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National Platform Committee Seat Appointments

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Hello State Party Chairs! I hope this email finds you well and fighting for liberty. The countdown to the national convention is ticking, and there are some deadlines that need to be on your radar.

This email has to with the states earning national platform committee seats. First, a national bylaws refresher even though I am sure all of you use these for your morning devotionals.

Libertarian Party Bylaws

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:

- a. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the greatest per capita sustaining membership as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention.
- b. One member by each of the ten affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships, excluding those affiliates from (a), as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention.
- c. Five members selected by the National Committee.
- d. These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

As, the numbers used are determined by the counts used for delegate allocation from the immediately prior Regular Convention, the 2018 allotment numbers are used to calculate the seats for the 2020 convention.

Congratulations to Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington on earning seats for the 2020 convention.

For those states, appointments need to be made by November 30, 2019. Please let me know the name, phone number, and email address of your appointments at secretary@lp.org. Unless I have already spoken with you, please expect a call from me on this in the next few days or let me know if you prefer emails or texts.

Please note that those states can appoint one primary platform committee representative and any number of ranked alternates. It is not unusual for an appointee to have to resign and thus, it can be prudent to appoint at least two ranked alternates. Alternates are entitled to participate in email debate but cannot vote unless the primary representative yields or is absent.

In the past, we have found that appointees may not be prepared for some of the requirements, so please let them know ahead of time. There are 20 members plus alternates on this committee and a great deal of work is done via email. This means that the email traffic is heavy and all appointees must be prepared to

deal with that. Additionally, there traditionally are electronic meetings and at least one in-person meeting a few months before the convention and one in-person meeting the day before the convention.

The actual numbers used to determine these seats are outlined here in table format:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z2hlkyZStkkejZln483PPHNj9tmgJKNER_Zc5Gwqb24/edit?usp=sharing

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to email me at secretary@lp.org or call me 561.523.2250.

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.*