recognition and civil conduct in a meeting.

b. Any member of any Libertarian Committee in New York County may move to impose Robert’s Rules of Order, and if the motion is seconded the meeting is required to proceed following Roberts Rules of Order; no vote is needed. The requirement to follow Robert’s Rules of order can be lifted by the approval of a motion to suspend Roberts Rules of Order, which motion is supported by 75% of the members present. The motion to impose and the motion to suspend have no limits concerning the number of times they can be made during a meeting.

Section 2 – Rulings. The Chairman, or in the absence of the Chairman, the presiding officer of the meeting, shall make all rulings with respect to parliamentary procedure and interpretation of these, or any other Rules and Regulations, under which said meeting is operating.

Section 3 – Disputed Rulings. If a ruling by the Chairman, as hereinbefore provided, be disputed, such ruling may

a. Be referred to the General Counsel for their opinion, which opinion shall be binding upon that body. Such referral to General Counsel may be either by the Chairman directly or by a majority vote on a referral motion, which motion shall be voted upon immediately.

b. In the absence of General Counsel at the meeting, the ruling of the Chairman may be overturned by a 3/4<sup>th</sup> vote on a motion to not support the ruling of the Chairman, which motion shall be voted upon immediately.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **District Leadership**

Section 1 – District Leaders. One Assembly District Leader shall be elected in each Assembly District within New York County in accordance with the applicable provisions of the New York Election Law. If any Assembly district shall be partly within New York County, then a District Leader shall be elected for that portion of such Assembly District within New York County.

#### Section 2 – Vacancies of District Leadership.

a. Any vacancy of the Office of District Leader caused by the death, resignation, declination or disqualification, removal from the Assembly District or removal from office or by failure to elect a District Leader or by the creation of a new Assembly District for which there shall be no duly elected Leader, shall be filled by the County Committeemen from such district, who shall meet not later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of such vacancy to elect a Leader from among the enrolled Libertarian voters of that district.

b. Such election shall be by majority vote taken at such meeting at which at least twenty percent (20%) of the County Committeemen from said district must be present.

c. Such meeting may be called by any County Committeeman from such district. The party calling said meeting must give at least ten (10) days written notice thereof to all County Committeemen from said district and to all County officers.

d. Any election held pursuant to this section shall be void unless the procedures set forth in subsections b. and c. have been fully complied with.

e. In the event that the County Committeemen from said district shall fail, within the 60-day period provided in subsection a. hereof, to elect a Leader as hereinbefore provided, then the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee. The County Committeemen, and each of them, hereby delegate such authority to the Executive Committee.

Section 3 – Duties and Responsibilities. The District leader shall be responsible for the organization and advancement of the Libertarian party within their Assembly District, and for the coordination of Local Committees, activities, candidates, and campaigns therein.

Section 4 - Assembly District Administrators.

a. An Assembly District Administrator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for any District wherein the District Leader shall have been removed from the Executive Committee as provided in Article VI, Section 7 of these Rules and Regulations, in which case the appointment shall be made within sixty (60) days of such removal.

b. Such Administrators may also be appointed by the Executive Committee, whether or not the Assembly District Leader has been so removed, if on written charges and motion by any member of the Executive Committee, that committee shall find, pursuant to a hearing and by majority vote of those present and voting, that the Assembly District Leader of the Assembly District in Question is guilty of disloyalty to the party, corruption in office, enrollment in another party, conduct reflecting discredit on the Libertarian Party, or dereliction in the performance of their duties.

c. Upon appointment, such Assembly District Administrator shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Assembly District Leader who shall be deemed to be relieved thereof. The Assembly District Administrator shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall have voting power pursuant to Article VI, Section 6

d. Assembly District Administrators shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee and may be removed from office for any reason and at any time by a motion of any member of the Executive Committee duly made and carried at any meeting of that body.

**ARTICLE IX**

### **Libertarian Party Committees, and other Affiliated Organizations**

**Section 1 – Recognition.** The County Executive Committee shall have the power to organize and recognize organizations in New York County as affiliated and supporting organizations of the Libertarian Party. Such recognition shall be revocable in the discretion of the Executive Committee and shall be subject to Rules and Regulations, procedures, and decisions made by the County Executive Committee. All duly organized or chartered Libertarian Party organizations within New York County, the charters of those which are in full force and effect at the time of the adoption of these Rules and Regulations, or any Libertarian Party hereafter organizing or obtaining a Charter or receiving an Interim Charter from the County Executive Committee as hereinafter provided in accordance with this section shall be considered as a duly recognized and affiliated organizations.

### **Section 2 – Charters. New Charter**

a. Any proposed Libertarian Party Local Committee or organization within New York County, in order to obtain its charter from the State Executive Committee must submit a charter application in the form prescribed by the State Executive Committee, which application must be submitted via the County Executive Committee.

b. In addition to any requirement which the State Executive Committee may impose, such application must contain a list of the proposed Local Committee or organization membership, which membership shall be a number equal to 50% of the number of Election District representatives allowed for that Assembly District in the county or 20, whichever is less.

c. Upon the submission to the County Executive Committee of a charter application of a proposed Local Committee or organization, such application shall be acted upon by the County “Executive Committee within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt thereof.

d. In acting upon such application, the County Executive Committee must either 1) forward the application to the State Executive Committee recommending disapproval thereof and stating its reasons therefore, or 2) issue an Interim Charter to such Local Committee or organization assigning it a name and political jurisdiction and advising it that during the term of the Interim Charter, it will be in all respects qualified and authorized to act as a regularly chartered Libertarian Party Local Committee.

e. Such Interim Charter shall be valid for a period of one year from the date thereof. Prior to the expiration of such Interim Charter, but not more than 45 days prior to such expiration, the Executive Committee shall meet for the purpose of determining its recommendation. At that time the Executive Committee must forward the charter application to the State Executive Committee, either recommending approval or disapproval thereof, and if disapproval is recommended, its reasons therefor.

f. The County Executive Committee may at any time during the term of the Interim Charter, revoke the same for cause, and thereupon forward the charter application to the State Executive Committee recommending disapproval thereof and stating its reasons therefor.

g. It will be the responsibility of the members of the Executive Committee as a group to keep themselves advised as to the activity of such Local Committee or organization, during the term of its Interim Charter. Such Local Committee or organization must notify each member of the County Executive Committee of the time and place of all meetings and other organization activities.

### Section 3 – Revocation of Charters.

a. The County Executive Committee may, by majority vote, adopt a resolution either revoking the Interim Charter of a Local Committee or organization holding such Interim Charter or calling upon the State Executive Committee to revoke the Charter of a duly Chartered Libertarian Party Local Committee or organization.

b. Such action may be taken only pursuant to a hearing conducted upon written charges and motion for revocation.

c. Upon the passage of a resolution calling upon the State Committee to revoke a Charter, the County Chairman shall within one (1) week thereafter, forward to the State Chairman by certified mail, a verbatim report of the resolution for revocation, the charges upon which such resolution was based, together with any comments thereon, and a request on behalf of the County Committee that such Charter be revoked. A copy of such communication shall be sent, by certified mail to the members of the Executive Committee of the Local Committee or organization in question, whose names and addresses are known.

d. Within one (1) week of the passage of a resolution revoking an Interim Charter, a notice thereof including a verbatim report of the resolution, the charges upon which the resolution was based, together with any appropriate amplifying comments thereon shall be sent by the County Chairman, by certified mail, to all members of the Executive Committee of the Organization in question, whose name and addresses are known.

Section 4 – Mergers. The procedural requirements for mergers of Local Committees holding Interim Charters or Chartered Libertarian Party organizations or of a combination of both, shall be the same as hereinbefore set forth for revocation of charters, except that the hearing shall be held on written recommendation for merger rather than on written charges.

Section 5 - Jurisdiction. Each Local Committee or Organization when organized and recognized by the County Executive Committee shall be assigned an area of jurisdiction of the Libertarian Party within which it will be responsible for the advancement of the Libertarian party. Each Assembly District within the County is entitled to one Local Committee, except in districts where, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, the size of the Libertarian vote, the

potential Libertarian vote, the type of voter distribution or the geographical arrangement of the district justify the existence of 2 Local Committees. There shall be no more than 2 Local Committees in any one Assembly District.

Section 6 – Change of Name, Jurisdiction or Bylaws. No Libertarian Party Local Committee or Organization’s name or jurisdiction shall be changed, except with the express approval of the County Executive Committee. All proposed amendments to Local Committee or Organization Rules and Regulations which are submitted to the State Executive Committee for approval shall be forwarded via the County Executive Committee, which shall endorse thereon its recommendations for approval or disapproval in whole or in part of such proposed amendments. Regardless of the nature of the recommendations made by the County Executive Committee with respect to any such proposed amendment, the County Executive Committee must, if the committee involved insists, forward such proposed amendment to the State Executive Committee for its action.

Section 7 – Indebtedness. The Libertarian Party of New York County, its County Committee and its Executive Committee will not be liable for any indebtedness incurred by any Libertarian Party Local Committee or organization, or any officer, committee or member of any such Local Committee or Organization, or any other organization or officer or member thereof, acting or purporting to act on behalf of, or in cooperation with, the Libertarian Party of New York, The Libertarian Party of New York County, the County Committee or any Libertarian or Libertarian endorsed candidate for public office.

Section 8 – Membership and Mailing lists and Financial Reports. Any Libertarian Party Local Committee or organization in New York County must annually by March 15 and also upon request by the County Committee or Executive Committee, furnish its membership list, mailing list, and names of all officers and members of the Executive Committee, and an up-to-date financial report.

Section 9 – Assessments. The County Committee or Executive Committee shall be empowered to assess, in the form of a required participation in County Committee fund raising functions, each Libertarian Party Local Committee and organization in New York County for the operation and maintenance of the County Committee, Executive Committee and a County Headquarters, and for the financing of campaigns.

Section 10 – Adherence to County Rules and Regulations. All Libertarian Party Local Committees and other recognized and affiliated organizations within New York County will adhere to these Rules and Regulations insofar as they apply to said Local Committees or other organizations. Failure to do so shall be grounds for revocation of recognition of the organization as hereinbefore provided or for revocation of an organization’s charter.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Candidates for Public Office**

Section 1 – Selection of Candidates. Selection of candidates as regular candidates approved by the County organization for Public Office shall be made pursuant to the following Rules and Regulations.

a. Selection of a candidate for Public Office representing an area less than countywide in scope shall be made by the Local Committee or organization in whose jurisdiction the area of representation lies, with the approval of the Assembly District Leader or Leaders in whose jurisdiction the area of representation lies. If there is no Local Committee, selection shall be made by the County Executive Committee.

b. Where non-countywide offices represent an area within the jurisdiction of two (2) or more Local Committees, candidates shall be selected by the mutual agreement of the Local Committees and Assembly District Leaders involved. In the event of a dispute between the Local Committees or the Leaders involved, the selection shall be made by the County Executive Committee. If there are no Local Committees, selection shall be made by the County Executive Committee.

c. Selection of candidates for countywide office shall be made by the County Executive Committee.

d. Selection of candidates for office representing areas covering more than one county, or parts thereof, together with New York County, shall be made by the County Executive Committee in conjunction with the appropriate Libertarian Party authority in such other county or counties.

e. Sub-sections (a) and (b) hereof notwithstanding, all endorsements of candidates of other parties must be made by the County Executive Committee, regardless of the area which each office represents and must additionally have the approval of both the Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee and the Chairman of the Campaign Committee.

Section 3 – Authorization of Candidates for Public Office not Enrolled in the Libertarian Party.

A recommendation for the designation or nomination of a person as a candidate for any office to be filled by the voters in New York County of any political subdivision within New York County, at any general or special election, who is not enrolled as a member of the Libertarian Party, shall be made by the County Executive Committee to the State Committee, together with the reasons for such recommendation. The State Committee shall have the authority to make such a designation or nomination. In the event that such designation or nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of a political subdivision lying partly in New York County and partly in any other county or borough, other than offices to be filled by all of the voters of the City of New York, such recommendation to the State Committee shall be made by a committee consisting of the Chairman of the New York County Committee and the Chairman, or person or body of the other respective County Committee(ies) possessing the powers to make such

**Deleted:** Section 2 – Accommodations. No arrangements may be made by any Local Committee or organization or any Assembly District Leader which purpose would be to accommodate a candidate or candidates of another party. There is to be no actions taken to withdraw any Libertarian Party candidate or to deliberately leave a vacancy for such office on the Libertarian Line on the Ballot when the Libertarian Party has an enrolled Libertarian, who is a resident of the district and qualified to take office according to governing law, to be a candidate that wants to run for office on that line. The County Executive Committee may, subject to the Election Law, only select an enrolled Libertarian as a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Ballot.

recommendation to the State Committee, of each county in which such political subdivision lies.

**Section 4 – Nominations to Fill Vacancies; Filing vacancies in Nominations. Nominations for Special Elections.**

a. A nomination of a candidate for election to fill a vacancy occurring after the date on or before which a vacancy must be filled at a primary, a nomination for an office to be filled at special election, and a vacancy in the nomination made at a primary or by a tie vote thereat, shall be made or filled, as the case may be, by the Executive Committee of the County Committee, for any office to be filled by the voters of New York County, or of any political subdivision within New York County, or in the case of a nomination or vacancy for any office to be filled by the voters of any political subdivision lying partly in New York County and partly in any other county, other than for any office to be filled by all the voters of the city of New York and Congressional elections, by a committee consisting of the Chairman of New York County Committee and the Chairmen of the other respective County Committees of each county in which such political subdivision lies.

b. In the case of a special election for Congress, the candidate of the Libertarian party, wherein either the whole or any part of the district therein lies in New York County shall be chosen in the following manner. The County Committeemen from the Congressional District shall be called together by the County Chairman or his designated representative within the time period prescribed by the Election Law and shall vote to designate a person as a candidate for the existing vacancy. If the candidate is not enrolled as a member of the Libertarian Party, the recommendation for the candidate to be so designated shall be sent to the State Committee and the authorization of the candidate to be so designated shall be made by the State Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Amendments**

**Section 1 – Initiation.** Proposed amendments to these Rules and Regulations may be initiated by the County Executive Committee; or by any member of the County Committee, upon presentation to the Executive Committee of a petition containing the text of the proposed amendment and bearing the signatures of not less than 5% of the County Committee membership. Such petition must be filed with the Secretary of the Executive Committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the next regular meeting of the County Committee or not less than thirty (30) days prior to a special meeting thereof called to consider such amendment.

**Section 2 – Ratification.** Amendments proposed by the Executive Committee or by an individual member's petition shall not become effective unless ratified by a two thirds (2/3) majority of those County Committee members present at the regular or special meeting of the County Committee at which it is voted upon. If voted upon and defeated, it may not be voted upon



again unless properly initiated as hereinbefore provided. Upon ratification, the new amendment will become effective immediately unless otherwise provided therein.

Section 3 – Notice. All duly qualified members of the County Committee must receive a complete text of any amendment that will be proposed for their consideration, together with the notice of the regular or special meeting at which it will be considered as hereinbefore provided.

#### **ARTICLE XII** **Notice Requirement**

a. Whenever, by these Rules and Regulations written notice of a specified number of days is required, such requirement must be satisfied by either depositing such notice in a United States Post Office, or a receptacle maintained by the United States Post office for deposit of mail, or by personal deliver of said notice, all of which must be done at least the specified number of days prior to the date of the event of which notice is given. If the notice is mailed as aforesaid, it must be addressed to the party to be notified at their last known address, and unless a different class of mail is specified by the selection requiring such notice, sent by first class mail with postage prepaid.

b. When the County Committee member has signed an agreement to receive such notices by email in lieu of a notice sent using the United States Post Office services, such email notice shall be deemed to have been sent and delivered the date and time the notice was sent to the individual(s).

c. Sub-sections (a) and (b) hereof notwithstanding, if a County Committee has not been constituted under N.Y. Elec. Law § 2-104, notice by direct email shall be considered written notice and reasonably adequate publication on social media (e.g., not in closed groups) shall be considered adequate written notice to all members of the County Committee.

#### **ARTICLE XIII** **Severability**

In the event that any Article, Section, Subsection or part of these bylaws are declared unconstitutional, void or in violation of the laws of the State of New York it shall only affect such Article, Section, Subsection or part and it shall in no way affect the remainder of these rules.

#### **ARTICLE XIV** **Effective Date**

These Rules and Regulations shall become effective immediately upon their approval by a majority vote at the organizing meeting of the Interim County Committee provided for by Article III, Section 1 hereof, and shall remain in full force and effect as enacted, and as amended as hereinbefore provided, unless new Rules and Regulations expressly revoking and

superseding these Rules and Regulations are adopted by any subsequent, regular or special or organizing meeting of the duly elected County Committee, it being unnecessary for each such County Committee to affirmatively re-enact these Rules and Regulations at its organizing meeting.

Approved by majority vote of the New York County Committee of the Libertarian Party held in

New York County at \_\_\_\_\_ PM, the 11th day of September, 2019 at

Ukrainian East Village Restaurant,  
140 2nd Ave  
New York, NY 10003

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(Chairman)

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(Secretary)

Libertarian Party of New York County  
Interim County Organization Founding Members

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All persons above have been credentialed as qualified members of the Libertarian Party of New York County.

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York County

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\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York County



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: ShawnL@comicspundit.com

Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 3:09 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Shawn Levasseur

**Email**[ShawnL@ComicsPundit.com](mailto:ShawnL@ComicsPundit.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

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**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Been a state committee member in some shape way or form from 1996 through the present, excepting a gap from 2004 to 2007. I've held the positions of secretary, state chairman, and currently as treasurer.

I've run for state legislature three times, (1998,2000, and a special election in 2015).

I'm currently serving my second 4 year term as a committee member of the Knox County (Maine) Budget Committee. My first term was filling a vacancy, I was elected to my second term, and plan on running for reelection in 2020.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

In 2012, 2014, and 2016 I was a part of (or had been the entirety of) the state party bylaws committee. I contributed a few bylaw proposals in 2018.

Attached to this application are pdfs of LPME bylaws and the proposals I wrote to change them in '12,' 14 & '16 . The formats of the proposal presentations were strongly influenced by the materials provided in the national convention manuals.

I've always considered myself a bit of a process geek, as rules and bylaws interested me far more than platforms do. (As seen by my encouragement of the Libertarian Party of Maine to adopt the "World's Smallest Political Platform" in lieu of anything more detailed).

For as long as I can remember the Bylaws & Rules Committee has requested feedback from members in the form of a survey prior to conventions, I have always responded, usually with some commentary on each proposal.

I've also commented publicly on Bylaws proposals in many internet forums, especially on IPR. My comments on many of last year's proposals can be found at <https://independentpoliticalreport.com/2018/05/lp-org-bylaws-committee-proposals-for-national-convention/>

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

With Maine's adoption of ranked-choice voting (aka instant runoff voting) for presidential elections, a clarification is needed on the allocation of delegates to the LP National Convention

If the final round of tabulation is used, then an affiliate under this system could easily be considered to have had no votes at all for the Libertarian candidates, or if in the position of gaining more votes in later rounds (unlikely, but theoretically possible) have an unfair advantage over other affiliates without RCV.

With that in mind, I'd propose the following to be added to bylaws Article 10: Conventions; Section 4b:

"If a state conducts its presidential election via Ranked-Choice or Instant Runoff Voting, the first choice ballots for the Libertarian candidate as tabulated in the first round of ballot counting will be used for this purpose"

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, and yes.

Even before I'd even HEARD the term Libertarian, I considered government power to be overrated. So the first sentence phrase stating that we, "challenge the cult of the omnipotent state" is one that I particularly loved and never understood the problem some had with it. Maybe the term "cult" is a bit loaded and overshoots the mark, but that's the worst I can say about it.

I feel the 7/8ths barrier to change it is overkill, especially as it is 7/8th of all credentialed delegates. Better that it be 7/8ths of delegates present, given the difficulty of getting that many of the registered delegates on the floor at any given point outside of presidential nominations.

It's still a high standard but if that many delegates really object to the statement, it merely creates an awkward situation where a party actively is trying to bury a statement that it isn't holding to, and it would be doubtful that delegates would be electing an LNC, or Judicial Committee to enforce the principles in that scenario.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

I live on the internet and have started setting "LP office hours" for myself to make sure I keep on top of my commitments. Better that I spend my commenting time on something practical than on other people's blog posts.

Which is my long-winded way of saying "yes" to actively participating in email discussions

I have the flexibility with my work to be able to travel every now and again. If we're talking about 4 or more, that may be more than I can take on, but fewer are doable presuming that they are weekend meetings.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

'98, '00, '02, '08, '10, '12, '14, '16, '18

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Government is overrated.

The smaller, more local the government, the better, with the ideal being the individual governing his or herself.

Social goals are better attained by direct action on those goals, not lobbying governments to do it on their behalf. Communication, persuasion, association, and understanding the interests of others are the tools to use in lieu of government power.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I have no objection to it.

In fact, given that all the committee's work ultimately has to go to the convention for approval, it seems logical to do it that way.

I've heard enough paranoid theories about rules & bylaws proposals that the more open the better. (Although some will remain suspicious no matter what)

I'm willing to entertain reasons why some communications should be private, but exceptions could easily be abused. (Case in point: A recent executive session of the Knox County Commissioners was accidentally broadcast on the internet, revealing discussions that legally shouldn't have taken place during executive session,)

I'm used to the concept of total transparency, as Maine law requires it of most municipal and county communications of elected officials. Even to the point where we CAN'T communicate in group emails about the budget committee matters outside of providing information that is already publicly available. I was even required to take training on this prior to becoming a member of my county's budget committee.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Within the context of the LP: Keeping alive the LP of Maine during some low activity points. Running for office. Serving in office.

In general: Maintaining an ability to understand the concerns of those who disagree with me, and the humility to work with them.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Those who insult, belittle, or demonize others as a means of (or substitute for) debate. My ways of dealing with them:

1. Don't. (One of the great things about the right to free association is the choice to not associate yourself with people if you choose)
2. Try to show them the honest motivations of others, and how their methods hurt their own image. If that doesn't work, shrug, and go back to #1, knowing you gave it a shot.

**File (optional)**

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Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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**My application for the Bylaws committee.**

2 messages

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**Shawn Levasseur** <ShawnL@comicspundit.com>

Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 4:00 PM

To: secretary@lp.org

Hello Caryn,

I just sent in my online application for the Rules & Bylaws committee, and noticed two errors. Is there any means of editing after the fact?

The first one is the first question of how long I've been a dues paying member. I simply wrote "27", I should have said "27 years." For some reason I thought the question said "how many years" but in reviewing it didn't.

In my proposed bylaw change I referred to it as being an added to Article 10, Section 4b. It should actually have been Section 3b.

I'm sure I have a bunch of style and grammatical errors, but those are the doozies I hope can be fixed.

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Shawn Levasseur  
Rockland ME

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**Caryn Ann Harlos** <caryn.ann.harlos@lp.org>

Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 6:45 PM

To: Shawn Levasseur &lt;ShawnL@comicspundit.com&gt;

Cc: secretary@lp.org

I will add this letter of correction to your application.

[Quoted text hidden]

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**In Liberty,***Caryn Ann Harlos*

**Personal Note:** I have what is commonly known as Asperger's Syndrome (part of the autism spectrum). This can affect inter-personal communication skills in both personal and electronic arenas. If anyone found anything offensive or overly off-putting (or some other social faux pas), please contact me privately and let me know.

# Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Maine, Inc.

As Adopted on April 17, 2010

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## ARTICLE I – Name

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The name of the corporation shall be the “Libertarian Party of Maine, Inc.”, hereinafter referred to as the “Party”.

## ARTICLE II – Purpose

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The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to the libertarian principles such as those in the “Statement of Principles” of the Libertarian Party of the United States by:

- a. Promoting candidates for public office within Maine;
- b. Working for the election of the national Libertarian Party nominee for President and Vice-President;
- c. Promoting, chartering and coordinating affiliate parties throughout the State of Maine;
- d. Entering into informational and educational activities;
- e. Supporting or opposing referenda, ballot initiatives, citizen vetoes, and other ballot questions; and
- f. Engaging in any and all additional activities necessary and proper to advance the “Statement of Principles” and the cause of Liberty in America.

## ARTICLE III – Principles

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The Party shall take no positions or actions inconsistent with the “Statement of Principles” of the national Libertarian Party.

## ARTICLE IV – Membership

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1. Membership in the Party is not to be restricted by a person's race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or residency.
2. There are no dues or fees charged or levied to become a full member of the Party. Voluntary contributions are accepted. A person may become an “enrolled” member of the Party in accordance with state law.

## ARTICLE V – Organization

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### 1. Officers

- a. The officers of the Party shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Term of office shall be one year. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, Special Meeting or Biennial Convention by the attending full members and shall take office immediately upon the close of such Meeting or Convention and serve until the final adjournment of the next Meeting or Convention. All officers will be elected by a simple majority.
- b. No offices shall be combined.

- c. The officers shall have such powers and perform such duties as are delegated by the Executive Committee and are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws, and the laws of the State of Maine.
- d. Any officer of the Party may be temporarily suspended by a vote of three (3) Executive Committee members, subject to ratification by a 2/3 vote of the full members attending a special convention called for such purpose. The members will then elect a replacement officer. Such officer will complete the term of office vacated.
- e. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers and district members if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur. Such officers and Executive Committee members will complete the term of office vacated.
- f. An Organizing Officer will be selected at the organizing meeting. The Organizing Officer will have the authority to call a Convention. The Organizing Officer will chair the Convention and that position will have no further authority after the adjournment of that Convention.

## 2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the Board of Directors for the purposes of the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act, and shall be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by the committee, by call of the chair, or by the written request of any two (2) members of the committee. More than one half of the membership thereof shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. The Executive Committee by majority vote may agree to allow absentee ballots by mail or telephone. No secret meeting will be held by the Executive Committee; all meetings will be open to all Party members.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) times per calendar year. Notice of all Executive Committee meetings shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Posting of meeting notice on the Party website shall be considered notice of the meeting.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. The four elected officers of the party;
- b. Two district members, one from each Congressional district; and
- c. One At-Large member.

- 3. The district and affiliate party members shall serve as the “district” and “county” committees when required under state law.
- 4. Affiliate Parties The Executive Committee shall have the power to charter and set the geographical area of affiliate parties.
- 5. Judicial Committee. A Judicial Committee may be formed. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of five (5) full members appointed by the Executive Committee. The term of a member of the Judicial Committee shall run through the period of the next Party convention and until a successor is appointed. No officer of the Party may serve on the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be the final body of appeal in all matters regarding interpretation of the Bylaws, Rules, or Resolutions of the Party subject to the provision that a decision of the Committee may be overturned by a 2/3 vote of a convention.

6. Exhaustion. In the event that all Executive Committee positions become vacant, former Executive Committee members who are willing and qualified to be members of the Executive Committee shall constitute themselves as the Interim Executive Committee. They shall promptly act as described in this Article to fill positions on the Executive Committee. Until it is replaced via Elections at a Convention, Annual Meeting or Special Meeting under Article VI of these Bylaws, the Interim Executive Committee shall have all powers and bear all responsibilities of the regular Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI – Annual Meeting and Conventions

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1. The Party shall have annual meetings of members during Spring. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Posting of meeting notice on the Party website shall be considered notice of the meeting. Should said notice not be provided, a Special Meeting may be called as provided by this Article.

### 2. Conventions

- a. Except as provided under Article V, Section 1f of these Bylaws, the Party shall hold a Convention every two years at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee. The Party may have such additional conventions as may be deemed desirable by the Executive Committee. A special Convention may be called by presenting a petition signed by 1/2 of the members of the Party, such Convention to be held within 30 days of the presentation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint a convention committee to arrange the Convention. Notice of the Convention shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said Convention. Posting of notice on the Party website shall be considered notice of the Convention.
- b. Any full member attending any Convention of the Party may cast a vote as a delegate.
- c. A Convention called for the purpose of nominating delegates and alternates to the national Convention shall be held within a year of the national Convention after the number of delegates is announced.
- d. If a Biennial Convention is not called as provided under this Article by May 1 of any convention year, any five (5) members of the Party may call the Convention. Notice of the Convention shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said Convention. Posting of notice on the national Libertarian Party website ([www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)) shall be considered notice of the Convention.

### 3. Special Meeting

If an Annual Meeting is not called as provided under this Article by June 1 of any non-convention year, any five (5) members of the Party may call a Special Meeting. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Posting of meeting notice on the national Libertarian Party website ([www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)) shall be considered notice of the meeting. New Officers will be elected at the Special Meeting, and other business will be conducted as required.

## ARTICLE VII – Platform

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1. The Party may adopt a platform. The platform shall include, but need not be limited to, the Libertarian Party's National Committee's "Statement of Principles" and the implementation of the principles contained in the "Statement" in the form of planks.
2. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Platform Committee whose responsibility it is to write and submit said platform to the Convention for approval on a plank by plank basis by a 2/3 majority of the delegates present and voting at the Convention.

## ARTICLE VIII – None of the Above

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1. Votes cast for “None of the Above” in voting on the Party’s candidates for delegates to national Libertarian Party conventions, representatives to the national Libertarian Party platform committee, and for the four Party officers shall be considered valid and properly recorded.
2. Should “None of the Above” receive a majority for an officer, another election for that office shall be called.

## ARTICLE IX – Election of delegates to Libertarian Party National Conventions

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1. All delegates and alternates shall be full members.
2. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by full members in attendance at the Party’s convention in the year of the Libertarian Party National Convention.
  - a. The first step in electing delegates shall be to receive any number of seconded nominations.
  - b. The Party Convention attendants shall then vote by secret ballot for “acceptable” nominees of their choice. Delegates may also indicate “unacceptable” nominees.
  - c. Only those nominees receiving more “acceptable” votes than “unacceptable” votes shall be delegates or alternates. They shall be ranked in order of number of “acceptable” votes received.
  - d. Should there be more winners than slots allocated by the National Libertarian Party those with the most “acceptable” votes shall be delegates and those remaining shall be alternates.
  - e. In case of ties for the last regular delegate slots, all those tied shall be ranked by voting Party Convention attendees. Those with the highest rank sum are regular delegates. Further ties shall be resolved by the Chair.
  - f. The next ranking alternate, as determined by the Chair, shall become a regular delegate in case a regular cannot attend the Libertarian Party National Convention. Other alternates shall substitute for regular delegates on the National Convention floor.
3. If the Party is eligible to elect a national Libertarian Party Platform Committee member under the Rules, Constitution, or Bylaws of the national Libertarian Party, the election of such member will be by majority vote of the full members present and voting at the Convention. Voting shall be done by secret ballot. An alternate shall also be elected for this position.
4. The head of the delegation shall be nominated and elected by the convention from among the persons who have been elected as delegates. An alternate head shall also be elected.
5. At the National Convention, the elected delegation head may select additional people to fill open delegate positions.

## ARTICLE X – Parliamentary Authority

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Roberts Rules of Order-Newly Revised may be consulted for guidance for all matters or procedure not specifically covered by the Bylaws of the Party.

## ARTICLE XI – Amendments

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1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting on that particular issue at any Biennial Convention, Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.
2. Article IV, 1, Article V, 1.d, , and this Article shall not be amended or suspended without a 7/8 vote.

## **Report of the Libertarian Party of Maine Bylaws Committee.**

A bylaws committee was created by the LPME executive committee.

It consisted of Shawn Levasseur, Jorge Maderal, and Charles Jacques.

Shawn Levasseur presented the following proposals for bylaws changes, all were approved by the committee.

They are presented in the committees order of importance.

The actual language to be inserted or altered is presented in the shaded paragraphs. New text to be added is underlined, and in bold. Text to be deleted is struck through, and is in italics.

Each proposal will be submitted to the LPME convention for debate, and a vote to approve. A 2/3 supermajority yea vote by the convention is required for all changes to the bylaws.

If the time allotted for the Bylaws report expires before all proposals are heard, the proposal being debated (and any amendments to that proposal have been moved and seconded) at the time shall immediately go a vote, and the remaining items in the report will not be considered.

If all proposals are heard and there is time remaining in the agenda, the proposals from the floor may be moved to be heard by the convention.

Note from the author of these proposals, Shawn Levasseur:

All proposals are presented as they were to the committee, including my own commentary. I'm not entirely sure such comment is appropriate in the report, but the time spent editing is prohibitive. I hope the comment within serves only to inform, but I apologize if anyone feels this is an undue influence on the convention.

## Proposal 1: Reasserting Robert's Rules as the Parliamentary Authority

Problem: A subtle change two years ago essentially means that the LPME follows no rules of order at all, with no clear authority. We need to return to the previous wording.

Proposal:

Change article X (Parliamentary Authority) as follows:

“Roberts Rules of Order-Newly Revised shall ~~may be consulted~~ be the parliamentary authority ~~for guidance~~ for all matters or procedure not specifically covered by the Bylaws of the Party.”

Notes: “May be consulted” leaves rules in chaos, and potentially enables the abuse of authority.

Some have objected to Robert's rules due to confusion caused by those jumping into meetings without a rudimentary knowledge of the Rules of Order, mis-interpreting the point of the rules as one of lawyerly highjacking of a meeting. This is made worse by individuals thinking they need to study and understand the entire Robert's Rules, when, for the most part, all the average member of a group needs is the primer, “Roberts Rules in Brief” by the same authors of the full Robert's Rules.

I consider this a critical change. The phrase “may be consulted” makes the whole article irrelevant, and allows for matters not covered in the bylaws to become Calvinball, where the rules are whatever anyone asserts them to be in a given moment.

## Proposal 2. Definition of “Full Member”

Problem: The definition of membership is unclear. There are clauses preventing discrimination or requiring dues of members. The reference to being “enrolled under state law” is merely a definition for registering to vote as a libertarian, and only exist to conform to state law if we ever get state ballot access, but no definition of a minimum requirement to be a member according to our current bylaws.

History: This part used to have language that deferred the definition of membership to the national party. Which was fine back when we had the “Unified Membership Plan”. Today, a clarification is needed.

Proposal: To insert a new part at the beginning of Article IV (Membership) that reads as follows:

“1. Full members of the Party shall be those persons residing in Maine, who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. This certification may be submitted to either the national Libertarian Party, or the Libertarian Party of Maine.”

With all other parts to be renumbered accordingly.

Notes: This wording is based on the membership definition in the national bylaws.

This is consistent with how membership has always been considered in the Maine LP. I consider this very important.



### Proposal 3: Permitting At-Large vacancies to be filled

Problem: Article V Part 1 subpart e, does not allow for the replacement of at-large member of the Executive Committee. The intent of the rules was to allow for such replacement.

Proposal:

Change Article V Part 1 subpart e as follows:

e. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers and ~~district members~~ Executive Committee members if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur. Such officers and Executive Committee members will complete the term of office vacated.

This should be a high priority

## Proposal 4: Clarifying frequency of conventions

Problem: Amongst the bulk changes to the bylaws in 2002 there were changes to add an “Annual meeting” and change terms of party leadership to just one year. We never had off year annual meetings, and failed to do so this past year.

Also the term “annual meeting” is a bit off, as it was intended as a convention in odd-years.

Plus in section 2a, there is a reference to Article V section 1f that seems to have no relevance. This may have referred to something else in another version of the bylaws, but I don’t know what it was.

I think that reverting to a biennial convention, retaining the OPTION of off year conventions. (A necessary option, if the national LP decides to hold its presidential nominating convention in the odd numbered year prior to the election.)

### Proposal

Change article VI as follows:

~~1. The Party shall have annual meetings of members during Spring. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Posting of meeting notice on the Party website shall be considered notice of the meeting. Should said notice not be provided, a Special Meeting may be called as provided by this Article.~~

#### 2. Conventions

a. ~~Except as provided under Article V, Section 1f of these Bylaws,~~ the Party shall hold a **Biennial** Convention every ~~two years~~ **general election year** at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee. The Party may have such additional conventions as may be deemed desirable by the Executive Committee. A special Convention may be called by presenting a petition signed by 1/2 of the **sustaining** members of the Party, such Convention to be held within 30 days of the presentation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint a convention committee to arrange the Convention. Notice of the Convention shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said Convention. Posting of notice on the Party website shall be considered notice of the Convention.

b. Any full member attending any Convention of the Party may cast a vote as a delegate.

c. A Convention called for the purpose of nominating delegates and alternates to the national Convention shall be held within a year of the national Convention after the number of delegates is announced.

If a Biennial Convention is not called as provided under this Article by May 1 of any ~~convention~~ general election year, or if a convention for nominating delegates to the national convention is not called within 60 days of the national convention any five (5) members of the Party may call the Convention. Notice of the Convention shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said Convention. Posting of notice on the national Libertarian Party website ([www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)) shall be considered notice of the Convention.

and change Article V part 1a as follows:

a. The officers of the Party shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Term of office shall be ~~one year~~ two years. These officers shall be elected at the ~~Annual Meeting, Special Meeting or~~ Biennial Convention by the attending full members and shall take office immediately upon the close of such Meeting or Convention and serve until the final adjournment of the next Biennial Convention. All officers will be elected by a simple majority.

## Proposal 5: Deleting obsolete paragraph

Proposal:

Strike Article V, Part1f.:

~~f. An Organizing Officer will be selected at the organizing meeting. The Organizing Officer will have the authority to call a Convention. The Organizing Officer will chair the Convention and that position will have no further authority after the adjournment of that Convention.~~

Notes: This section was needed only for the “rebooting” of the party two years ago. This section serves no further purpose and ought to be deleted.

## Proposal 6: Dual leadership conflict

Problem: There is no provision to prevent members in leadership from serving in the leadership of another political party, a clear conflict of interest.

Proposal:

Add the following to Article V Part 1 (officers)

#. Officers and members of the Executive Committee may not serve as an officer of, or committee member of another state or national political party. This applies to all organizations that consider themselves political parties, whether or not the state of Maine has given any official status to them or not.

#. If an individual is elected or appointed as an Officer or Executive Committee to the Party while holding a conflicting role in another party, as defined above, that individual has 90 days to resign from one position or the other. If such individual fails to do so, the position is considered vacant, and may be filled according to the rules for doing so described in Article V, Part 1 c

Notes: This is inspired out of an individual, who was serving in the state committee of another party, eventually that individual had to step down due to over-committing to too many things, thus avoiding any problems that could have come about from the conflict.

The 90 day grace period allows for conventions to elect someone who hasn't yet fully cut ties with the former party.

Also note this does not prevent individual members from having membership in another party (such as those libertarians who stay registered in major party in order to take part in primaries.

## Proposal 7: Vice-Chair succession

Problem: It's not clear in the bylaws that the Vice Chair becomes Chair upon the vacancy of the Chair.

change Article V Part 1d & 1e as follows:

d. Any officer of the Party may be temporarily suspended by a vote of three (3) Executive Committee members, subject to ratification by a 2/3 vote of the full members attending a special convention called for such purpose. The members will then elect a replacement officer, except in the case of the Chair being suspended, in which case the Vice-Chair shall become Chair, and the members shall elect a new Vice-Chair. Such officer will complete the term of office vacated.

e. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers and district members if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur, with the exception of the vacancy of the Chair, in which case the Vice-Chair shall become chair and the office of Vice-Chair will be appointed by the Executive Committee. Such officers and Executive Committee members will complete the term of office vacated.

This is of moderate importance, as the executive committee can choose to fill a Chair vacancy with the Vice-Chair on its own, though it is not required to.

## Proposal 8: Defining “Sustaining Member” & Requirement of it for being an officer

Problem: Without some carrot to becoming a Paid member, Maine will lose representation in national conventions as the percentage of Sustaining members (members who have signed the pledge, AND paid dues to the national party), Also ensure that leadership has some “skin in the game” invested.

Proposal: To define “Sustaining Membership” by adding...

The following part to Article IV (Membership)

#. A sustaining member is defined as one who is a full member and has either...

a. Paid dues to the national party as per its bylaws to be considered a sustaining member, or alternatively.

b. Donated twice the minimum annual dues for being an national sustaining member, directly to the LPME instead.

2nd Proposal (presuming the above passes):

Add the following subpart to Article V Part 1 (Officers)

#. All Officers and Executive Committee members must be sustaining members.

### Note

The current definition of sustaining membership for national is \$25 in donations over the calendar year. This would make the state option \$50.

The double figure is listed, as we should encourage national membership, for delegate allocation purposes, but still provide a local means of fulfilling the status, if a member has a problem with the national party, or for getting members to sustaining status on short notice, if need be.

This is not a high priority, but something I think would be a good idea.

## **Proposal 9: Delegating National Platform & Credentials Committee member selection to the Executive Committee if need be.**

Problem:

Our conventions for nominating delegates to the national convention come too late for us to choose members for the national convention's platform committee. It's highly unlikely that we will ever have a convention timed so perfectly that if we are entitled to a committee seat, that we could hold a convention after that was determined, yet before the number of delegates would be set.

Furthermore, it's there is no clear authority set for a similar choice for the credentials committee if we qualify to send someone.

Proposal:

Amend Article IX part 3 as follows:

3. If the Party is eligible to elect a national Libertarian Party Platform Committee member, or Libertarian Party Credentials Committee member under the Rules, Constitution, or Bylaws of the national Libertarian Party, the election of such member will be by majority vote of the full members present and voting at the Convention. Voting shall be done by secret ballot. An alternate shall also be elected for this position. If the deadline for such a choice occurs before a convention can be held, the choice is to be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Notes:

Realistically, the chances of the LPME becoming one of the 10 largest LP chapters is incredibly slim, so as much as I'd like to make this rule change to conform with the realities of scheduling, the likelihood of this ever becoming relevant is nearly non-existent. So put this at the bottom of the barrel.



# **Libertarian Party of Maine 2014 State Convention**



**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Brunswick, Maine**

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# Agenda

*(All times are estimates)*

## Speakers & Presentations:

- 1:00 David Boyer - The Campaign to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol in Maine
- 1:25 LPME Chairman Jorge Maderal - Opening Remarks
- 1:45 Bonnie Preston - Local Food Rules / Food Sovereignty
- 2:30 Panel Discussion - Running For and Serving in Office
- 3:00 Shawn Levasseur - New Ballot Access Rules

## 3:15 Business Session:

Call to Order

Treasurer's Report

Presentation of Bylaws Proposals

Election of Executive Committee

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 1st District Representative
- 2nd District Representative
- At Large Representative

Selection of Delegates to the National Libertarian Convention

## Sample “Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol” ordinance provided by David Boyer:

### VOTER PROPOSED ORDINANCE USE OF MARIJUANA BY PERSONS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

A new chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the City of South Portland, Maine is enacted to read:

#### Section. 1. Preamble.

WHEREAS, a 1995 study commissioned by the World Health Organization concluded marijuana poses a much less serious public health problem than is currently posed by alcohol;

WHEREAS, marijuana laws are disproportionately enforced against communities of color, and according to a 2013 report produced by the American Civil Liberties Union, African-Americans in Maine are more than two times as likely to be arrested for marijuana possession as white citizens, despite similar rates of consumption;

WHEREAS, in an interview published in *The New Yorker* in January 2014, President Barack Obama acknowledged that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol in terms of its impact on the consumer;

WHEREAS, an assessment published in 2009 in *British Columbia's Mental Health and Addictions Journal* found health-related costs for alcohol consumers are more than eight times greater than those for marijuana consumers;

WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health, more than 300 Americans die annually as the result of alcohol overdoses, and there has never been a confirmed marijuana overdose death recorded in the medical literature, as noted by the *British Medical Journal* in September 2003;

WHEREAS, studies conducted in 1999 by the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine and 1994 by the National Institute on Drug Abuse concluded marijuana is less addictive than alcohol;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention attributes more than 30,000 American deaths per year to the health effects of alcohol and zero deaths directly to the health effects of marijuana;

WHEREAS, extensive research documented in official reports by the British government's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and the Canadian Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs, among others, shows that — unlike alcohol use — marijuana use is not generally a cause of violence or aggressive behavior, and, in fact, tends to reduce violence and aggression;

WHEREAS, police officers' and prosecutors' time and resources would be better spent addressing violent crimes and property crimes instead of citing and prosecuting adults 21 years of age and older for possession of small amounts of marijuana;

WHEREAS, police officers and prosecutors have the discretion to refrain from issuing citations to and filing charges against adults 21 years of age and older for possession of small amounts of marijuana; and

Therefore, in the interest of the public health and public safety, and in order to better focus law enforcement resources on crimes involving violence and personal property, the People of South Portland find and declare that the use of marijuana should be legal for persons 21 years of age or older.

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other ordinance, it shall not be unlawful in South Portland, and must not be used as the basis for prosecution or penalty by South Portland for persons 21 years of age or older, to possess or use marijuana paraphernalia or one ounce or less of marijuana, except that it is not lawful for a person to:

- (a) use or display marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia in a public place; or
- (b) operate, navigate, or be in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, or motorboat while under the influence of marijuana.

Sec. 3. The City of South Portland, through adoption of this ordinance, resolves to support a change in state law to tax and regulate the sale of marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol.

# The new state law on state recognition of political parties by enrollment:

## Maine Revised Statutes

### Title 21-A: ELECTIONS

#### Chapter 5: NOMINATIONS

#### **§303. FORMATION OF NEW PARTY; ORGANIZATION BY PARTY ENROLLMENT**

In addition to the procedure under section 302, a party whose designation was not listed on the general election ballot in the last preceding general election qualifies to participate in a primary election if it meets the requirements of subsections 1 and 2. [2013, c. 131, §11 (AMD).]

**1. Declaration of intent.** Ten or more voters who are not enrolled in a party qualified under section 301 must file a declaration of intent to form a party with the Secretary of State between December 1st and December 30th of an even-numbered year. The declaration of intent must be on a form designed by the Secretary of State and must include:

- A. The designation of the proposed party; and [1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]
- B. The names, addresses, telephone numbers, if published, and signatures of the voters who file the declaration of intent. [1997, c. 436, §44 (AMD).]

[ 2013, c. 131, §11 (AMD) .]

**2. Enrollment of voters.** Within 5 business days after the declaration of intent required in subsection 1 is filed, the Secretary of State shall certify whether the application meets the requirements of subsection 1 and notify the applicants that they may enroll voters in the proposed party under sections 141 to 145. On or before December 1st of the odd-numbered year following the filing of the application under subsection 1, the applicants must file a certification with the Secretary of State, on a form designed by the Secretary of State, that they have at least 5,000 voters enrolled in the proposed party. The Secretary of State shall verify the proposed party's enrollment figures within 5 business days of receiving the proposed party's certification and notify the applicants whether the proposed party has met the requirements to participate in a primary election in the subsequent even-numbered year.

[ 2013, c. 131, §11 (AMD) .]

**4. Municipal caucuses.** A party that has qualified under subsections 1 and 2 to participate in a primary election must conduct municipal caucuses in at least one municipality in each of the 16 counties during that election year as prescribed in Article 2. The chair of the municipal committee or a resident voter in the municipality must file a copy of the notice required by section 311, subsection 3 with the Secretary of State before 5 p.m. on March 20th.

[ 2013, c. 131, §11 (AMD) .]

**5. Convention.** A party that has qualified under subsections 1 and 2 to participate in a primary election must in that same year conduct the municipal caucuses under subsection 4 and hold a state convention as prescribed by Article 3, in order to have the party designation of its candidates printed on the ballot in the general election of that year. The voters who file the declaration of intent may perform the duties of the state committee under section 321, subsection 1 for the party's initial convention.

[ 2013, c. 131, §11 (AMD) .]

## Petitioning Requirements for Party & Non-Party Candidates

|                     | Primary ballot requirements          |            |                       | Non-Party ballot requirements |           |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Race                | Petition Minimum                     | Due        | Primary write-in min. | Petition Minimum              | Due       |
| <b>President</b>    | nominated at convention - 4 electors | August ??? | n/a                   | 4000                          | July 25th |
| <b>U.S. Senate</b>  | 2000                                 | March 15th | 4000                  | 4000                          | May 25th  |
| <b>Governor</b>     | 2000                                 |            | 4000                  | 4000                          |           |
| <b>U.S. House</b>   | 1000                                 |            | 2000                  | 2000                          |           |
| <b>State Senate</b> | 100                                  |            | 200                   | 200                           |           |
| <b>State House</b>  | 25                                   |            | 50                    | 50                            |           |
| <b>County Comm.</b> | 50                                   |            | 100                   | 100                           |           |



## Proposed changes to the LPME Bylaws

In example language, **bold & underlined** text is language being added by the proposal; ***italicized and struck-through text*** is language being removed by the proposal.

### Proposals 1-2. Eliminate References to an “Annual Meeting” that is no longer defined.

**Problem:** At the 2012 convention, the bylaws were changed to eliminate an “Annual Meeting”. However, references to the non-existent type of meeting remained.

Therefore, we need to eliminate all references to an “Annual Meeting” through the following changes:

**Proposal 1:** In Article V, Part 6 (Exhaustion) the final sentence shall be amended as follows:

Until it is replaced via Elections at a Convention, ~~Annual Meeting~~ or Special Meeting under Article VI of these Bylaws, the Interim Executive Committee shall have all powers and bear all responsibilities of the regular Executive Committee.

**Proposal 2:** Article XI, Part 1 shall be amended as follows:

- I. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting on that particular issue at any Biennial Convention, ~~Annual Meeting~~ or Special Meeting.

Notes:

This is just janitorial cleaning up after last convention’s changes.

### Proposal 3. Change the last Annual Meeting reference to a preserve the intent of the part.

**Problem:** The “Special Meeting” was created as a safety valve in case party leadership failed to call for any conventions, or if enough executive committee members dropped off the radar so that getting a quorum to call for a convention would be impossible. It was created at the same time as the concept of the “Annual Meeting” and the deadline for the executive committee to act was based on the timing of calling for an “Annual Meeting”

So in addition to striking the reference to an Annual Meeting, we need to tie the ability to call a special meeting to some event that fails to occur.

**Proposal:** Article VI, Part 2 shall be amended as follows:

If ~~an Annual Meeting~~ a Biennial Convention is not called as provided under this Article by June 1 of any ~~non-convention year~~ even numbered year, any five (5) members of the Party may call a Special Meeting. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Posting of meeting notice on the national Libertarian Party website ([www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)) shall be considered notice of the meeting. New Officers will be elected at the Special Meeting, and other business will be conducted as required.

Notes:

The need for the removal of the Annual Meeting reference is clear for the same reason as proposals 1 & 2. The text substituted is chosen as a reasonable substitute.

If a state party convention doesn’t occur by that point, we would miss out on our ability to send delegates to that year’s national convention. If we have party ballot access, we would lose it by failing to hold a convention.

Since such an event (or more precisely a lack of an event) would be clearly an abdication of responsibility of the Executive Committee, requiring a new one be elected. It is not so soon as to create a means of coup by bylaws. But not so late as to leave the party in limbo for too long.

## Proposals 4-6 - Clarifying the process of adding delegates to the national convention.

**Background:** The credentials committee of the national convention needs clear and unambiguous rules from each state as to how their delegations are to be selected. The credentials committee has encouraged states to have changes to the delegation submitted over a week prior to the convention. As last minute, or mid-convention changes are time consuming, and potentially controversial.

Since Maine rarely fills out its delegation, we traditionally have given the head of delegation the ability to add people to the roster of Maine delegates at the national convention.

**Problem:** The language says “At the convention”, it implies that the head of delegation cannot make changes until the convention itself opens. To be able to add delegates before then, we’d need to alter the language.

**Proposal 4:** Article IX, Part five shall be amended as follows:

5. Prior to and at ~~At~~ the National Convention, the elected delegation head may select additional people to fill open delegate positions.

To clarify that these additions are to serve only to fill unassigned seats, and that the elected delegates are to be seated ahead of these additions, the following is proposed

**Proposal 5:** Article IX, Part five shall be amended as follows:

5. ~~At the National Convention, the elected delegation head may select additional people to fill open delegate positions.~~ be alternate delegates.

**Problem:** Traditionally, we have allowed Libertarians from other states to be Maine alternate delegates. This occurs in some states who have more people who want to be delegates than have seats at the convention. However changes to bylaws in 2012 defined members as having to be from Maine, and that delegates must be members. To preserve this, we’d have to add language to allow for it.

**Proposal 6:** Add the following new part to Article IX

6. Alternate delegates added by the delegation head, may be residents of locales other than Maine, so long as they are Sustaining Members of the national Libertarian Party.

## Proposal 7: Defining right to be a voting member at the state convention to prevent a casual takeover.

**Background:** In the 90's the New York Libertarian Party nominated radio personality Howard Stern for Governor of New York.

However the majority of voting members at the nominating convention had only just joined the party that day, for the purpose of nominating Stern. Some of the party leadership told Stern he could do this as a way of bypassing the need to gain the approval of the existing members. This is all chronicled by Stern in a chapter in his book "Miss America".

The convention was turned into a circus, and eventually Stern dropped out of the race, leaving the LPNY in worse shape.

As a result, some states have put in measures to prevent such a casual "walk-up, sign-up, take-over" of a convention. But one doesn't want to put too heavy a restriction as it discourages new members to participate.

**Proposal:** Article VI, Part 1 b shall be amended as follows:

**b. Any ~~full~~ sustaining member attending any Convention of the Party may cast a vote as a delegate. Any full member in attendance may cast a vote, if they register for the convention at least 6 days prior to the convention.**

# Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Maine, Inc.

As amended at the Libertarian Party of Maine 2012 Convention on March 31st, 2012

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## ARTICLE I – Name

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The name of the corporation shall be the “Libertarian Party of Maine, Inc.”, hereinafter referred to as the “Party”.

## ARTICLE II – Purpose

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The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to the libertarian principles such as those in the “Statement of Principles” of the Libertarian Party of the United States by:

- a. Promoting candidates for public office within Maine;
- b. Working for the election of the national Libertarian Party nominee for President and Vice-President;
- c. Promoting, chartering and coordinating affiliate parties throughout the State of Maine;
- d. Entering into informational and educational activities;
- e. Supporting or opposing referenda, ballot initiatives, citizen vetoes, and other ballot questions; and
- f. Engaging in any and all additional activities necessary and proper to advance the “Statement of Principles” and the cause of Liberty in America.

## ARTICLE III – Principles

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The Party shall always act in accordance with the “Statement of Principles” of the national Libertarian Party.

## ARTICLE IV – Membership

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1. Full members of the Party shall be those persons residing in Maine, who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. This certification may be submitted to either the national Libertarian Party, or the Libertarian Party of Maine
2. Membership in the Party is not to be restricted by a person’s race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or residency.
3. There are no dues or fees charged or levied to become a full member of the Party. Voluntary contributions are accepted. A person may become an “enrolled” member of the Party in accordance with state law.
4. A sustaining member is defined as one who is a full member and has either...

- a. Paid dues to the national party as per its bylaws to be considered a sustaining member, or alternatively.
- b. Donated the minimum annual dues for being a national sustaining member, directly to the LPME instead.

## ARTICLE V – Organization

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### 1. Officers

- a. The officers of the Party shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Term of office shall be two years. These officers shall be elected at the Biennial Convention by the attending full members and shall take office immediately upon the close of such Meeting or Convention and serve until the final adjournment of the next Meeting or Convention. All officers will be elected by a simple majority.
- b. No offices shall be combined.
- c. The officers shall have such powers and perform such duties as are delegated by the Executive Committee and are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws, and the laws of the State of Maine.
- d. Any officer of the Party may be temporarily suspended by a vote of three (3) Executive Committee members, subject to ratification by a 2/3 vote of the full members attending a special convention called for such purpose. The members will then elect a replacement officer, except in the case of the Chair being suspended, in which case the Vice-Chair shall become Chair, and the members shall elect a new Vice-Chair. Such officer will complete the term of office vacated.
- e. The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers and Executive Committee members if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur, with the exception of the vacancy of the Chair, in which case the Vice-Chair shall become chair and the office of Vice-Chair will be appointed by the Executive Committee. Such officers and Executive Committee members will complete the term of office vacated.
- f. Officers and members of the Executive Committee may not serve as an officer of, or committee member of another state or national political party. This applies to all organizations that consider themselves political parties, whether or not the state of Maine has given any official status to them
- g. If an individual is elected or appointed as an Officer or Executive Committee member to the Party while holding a conflicting role in another party, as defined above, that individual has 90 days to resign from one position or the other. If such individual fails to do so, the position is considered vacant, and may be filled according to the rules for doing so described in Article V, Part 1 e
- h. All Officers and Executive Committee members must be sustaining members.

### 2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the Board of Directors for the purposes of the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act, and shall be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by the committee, by call of the chair, or by the written request of any two (2) members of the committee. More than one half of the membership thereof shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. The Executive Committee by majority vote may agree to allow absentee ballots by mail or telephone. No secret meeting will be held by the Executive Committee; all meetings will be open to all Party members.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) times per calendar year. Notice of all Executive Committee meetings shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Posting of meeting notice on the Party website shall be considered notice of the meeting.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. The four elected officers of the party;
  - b. Two district members, one from each Congressional district; and
  - c. One At-Large member.
3. The district and affiliate party members shall serve as the “district” and “county” committees when required under state law.
  4. Affiliate Parties The Executive Committee shall have the power to charter and set the geographical area of affiliate parties.
  5. Judicial Committee. A Judicial Committee may be formed. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of five (5) full members appointed by the Executive Committee. The term of a member of the Judicial Committee shall run through the period of the next Party convention and until a successor is appointed. No officer of the Party may serve on the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be the final body of appeal in all matters regarding interpretation of the Bylaws, Rules, or Resolutions of the Party subject to the provision that a decision of the Committee may be overturned by a 2/3 vote of a convention.
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If an Annual Meeting is not called as provided under this Article by June 1 of any non-convention year, any five (5) members of the Party may call a Special Meeting. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Posting of meeting notice on the national Libertarian Party website ([www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)) shall be considered notice of the meeting. New Officers will be elected at the Special Meeting, and other business will be conducted as required.

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  4. The head of the delegation shall be nominated and elected by the convention from among the persons who have been elected as delegates. An alternate head shall also be elected.
  5. At the National Convention, the elected delegation head may select additional people to fill open delegate positions.

## ARTICLE X – Parliamentary Authority

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Roberts Rules of Order-Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters or procedure not specifically covered by the Bylaws of the Party.

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# **LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MAINE**

## **2016 State Convention & Liberty Summit**



**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Lewiston, Maine**

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# Agenda

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## **9 - 11 A.M.: Business Session:**

Call to Order by LPME Chairman

Opening remarks - Welcome

Election of Convention Secretary

Election of Convention Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Platform Approval

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Selection of Delegates to the National Libertarian Convention

Election of the Head of Delegation

Presentation by LPME Vice-Chair Susan Poulin

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- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Secretary
- 1st District Representative
- 2nd District Representative
- At Large Representative

## Noon - 4 P.M.: Liberty Summit

### Liberty Summit Speakers:

- **Darryl Perry**  
Libertarian Candidate for President
- **Austin Petersen**  
Libertarian Candidate for President
- **Shawna Sterling**  
Libertarian Candidate for President
- **Jim Azzola**
- **Eric Brakey**  
Maine State Senator (R)
- **Dan Fisherman**
- **Shawn Levasseur**  
Knox County Budget Committee - District 3 (Rockland)  
1998, 2000, & 2015 Libertarian Candidate for State Legislature
- **Ben Schacoach**  
Fair Vote Maine
- **Tony Styles**  
Campaign Manager for Austin Petersen

## Proposed Platform:

**The Libertarian Party supports reducing the size, scope and power of government at all levels and on all issues, and opposes increasing the size, scope or power of government at any level or for any purpose.**

Note: This platform is also known as the “World’s Smallest Political Platform”. It was written by Libertarian activist, and journalist Thomas Knapp.

# Proposed changes to the LPME Bylaws

In example language, **bold & underlined** text is language being added by the proposal; ***italicized and struck-through text*** is language being removed by the proposal.

## Proposal 1. Rename current Executive Committee, the State Committee

**Problem:** State law requires the party have a “State Committee”.

Renaming the current Executive Committee to be the State Committee will remedy this. This will also free up the term “Executive Committee” so that it may serve as it normally is used in organizations, a smaller subset of the main committee to make important decisions in a quicker manner, within authority granted by the larger body.

**Proposal 1:** Throughout the entire bylaws, replace all instances of “Executive Committee” with “State Committee

Notes:

Due to the numerous changes this causes, the full altered text is not shown here.

## Proposal 2. Defining District and County Committees

**Problem:** State Law requires that parties have District and County committees, current bylaws address this vaguely and so broadly as to make any meetings nearly impossible, if needed.

District committees are rarely needed, so defining them as the state committee members from the respective districts, with the district representative being the district chair should suffice.

County committees, however, can serve a real purpose in organizing on a more local level, and enable those who wish to participate in the party not to immediately have work on a statewide level. The vague rules on creating

**Proposal:** In Article V, Parts 3 and 4 shall be amended as follows:

3. ~~The district and affiliate party members shall serve as the “district” and “county” committees when required under state law.~~ District

Committees

a. District Committees for each congressional district shall consist of the members of the State Committee.

b. Each committee will be chaired by it’s representative on the State Committee

c. If there is no current representative for a district on the State Committee. the members of the District Committee will elect one from their membership, when needed.

4. ~~Affiliate Parties The Executive Committee shall have the power to charter and set the geographical area of affiliate parties.~~ County

Committees

a. If a county does not have a recognized committee at the time of a state convention, For the purposes of state law:

i. The membership of the County Committee shall be the party’s Sustaining Members residing in that county.

ii. The Chair of the County Committee shall be the State Committee district representative of the district the county predominantly sits in.

b. The State Committee shall create rules for the formation and affiliation of a county committee.

c. The Chair of a recognized County Committee serves as a member of the State Committee, with the Vice-Chair of that County Committee serving as an alternate.



**d. Members of a County Committee must be Full Members of the party, and reside in that county.**

## Proposal 3: Allow for nomination of candidates at convention.

**Problem:** There is no provision for the party nominating candidates. We have previously only concerned ourselves with the formal process of getting candidates on the ballot, according to state law.

But if we gain recognized party status outside of the primary season, and it is permitted, we need to be able to nominate at convention.

A nomination at convention procedure can also serve us well if we still are getting ballot access via petitioning, if multiple candidates are seeking to run for the same office as Libertarians, or if an individual is misrepresenting themselves on the ballot as a Libertarian.

**Proposal :** Create a new Article XII as follows :

### **ARTICLE XII: Nomination of Candidates**

**Candidates for statewide races, state legislative races, and U.S. Congressional district races, may be nominated at the biennial convention, or any special convention called by the State Committee for such a purpose. Any candidate so nominated must be a Full Member.**

Note: The language is in part, derived from the Libertarian Party of Indiana's bylaws.

## Proposal 4: Create an Assistant Treasurer position

**Problem:** The position of Treasurer is a critical one, and must be filled at all times. If a Treasurer resigns or lapses in their responsibilities, a clear backup is needed..

**Proposal :** Amend Article V Part 1 section a as follows:

- a.** The officers of the Party shall be Chair,Vice-Chair, Secretary, ~~and~~ Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Term of office shall be two years. These officers shall be elected at the Biennial Convention by the attending full members and shall take office immediately upon the close of such Meeting or Convention and serve until the final adjournment of the next Meeting or Convention. All officers will be elected by a simple majority.

Note: The national Libertarian Party has had this problem on several occasions, and now has the position of Assistant Treasurer for just this purpose, although it is an appointed position there.

## Proposal 5: Cleaning up the rules on vacancies

**Problem:** With an assistant treasurer, and county chairs being created as members of the state committee, the language on vacancies needs to be cleaned up and broken into separate sections.

Proposal: Amend Article V Part 1 section e as follows

e. ~~The Executive Committee shall appoint new officers and Executive Committee members if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur, with the exception of the vacancy of the Chair, in which case the Vice-Chair shall become chair and the office of Vice-Chair will be appointed by the Executive Committee. Such officers and Executive Committee members will complete the term of office vacated.~~ The State Committee shall appoint new officers if any of the positions of Vice-Chair, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, District Members or At-Large Members of the State Committee, if vacancies, not due to suspensions, occur.

(new section)f. If the position of Chair is vacated, the Vice-Chair becomes chair, and the position of Vice-Chair is appointed by the State Committee

(new section)g. If the position of Treasurer is vacated, the Assistant Treasurer becomes Treasurer, and the position of Assistant Treasurer is appointed by the State Committee

and subsequent sections are re-lettered appropriately.

## Proposal 6: Let the Treasurer be the “Finance Chair”

**Problem:** It’s not clear if having such a position is a requirement of the law, but state election law does occasionally refer to a party “Finance Chair”.

**Proposal :** Amend Article V Part 1 to add the following section:

**k. Unless the State Committee appoints a Finance Chair, the Treasurer shall serve as the Finance Chair of the party.**

Note: Better safe than sorry.

# Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Maine, Inc.

As amended at the Libertarian Party of Maine Convention on June 7th, 2014

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## ARTICLE I – Name

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The name of the corporation shall be the “Libertarian Party of Maine, Inc.”, hereinafter referred to as the “Party”.

## ARTICLE II – Purpose

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The purpose of the Party is to implement and give voice to the libertarian principles such as those in the “Statement of Principles” of the Libertarian Party of the United States by:

- a. Promoting candidates for public office within Maine;
- b. Working for the election of the national Libertarian Party nominee for President and Vice-President;
- c. Promoting, chartering and coordinating affiliate parties throughout the State of Maine;
- d. Entering into informational and educational activities;
- e. Supporting or opposing referenda, ballot initiatives, citizen vetoes, and other ballot questions; and
- f. Engaging in any and all additional activities necessary and proper to advance the “Statement of Principles” and the cause of Liberty in America.

## ARTICLE III – Principles

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The Party shall always act in accordance with the “Statement of Principles” of the national Libertarian Party.

## ARTICLE IV – Membership

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1. Full members of the Party shall be those persons residing in Maine, who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. This certification may be submitted to either the national Libertarian Party, or the Libertarian Party of Maine
2. Membership in the Party is not to be restricted by a person’s race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or residency.
3. There are no dues or fees charged or levied to become a full member of the Party. Voluntary contributions are accepted. A person may become an “enrolled” member of the Party in accordance with state law.
4. A sustaining member is defined as one who is a full member and has either...

- a. Paid dues to the national party as per its bylaws to be considered a sustaining member, or alternatively.
- b. Donated the minimum annual dues for being a national sustaining member, directly to the LPME instead.

## ARTICLE V – Organization

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### 1. Officers

- a. The officers of the Party shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Term of office shall be two years. These officers shall be elected at the Biennial Convention by the attending full members and shall take office immediately upon the close of such Meeting or Convention and serve until the final adjournment of the next Meeting or Convention. All officers will be elected by a simple majority.
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### 2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the Board of Directors for the purposes of the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act, and shall be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by the committee, by call of the chair, or by the written request of any two (2) members of the committee. More than one half of the membership thereof shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. The Executive Committee by majority vote may agree to allow absentee ballots by mail or telephone. No secret meeting will be held by the Executive Committee; all meetings will be open to all Party members.

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## Thank you for your submission

**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
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Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

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**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

2008- present, currently lifetime member

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I had an extensive history of involvement in the Libertarian Party of New Mexico from 2008-2017. I am a lifetime member of the Libertarian Party of California, my husband's home state. In 2018, I was appointed to the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council by former New Mexico Governor Susanna Martinez, and I was reappointed by present Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham. I am the only registered Libertarian who is a political appointee to such a state board, where I promote liberty for people with developmental disabilities, who often lose their rights through misunderstanding of their condition. I am the chair of the DDPC's Rulemaking Committee, where I promote the individual liberty of individuals with disability.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

As a member and chair of the Rulemaking Committee of the DDPC, I am involved in creating recommendations and proposing legislation to protect the rights of individuals with developmental disability. Our committee is not a decision-making body, so we do not have final say over internal rules or external legislation. Nor do I own those documents. I wrote extensively about these issues in my dissertation, and can provide excerpts. I can provide recommendations from the chair of the Council as well as the Deputy Director.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I am interested in changing special convention rules for the election of at-large national committee members and judicial committee members to allow for a smooth tabulation process. At the last convention, the delegates did not elect some of the national committee--they were appointed by the national committee when time ran out for these elections. The same was true for some of the Judicial Committee members. I do not have specific language, because I do not know--and the delegates were never told--why this procedure takes more time than allocated. Either we must allocate more time, or we must change the counting procedures. These are matters for committee discussion. However, in the age of computers, the need for the secretary/appointed tellers to review the vote for long periods of time, only to need another vote, is maddening and the arbitrary appointment makes the LNC too powerful over the delegates. I would call for some preliminary research on this issue to then be discussed by the committee.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, I have read it many times, and at one time had memorized it for my libertarian homeschooling in the late 1970s. I agree with it, and I wish to see our national candidates held to it, as provided in the bylaws.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes. I will establish a special e-mail address in order to keep up with discussions online and I will come to in person meetings.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

Several as a child in the 1970s--non-delegate. As an adult delegate: 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018

**What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I think committee meetings should be entirely transparent. Sustaining members have every right to know what committees are doing and observe the proceedings. There is no reason why any by-laws and rules committee meeting should be closed to observation by interested party members.

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

All individuals have the right to life, liberty, and property (pursuit of happiness). The only legitimate government, should it exist, is one that limits its power to protecting such rights. Within these limitations, libertarians may have good-faith disagreements on how to limit a government that has vastly infringed on those rights, however, no candidate or party official should get away with proposing or supporting policies that violate these principles. Furthermore, not everyone who claims to be a libertarian is necessarily a Libertarian. One cannot be a Libertarian and espouse violations of the liberty of others for reasons of political or social expediency.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

1. I am a polymath and pursued educational credentials in Geography-Geology, Ecology and Evolution, Neurobiology and Psychology, and Education. I completed my dissertation using a libertarian critique despite opposition from some members of my committee. I financed my own education.
2. When post-docs in my field were not being awarded to people with Autism/AS at University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, I developed a campaign with others to redress this wrong, and I campaigned for and designed the first ever post-doc in Autism Policy at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. I am the first person with ASD to hold that new post-doctoral fellowship, and I continue to participate in the design of this unique post-doc.
3. I am the first Libertarian to be appointed by first a Republican and then a Democrat governor to service on the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council in New Mexico, and I currently chair the Rules Committee for this political, statewide board.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I have some communication difficulties and a movement disorder, and I am annoyed by people who finish my sentences because I am slow of speech. I am learning to assert my right to finish my sentences and not let others do so.

I am uploading my academic CV. It does not include my Libertarian commitments, which I described in this application. However, it shows the level of commitment I bring to my work in many fields.

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## **EDUCATION**

- 2019** Post-doctoral Fellow in Special Education at the University Of New Mexico School Of Medicine, Center for Development & Disability, specializing in Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and disability/autism policy research and development
- 2017** Ph.D., Department of Special Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2006** M.A., Department of Special Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 1998** Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Certification, Department of Teacher Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 1983** B.S., Department of Geography-Geology, Illinois State University, Normal

## **Other Educational and Training**

- 2016** National Maternal Child Health Workforce Development Center, Skills Institute Training with a New Mexico multi-disciplinary team lead by Center for Development and Disability staff and tasked to work on transition planning with focus on access to citizenship, August 22-26
- LEND Fellowship, UNM Health Sciences Center for Development and Disability, Albuquerque, 2015-2016
- 2015** Partners in Policymaking, UNM Health Sciences Center for Development and Disability, Albuquerque, 2014-2015

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2019** Levin, E.H. (March 2018, 2019). The autism policy paradigm shift. New Mexico Partners in Policymaking Seminar, Albuquerque, NM

- 2007** Levin, E.H. (August). Do you have Mr. Spock in your classroom? Meeting the social and emotional needs of gifted kids with AS/ASD. New Mexico Public Education Department/NM Association for the Gifted, Summer Institute, Albuquerque, NM
- 2006** Levin, E.H. (March). Gifted kids with AS and other ASD. Albuquerque Public Schools New Gifted Teacher Workshop, Teaching and Learning Systems, NM
- 2005** Levin, E.H. (March, October). Using the College of William and Mary units for high-ability learners. Albuquerque Public Schools Teaching and Learning Systems, NM

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, PLANNING AND LECTURES

- 2019** Horne Lecture Series organizing team (May). Developed UDL policies and procedures to support participation by a variety of individuals with neurodiverse characteristics. Albuquerque, NM
- 2018** UNM-CDD Consumer Advisory Committee Poster: *Creative Ways to Form an Inclusive Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Based on a Relationship of Reciprocity*. (November 13), AUCD Conference, Washington, DC
- 2018** Levin, E.H. (April 12-13). *Changing constructions, changing paradigms: Access to citizenship across the lifespan*. Imagine Autism Conference, Isleta Pueblo, NM
- 2016** Levin, E.H., Tatz, J., and Scherba de Valenzuela, J.A. (October 7). *Altering the status quo through changing constructions of disability*. Southwest Conference on Disability, Albuquerque, NM
- Levin, E.H. (April 30). *Bringing a dissertation research project down to the New Mexico earth. A meditation on process and progress*. New Mexico LEND, Center for Development and Disability, Albuquerque, NM
- 2014** Levin, E.H. (April 8). *Autism disorder. A difference? A disorder? An identity?* College of Education Graduate Colloquium, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2010** Levin, E.H. (February 23). *Strategic reading for writing literature reviews*. College of Education Graduate Writing Studio Seminar, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.
- 2009** Levin, E.H. (April 4). *Strategic reading for research writing*. McNair Foundation Scholar's Seminar, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- Levin, E.H. (February 25). *The de/construction of special education by inclusion*. College of Education Graduate Colloquium, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2007** Levin, E.H. (November 8). *I am the coyote, I am the deer: Reaching for global connections through wilderness awareness*. National Association for Gifted Children National Conference, Special Populations, Minneapolis MN

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Department of Special Education, Part-time Faculty, Teaching Exceptional Students in General Education; University of New Mexico, 2018

Department of Teacher Education, Part-time Faculty, Student Teaching in Elementary School—Semester II; University of New Mexico, 2018

Department of Special Education, Part-time Faculty, Education of the Exceptional Person; University of New Mexico, 2018

College of Education Graduate Writing Studio, Writing Tutor, University of New Mexico, 2008-2009

Institute for Reading Development, K-Adult, inclusive reading teacher. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque and Santa Fe Community College, Summers 2008-2009

Albuquerque Public Schools, John Baker Elementary, Gifted/Twice-Exceptional, 2004-2006

Archdiocese of Santa Fe, St. Pius X High School, Science Teacher: Biology, Physics, Physical Science; Developed Remedial Physical Science class for students with a variety of learning difficulties, Albuquerque, NM. 2000-2004

Rio Rancho Public Schools, Rio Rancho High School, Science Teacher, Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry in the Community, Horticulture, 10-12, in fully inclusive classrooms. Rio Rancho, NM. 1998-2000

University of New Mexico, Department of Biology, Genetics Teaching Associate (instructor of record), Albuquerque. Summers 1995-1997

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

University of New Mexico, Department of Psychology, Child Psychopathology Lab. Developmental disabilities and comorbidities data analysis and management for ASD/OCD EEG and fMRI studies, Albuquerque, NM, 2008-2010

University of New Mexico, Department of Biology, Springfield Research Fellowship, Plant Ecology Lab. Ecological impact and nitrogen fixing capacity of cryptogamic crusts in a desert-grassland environment. Data gathering, analysis and management, LTER Research Station, Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, Bernardo, NM, 1995-1997

University of New Mexico, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, Paleoclimate Lab: Palynology, micro-fossil identifications for Glacial Lake Estancia project, data analysis and data management, Albuquerque, NM. 1993-1995



University of New Mexico Department of Biology, decomposition study lab and field plant technician, data analysis and data management. LTER Research Station, Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, Bernardo, NM. 1991-1993

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2016** Rudy Montoya Scholarship, Department of Special Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2016** Dr. Edward Sengel III Memorial Scholarship, Department of Special Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.
- 2014** Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Distinction, Department of Special Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2006** Master of Arts Outstanding Achievement Award, Department of Special Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 2006** Master's Comprehensive Exam Distinction, Department of Special Education, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 1996** Springfield Fellowship in Plant Ecology, Department of Biology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 1993** University of New Mexico Presidential Scholar
- 1983** Certificate in University Honors, Illinois State University

## **SERVICE**

New Mexico Developmental Disability Planning Council Board, Appointed by Governor Susana Martinez to a 2018 – 2020 term; Re-appointed by Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham to 2019-2022 term

UNM Health Sciences Center for Development and Disability, MCH Programs Advisory Board, 2018

UNM Health Sciences Center for Development and Disability, Consumer Advisory Council, 2017 - 2018

Quemado Schools, volunteer ASD/differentiation advisor as needed, 2013-2014

Quemado Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Core: Educational Outreach and Disability Support, 2012- Present

East Mountain Charter High School, Special Education Volunteer Math Tutoring and Program Chair, 2008-2010

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, 2018-19

TASH, 2018-19

Council for Exceptional Children, 2017-2018

National Association for Gifted Children, 2005-2012, 2018-19



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 11:54 AM

To: jlogan62@rocketmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Jack Logan

**Email**[jlogan62@rocketmail.com](mailto:jlogan62@rocketmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Approximately four months

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

No

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

No but I know Government and Politics

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I want the party to work hard in educating people about the party

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

The Party is for the people

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Limitations

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I'm The Founder of a Non Profit Organization. Put Down The Guns Now Young People Organization in South Carolina. I also serve on The South Carolina Advisory Board in District two in South Carolina

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Impatient people. I listen to them and do my best to explain things to them carefully



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: libertarianlongstreth@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 30, 2019 at 5:56 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Richard Longstreth

**Email**[libertarianlongstreth@gmail.com](mailto:libertarianlongstreth@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

4 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes. I am currently on the Platform Committee and County Development Committees with the Arizona Libertarian Party.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have served on several similar committees. While with the Libertarian Party of Colorado I served on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee in 2016 and chaired the committee in 2017 and 2018. I additionally served on the Standing Rules Committees for Colorado in 2017 and 2018 and served on their Policy Manual Committee from 2017-2019. For finished products, I would encourage members of the LNC to request a draft copy of the Policy Manual submitted to the Libertarian Party of Colorado and the Bylaws and Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. I also have additional experience in a similar national committee, having served as Colorado's representative on the National Platform Committee in 2018 until my job relocated me to Arizona.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I am not coming into this with any sort of agenda or goal in mind. I am open to hearing all suggestions and building off of those with others in order to present sound ideas to the delegation in 2020.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

In simplest terms: Do not hurt other people or take their stuff.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I believe in full transparency. There are very limited items which should be kept from the public's eye and I cannot fathom a reason to keep this committee's work anything but open to the public for review and scrutiny.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I encourage a more personal discussion one-on-one if someone would like to get to know me more personally.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

People who do not listen to instruction. I exercise patience and explain procedures multiple times to get the message across and task executed correctly.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: frisco.dlozano@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 8:30 AM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Francisco Lozano

**Email**[frisco.dlozano@gmail.com](mailto:frisco.dlozano@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Seven Years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes I am involved with the Texas LP currently serving as a member of SLEC for TX Senate District 27. Additionally, I serve as county chair for Cameron County Texas.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have not had the pleasure of serving on a rules or bylaw committee yet, though I plan to do so for my state party in the future. I have submitted rule change proposals to both my local party and at the State level. I believe I am qualified to serve on this committee because I am familiar with LP's rules, I am a detail oriented person who quickly responds to emails, and I believe in both the principals of the Libertarian Party as well as broadening our party's appeal to secure more votes, win more elections, and enact meaningful change.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

CURRENT WORDING: ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE, SEC. 14

"The Secretary or a designee shall promptly post notice for each session of the National Committee;"

IF ADOPTED WILL READ: ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE, SEC. 14

"The Secretary or a designee shall post notice for each session of the National Committee no later than thirty days before the session;"

The purpose of this proposed change is to reduce ambiguity concerning when notice for a session must be posted and to ensure that all concerned individuals are provided with timely notice of a session so that they can make the proper arrangements.

The original language of this section used the word "promptly" to set a deadline, and therefore could be interpreted differently by reasonable people. The LP rules should be as clear and definite as possible so as to avoid conflict and confusion.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes I have read the Statement of principles as adopted in the most recent platform. Also, I wholeheartedly, and without reservation, agree with the principles set forth therein.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes I will commit to carefully reading and participating in any email discussions. I will keep myself up to date and respond within twelve hours, and likely sooner, of any discussion thread. Additionally, I am fully committed to attend any required in person meetings that are held, and I am prepared to personally incur the cost of attending such meetings.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None yet, but I plan to attend in 2020.

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

My understanding of Libertarian philosophy is that it is based on both the non aggression principle and the sovereignty of the individual. That any utilitarian or communitarian system is flawed if it scarifies the good of any individual for the good of society. That Libertarians want to help others and to save the world, but wish to do so on our own individual terms, and that doing so on any other terms is not only an abdication of one's own moral responsibility, but also a cowardly perversion of so called altruism.

In sort Libertarians subscribe to a philosophy of unfettered liberty as a means to unleash humanity's boundless potential.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I believe in transparency as a tool to fight corruption. Not only would it expose any sort of malintent that may be able to pass by in secret, but it would provide meaningful deterrence to any such attempts. Additionally, transparency allows for better accountability and provides more decentralized knowledge sharing.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Within the LP I feel that organizing my home county into an LP affiliate to the TX LP is my most important accomplishment and ongoing duty. Local parties are both the lifeblood and backbone of both the state and national LP. They are a great staring point for new libertarians and are a positive force in local communities.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I'm tempted to say statistis, but I think that's a common complaint for all Libertarians.

No, I suppose I am most put off by people unwilling to engage in open and civil conversations, either through stubbornness, or worse yet writing off another's ideas for arbitrary or capricious reasons.

I deal with these people by first looking for what we might have in common, where we can agree, and then working towards an amicable and mutually beneficial resolution if possible.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 5:56 AM

To: jpm2010@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

JAMES MARSH

**Email**[jpm2010@gmail.com](mailto:jpm2010@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

1 month

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes, attend local meetings and the State Convention

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

No similar committee and no finished products and no specific qualifications other than wanting to help make change

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I would move the quorum up to 51%.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

YES

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

YES

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

NONE

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

We HAVE THE NATURAL RIGHT TO DO WHATEVER WE WANT AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT HURTING ANYONE ELSE. ALL TRANSACTIONS MUST BE CONSENSUAL WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

100%TRANSPARENCY

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

JOINING THE LP AND WORKING FOR REAL CHANGE.





Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## LNC Contact Form - Bylaws and Rules Committee Application

1 message

**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 11:29 PM

Reply-To: agmattson@gmail.com

To: chair@lp.org, alex.merced@lp.org, treasurer@lp.org, secretary@lp.org, joe.bishop-henchman@lp.org, sam.goldstein@lp.org, alicia.mattson@lp.org, william.redpath@lp.org, joshua.smith@lp.org, richard.longstreth@lp.org, johnny.adams@lp.org, steven.nekhaila@lp.org, victoria.paige.lee@lp.org, elizabeth.vanhorn@lp.org, dustin.nanna@lp.org, jeffrey.hewitt@lp.org, kenneth.olsen@lp.org, james.lark@lp.org, susan.hogarth@lp.org, john.phillips@lp.org, phillip.anderson@lp.org, whitney.bilyeu@lp.org, erin.adams@lp.org, justin.odonnell@lp.org, pat.ford@lp.org

**Contact LNC members:**

Contact all LNC members

**Your Information**

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Bylaws and Rules Committee Application

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**Message**

Apparently the committee application forms went offline at midnight Eastern time, but here on the west coast it is still October 15th, so I'm submitting my committee applications this way.

How long have you been a dues paying member of National?

23 years, and a life member for 13 years

Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?

I have recently focused more on local activism than holding state/local party positions, but am always at state conventions. Most of the LNC is well aware that I have a very long history of party service in county, state, and national positions. I won't make you read it all.

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Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?

Yes, I have served on this committee several times before, as well as the Platform Committee.

Clear writing is critical when it comes to bylaws. As a detail-oriented person and a Professional Registered Parliamentarian, I have an eye for editing proposals to use proper and consistent terminology, minimize unintended consequences, and to remove ambiguity so as to minimize future disputes about interpretation.

I have sufficient experience in the party to know how our processes work and how to implement new ideas.

When I applied for the 2014 committee, I submitted ideas for 4 different proposals, 3 of which became part of the committee report and were adopted by the delegates. The 2016 delegates adopted my proposal aimed at reducing the number of human errors in our elections. I contribute to proposals authored by others by catching technical details or offering other design improvements.

What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).

Several opportunities exist to address things that have burned floor time at past conventions. Our rules could use some clarification on how to handle the situation in which a bylaw proposal from the committee fails, then floor amendments are offered but they all fail. Then do we go back and vote again on the unamended proposal, or argue about procedure for 30 minutes? This is a recurring debate. During the last convention there was a lot of confusion, which cost a lot of convention floor time, over the handling of multiple minority reports. We need to find a way to make email ballots accommodate important timeliness matters such as points of order.

Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?

Yes.

Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?

Yes.

Which national conventions have you attended?

2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2018

Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.

Don't hurt people. Don't take their stuff.

(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?

I favor the committee meetings being open to party members.

(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?

In the past three years, I have played a substantial role in qualifying 5 measures for the local ballot in spite of fierce opposition from our city council and city management. One of them has saved local utility ratepayers millions of dollars so far. Through litigation Aaron and I are fighting for the taxpayers by forcing compliance with financial transparency laws, demanding refunds of approximately \$30 million illegally siphoned by the city out of the utilities and into the general fund, etc. By the time the LNC votes on these appointments, Aaron and I expect to have submitted enough signatures to qualify 5 more government reform measures for the local 2020 ballot.

(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?

People who knowingly redefine words and grossly misrepresent situations in order to apply emotionally inflammatory labels designed to demonize anyone who opposes them, so as to avoid discussion of the actual facts and merits of the pending issue. The best way to counter them is to challenge the labels and misrepresentations with facts and push the discussion to the merits.

**Email Confirmation**

- I want to receive email communication from the Libertarian Party.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

1 message

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Fri, Sep 20, 2019 at 3:42 AM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: chuck@moulton.org

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Chuck Moulton

**Email**[chuck@moulton.org](mailto:chuck@moulton.org)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

20 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes.

Elections Committee Chair, Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania  
(board vote; responsible for candidate recruitment, ballot access, and candidate support)

active with Montgomery County Libertarian Committee, but not an officer

Former state chair in both Pennsylvania and Virginia.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes. I served on the bylaws committee in 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, and 2010; I served as interim-chair in 2014 and 2016; and I served as the permanent chair in 2014.

I can refer the LNC to several bylaws changes I have proposed previous years which were not voted on by the delegates due to insufficient time (buried at the end of the committee report). I have also passed several bylaws changes directly from the floor, bypassing the committee. I have worked extensively improving the bylaws at the national, state, and county level throughout my involvement with the Libertarian Party.

I am a Registered Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians. I was formerly a Professional Registered Parliamentarian; however, that credential has lapsed. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in PA, NJ, and CA. I have a Ph.D. in economics.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

PROPOSAL 1: Committee Transparency

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

7. The Bylaws and Rules Committee, Platform Committee, and Credentials Committee shall use roll call voting on all main motions. Additionally, those committees must have a roll call vote upon request of any two Committee members present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.

8. Any person may record the proceedings of the Bylaws and Rules Committee, Platform Committee, and Credentials Committee while in open session.

PROPOSAL 2: Diverse Committees

**ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES**

5. Each term no person may serve on more than one "Other Committee" (Platform Committee, Bylaws and Rules Committee, or Credentials Committee).  
[re-number subsequent clauses]

**PROPOSAL 3: Term Limits (Rotation of Office)****ARTICLE 9: TERMS OF OFFICE**

1. The National Committee and the Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. This period of time shall be one term. A person who served for any portion of a term is considered to have served that term.
  2. No person may serve more than three (3) terms in a row on the National Committee.
  3. No person may serve more than two (2) terms in a row on the Judicial Committee.
- [re-number subsequent articles]

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes.

Yes.

I found the "cult of the omnipotent state" language very eloquent and compelling when I first joined the party and I still see no problem with it.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes. I served on the bylaws committee in 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, and 2010. In all those terms I actively engaged in the email discussion and I never missed a committee meeting.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006, and 2004

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

To describe libertarian philosophy succinctly, I borrow two explanations from David Boaz:

1) You learn the essence of libertarianism - which is also the essence of civilization - in kindergarten:

- \* Don't hit other people.
- \* Don't take their stuff.
- \* Keep your promises.

2) Smokey the Bear's rules for fire safety also apply to government:

- \* keep it small
- \* keep it in a confined area
- \* keep an eye on it

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I am a strong proponent of committee transparency. During my time on the Bylaws and Rules Committee I have consistently voted for open email discussion, open meetings, public survey results, and minutes with roll call votes of substantive motions for accountability (I have been outvoted every term). Additionally, I have proposed amendments to the LP bylaws which would make the committee more transparent. I publish my email address ([chuck@moulton.org](mailto:chuck@moulton.org)) and phone number (215-768-6812) so that any LP member may contact me about bylaws issues.

In the spirit of transparency, feel free to share my application with anyone.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

- \* elected 25 Libertarians to partisan local office in 2019 (led targetted recruitment drive)
- \* started the Libertarian Party Facebook page (now over 700,000 likes)
- \* earned a Ph.D. and a J.D.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

My biggest pet peeve is when a discussant repeats a point which has already been rebutted as if he had not heard its refutation. I can certainly understand reasonable people disagreeing on the persuasiveness of an argument, but it ought to be engaged rather than ignored.

When someone repeats something previously debunked, I try to deal with him in the following ways. First, give him the benefit of the doubt and repeat the counterargument in case it was genuinely missed. Second, try to rephrase or reformulate the rebuttal to resonate with different points of view or bring in more supporting evidence to make its case stronger. Third, (if neither of the first two methods are effective) assume he is purposely misrepresenting incapable of being reached, and politely correct him solely for the benefit of other participants.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 11:00 AM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: drkbolsen@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Kenneth Olsen

**Email**[drkbolsen@gmail.com](mailto:drkbolsen@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Since 1996

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes. I am Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of California and on the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Kings County, which I organized and was Chair of for three years (2016-2019).

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I was on the organizing committee for the Libertarian Party of Kings County as its Chair. I have served on the Bylaws Committee of the Libertarian Party of California since 2017. I was Chair of the Bylaws Committee of the LPC in 2017 and 2018 and serve currently as Secretary of the LPC Bylaws Committee for 2019. I authored the Bylaws Committee Report for the 2019 LPC convention. <https://u1myo26o1t789cb2l4fjwcx8-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Bylaws-Committee-Report-Final-1.25.19.pdf>

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I would propose changing the election format from approval voting to ranked-choice instant runoff voting for LNC members and JC.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

It is a philosophy of minimal government interference. It basically espouses that government shall exist only to protect and promote individual rights and shall not infringe on such.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I am in favor of complete transparency for this Committee.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 2002. Ran for office in 1996 as a Libertarian. Organized Libertarian Party of Kings County in 2016. Elected Northern Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of California in 2017. Elected Vice Chair of the

10/8/2019

Gmail - Thank you for your submission

Libertarian Party of California in 2019. Elected LNC Region 4 Alternate in 2018. Currently Campaign Manager for the Kalish Morrow for Hanford City Council 2020 Campaign and Central California Director of the Ruff/Phillips 2020 Campaign.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Psychic vampires who create drama because it energizes them. I generally try to ignore them.





Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: george@georgepeacock.com

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 8:16 AM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

George Peacock

**Email**[george@georgepeacock.com](mailto:george@georgepeacock.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

3 years I think

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I was the Treasurer for Mark Grannis, author of "Yes We Can," when he ran for Congress in Maryland's 8th District twice. Joined the LP then and attend several state meetings and the convention. Have recently met Adam Theo and plan to be active in the LP of Northern VA. I moved to Loudoun County about a year ago.

Recently finished active volunteer role with Georgetown University Alumni Association and looking to re-direct my volunteer energy.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes. I was on the Executive Committee of the Georgetown University Alumni Association and served twice on the By-Laws revision committee. Later served as President-Elect and President during which we had a major by-laws revision. Worked very closely for four years with two separate Parliamentarians.

Could send you the by-laws if you wish.

Qualification would be having served on the front line to focus on what changes should be considered, how they should be written and framed/communicated to the voting membership and then shepherding the changes through to consideration and passage.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I have none at the moment but will review the by-laws. I imagine there are some changes I could suggest but would rather know more about the history and proposed direction before assessing.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I have and I do but I would word a few things differently, as I imagine would most people, given our pluralism.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes. Where are the in-person meetings to be held?

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

That we the people created a government to serve us and protect our liberty, domestically and against foreign control that would threaten that liberty. We believe that individual liberty is paramount, subject to not infringing on the rights of other individuals to do the same. Government should operate similar to the Catholic social principle of subsidiarity -- the idea that a central authority should have a subsidiary function, performing only those tasks which cannot be performed effectively at

a more immediate or local level. That government governs best that governs least, always in service of securing and protecting individual liberty and choice.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Transparency is important. It can sometimes be valuable for committee members to speak freely as ideas need to be encouraged and discussed and challenged and honed and reflected upon. And then those mature and well-thought-out ideas should be fully open to further discussion by all parties. In short, I favor occasional "executive sessions" or limitations as a practical matter for the efficiency of all people's time, but am not wed to it.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Was President and Treasurer of the GU Club of Washington DC (15 years of involvement at that level). Member Board of Governors of National alumni association, 2006-Present. Chair, Communications Committee and Audit & Finance. President-Elect and President (2012-2016). Member Georgetown University Board of Directors, 2014-2016. Board of Regents, 2016-2018.

Co-author: The 3 Simple Rules of Investing, Berrett-Koehler, 2014

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

People of unquestioned certainty. I deal with them privately and over time. And uncivil/rude people. Deal with them according to the circumstance.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: TRowlette@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 14, 2019 at 7:58 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Thomas Rowlette

**Email**[TRowlette@gmail.com](mailto:TRowlette@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

3 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I'm a committee member of the St. Louis County LP, and an alternate member of the Missouri LP state committee.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have not served on a previous bylaws committee, but I have been on various committees in the states where I've lived.

Mostly my qualification is that I'm willing to review all of the footage of the past few LP conventions and see what issues continually pop up. I would like our conventions, in the future, to seem less like herding cats. Maybe there's some way to cut down on all of the points of order, privilege, and information while still letting people fully participate and having the will of the convention be accurately accomplished.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Right now I don't have anything that I'm itching to propose, but after watching all of that video of previous conventions I'm sure I'll have lots of specifics I'd like to change.

My guess is that I'll have suggestions having to do with the time limits on things, since that seemed to often cause problems. Until I watch the videos though, I won't know for sure what to propose.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I have read the statement of principles. I do agree with it.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2006, 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Libertarian philosophy has two major themes - self-ownership and the non-aggression principle. Everything else derives from those two things. When you extrapolate from them, you tend to find that government often tries to enforce laws that violate one or both of those ideas, so in general Libertarians favor a much smaller government.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I don't see why the committee shouldn't be fully transparent. It's not like we will be discussing ongoing legal stuff or HR issues.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Currently a 4.0 student in college.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

It's pretty difficult to annoy me. When it happens I tend to just let whatever it is go.

I know there are sometimes interesting personalities on Libertarian committees, but I'm pretty mellow and other people tend to mellow out around me too.

As a final note, I'll probably do my "watch a ton of old convention coverage and then see what the recurring problems are" project regardless of whether I'm on the committee or not, but it would be nice to be able to propose things that will show up in the convention booklet and get voted on by the convention as a whole.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: rutherfordlibertarian@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 3:22 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Mark Rutherford

**Email**[rutherfordlibertarian@gmail.com](mailto:rutherfordlibertarian@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Approximately 1996. Life member.

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes. Candidate for Indiana Secretary of State, 2018. Financial contributor to local candidates in 2019. Adviser to local candidates in 2019. Delegate to Indiana state convention from 1998 through 2019. On team planning strategy for 2023 municipal elections in Carmel, Indiana.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have served on the Libertarian National Committee, (2001-2006, 2010-2012); chair of the Libertarian Party of Indiana ((2000-2007); Audit Committee of LNC (2008-10), served as chair and board member of following nonprofit corporations with major revisions of bylaws: Lambda Chi Alpha Home Association of Wabash College, Police Athletic League of Indianapolis, Indiana Junior Tennis Development Fund, Central Indiana Tennis Association, and Advocates for Self Government. Served on numerous other nonprofit corporations or political entities. My law practice is business law and I have written scores of bylaws and other governance documents for clients since 1993, when I started in private practice. I have given many presentations since @2000 to political groups on governance documents including bylaws.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Currently I have no proposals. Bylaws should be reviewed by the committee for compliance, and if a provision is not being followed, it should determine if the bylaws should be changed to meet current practices, or if a revision is needed to help with compliance. This should be investigated by the committee after it is formed. Wholesale changes to the bylaws should be avoided unless significantly dysfunctional, which in my opinion is not the case with the LP's current bylaws. Changes should only be proposed after adequate time to debate, and should be for the long-term benefit of the LP, not a reaction to short-term passion. My benefit to the committee, with my experience in the LP, is a long-term perspective which helps the LP function in a manner that complements, and does not interfere with its mission.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

Every convention since 2000.

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Don't take my stuff, don't physically hurt me and don't defraud me. Apply these tenets yourself with others.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

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All meetings should be transparent. No decisions should be made behind closed doors. The LNC email list has proven that the unintended consequence of such things (noble in intent) is that no one posts much meaningful on it and it has the opposite effect of transparency, including among LNC members. The delegates as a whole every convention are a good check and balance if a committee hasn't been open enough with them. It'll punish the committee. However, too much alleged mandatory transparency, as I've seen in government and in politics, usually results in less transparency of ideas and more shenanigans.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 6:16 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: ronnie@driver-aces.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Ron Schnell

**Email**[ronnie@driver-aces.com](mailto:ronnie@driver-aces.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

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**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Was a delegate at the 2016 national convention. Supported (financially and volunteer) Libertarian congressional candidates in the past.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have been a member of the ISPA (International Segway Polo Association) rules committee for 5 years. Have participated on many boards. Was the chief technology officer for the Rand Paul for President Committee.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I have not reviewed the current rules, so do not have any suggestions at this time. If requested, I can review the rules and submit something at a later time.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, and yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2016 National Convention (as delegate)

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Civil Liberties at the forefront. Federal Government primarily for national defense. Freedom for all, so long as others are not hurt. Taxation is theft.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Absolutely.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

See Wikipedia page for me.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Ignorant people, and people who waste my time. I try to educate people, and explain efficiency.

**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
 Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
 To: lexrex5@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 8:11 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Albert Veldhuyzen

**Email**

lexrex5@gmail.com

**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Since 2016

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I was involved in supporting the Libertarian nominee for U.S. Senate in Virginia, contributing to his campaign and putting up bumper stickers and yard signs. I intend to become involved a whole lot more next year. I am already registered for the Libertarian National Convention next May.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I am an attorney and have drafted constitutions and rules for non-profit organizations. I do have those finished products which I can share. I am also an expert in Administrative and Civil Law as well as Election Law, having served as an attorney at the Federal Election Commission for 14 years. I am currently the Chief of Administrative and Civil Law for the Fort Belvoir military installation. I wish to serve on this particular committee because I believe that it is essential that Libertarians have precise and fair rules to govern their Convention. I have been recognized in law school as well as in the Army as an outstanding writer, so I believe I have much to contribute. I can send you proof of my academic and writing credentials.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I don't currently have any proposed changes.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, I have read the Statement of Principles and agree with it wholeheartedly.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes, I commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and in-person meetings.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

No national conventions yet

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

I have been very influenced by Ludwig von Mises' Human Action, Friedrich Hayek's Road to Serfdom, and Frederic Bastiat's The Law. Although many advocates of State interventionism in society may be well-intentioned, their intentions often pave the way to a Hell on Earth because of a fundamental failure to comprehend human nature and incentives. Libertarians properly recognize that humans have inherent personal dreams and goals, and the best and most vibrant society is one that unleashes individual potential by restraining the power of the State over individual life, liberty, and property. Ideally, the individual should be allowed to pursue all endeavors that does not restrict the life, liberty, or property of another. The State's responsibility is to ensure this liberty of action free from coercion--not to restrain freedom among consenting individuals. Also, just as individuals have a moral duty to be financially responsible, so does the State. Under the tutelage of both major Parties, the Government has become tyrannical and fiscally irresponsible, essentially being used by the special interests of the Party in power to funnel money and programs to their pet projects. Libertarians forswear the use of Government power to benefit crony interests with hard-earned taxpayer funds.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I am a firm believer in transparency. However, committee members are also entitled to a modicum of privacy regarding their emails and pre-decisional deliberations. Allowing discovery of emails while the work of the committee is still ongoing would tend to have a chilling effect on communications and could bog down the committee in useless distraction inimical to



its objectives and goals. However, once the committee has produced a product and finished its work, it is reasonable to allow discovery of the rules, methods, deliberations, and products of the committee.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My recognized writing and analytical legal skills were instrumental in my selection and work as the Editor of The Army Lawyer, Military Law Review, and subsequently at the Federal Election Commission. At the FEC, I had the opportunity to work with Bradley Smith, the most liberty-minded Commissioner that has served on the Commission. Additionally, I've been recognized as an outstanding manager, supervising numerous attorneys in both my Civilian and Military capacities. I am currently a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and the civilian Chief of Administrative and Civil Law for Fort Belvoir. However, the accomplishment I am most proud of is my involvement in founding and maintaining the Project Paraguay Foundation whose purpose is to steer volunteer efforts and contributions to alleviate poverty and support education in Paraguay. Ultimately, civil society must depend on the efforts of free people forming associations to help others, and not action by Government using coerced taxpayer funding.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

The type of people who annoy me the most are those who tend to be micro-managers who think they know what is best for others. It is precisely that mentality that is the root of the tyrannical state. When these types of individuals enter Government, they have no qualms with imposing rules and regulations that deprive the populace of their liberty and freedom. The presumptuous do-gooders, ostensibly there to protect us from ourselves, end up imposing heavy burdens on individuals in the name of "safety," "fairness," "the environment," and many other excuses to justify their own existence and importance. The way to deal with such individuals is through reason if possible, and if not, to defeat them politically and make them ineffective.

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Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

## Thank you for your submission

**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: mike.seebeck@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 7:13 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Michael Seebeck

**Email**[mike.seebeck@gmail.com](mailto:mike.seebeck@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Since 2001

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

See Lpedia for the extensive details.

Currently Chair of LPCO Style Committee (again, 4th time), most recent Chair of LPCO Bylaws Committee, member of LPCO Platform Committee and last LPCO national Platform Committee representative.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Previous Chair of LPCO Bylaws Committee for several years. Those reports are available through LPCO or me. 2019-20 LPCO Bylaws Committee will be consolidating the LPCO Constitution and Bylaws into one document, which will primarily be my work.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

The Bylaws Committee should be selected in the same way as the Platform Committee (language TBD).

Also, the national convention delegate allocations use an arcane and obscure formula. Clean it up and simplify it. (Language TBD)

The rest of the Bylaws are mature but need a major Stylistic overhaul. If there was a national Style Committee, this could be accomplished rather easily. The Colorado model, which is my creation, works rather well.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes, but the cult of the omnipotent state language still sucks. Not gonna be changed, though.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

In full tie-dye.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2008, 2010, 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Individual freedom, personal responsibility, peace, and prosperity through limited government, free markets, collaboration and cooperation amongst individuals, and strict respect for and defense of individual rights.

Oh, and #TaxationIsTheft...

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I founded the Libertarian Transparency Caucus in 2008.

Complete and open transparency for all proceedings.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

- 31% vote on \$0 in 2016.
- Killed a \$23M bond in 2001.
- Wrote the licensing plank for the 2018 Platform that passed unanimously with no debate in record time.
- LPCO Lexington Award winner (lifetime achievement)



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Thu, Sep 26, 2019 at 7:44 AM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: victoria.paige.sexton@lp.org

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Paige Sexton

**Email**[victoria.paige.sexton@lp.org](mailto:victoria.paige.sexton@lp.org)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

2 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Former regional coordinator for the Libertarian Party of Tennessee and founder of the Libertarian Party of Carroll County (TN). Currently Region 2 Alternate for the Libertarian National Committee.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have served on a multitude of committees both on the state and national level. State level committee involvement includes Marketing Committee. National level committee involvement includes Youth Engagement and Candidate Support Committee. Also, on the state level, I have helped in reviewing potential bylaw changes that were voted into action in 2019.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Upon assessing the bylaws there are none I would not stump for the changing of any but would be willing to listen to others who wish to.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

We reject the use of force and coercion for personal or political gain. We also believe in self ownership and autonomy. Put more simply do not harm anyone and do not take their things. If someone infringes on those rights, which also include life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, then you have the right to defend those basic rights.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

The majority of meetings should have some form of transparency. Ideally full transparency is goal, however there are always times that members of a committee must meet in private.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Personally, being a wife and a mother.

Professionally, being a trauma emergency nurse.

Politically, being elected Region 2 Alternate for the Libertarian National Committee.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

People who are attention seeking, which is something I professionally and politically deal with almost daily. What helps me is if I take a step back from the conversation, take a few cleansing breaths, and continue on with my work.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: Hollywood.22@hotmail.com

Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 2:17 AM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Mike Starnes

**Email**[Hollywood.22@hotmail.com](mailto:Hollywood.22@hotmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Unkown

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Not yet, but looking into it.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I served on several committees of the Chino Valley Unified School District including but not limited to the implementation of reorganizing: school boundaries, bus routes & stops for every school in the district, boundaries for every school regarding bus eligibility, intra/inter school transfer & school schedule for every school.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Article 10: Conventions

5. Delegate List

Any Party member shall be provided, upon request and payment of copying and mailing costs, a list of the names and addresses of all delegates selected to attend and those who actually attended the most recent two Conventions, with those who attended clearly identified, and all delegates / alternates selected to the upcoming convention, if available.

Remove: "and mailing cost"

Replace with: "will be emailed..."

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, I've read the Statement of Principles. I do agree with it; however, I feel it needs to be updated.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

I define the Libertarian philosophy as one that focuses on citizens taking ownership of their lives, property, body, mind & economic well-being.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Not only do I support committee transparency, I demand it from ALL aspects of the party from the National level to the County level.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My Railroad career, co-parenting with my ex-wife to raise two successful children (son works for a NCAA Division I football program. Daughter is in the process of getting BSN - Bachelor Science in Nursing) who respect me & my reputation of being an honest straight forward, loyal & dependable person that everyone enjoys to be around & proud to call their friend.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Closed minded people. I use calm factual conversation & empathize with their views. I find a common fact that we agree on, tell them I agree with them & then build on that common interest which lowers their defensiveness and allows them to be more open to consider someone else's point of view. Communication is an art that for me, occurs naturally. I enjoy good conversation, civil debates & constructive criticism.

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## Mike L. Starnes

1522 S Pine Ave, Ontario, CA 91762

Hollywood.22@hotmail.com

951-532-1176

### SUMMARY

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Secure a position in the Railroad industry that enables me to utilize my skills, knowledge and experience while being challenged in new areas. To achieve success with the company based on tangible results.

### EXPERIENCE

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#### *UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD – TRAIN OPERATIONS*

Sept 1997 -  
Present

#### **FRA Qualified Class 6 RCL Conductor**

- Responsible for coordinating safe, on-time train & MoW movement within the yard.
- Develop & implement a strategic plan to safely & efficiently switch rail cars.
- Manage yard track inventory using company computer system.
- Perform FRA engine & car inspections, including Class 1 air brake test.
- Work directly with customers & Homeland Security to provide critical, hazardous & non-hazardous shipments.
- Qualified on Federal General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR)
- Perform proper train handling using a Remote Control Locomotive.
- Navigate rail system using Centralized Traffic Control (CTC) & other territory types.
- Effectively communicate train needs with dispatcher using Federal radio requirements.
- Inform & direct crew members of duties to be performed.

#### *Kraft Foods International - Sales*

May 1991 -  
Sept 1997

#### **Sales Rep / Account Executive**

- Present new marketplace items to grocery chain corporate buyer for acceptance.
- Ensure proper product placement of new & existing items at store level.
- Work with grocery chain buyers to develop weekly ad promotions.
- Provide promotional displays at store level.

### EDUCATION

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1997

#### **Certificate of Completion, POST - Police Officers Standards and Training**

Fullerton College Police Academy

- Class President

June 1986

#### **Certificate of Completion, GED**

CHINO HIGH SCHOOL – CHINO, CA

### SKILLS

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- Leadership, ability to multi-task, detail orientated & self-driven.
- Basic computer skills.
- Communication & customer rapport.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- FRA Class 6 RCL Operator
- General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR)
- Class 1 Air Brake Rule

## **REFERENCES**

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### **Edward Campos**

*Campos1422@yahoo.com*

- Conductor
- Union Local Chairman

### **Karl Wilson**

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- Conductor
- Union Local Chairman



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

**Re: Bylaws Committee Application**

3 messages

Starchild &lt;RealReform@earthlink.net&gt;

Tue, Oct 22, 2019 at 9:59 PM

To: Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Starchild &lt;RealReform@earthlink.net&gt;

Hi Caryn Ann,

Here are my responses to the LP Bylaws Committee application questions (which are refreshing by the way!)

**Name**  
Starchild**Email**  
[starchild@lp.org](mailto:starchild@lp.org)**How long have you been a dues paying member of national?**  
Since 1992, I believe.**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Very much so. I am Outreach Director for the Libertarian Party of San Francisco and a former county chair. I've run for public office five times (once for State Assembly, twice for School Board, and twice for county Supervisor).

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have served on the national Platform Committee and Credentials Committee, and on the California LP Bylaws and Platform Committees.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**  
Yes, I've read it and strongly agree. It is inspirational.**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**  
Yes.**Which national conventions have you attended?**  
All of them since 1992.**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

I believe the heart and soul of libertarianism is the Non-Aggression Principle, the idea that each person should be free to live as they choose so long as it does not involve the initiation of force or fraud against others. Individuals (not states) are sovereign, and have rights including the right to own property, the rights to freedom of speech and expression, the rights to self-defense and defense of others, the right to freedom of religion, the right to freedom of movement excluding trespassing on private property, the right to freedom of association,

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all committee meetings and emails be open to Party members or should there be limitations?**I strongly support committee transparency, both in general, but for the Bylaws Committee in particular, as essential to the bottom-up governance of the Libertarian Party as a grassroots organization run by and accountable to its members. Party members not serving on a committee should be able to fully participate in all committee proceedings (both online and in-person conversations) short of making motions or voting. All committee documents and materials should be transparent to party members and accessible via the committee page on the [LP.org](http://LP.org) website, along with committee members' contact information, their terms of appointment, advance notice of committee meetings, each committee member's voting history, and information on the committee.**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Perhaps AI will be able to answer such questions in the future, but I have no idea! My most concrete or visible accomplishments (e.g. having graduated college with a degree in journalism, having been a sergeant in the U.S. government's army, beating a prostitution charge, media attention, etc.) are not necessarily the most important. The nature of my work, both as a companion and as an activist, is such that its impact can be difficult to determine. I'd like to think I have made a positive impact in people's personal lives, and for the cause of freedom, but I'll probably never have much real knowledge about the degree to which this is true.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Few people annoy or anger me more than petty tyrants who take perverse pleasure in enforcing authoritarian rules and regulations or simply throwing their weight around and abusing people. I generally deal with them by resistance and non-compliance to whatever extent I believe I can do so without undue risk.

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**Email \*****How long have you been a dues paying member of National? \*****Are you involved with your state or local party? How so? \*****Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee? \***Link to [The Statement of Principles](#)**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it? \*****Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings? \*****Which national conventions have you attended? \*****Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy. \*****(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all**

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(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?

**File (optional)**

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**Starchild** <RealReform@earthlink.net>  
To: Caryn Ann Harlos <carynannharlos@gmail.com>  
Cc: Starchild <RealReform@earthlink.net>

Fri, Oct 25, 2019 at 10:15 PM

Hi Caryn Ann,

Just wanted to confirm you got this and passed it along.

As always, I want my application to be made public and shared with party members on the list – which they all should be.

Hope you're doing all right.

Love & Liberty,

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**Caryn Ann Harlos** <carynannharlos@gmail.com>  
To: Libertarian National Committee list <Inc-business@hq.lp.org>

Sat, Oct 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM

Starchild was one of the folks who could not access the application of the bylaw as it closed too early. He did notify me that day. I told him to answer the questions in a separate email which is forwarded below. He wanted the whole application forwarded on the public list. Please consider this when voting today.

In Liberty,

*Caryn Ann Harlos*

**Personal Note:** I have what is commonly known as Asperger's Syndrome (part of the autism spectrum). This can affect inter-personal communication skills in both personal and electronic arenas. If anyone found anything offensive or overly off-putting (or some other social faux pas) in an actual email, please contact me privately and let me know.

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Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## LNC Contact Form - Bylaws Committee Application

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 11:15 PM

Reply-To: starrcpa@gmail.com

To: chair@lp.org, alex.merced@lp.org, treasurer@lp.org, secretary@lp.org, joe.bishop-henchman@lp.org, sam.goldstein@lp.org, alicia.mattson@lp.org, william.redpath@lp.org, joshua.smith@lp.org, richard.longstreth@lp.org, johnny.adams@lp.org, steven.nekhaila@lp.org, victoria.paige.lee@lp.org, elizabeth.vanhorn@lp.org, dustin.nanna@lp.org, jeffrey.hewitt@lp.org, kenneth.olsen@lp.org, james.lark@lp.org, susan.hogarth@lp.org, john.phillips@lp.org, philip.anderson@lp.org, whitney.bilyeu@lp.org, erin.adams@lp.org, justin.odonnell@lp.org, pat.ford@lp.org

**Contact LNC members:**

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**Subject**

Bylaws Committee Application

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**Message**

The online application form for the Bylaws Committee is not accessible. Perhaps it went offline at midnight Eastern Time, instead of Pacific Time.

Here are the answers requested:

How long have you been a dues paying member of National?

I have been a Life member since 1996; dues paying member since the early 1980s.

Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?

My involvement with the Libertarian Party dates back to 1980. I have served in a number of roles from volunteer, candidate, successful campaign manager, county chair, state chair, LNC member and LNC officer.

Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?

I have served productively on previous such committees, including in the role of committee Secretary. I prepared the Platform Committee reports of our proposals presented to Convention delegates in 2012, 2014 and 2016, and the Bylaws and Rules Committee reports for 2012, 2014 and 2018.

While serving on the Bylaws and Rules Committee, I have authored or co-authored a number of proposals that were adopted by delegates in convention, including:

- Extending mail ballot voting to committees
- Authorizing committee meetings by teleconference
- A requirement that Judicial Committee members have been members for at least four years at the time of their selection
- Allowing Judicial Committee members to fill vacancies on their committee
- Clarifications on the language concerning the availability of delegate lists
- Elevating a number of convention rules to the bylaws so that they could not be suspended
- Changing the rules so that a speech could be given on behalf of NOTA for President if sufficient nominating tokens are collected.

What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).

There is a lot of duplicative language shared among Bylaw Articles 6 through 8. There is an opportunity to streamline the language.

Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?

Yes.

Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?

Yes.

Which national conventions have you attended?

Every national convention since 1989.

Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.

Libertarianism seeks to minimize the role of coercion in human interactions.

(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?

I favor keeping meetings open to party members.

(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?

In terms of libertarian accomplishments, I have served as a successful campaign manager and have qualified several measures for the ballot.

(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?

Folks who have difficulty thinking logically. You just have to be patient with them.

## Email Confirmation

- I want to receive email communication from the Libertarian Party.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Wed, Oct 2, 2019 at 12:01 PM

Reply-To: secretary@lp.org

To: j2s2holdings@gmail.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

James Stevens

**Email**[j2s2holdings@gmail.com](mailto:j2s2holdings@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

1 month

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

No

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I've served on several committees in the business world. Mainly identifying and building processes and procedures. I'm a project manager in the construction industry, managing multi-million dollar projects.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I do not have any proposed changes at this time.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes I have and yes I do.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Absolutely

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

One has true Freedom to do as they choose as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else or infringe on the rights of others. Free market over taxation and bureaucracies. Standing up for others rights even if their opinions differ from mine.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

Open to all Party members

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I don't have a type of person that annoys me. Keeping our end goal in mind during passionate debate usually keeps everyone on track. Less ego and more listening.





Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: christopherthrasher@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 4:42 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Christopher Thrasher

**Email**[christopherthrasher@gmail.com](mailto:christopherthrasher@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Since 2008

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Currently active with the Libertarian Party of Rhode Island.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I am currently a member of the LNC Ballot Access Committee. I have attended LNC meetings since 2009, and have significant experience with Libertarian Presidential campaigns, as well as with the party on the national level.

In 2019, as a member of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky, I worked from the convention floor to reconcile what was a heated bylaws debate between competing factions, helping to produce a bylaws document that balanced the concerns of both sides and provided for an efficient and effective structure for the LPKY.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

As a member of the Bylaws Committee, I would work to reconcile the needs and concerns of party members across the different factions regarding any proposed changes as a facilitator, rather than an initiator.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes and yes.

I will note, as I have many times before, that I would change one, and only one, thing:

"We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the CONCEPT of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual."

Or "Idea". Or "theory". Or literally any other word besides cult.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes, without question.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2008, 2012, 2016, 2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Simply put, the use of force or fraud is abhorrent, and the right of any individual to believe, say, and do as they please, so long as they refrain from initiating force or fraud, is an inherent human right.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

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With regard to the Bylaws committee, I believe that full transparency would cause no harm nor negative effect, and therefore would support complete transparency of the committee's business.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

As the Director of Ballot Access for the Johnson/Weld presidential campaign, I oversaw the successful placement of the Libertarian Party's presidential ticket on all 50 state ballots -the first Libertarian ticket to be on the ballot on every state in more than two decades.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

As a natural mediator, I am at my best when striving to work with many different types of people towards the achievement of a common goal. It is this spirit of compromise and compassion for all personality types that I hope to bring to the Bylaws Committee.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: dwvh4@hotmail.com

Mon, Sep 30, 2019 at 10:37 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

DAVID VAN HORN

**Email**[dwvh4@hotmail.com](mailto:dwvh4@hotmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

2 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I am the Treasurer for my county party, we have fielded multiple local candidates (for county Treasurer, a city mayor, and a city council position). I have also helped with some state campaigns (such as our last Secretary of State race, which is how we guarantee ballot access. We were successful in doing so).

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I have not, though I have attended committee meetings for the previous platform committee. I have also attended every LNC meeting since the last election, and spoken with LNC members and staff at each one while learning more and more about how our current rules and bylaws serve the party. I am also studying to pass the parliamentary test for Robert's Rules of Order.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I have no specific proposals prepared, though I'm quite willing to take proposals to introduce to the committee. I'm much more interested in providing input on proposals for the committee (or from other committee members directly), helping to hash out details with other committee members. In my opinion, people on committees often talk past each other or otherwise spend a surplus of time on their own ideas, when such committees often have very limited time. I believe I can help committee members hash out their differences, gain a consensus on the best course of action for a specific proposal, and come to a decision on it so we can use party members' time efficiently.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I absolutely do. No issues with it.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes. If I am graced with a spot on the Bylaws and Rules Committee, I will come to every meeting, electronic or in person.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

The 2018 National Convention

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Political philosophies are about the use of force. The libertarian philosophy is to diminish the use of force against peaceful people and defend against violence-permitting political action. Anyone may of course peacefully make decisions amongst themselves, but they may not force those decisions on non-participants (as every government does).

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

I have recently graduated college with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, something I am very proud of. I was also awarded the rank of Eagle Scout as a child, something most people in BSA Scouting never accomplish.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

People who criticize others for behavior they are exhibiting. Those who display hypocrisy and give excuses for poor behavior. We are adults (or most of us are anyway), and if we're going to deal with others we need to model good behavior. The best way to deal with such poor behavior, if it arises, is to make a simple statement on the preferable behavior (rather than getting into an argument). Anything else is only necessary if the group as a whole finds it disruptive.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 12:07 PM

To: AbigailVanVoltenburg@wmpenn.edu

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Abigail VanVoltenburg

**Email**[AbigailVanVoltenburg@wmpenn.edu](mailto:AbigailVanVoltenburg@wmpenn.edu)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

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**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Vice chairperson of Mahaska County Party &amp; founder of Young Libertarians on the William Penn University campus

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I was on the bylaws committee for the Mahaska County Libertarian Party. We referenced the Iowa State Libertarian Party bylaws as a sample. I am a political science major at William Penn University on my sophomore year.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I believe that our bylaws are all inclusive and acceptable as is.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

I have read the Statement of Principles. I do agree with them.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

I will.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None at this time.

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

I believe that the Libertarian philosophy is to live and let live. Allow everyone to have the same rights and privileges without taking any rights or privileges of others.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>  
Reply-To: secretary@lp.org  
To: lexrex5@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 8:11 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Albert Veldhuyzen

**Email**[lexrex5@gmail.com](mailto:lexrex5@gmail.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

Since 2016

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

I was involved in supporting the Libertarian nominee for U.S. Senate in Virginia, contributing to his campaign and putting up bumper stickers and yard signs. I intend to become involved a whole lot more next year. I am already registered for the Libertarian National Convention next May.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

I am an attorney and have drafted constitutions and rules for non-profit organizations. I do have those finished products which I can share. I am also an expert in Administrative and Civil Law as well as Election Law, having served as an attorney at the Federal Election Commission for 14 years. I am currently the Chief of Administrative and Civil Law for the Fort Belvoir military installation. I wish to serve on this particular committee because I believe that it is essential that Libertarians have precise and fair rules to govern their Convention. I have been recognized in law school as well as in the Army as an outstanding writer, so I believe I have much to contribute. I can send you proof of my academic and writing credentials.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I don't currently have any proposed changes.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, I have read the Statement of Principles and agree with it wholeheartedly.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes, I commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and in-person meetings.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

No national conventions yet

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

I have been very influenced by Ludwig von Mises' Human Action, Friedrich Hayek's Road to Serfdom, and Frederic Bastiat's The Law. Although many advocates of State interventionism in society may be well-intentioned, their intentions often pave the way to a Hell on Earth because of a fundamental failure to comprehend human nature and incentives. Libertarians properly recognize that humans have inherent personal dreams and goals, and the best and most vibrant society is one that unleashes individual potential by restraining the power of the State over individual life, liberty, and property. Ideally, the individual should be allowed to pursue all endeavors that does not restrict the life, liberty, or property of another. The State's responsibility is to ensure this liberty of action free from coercion--not to restrain freedom among consenting individuals. Also, just as individuals have a moral duty to be financially responsible, so does the State. Under the tutelage of both major Parties, the Government has become tyrannical and fiscally irresponsible, essentially being used

by the special interests of the Party in power to funnel money and programs to their pet projects. Libertarians forswear the use of Government power to benefit crony interests with hard-earned taxpayer funds.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I am a firm believer in transparency. However, committee members are also entitled to a modicum of privacy regarding their emails and pre-decisional deliberations. Allowing discovery of emails while the work of the committee is still ongoing would tend to have a chilling effect on communications and could bog down the committee in useless distraction inimical to its objectives and goals. However, once the committee has produced a product and finished its work, it is reasonable to allow discovery of the rules, methods, deliberations, and products of the committee.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

My recognized writing and analytical legal skills were instrumental in my selection and work as the Editor of The Army Lawyer, Military Law Review, and subsequently at the Federal Election Commission. At the FEC, I had the opportunity to work with Bradley Smith, the most liberty-minded Commissioner that has served on the Commission. Additionally, I've been recognized as an outstanding manager, supervising numerous attorneys in both my Civilian and Military capacities. I am currently a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and the civilian Chief of Administrative and Civil Law for Fort Belvoir. However, the accomplishment I am most proud of is my involvement in founding and maintaining the Project Paraguay Foundation whose purpose is to steer volunteer efforts and contributions to alleviate poverty and support education in Paraguay. Ultimately, civil society must depend on the efforts of free people forming associations to help others, and not action by Government using coerced taxpayer funding.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

The type of people who annoy me the most are those who tend to be micro-managers who think they know what is best for others. It is precisely that mentality that is the root of the tyrannical state. When these types of individuals enter Government, they have no qualms with imposing rules and regulations that deprive the populace of their liberty and freedom. The presumptuous do-gooders, ostensibly there to protect us from ourselves, end up imposing heavy burdens on individuals in the name of "safety," "fairness," "the environment," and many other excuses to justify their own existence and importance. The way to deal with such individuals is through reason if possible, and if not, to defeat them politically and make them ineffective.

**File (optional)**

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## **COLONEL ALBERT R. VELDHUYZEN**

**Staff Judge Advocate, Defense Logistics Agency  
Army Reserve Element  
Chief, Administrative & Civil Law,  
Fort Belvoir Office of the Staff Judge Advocate**

**Colonel Albert R. Veldhuyzen** was born in Osaka, Japan, and grew up in Illinois, Lebanon, and Morocco. As a result of his upbringing, he speaks fluent French and Spanish. After returning to Illinois and graduating from high school, he attended Northwestern University, double-majoring in Political Science (comparative politics concentration) and French/Hispanic Studies. After two years working for DC public policy organizations, COL Veldhuyzen attended and obtained a Juris Doctor from the George Mason University Law School. COL Veldhuyzen also graduated from the U.S. Army War College with a Master in Strategic Studies in 2013.

Upon graduating from law school and passing the Virginia Bar exam in 1990, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps with his first duty assignment at the Ft. Meade Garrison. After two years practicing claims, legal assistance, and physical evaluation law, he was transferred to the U.S. Army Claims Service working on high-value tort and medical malpractice claims. The next duty assignment was with the 3ID and 11ID in Kitzingen, Germany, doing legal assistance and then trial defense. After two years in Germany, he was appointed as the Editor of *The Army Lawyer* and the *Military Law Review* at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He then served as the Chief of Administrative Law for the Military District of Washington at Fort McNair.

In June 1999, then-Major Veldhuyzen left active duty to accept an attorney position with the Office of General Counsel at the Federal Election Commission (FEC). After 14 years at the FEC, he became a Department of the Army Civilian in December 2013, serving as the Chief of Administrative & Civil Law at the Fort Belvoir Garrison, a position he currently holds.

Since June 1999, COL Veldhuyzen has served as an active Reserve Soldier, serving with the 10<sup>th</sup> LOD, the 9<sup>th</sup> TSC, the 377<sup>th</sup> TSC, and the 151<sup>st</sup> LOD in various capacities, to include Chief of Administrative/Operational Law, and Deputy Commander. In 2006-07, he was deployed to Iraq and Kuwait with the 377<sup>th</sup> TSC, and served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate. Subsequently, he mobilized at the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) from January 2011 until June 2013 serving as the Assistant SJA for Administrative Law. He was promoted to Colonel in February 2012. After demobilizing from INSCOM, he served as the SJA of the 87<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Reserve Support Command (East) headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, and then as the SJA of the Army Reserve Medical Command in Pinellas Park, Florida. In April 2017, he deployed again, this time with INSCOM's Contract Linguist and Intelligence Program Support Office (CLIPSO), supervising ACORs in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and ensuring the success of the DOD linguist program. He is currently serving as the SJA of DLA-ARE.

COL Veldhuyzen's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device (twice), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (5 times), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (6 times), National Defense Service Medal (twice), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, OIR Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (twice), and Army Service Ribbon.

COL Veldhuyzen lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with his wife Anette, and four children. Three other children are independent and have careers of their own.





Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## LNC Contact Form - Platform Committee Application

1 message

**Libertarian Party** <web@lp.org>

Tue, Oct 8, 2019 at 1:36 AM

Reply-To: francis.wendt@mtlp.org

To: chair@lp.org, alex.merced@lp.org, treasurer@lp.org, secretary@lp.org, joe.bishop-henchman@lp.org, sam.goldstein@lp.org, alicia.mattson@lp.org, william.redpath@lp.org, joshua.smith@lp.org, richard.longstreth@lp.org, johnny.adams@lp.org, steven.nekhaila@lp.org, victoria.paige.lee@lp.org, elizabeth.vanhorn@lp.org, dustin.nanna@lp.org, jeffrey.hewitt@lp.org, kenneth.olsen@lp.org, james.lark@lp.org, susan.hogarth@lp.org, john.phillips@lp.org, philip.anderson@lp.org, whitney.bilyeu@lp.org, erin.adams@lp.org, justin.odonnell@lp.org, pat.ford@lp.org

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**Subject**

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**Message**

To the members of the Libertarian National Committee:

I wanted to followup with my application to the Bylaws Committee, as I have not had any contact by members of the LNC concerning the process. I do appreciate that there are at the last count 35 applicants for 10 seats, and that followup with each applicant by all 25 members of the LNC is logistically inefficient. By my understanding there will be an electronic meeting later this month to make the selections for the Bylaws committee, and it is likely that I will not get the opportunity to discuss my application with the members of the LNC. Thus, I am emailing the Committee to express some points that may not have translated well in the application process.

First, I would like to reiterate that although I may disagree with the methods and questions of the application, to which I voiced my disagreement, should the Committee select me I will keep the interests of the party above my own personal interests. I believe this to be a necessary to safeguard the rights and privileges of each member within the Libertarian Party. I hold no hidden motives to subvert or change what have been established over the decades as the principles of the party, because I do not view that as the job of the position to which I applied. Moreover, that is the reason I applied to this

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specific committee as opposed seeking a position on the Platform or advisory committees. In short, this is the committee that I can have the greatest positive impact for the Party.

Second, although my submission of attached examples was a prospective amendment to the bylaws that would radically redefine the methods of operation of the National Party, I realize that there are historical aspects of which I am unaware. This draft amendment is not a pet project, but a sincere belief that structural changes are needed in the National Party to increase efficacy or the Party's efforts. I do also realize that I could be wrong in my belief, and would welcome the chance to debate the aspects of my proposal. I fully intend to work within the scope of authority that the Bylaws Committee holds, and will not intentionally disrupt the work of the committee should disagreements arise in the event I am appointed to the committee.

Lastly, I have additional examples of my work on bylaws at the state and county levels in Montana that I will happily provide to any LNC member that requests additional supporting documentation. I have given Mr. Longstreth examples of a county bylaw template that is now in use in Montana, which was redrafted to harmonize with the National and MTLP bylaws. I do realize that hashing out bylaws is some people's least favorite task, but I actually thrive at analyzing the logic behind rules. How we define and agree in our interactions is at the core of how we as Libertarian intend to govern once elected. That is the role that I hope to contribute as a member of the Bylaws Committee. I appreciate your time, and humbly as that you seriously consider my application.

Francis Wendt  
Political Director  
Montana Libertarian Party

#### **Email Confirmation**

- I want to receive email communication from the Libertarian Party.



Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

## Thank you for your submission

**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
To: francis.wendt@mtlp.org

Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 10:21 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Francis Wendt

**Email**[francis.wendt@mtlp.org](mailto:francis.wendt@mtlp.org)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

8 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes. I am the former Chair of the Montana Libertarian Party (MTLP), current chair of the MTLP Judicial Committee, current Political Director for the MTLP, and current Secretary for the Libertarian Party of Gallatin Valley. I was a candidate for the Montana state legislature in 2016 and 2018.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes, It is within the jurisdiction of the MTLP Judicial committee to review and recommend amendments to the MTLP bylaws. Additionally, while serving on the MTLP Executive Board, we redrafted the MTLP bylaws to redefine the structure of the party in Montana. While serving as Chair I consolidated and produced a template set of county bylaws for use through out Montana to ease the formation of grassroots parties in Montana. That template has since been adopted by 3 county parties within the state.

I have also produced language for bylaws amendments at both the state and national level. My strength is in codifying organizational efficiencies and reducing unneeded language.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

This is a modified version of an LP Bylaws amendment that I proposed through Mrs. Harlos in 2018. It was not recommended by the 2018 Bylaws committee, and I have since modified it to include additional solutions to problems I have observed with the LNC.

**RESTRUCTURING OF THE LNC**

Rationale: The current system of representation on the LNC is heavily weighted to favor state affiliates with greater aggregate populations and transitively greater sustaining membership. This structure disincentivizes lower population states to interact with the LNC due to disproportionate representation as membership levels are used in the calculation twice. Once in delegate representation at convention to elect members-at-large, and again in determining the composition of the regions. As such, the regional map is highly erratic placing a greater burden on regional representatives who have larger geographical regions and more state affiliates with which to coordinate.

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This proposed bylaw amendment is intended to codify geographically compact and continuous regions to remove the required energy and work needed to maintain the current voluntarily associative structure. Additionally, it provides structural stability in the organization of the LNC. This plan makes regions less variable, with each having between four to

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six affiliates, thereby increasing the effective representation of many affiliates and simultaneously reducing the workload of regional representatives.

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Amend ARTICLE 6.3 to read:

3. The Chair shall preside at all Conventions and all meetings of the National and Executive Committees. The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Party with full authority to direct its business and affairs, including hiring and discharging of Party 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 Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the National and Executive Committees 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.

Amend Article 7 to read in full:

#### Article 7: NATIONAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. The Executive 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 and Executive committees shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its their meetings and the carrying out of their associated duties and responsibilities. The National and Executive Committees may delegate their authority in any manner they deem necessary.

2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:

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- 5. The Executive Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire Executive Committee. 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 Executive Committee's suspension of the member-at-large 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 Executive Committee's suspension of the member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.
- 6. A National or Executive Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the their 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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(I have a mark up version of this)

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, I have read the statement of principles.

Yes, I agree with it.

I do however object to this being a question concerning the Bylaws Committee appointment. The question of agreement makes the basic assumption that the Statement of Principles is absolute. Nothing in this world is absolute. The Bylaws make it very clear that the threshold of support needed to amend the Statement of Principles is 7/8 ths of all registered delegates at a regular convention.

If you want me to support an amendment to remove any chance that the Statement of Principles could ever be amended, I will not, for it then may one day be our epitaph. However, if you are worried that I will weaken the safeguards the Statement of Principles has in the Bylaws, again, I will not.

Seriously, there are more important matters to discuss than our core philosophy. Moreover, this question highlights that the leaders of this party are more concerned with image than with results. I want to move this party forward, not debate history.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

I will fully commit to every aspect of this committee to include active email discussions, in person meetings at my own expense, and most importantly, providing an active desire to safeguard the rights, philosophies, and voices of the members of the Libertarian Party.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

2018

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

My understanding of Libertarian philosophy is very simple. You own yourself and nobody else.

How that relates to this appointment, however, is far more complex. One individual can accomplish little in society without resulting in tyranny and oppression. The individual vs. the tyrant is the division that the bylaws play in this party much the same way that the United States Constitution is the social contract that defines the thin line between a unique social experiment if freedom.

However, the Bylaws are a practical document that is focused upon agreement, organization, and structure. It is not focused on philosophy, which makes this the second question that I deem truly out of place in this application.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I have no issues whatsoever with holding all meetings and discussions of the Bylaws Committee in the daylight. There is benefit to making such discussions public to save time in debate at convention.

However, as this is a question that simply asks about "committee transparency" I must place the caveat that within my sample amendment in in application I do acknowledge that there are certain committees and proceeding that require confidentiality. I do not believe the Bylaws committee to be of this nature, and it is not designated as such in the Bylaws.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

Defining myself, in a world that strives to define me.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

Time wasters and those who focus on irrelevant topics. I deal with them by listening to them with respect when I am required, and voting against them if I do not agree with their opinion or methods.

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~~any additional members as specified below:~~

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Caryn Ann Harlos &lt;carynannharlos@gmail.com&gt;

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## Thank you for your submission

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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>

Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 11:45 AM

To: chris@cwiestlaw.com

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Chris Wiest

**Email**[chris@cwiestlaw.com](mailto:chris@cwiestlaw.com)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

4 years

**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes, State Chair, Kentucky, since March 2019; previously state secretary, Kentucky from 2017-2019. Involved with various committees (including rules committees for Kentucky from 2015-2017). Before that, since 2014, the party and its candidates were clients of my law form and I have handled litigation and legal matters in Ohio and Kentucky on behalf of the LP, it's candidates, and ballot petitioning efforts.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes, involved in doing the same thing at the state level, including a complete rewrite to conform to ballot access requirements under state law after Gary Johnson's +2% got the party ballot access. I can provide copies of work in 2017, 2018, and 2019 to refer the party to.

Oliver Hall and Nick Sarwark can probably speak to my legal writing and work product, since some of the LP cases I handled have involved work with them.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

I am a state chair, and I understand that 90% of what a good rules committee should do is outreach to the membership including the affiliates for suggestions. I am not seeking to advance any particular change and have no particular agenda other than to be a voice for affiliates. I am also interested in pointing out pros and cons of any proposal because usually there is an upside and a downside to any proposal.

One thought that has come to mind is having the regions elect a representative to the judicial committee so we actually fill that committee. The language could read as follows:

"In addition to the regional representative, each region shall elect a single member to the judicial committee, through a vote taken by the delegates of that region, by the close of the national convention."

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes, and yes. I was at the conventions in Orlando and New Orleans (and will be our delegation chair at Austin), and agree with the move to close the loophole to protect the SOP.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

Yes.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

Orlando, New Orleans, and will be in Austin

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

We seek to minimize government and maximize freedom and are strongly opposed to the offensive use of force or the threat of force to achieve political or social objectives.

**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

In my opinion there should be complete transparency on any final or other votes and discussions related to final proposals or votes, as well as late in process discussions and formulation of majority or minority reports.

I feel a tug and pull on the following: (I) if the committee is receiving legal advice on proposals I am not sure it would be wise to waive the privilege and open that advice up to the party's adversaries (this may not be an issue at all at national but it was at the state level where we were confirming our governing documents to state law to put candidates on the ballot); (II) sometimes opening up committees to outside scrutiny in early meetings can squelch open discussion, which impairs a vetting of pros and cons and frank discussion.

The end votes and end positions of the committee members and who voted for what and why must be completely transparent to membership.

In regards to (II), my experience is that if you do open them (and I am not opposed to doing it), people will just have those discussions between themselves and not at the official committee meeting or on the official email list, and what you may end up with is less transparency between the members of the committee.

**(optional) What kind of people annoy you the most, and how do you deal with them?**

I am pretty even keeled and can deal with a variety of personalities and backgrounds. I have to do it as a state chair and in my practice. I try and make sure everyone is heard but I also know when it's time to end discussion and vote to get business done.



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**Secretary of the Libertarian Party** <secretary@lp.org>  
 To: chad.williams@oklahomalp.org

Fri, Aug 30, 2019 at 10:38 PM

Thanks for completing the application. You entered the following data:

**Name**

Chad Williams

**Email**[chad.williams@oklahomalp.org](mailto:chad.williams@oklahomalp.org)**How long have you been a dues paying member of National?**

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**Are you involved with your state or local party? How so?**

Yes. I am the State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Oklahoma.

**Have you ever served on a similar committee before? Do you have any reports or finished products you can refer the LNC to? What are your specific qualifications to serve on this particular committee?**

Yes. I was the primary author of the Oklahoma County Libertarian Party bylaws. I have also served twice on the OKLP Bylaws Committee, and once on the Platform Committee.

**What changes, if any, are you interested in proposing (please submit a sample proposed change).**

Article 14. Section 5

A candidate's nomination may be suspended by a 3/4 vote of the entire membership of the National Committee at a meeting. That candidate's nomination shall then be declared null and void unless the suspended candidate appeals the suspension to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notification of suspension. The resolution of suspension must state the specific reasons for suspension and must be signed by each member of the National Committee agreeing thereto. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal within 30 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 issue its ruling within 20 days of the hearing and in no case later than 30 days prior to the General Election. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 20 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the candidate except when the last day of the 30 day period falls within 20 days prior to the General Election, in which case the Judicial Committee's non-action shall result in reinstatement of the candidate's status.. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

**Have you read the Statement of Principles? Do you agree with it?**

Yes I have read it, and yes I agree with it.

**Will you commit to show up and actively participate in committee email discussions and any in-person meetings?**

I will.

**Which national conventions have you attended?**

None

**Please give a brief (a few sentences) summary of your understanding of Libertarian philosophy.**

Libertarians believe in the sovereignty of the individual. Ascribing to the Golden Rule, we believe that every individual shall have the right to live their life as they please, so long as they do not trespass upon the rights of others. That those inalienable rights to life, liberty, justly acquired property, and one's pursuit of happiness shall not be infringed by government.



**(optional) What is your position on committee transparency (should all meetings and emails be open to observation by Party members or should there be limitations)?**

I believe in complete transparency. In cases where sensitive information of an individual, in the course of business, could become made apparent; every effort shall be made to conceal that information, provided that information is not pertinent to the subject matter.

**(optional) What are some of your most important accomplishments?**

In my first campaign I was elected to the Choctaw City Council by 2 votes over a 17 year incumbent, being outspent by over 2:1. I lead the effort to affiliate Oklahoma County as the second county affiliate in Oklahoma and the largest county in the state by population.

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# OKLAHOMA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY BYLAWS

## PREAMBLE

The Oklahoma County Libertarian Party (OCLP) is dedicated to serving the interests of individuals who have publicly affiliated themselves with the libertarian philosophy and who embrace the following principles:

*We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.*

*We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.*

*Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.*

*We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely,*

*(1) the right to life—accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others;*

*(2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and*

*(3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.*

*Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.*

## 1. NAME AND PURPOSE

- 1.1. Name:** The name of the organization is the Oklahoma County Libertarian Party (hereinafter referred to as "OCLP" or "the Party").
- 1.2. Structure:** The OCLP is to be a political organization constituted by its members, governed by the Annual Business Meeting at its County Convention, responsive to its affiliated District Organizations, and directed by its Governing Body according to these bylaws; with the express goal of working to place Libertarians into public office.
- 1.3. Functions:** The OCLP is to arrange and hold precinct and county conventions in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and, when appropriate, district conventions and report the results thereof; to support nominees of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party (hereinafter referred to as the "OKLP") and help elect those nominees to public office; to educate the Oklahoma voting public about the OKLP and its principles; and generally grow the party in Oklahoma County and nearby counties and throughout Oklahoma.

- 1.4. Bona Fide Party:** The OCLP is a bona fide political party county affiliate under the laws of the state of Oklahoma, and as such is authorized to receive political contributions. The OCLP accepts political contributions in the name of the OCLP or the Oklahoma County Libertarian Party.
- 1.5. Purpose:** The OCLP is committed to the principles stated in the Declaration of Independence and supports those principles as incorporated into the Constitution of the United States of America.
- 1.5.1.** The OCLP holds that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, limited only by the obligation to recognize the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.
- 1.5.2.** Section 1.5.1 above shall constitute a statement of commitment to be verbally agreed upon and signed in affirmation by all members, officers of, and candidates endorsed by the OCLP as per Section 12 of these Bylaws.
- 1.6. Address:** The mailing address of the OKLP shall be as designated by the Governing Body.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1. Membership:** Membership shall consist of Enrolled Members and Governing Body Members.

### **2.1.1. OCLP Enrollee Membership**

- 2.1.1.1.** A person is eligible to become an Enrolled Member (or "Voting Member") of OCLP if he or she:

- 2.1.1.1.1.** is a resident of Oklahoma County,
- 2.1.1.1.2.** supports the OCLP's Statement of Principles,
- 2.1.1.1.3.** Paid dues to the OCLP in accordance with the requirements established in Section 2.2 of the bylaws.

- 2.1.1.2.** A person's Voting Membership terminates if he or she:

- 2.1.1.2.1.** ceases to be eligible as defined by 2.1.1.1 above

### **2.1.2. OCLP Governing Body:**

- 2.1.2.1.** Members of the Governing Body of the OCLP shall reside in Oklahoma County and meet all of the following requirements:

- 2.1.2.1.1.** Meets all the requirements of an Enrolled Member as defined by 2.1.1
- 2.1.2.1.2.** is a qualified Oklahoma voter
- 2.1.2.1.3.** registered as a Libertarian to vote in Oklahoma County,
- 2.1.2.1.4.** Member of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party
- 2.1.2.1.5.** is not affiliated with any other political party, and
- 2.1.2.1.6.** Paid dues to the OCLP in accordance with the requirements established in Section 2.2 of the bylaws.

## **2.2. Dues**

- 2.2.1.** Annual dues required from all members shall be \$25 .
- 2.2.2.** Membership with the OKLP shall be recognized as membership in the OCLP, provided members meet the requirements of 2.1.1.
- 2.2.3.** Dues are payable to the Treasurer of the OCLP on or before March 1st of each membership year.
- 2.2.4.** Members who join after March 1st shall have their dues prorated and evenly divided by the number of remaining months of the fiscal year.
- 2.2.5.** The Treasurer shall maintain a Membership Roll based on payment of dues. Any member who has not paid current year dues by April 15th shall be removed from the Membership Roll. Individuals removed from the Membership Roll may be restored at anytime by payment of dues to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall report changes to the Membership Roll at each Governing Body meeting.

## **2.3. Rights of Membership**

### **2.3.1. Enrolled Members of the OCLP:**

- 2.3.1.1.** Shall have voting privileges at any convention.
- 2.3.1.2.** Shall be entitled to join the Governing Body by written notice to the Treasurer and by paying the associated additional dues, provided he/she qualifies as per Section 2.1.2.
- 2.3.1.3.** Enrolled Members shall have the right to participate in official affairs and governance of the OCLP in accordance with these Bylaws. Such right shall be inviolate and the willful abridgment of such right by an officer or member of any committee shall be sufficient cause for removal of such officer or committee member.
  - 2.3.1.3.1.** Enrolled Members shall have the right to be members of Standing Committees and may be appointed and serve as Director of said committee at the discretion of the Chair.

### **2.3.2. Governing Body members:**

- 2.3.2.1.** Have voting rights at all meetings of the Governing Body and at the annual convention.
- 2.3.2.2.** Are eligible to serve as officers of the OCLP.

## **3. OFFICERS**

- 3.1.** The officers of the OCLP shall be the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) District Coordinators or At-Large Members to represent the three County Road Districts (CRD).
  - 3.1.1.** The Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer may serve simultaneously as the Representative to the Regional Affiliate.
- 3.2.** All officers of the OCLP must be members of the Governing Body as specified in Section 2.1.2 of these bylaws.
- 3.3.** The six elected positions of the OCLP shall be elected at the annual County Convention by a majority vote of the duly credentialed qualified delegates to the County Convention; provided, however, that the Governing Body has the right and authority to fill any vacant position, pursuant to these bylaws.

- 3.3.1. No proxy voting is permitted.
- 3.4. Officers shall take office upon close of the Convention and shall serve thereafter for a period of two (2) years, concluding upon the adjournment of the second Regular County Convention to which they were elected.
  - 3.4.1. Officers elected due to vacancy per Section 3.5 shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
  - 3.4.2. Elections for Chairperson, Secretary, and the District Coordinator representing District 2 shall be held in even numbered years. Elections for the Treasurer and the District Coordinators representing Districts 1 and 3, respectively, shall be held in odd numbered years.
  - 3.4.3. Election of officers shall be conducted by Australian secret ballot or by an approved, immutable, electronic voting device
  - 3.4.4. A voice vote may be used if only one candidate has been nominated.
  - 3.4.5. Every ballot must have an entry for 'none of the above' (NOTA). After each ballot, the candidate with the least number of votes is dropped and the voting is continued until one candidate wins a majority of votes. If NOTA wins a majority of votes, none of the previously nominated candidates may be re-nominated and if no candidate meeting the requirements of office is nominated, the position will remain empty until otherwise filled as specified here or elsewhere in these By-Laws.
- 3.5. Nominations and elections may be held at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Body to replace an officer unwilling or unable to complete his or her term of office. The voting procedure used to elect officers at the Annual Convention as defined by Section 3.4.5 shall be followed.
- 3.6. No person shall hold an Elected Governing Body position while serving in elected public office.
- 3.7. No elected officer of the OCLP shall be a Chairperson of a committee; This does not preclude any elected officer from serving as a member of any Standing Committee.
- 3.8. No offices shall be combined.

#### **4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

##### **4.1. Duties of the Chair:**

- 4.1.1. The Chairperson is the chief executive officer of the Party and shall coordinate the activities of the Governing Body and Party members in achieving the objectives and goals of the Party.
- 4.1.2. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the enforcement of these Bylaws and the carrying out of the directions and resolutions of the Governing Body and the County Convention in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 4.1.3. The Chairperson shall assist in all State and County Libertarian Party campaigns and all activities, functions, and campaigns within the County, unless these conflict fundamentally with the principles of the Party, and
- 4.1.4. The Chairperson shall serve as a member of all standing committees.
- 4.1.5. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Body and may, at his/her discretion, preside at Party Conventions.
- 4.1.6. The Chairperson shall be the primary spokesperson, but may delegate this function to any other Party member in good standing.

- 4.1.7. The Chairperson shall insure that all state and federal laws pertaining to political parties are complied with and make provision for legal services for the Party.
  - 4.1.8. The Chairperson shall oversee the development of new district or precinct organizations.
- 4.2. **Duties of the Treasurer:**
  - 4.2.1. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Governing Body and the Party and shall disburse the same in accordance with decisions to spend such funds by the Governing Body or otherwise set forth by these Bylaws.
  - 4.2.2. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, internal and external reporting.
  - 4.2.3. The Treasurer shall,
  - 4.2.4. from time to time, report to the Governing Body and the County Convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities.
  - 4.2.5. make any and all financial reports required by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission through the Guardian Reporting System and/or other reports required by state law.
  - 4.2.6. perform other duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer or as directed by the Chairperson.
- 4.3. **Duties of the Secretary:**
  - 4.3.1. The duties of the Secretary are to keep and maintain accurate minutes and records of all meetings and conventions.
  - 4.3.2. Must maintain other records including mailing lists and a roster of OCLP Voting Members.
  - 4.3.3. Perform other duties usually pertaining to the office of secretary.
  - 4.3.4. The Secretary shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, and
  - 4.3.5. Performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate.
  - 4.3.6. 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.
  - 4.3.7. The Secretary will serve as liaison and coordinator for all standing committees; and
  - 4.3.8. Prior to any election, the Secretary shall notify the membership of any members who may be subject to censure and the grounds therefore.
- 4.4. **Duties of the District Coordinator**
  - 4.4.1. Each District Coordinator shall represent their respective County Road District (CRD).
  - 4.4.2. District Coordinators need not be residents of their respective CRD, but is encouraged.
  - 4.4.3. Each Coordinator is responsible for organizing Outreach, Recruitment, and GOTV activities within their respective districts at the precinct level.
  - 4.4.4. At each regular meeting the Coordinators will present a report of those activities to assist in the planning and implementation of County goals.
- 4.5. The duties of the Representative to the CenOKLP shall be to attend meetings of the Regional Committee, and to represent the OCLP and vote at said meetings with the best interests of the OCLP as prime consideration. The Regional Representative can be removed for cause by a majority vote at a

regular meeting of the OCLP if the Representative fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Regional Committee or fails to provide a written or oral report of the Regional Committee activities at two consecutive regular meetings of the OCLP Governing Body.

- 4.6. If any officer is absent for two successive meetings, at the call of the second meeting, the position shall be declared vacant. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Governing Body pursuant to these Bylaws.

## **5. MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS**

- 5.1. All regularly scheduled meetings, annual conventions, and special conventions of the OCLP are to be open to the public.

### **5.2. Annual County Conventions**

- 5.2.1. The Party shall meet every year in a County Convention held during the months of February, March, or April. The County Convention shall be scheduled to comply with Oklahoma Libertarian Party deadlines for the election of delegates for the State Convention, or any other Oklahoma Libertarian Party or Central Oklahoma Libertarian Party requirements. Officers and members of the Governing Body shall be elected at this time in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 3.4.2 of these Bylaws. Amendments to the Platform and Bylaws of the Party may be considered at any convention. The Governing Body at any time in the interests of the Party, may direct the Secretary, or if that person be not available or if said office is vacant, the Treasurer, to issue a Call for special meetings or Conventions and shall fix the times and places thereof. The procedure for calling regular County Conventions shall apply to the calling of special meetings and conventions so far as applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

- 5.2.1.1. All members will be given timely notice of the date and location of the OCLP Annual Convention in a manner and time as determined by the Chair

- 5.2.1.2. The Chair or the Chair's designee shall call the annual convention to order. The Secretary or the Treasurer will immediately be asked for a report on the attendance at the time the convention was called to order.

- 5.2.1.2.1. A quorum for the annual convention shall consist of a number of members equal to 50% of the number of current Voting Members who are listed on the Treasurer's Membership Roll and in attendance at the time of the call to order. As individuals are free to come and go during a convention, a quorum may be represented by different individuals throughout the convention.

- 5.2.1.3. No decisions at the Annual Convention requiring a vote shall be made without a quorum present.

### **5.3. Governing Body meetings:**

- 5.3.1. The OCLP shall hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Governing Body and shall be open to the public. Public notice shall be given on the official Oklahoma County Libertarian Party website 14 days prior to the meeting; in addition, other notices may be used.

- 5.3.2. A quorum for all regular and special meetings of the OCLP Governing Body shall consist of the Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, and 50% of the elected Governing Body.

- 5.3.3. No decisions requiring a vote shall be made without a quorum present as defined in section 5.3.2.

- 5.3.4. Proxy voting is not permitted.

**5.3.5.** If no Governing Body member objects, the Chair may call a special meeting of the Governing Body via electronic media in which votes may be taken and business transacted just as in an in-person, public meeting.

**5.3.6.** Any persons engaging in inappropriate conduct at a meeting may be asked to discontinue such conduct or leave.

#### **5.4. Special Conventions and Non-Routine Meetings**

**5.4.1.** The Chair or any other two members of the Governing Body may call a special meeting, also called a "Special Convention," to conduct non-routine business such as removal of a member for cause, for the purposes of electing a member to fill a vacancy, or for the Governing Body to receive direction from the Enrolled Membership.

**5.4.2.** At a Special Convention, any OCLP Voting Member as of seven days prior to the Special Convention is eligible to vote, and a quorum to conduct business shall be ten Voting Members in good standing. The Special Convention shall have full authority of the OCLP to act except where there is a conflict with Oklahoma state or federal election laws

**5.4.3.** Special Conventions may be called to propose amendments to the Bylaws as outlined in Section 8.2.1.

**5.4.4.** No decisions at the Special Convention requiring a vote shall be made without a quorum present.

**5.5.** The Rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED, shall govern parliamentary procedure in all conventions, caucuses, meetings, and convention committees in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these Bylaws and any special rules or order the Party may adopt.

### **6. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**6.1.** The OCLP shall consist of 7 Standing Committees in order to facilitate day-to-day operations of the Party and to provide guidance in achieving the goals as set forth in the Mission Statement.

**6.2.** The Chairperson of the Governing Body shall appoint officers to the Standing Committees in accordance with Section 3.7 of these Bylaws.

### **7. EXPENDITURES**

**7.1.** No expenditures of funds of the OCLP shall be made without the approval of the Chairperson or Treasurer.

**7.2.** Officers must faithfully preserve a reserve account for Ethics compliance and party maintenance.

**7.3.** No expenditures of funds in excess of \$200 of the OCLP shall be made without the approval of a majority of the Governing Body.

**7.4.** The Treasurer shall make a report of income, expenditures and ending balance of all accounts at each Governing Body meeting.

**7.5.** Upon written request of any Governing Body member, the Treasurer shall, within two (2) business days, produce an itemized statement of all income, expenditures and ending balance of all accounts.

### **8. BYLAWS**

**8.1.** These Bylaws shall take effect immediately if accepted by majority vote of the organizing members of the OCLP present at the founding convention to be held April 21, 2018, and all founding members shall have thirty (30) days to pay dues.



**8.2.** These Bylaws may be amended at any County Convention or Special Convention by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of all eligible Enrolled and Governing Body Members. The Voting Members may modify or add to the proposed amendments by a simple majority vote. A two-thirds vote is required to adopt any amendments and permanently change these rules and bylaws. Except as otherwise noted in Section 8.3.

**8.2.1.** To be placed on the agenda of an annual County Convention or any Special Convention all proposed amendments must be communicated to the General Membership via electronic means and/or by mail and/or by any other means approved by the Chairman within 14 days of the annual convention of the OCLP.

**8.3.** The Statement of Principles as found in the Preamble shall only be revised or repealed upon  $\frac{7}{8}$  consent of all Enrolled and Governing Body Members assembled in Convention unless otherwise superseded by LNC Bylaws or OKLP State Bylaws, in which case, these bylaws may be amended to reflect the higher standard.

**8.4.** The procedure for proposing amendments shall be as follows:

**8.4.1.** The Governing Body, upon a supermajority vote (60%) in favor of proposing an amendment, may call a Special Convention for the purpose of amending the Bylaws.

**8.4.1.1.** The Special Convention for the purposes of amending the Bylaws shall follow the procedures as outlined in Section 5.4.

**8.4.2.** Proposed amendments offered by the Governing Body not taken into consideration in a Special Convention shall be held for consideration by the Bylaws Committee at the next scheduled regular County Convention.

**8.4.2.1.** Upon the vote of a majority of the Bylaws Committee, the proposed amendment shall go to a vote of the delegation of Voting Members.

**8.4.2.2.** Approval shall be made in accordance with Section 8.2.

**8.5.** Engrossment of approved amendments in these Bylaws shall take effect upon adjournment of the Convention.

## **9. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING**

**9.1.** An individual is an Enrolled Member in good standing if the individual meets the requirements of section 2.1 and 2.2.2 as of the date of inquiry.

**9.2.** An individual is a member of the Governing Body in Good Standing if the individual meets the requirements of section 2.1 and 2.2.2 as of the date of inquiry.

## **10. POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH OKLAHOMA ELECTION LAWS**

**10.1.** In the event that these rules and bylaws conflict in any material respect with a provision of the election laws of the State of Oklahoma, OKLP Bylaws, or the Party Platform, the inconsistent rule or bylaw shall yield to the extent necessary to resolve the conflict.

## **11. COUNTY AFFILIATION CHARTER**

**11.1.** Whereas the Oklahoma County Libertarian Party, which purports to represent the Party, must obtain a Charter from the State Committee, which shall be issued only by majority vote of the entire Committee. Such Charter shall be valid thereafter until amended by majority vote of the State Committee, revoked by two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the entire Committee, or three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of a State Convention; except that both the initial granting and/or subsequent revocation of a Charter shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the State Convention.

- 11.1.1. Upon ratification of these Bylaws by the organizing members of the OCLP present at the founding convention, the Governing Body shall have thirty (30) days to submit a Chartering Resolution to the State Executive Committee for approval.
- 11.1.2. Upon approval of the Charter, the Governing Body of the OCLP shall allow the State Party Chairperson and the State Treasurer, access to OCLP records upon reasonable notice.

**12. AFFIRMATION OF PRINCIPLE**

- 12.1. Enrolled members of the Party must sign in affirmation of the following statement: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals. I further maintain that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, limited only by the obligation to recognize the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose."