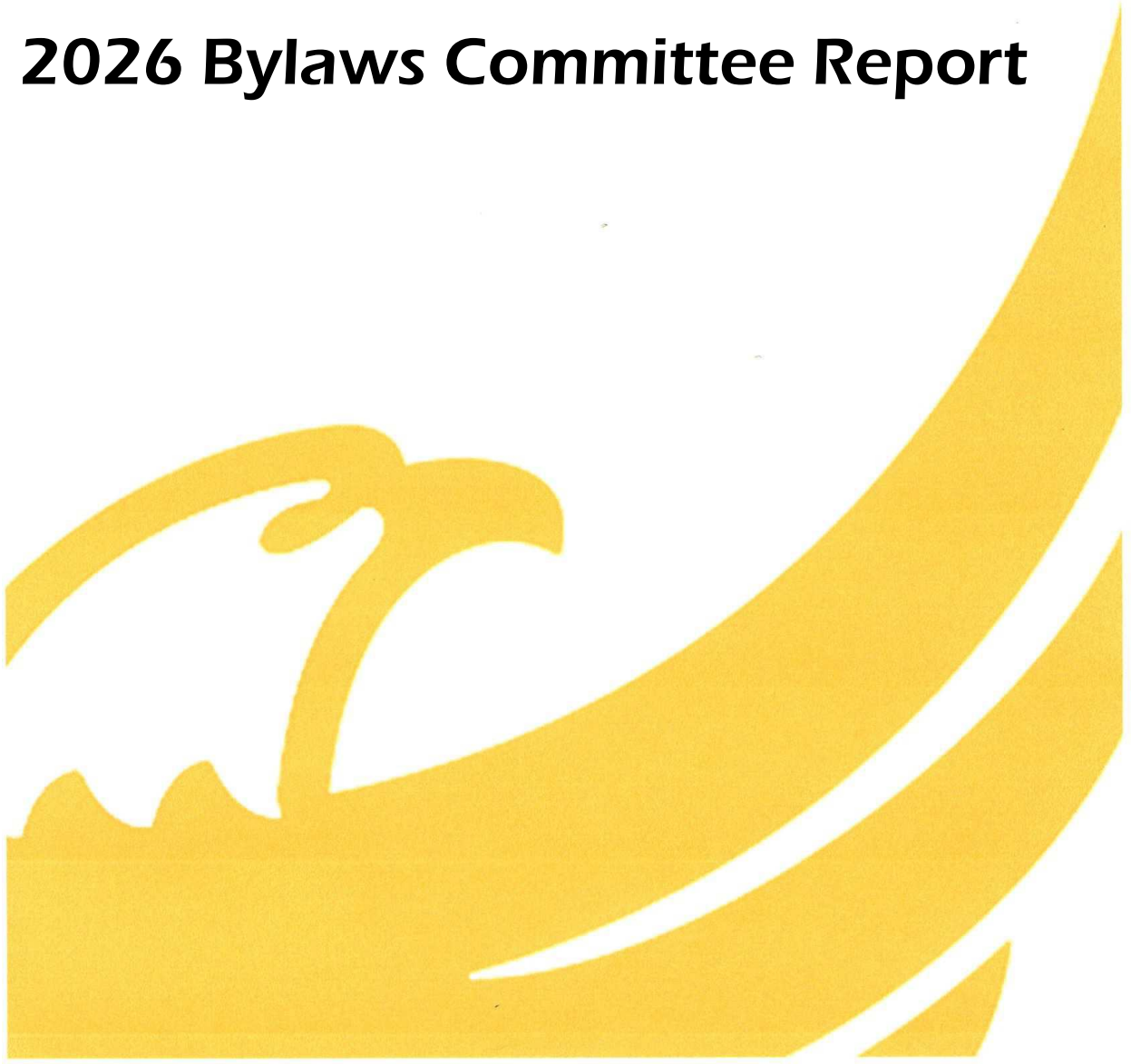




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## **2026 Bylaws Committee Report**



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### Chair's Note:

Please take the time to carefully review the proposals contained in this report and arrive at an informed position. This report represents nearly eleven months of work by the Bylaws and Rules Committee, which met consistently every other Sunday. The proposals are presented in the order ranked by the Committee for consideration at this convention. Any recommendations that were considered and adopted by the Committee but are not taken up during this convention will be forwarded to the next Committee for further consideration.

Paul Darr, Chair

### Interpretative Notes:

Each proposal stands on its own, and there may be several proposals on the same Article or Section. The language reflected in the report is the language as it currently exists and does not take into account other changes that might take place prior to the introduction of any particular proposal.

### Supplements to Committee Report:

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**NOTE:**

This report is subject to amendment at any time prior to its presentation at the 2026 convention. The entire current Bylaws and Rules can be found [HERE](#). This report merely shows the portions for which the committee is recommending changes.

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### **PROPOSAL #1: Election of LNC Officers**

*(This is similar to Proposal 10 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)*

#### **RULE 8 SECTION 1 (Amend)**

**Problem:** The Party’s existing method to elect Party officers of the National Committee is outdated and inefficient. The Libertarian Party platform “support[s] ... election systems that are more representative of the electorate....”

**Solution:** Authorize preferential voting systems including Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), which is a balloting method that eliminates multiple rounds of voting, facilitates greater voter expression than a single choice ballot, and mitigates the “wasted vote” problem.

**Benefit:** Using RCV also helps our Party practice what we preach by implementing more competitive and representative electoral methods, familiarizes Party members with the use of such methods, and models the use of such methods to external audiences. Adding RCV for officers only would allow the Party to get used to this method with an eye to add it to other offices, including also the potential for STV (proportional representation) for multi-winner races. Additionally, RCV would free up convention time which could be used for other business.

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

#### **RULE 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

1. Nominations for Party officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted **in ~~the following manner:~~ by preferential voting.**
  - ~~a. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary for election.~~
  - ~~b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.~~
  - ~~c. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.~~
  - a. Officer elections shall be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. For each office, a majority vote of all the ballots cast in that round shall be necessary and sufficient for election.

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- b. Ballots shall allow delegates to rank their choices of candidates in order of preference.
- c. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated.
- d. If no candidate has a majority of votes cast, the process of eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots, and then recounting shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority.
- e. In the event of a tie in any round which makes a difference in which candidate advances, ties shall be broken by retaining the candidate that had the most votes in the prior round, and if still a tie, then the most votes in the round before that, and so on. If this method results in a tie up through the current round, the tie shall be broken randomly.
- f. The Secretary shall retain the record of all voting rounds and make it available to delegates upon request.
- g. The Chair shall announce the winner of the election after votes have been fully tabulated. The Chair's announcement of the election outcome shall include results from each voting round.

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**PROPOSAL #2: Combine LNC Removal Processes***(This was Proposal 4 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)***ARTICLE 6 SECTION 7 (Delete)****ARTICLE 7 SECTION 5 (Delete)****ARTICLE 8 (New)**

**Problem:** Whether the due process provisions of our parliamentary authority apply to removal of officers (and, by extension, at-large members) is ambiguous. It is incumbent upon us to resolve that ambiguity.

**Solution:** Extends more due process to the accused and combines two nearly identical sections of the Bylaws into one.

**Benefit:** This procedure would not allow the LNC to remove a minority member just because they find them “difficult,” which can be inherent in a vocal minority member that the delegates chose. This is a balance between honoring the will of the delegates and protecting the Party.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS**

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

**ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

~~***5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member at large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the***~~

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

### ARTICLE 8: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

No officer or member-at-large shall be subject to removal from office except for failure to perform the duties of office or gross malfeasance. The process for removing officers and members-at-large shall be the trial procedure as outlined in the Party's parliamentary authority, with removal requiring a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The membership rights of the officer or member-at-large can be suspended by a 2/3 vote for up to sixty days while the matter is being investigated.

The subject officer or member-at-large may appeal their removal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of removal. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the removal 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. The Judicial Committee shall notify the petitioner and identified prospective respondents of their right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's removal of the officer or member-at-large or order reinstatement of the officer or member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to make a final decision on the appeal within 30 days shall constitute an overturning of the National Committee's removal of the subject officer or member-at-large and restoration of that individual to office. At such time as the removal is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

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**PROPOSAL #3: Electronic Voting***(This is similar to Proposal 11 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)***RULE 1 SECTION 3 (New)****RULE 3 SECTION 3 (Amend), SECTION 4 (New)**

**Problem:** Per the Party's parliamentary authority (RONR 45:42), electronic balloting must be authorized by the Rules for their convention use.

**Solution:** Provide the option to authorize electronic balloting in the Rules.

**Benefit:** Authorizing the use of electronic balloting makes it easier to implement more competitive and representative electoral methods and get fast results. Further, it would familiarize Party members with the use of such methods (which would likely be too labor-intensive and/or slow to be practical within the time constraints if conducted manually) and model the use of such methods to external audiences. After future convention delegates approve of and implement an electronic balloting method, convention time spent on elections should be significantly reduced.

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The standing order of business for a regular convention shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee report
- 3. Vote to authorize electronic balloting**
- ~~3.4.~~ Adoption of agenda
- ~~4.5.~~ Treasurer's report
- ~~5.6.~~ Audit Committee report
- ~~6.7.~~ Bylaws and Rules Committee report
- ~~7.8.~~ Election of Judicial Committee (in appropriate years)
- ~~8.9.~~ Election of Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee
- ~~9.10.~~ Platform Committee report
- ~~10.11.~~ Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
- ~~11.12.~~ Resolutions

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~~12.13.~~ Other businessRULE 3: **POLLING ELECTION BALLOTING PROCEDURES**

3. ~~In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary.~~ Each delegation shall conduct its vote electronically or by written ballot delivered to the delegation chair who shall tabulate the votes on a delegation tally sheet provided for this purpose. If by written ballot, the delegation chair then submits their delegation's tally sheet in a sealed envelope containing each of the delegate ballots to the tellers. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Convention Chair shall declare the voting closed. After each delegation voting by written ballot has tabulated its own vote totals, before submitting the totals to the Secretary, the tellers shall review the ballot tabulation for accuracy and cosign the delegation totals. After the Secretary or the tellers have recorded all delegation submissions, the state-by-state delegation totals for each candidate or choice shall be displayed on a projection screen for each delegation to review for accuracy. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.
4. If approved by the convention, electronic balloting may be used instead of manual tabulation by affiliate delegations provided that written notice of the electronic balloting system to be used is published on the Party website at least 90 days prior to the regular convention. A delegate must be physically present to cast an electronic ballot. The electronic balloting system must provide for the following:
  - a. Each delegate has the ability to cast an electronic ballot that produces a conforming physical ballot; or a vote by an electronic ballot accompanied by the delegate's contemporaneous completion of a conforming physical ballot.
  - b. Delegates must deliver their physical ballot to their delegation chair, who then places them into a sealed envelope and delivers that envelope to the tellers.
  - c. The system generates a report of votes by affiliate delegation for display to the convention.
  - b. The system allows delegates to cast write-in votes, unless prohibited by the bylaws.
  - c. If a recount is successfully ordered, the recount must be done using the physical ballots collected by the Delegation Chairs.

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**PROPOSAL #4: Alternative Voting Procedures****ARTICLE 15 SECTION 1 (Amend)****RULE 8 SECTION 2 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Approval voting with a majority threshold increases the likelihood of distorted representation of delegates in elections for National Committee members At-Large and the Judicial Committee. Although proportional representation ranked choice voting would facilitate a closer fit between delegate preferences and electoral outcomes, the Party’s rules and infrastructure don’t currently accommodate that method.

**Solution:** Replace approval voting with a majority threshold with a semi-proportional electoral method outlined in our parliamentary authority called “cumulative voting.” The parliamentary authority states that “[i]n this form of voting, each member is entitled to cast one vote for each position, so that if, for example, three directors are to be elected, each member may cast three votes. These votes may all be cast for one, two, or three candidates, as the voter chooses. A minority group, by coordinating its effort in voting for only one candidate who is a member of the group, may be able to secure the election of that candidate as a minority member of the board.” RONR 46:43.

**Benefit:** This proposal harmonizes with other voting reforms by providing flexibility while maintaining structure. It allows the convention to select voting systems that best reflect the Party’s commitment to representative outcomes, majority legitimacy, and minority inclusion—without rewriting the bylaws each time procedural improvements are desired. It strengthens coherence across our electoral processes and supports thoughtful innovation consistent with our principles.

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES**

1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting **or cumulative voting**.
2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.

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**RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

2. Nominations for the at-large members of the National Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted *in the following manner*: **by cumulative voting**.
- ~~*a. Each delegate may cast a ballot with a vote for either none of the above or one vote per candidate for any number of candidates. Every ballot with a vote for none of the above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. A vote for none of the above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.*~~
- ~~*b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.*~~
- ~~*c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The top five candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.*~~

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**PROPOSAL #5: Voting Procedure and Motions***(This was Proposal 2 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)***RULE 2 SECTION 3 (New)**

**Problem:** In large bodies (like conventions) it takes only two delegates (a mover and a seconder) to propose items that have no realistic chance of passing. This could be dilatory, but is more often inadvertent, as it may be hard to read the room.

**Solution:** Require a higher threshold of agreement that a motion should be heard (a standing second of enough people to indicate a sufficient level of support).

**Benefit:** Less wasted time and less delegate frustration.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS**

1. On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of Judicial Committee members, Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by either voice vote or rising vote. If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.
2. The Chair may require any motion offered from the convention floor to be in writing, signed by the mover and submitted to the Secretary.
3. **All main motions and adhering subsidiary motions, as well as all motions to suspend the rules and adopt a certain proposition or take a particular action, originating from the floor require 20 delegates to second.**

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**PROPOSAL #6: Officer Membership Requirements****ARTICLE 6 SECTION 1 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Officers of the Party hold positions of significant fiduciary and strategic responsibility. While current rules require officers to be sustaining members, they do not require a demonstrated long-term commitment to the Party in the form of life membership. This may create a disconnect between the level of authority entrusted and the depth of demonstrated investment in the Party’s future.

**Solution:** Require that each officer be a life member for at least one year prior to selection.

**Benefit:** This proposal aligns leadership responsibility with demonstrated commitment. Requiring life membership and a seasoning period of one year ensures that those entrusted with guiding the Party have made a substantial and durable investment in its success. In conjunction with other accountability and ethics reforms, this strengthens institutional continuity, reinforces fiduciary seriousness, and fosters confidence in Party leadership.

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the Party shall be:

- Chair,
- Vice-Chair,
- Secretary, and
- Treasurer.

All of these officers shall be elected by a regular convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. ~~No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party.~~ Each officer shall have been a life member for at least one year at the time of their selection.

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**PROPOSAL #7: Debating and Voting on Bylaws and Platform****Amendments**

*(This was Proposal 1 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)*

**RULE 4 (Delete)****RULE 5 SECTIONS 2-5 (Amend), SECTION 6 (Delete)**

**Problem:** There are two different standards for similar national convention-related committees which can be terribly confusing, and the differences are not particularly logical.

**Solution:** Consolidate the two sections and have one procedure for the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

**Benefit:** Simplification, consistency, and ease of understanding of the processes.

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**~~RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING—BYLAWS AND RULES~~**

~~*The Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall report each recommendation of the committee to the convention separately and shall have two minutes to explain the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment(s). The Convention Chair shall open each recommendation to discussion without amendment from the floor. Each recommendation shall be considered and adopted separately, with a maximum of eight minutes discussion on any recommendation. After the discussion, the Convention Chair shall bring the recommendation to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an additional 10 minutes.*~~

**RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING – BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE**

- The Bylaws and Rules Committee and Platform Committee shall meet before each regular convention and prepare ~~a report~~ reports containing ~~its~~ their recommendations. At the convention, ~~the Platform Committee's~~ these recommendations shall be reported to the floor and debated and voted upon separately. The ~~Platform Committee~~ Committees shall set forth the order in which each recommendation shall be considered.

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3. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
  - a. The **Platform** Committee Chair, or ~~some other person designated by him or her~~ **their designee**, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have up to two minutes to explain the recommendation.
  - b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to ~~15~~ **10** minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to 10 minutes.
4. Recommendations for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
  - a. Spokespersons for both the majority and minority positions shall ~~each~~ have two minutes **each** to present their views.
  - b. The Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five minutes during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After five minutes, there will be a vote on which of the two reports shall be considered for purposes of adopting a recommendation. The report receiving the greater number of votes shall then be discussed and voted upon in the manner described in Section 3b.
5. After all committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the **bylaws and rules or the** platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.
- ~~6. Finally, if time permits, proposals which were considered by the Platform Committee but which received an unfavorable vote from a majority of the committee, may be considered, with a spokesperson for the minority position giving the reasons in favor and the Platform Committee Chair or other representative of the majority position giving the reasons why it was voted down, before the proposal is taken to the floor for debate.~~

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**PROPOSAL #8: Restructure LNC***(This is similar to Proposal 5 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)***ARTICLE 7 SECTION 2 (Amend), SECTION 5 (Amend), SECTION 8 (Delete)****ARTICLE 15 SECTION 1 (Amend)****RULE 8 SECTION 2 (Amend), SECTION 4 (Delete)**

**Problem:** Many with experience serving on the LNC or other boards believe our national committee is too large to be effective. If you have 18 people who want to be heard on every issue, then discussion and voting take a lot longer than if there were fewer—and the decisions made by larger boards are not better. The existing regional system puts undue power in the hands of either state chairs or state executive committees when forming regions; the delegates have no direct say in what region their affiliate joins. It also creates a potential conflict of interest, as regional representatives are serving two masters: their regions and the Party. If a regional representative breaches a fiduciary duty, only the region itself can remove them; the LNC has no true disciplinary power.

**Solution:** This proposal would add more at-large members to replace all regional representatives and shrink the overall size of the LNC. The voting system would be changed to cumulative voting, which better facilitates minority representation.

**Benefit:** This proposal would empower each delegate to vote for every seat on the LNC, not just a subset of them. The voting system would be changed to cumulative voting, which better facilitates minority representation. With cumulative voting—**which is an integral part of this proposal**—the LNC will be more representative of the body as a whole. Cumulative voting allows a minority voting bloc to strategically band together and ensure they get representation on the LNC, unlike approval voting (our current system) where a majority bloc can run the table and get all the seats.

Delegates do not necessarily have geography as their primary focus. Someone may care more about ballot access or ideology or fundraising or any of a number of things than where a candidate for regional representative or alternate happens to reside. Talent may not be equally distributed geographically. Some states and regions have many active, competent, enthusiastic members with the financial means to travel around the country to meetings while other affiliates have few. Shrinking the LNC does not necessarily mean shrinking participation in national matters. The LNC can and should have many subcommittees with non-LNC members to which it delegates responsibility or from which it gets specialized advice.

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**Proviso:** *The regional representatives and alternates, elected upon adjournment sine die of the 2026 National Convention, or their replacements according to their regional agreements, will serve until the adjournment sine die of the 2028 convention under the rules of the national bylaws as they existed when the original representatives and alternates were elected. No regions will be formed for 2028.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

### ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:
  - a. the officers of the Party;
  - b. **five seven** members elected at large by the delegates at a regular convention; **and**
  - ~~c. any additional members as specified below:~~  
*Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the national convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the convention at which they take place.*
  
5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of **2/3 more than 4/5** of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-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 National Committee's suspension of the

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member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

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

*(NOTE: Upon approval, subsequent sections would be renumbered.)*

### ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES

1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting or cumulative voting.

### RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

2. Nominations for the at-large members of the National Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:
  - a. ~~**Each**~~ The election shall take place using cumulative voting, which means that each delegate may cast a ballot with a vote for either none-of-the-above or one vote per elected position candidate for any number of candidates. Every ballot with a vote for none-of-the-above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.
  - b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.
  - c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The candidates receiving the largest vote total, provided that vote total is greater than or equal to the majority of ballots cast, shall be elected. ~~The top five candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be elected~~. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.

~~**4.—In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.**~~

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**PROPOSAL #9: Ethics****ARTICLE 9 SECTION 1 (New), SECTION 8 (New)**

**Problem:** Although financial procedures and certain conflict-of-interest restrictions already exist, the Bylaws do not clearly consolidate ethical expectations regarding compensation, personal financial gain, and use of Party Resources. Without clear codification, standards may be unevenly applied or misunderstood.

**Solution:** Codify explicit ethical standards governing compensation, financial gain, and the use of Party Resources, while defining “Party Resources” and clarifying the scope of permissible conduct.

**Benefit:** By clearly articulating ethical boundaries, this proposal enhances transparency, protects Party assets, and reinforces trust among members and donors. It strengthens financial controls and leadership qualifications. This measure creates a cohesive framework of accountability that safeguards both the Party’s integrity and its reputation.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 9: ~~FINANCE~~ **ETHICS** AND ACCOUNTING**

1. **“Party Resources” are funds, time of compensated personnel, property, or any asset of value, which are owned, leased, coordinated, controlled, employed, contracted, or operated by the Party.**
2. The fiscal term of the Party shall begin on January 1 of each year. From January 1 until the National Committee has approved a budget, the Treasurer may authorize expenditures for any item incorporated in the previous year's budget as long as the level of expenditure is consistent with that budget.
3. The National Committee shall cause an efficient double-entry system of accounts to be installed and maintained. Financial statements of the Party shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Audits shall be performed annually by an independent auditor. The non-officer members of the National Committee shall appoint a standing Audit Committee of three members with power to select the independent auditor. One member shall be a non-officer member or alternate of the National Committee and the other two shall not be members or alternates of the National Committee. The Assistant Treasurer is not eligible to serve on the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall present its findings to each regular convention and clarify for the National Committee any recommendations made by the auditor.

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4. No disbursements exceeding \$100 may be made with cash.
5. The National Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party and shall appoint such officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw funds.
6. The Party shall not borrow in excess of \$2,000 total without prior approval by 2/3 vote of the National Committee. This shall not include current operating debt for trade payables.
7. The National Committee shall designate an Assistant Treasurer to temporarily serve in the event the Treasurer is incapacitated or unavailable, or vacates the position.
8. **Except as explicitly outlined in these bylaws, no member of the National Committee shall:**
  - a. **Be compensated, other than reimbursement for actual, documented costs incurred for providing goods or services pre-approved by the Executive Committee.**
  - b. **Use his or her official position or office to obtain financial gain, for themselves, any family member, or a business associate.**
  - c. **Use Party Resources to favor or disfavor a Presidential candidate prior to receiving nomination or a National or Judicial Committee candidate prior to the election. This shall not prevent a National Committee member from acting as a sustaining member of the Party or a Convention Delegate.**

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**PROPOSAL #10: Expand Platform and Credentials Committees****Working Windows**

*(This was Proposal 3 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)*

**ARTICLE 11 SECTION 3-4 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Committees cannot elect a chair and get to work until the committee composition is known. This means the committee must wait until the last eligible affiliate makes its appointment, which is invariably around the deadline itself. For both the Credentials Committee and the Platform Committee, this means that in practice they only have three months and six months, respectively, to carry out their duties. In past terms members of both committees have expressed frustration with the working timeline of their committee being too short.

**Solution:** Double these committees' working timelines by moving the appointment dates to six months for the Credentials Committee and twelve months for the Platform Committee. Additionally, the twelve-month appointment requirement for the Platform Committee would align their working timeline to that of the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

**Benefit:** Gives these Committees more time to do their work for the Convention.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**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 10 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~~ **twelve months before a regular convention**.
4. The Credentials Committee, composed of 10 members, shall be selected as follows.
  - a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a regular convention.
  - b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for convention delegate allocations at the most recent

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regular convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than ~~three~~ six months ~~prior to the~~ before a regular convention.

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**PROPOSAL #11: Delegate Membership Requirements****ARTICLE 10 SECTION 2 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Delegates to the national convention exercise the Party's highest authority, including electing leadership and nominating candidates. Many believe you should be a member of an organization and have "skin in the game" to have a say in that organization's governance.

**Solution:** Clarify that delegates must be sustaining members of the Party.

**Benefit:** This proposal ensures that those participating in any and all of the Party's convention decisions are members in good standing. It improves the integrity of the delegate selection process, harmonizes national convention participation-standards, and strengthens the legitimacy of Party governance as a whole.

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS**

## 2. Delegates:

- a. Delegates shall be required to be sustaining members of ~~either the Party or an affiliate party~~. At all regular conventions delegates shall be those so accredited who have registered at the convention.
- b. Any federal or state law to the contrary notwithstanding, delegates to a regular convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party; ~~provided however, that only members of the Party as defined in these bylaws, or members of the affiliate party as defined in the constitution or bylaws of such affiliate party, shall be eligible to vote for the selection of delegates to a regular convention.~~

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**Minority Report on Proposal 11**

signed by: Dr. Chuck Moulton, Data Logan, Paul Bracco (alt)

**Issue with committee proposal:** The Libertarian Party was designed as a bottom-up organization, not a top-down organization. Removing the ability of affiliates to send their own members to the national convention flips this relationship on its head. Instead, this substitute proposal raises the buy-in at the national level while retaining affiliate autonomy to send their own members.

**ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS**

## 2. Delegates:

- a. Delegates shall be required to be ~~members of either the Party or an affiliate party~~ **either members of the affiliate party they represent or sustaining members of the Party**. At all regular conventions delegates shall be those so accredited who have registered at the convention.
- b. Any federal or state law to the contrary notwithstanding, delegates to a regular convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party; ~~provided however, that only members of the Party as defined in these bylaws, or members of the affiliate party as defined in the constitution or bylaws of such affiliate party, shall be eligible to vote for the selection of delegates to a regular convention.~~

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## **PROPOSAL #12: Presidential/Vice-Presidential Nominations, NOTA Winning**

**ARTICLE 10 SECTION 7 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Although “None of the Above” (NOTA) is recognized as a valid voting option, the consequences of a NOTA majority in presidential or vice-presidential balloting have not been fully clarified. Without clear direction, a NOTA majority could produce uncertainty, procedural confusion, or perceived unfairness in reopening nominations.

**Solution:** Provide that if a majority of votes are cast for NOTA in presidential or vice-presidential balloting, no candidate is nominated; nominations may be reopened; and none of the losing candidates may be nominated.

**Benefit:** This proposal affirms the legitimacy of NOTA as a meaningful expression of delegate will while providing a clear and orderly path forward. It protects the Party from being compelled to nominate a candidate lacking majority support and ensures that reopened nominations reflect genuine reconsideration. This also harmonizes the presidential NOTA process with the process for Party office.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS**

7. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for President and Vice-President, the Party officers, and at-large members of the National Committee, shall be considered valid. ~~Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in the Presidential or Vice-Presidential balloting, no candidate shall be nominated for that office.~~ Should "None of the Above" be selected for the Party's nominees for President or Vice-President or for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant, nominations may be reopened, and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office or nomination.

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**PROPOSAL #13: Limit Convention Committee Alternates***(This was Proposal 6 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)***ARTICLE 11 SECTION 5 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Under our current Bylaws, affiliates or the LNC can appoint an unlimited number of alternates to committees. Because committee alternates have customarily debated and commented freely, the inclusion of excessive alternates on committees may negatively impact a committee’s effectiveness.

**Solution:** Limit the number of alternates. Appointing bodies can always fill vacancies for primary and alternate committee members.

**Benefit:** Improves committee productivity and efficiency.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES**

5. ~~***Ranked alternates may be named by the appointing bodies to fill any vacancies or absences in the convention committees.***~~ **Each appointing body may appoint ranked alternates up to the number of its primary appointments.**

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**PROPOSAL #14: Judicial Committee Rules****ARTICLE 8 SECTION 3 (Amend)**

**Problem:** There was concern brought up in the current Judicial Committee regarding its ability to amend its own rules or suspend them as needed to facilitate better operations of the Judicial Committee.

**Solution:** Give the Judicial Committee the ability to adjust its rules as needed, with the restriction that they cannot change their rules in the middle of an appeal.

**Benefit:** Improves the Judicial Committee’s processes for both the Judicial Committee and all parties involved in an appeal.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

3. ~~*Within 90 days following the regular convention at which elected, the*~~ The Judicial Committee ~~*shall*~~ may establish new, propose amendments to existing, or suspend rules of appellate procedure to govern its consideration of matters within the scope of its jurisdiction throughout its term. ~~*The existing Rules shall remain in effect until and unless the Judicial Committee submits new proposed rules to the National Committee for approval, which approval shall be deemed given unless denied by a 2/3 vote of the National Committee within 60 days of submission. An appeal shall be considered under the rules of appellate procedure in effect at the time the appeal is made. The Judicial Committee’s session shall be between regular conventions at which they are elected.*~~ A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be ~~*maintained by the Secretary at the Party Headquarters and shall be available to any member at cost.*~~ appended to the Party’s Bylaws on the Party’s website.

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**PROPOSAL #15: Delegate Allocations and Deadlines****ARTICLE 10 SECTION 4 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Last-minute delegation submissions to the Credentials Committee create last-minute headaches and unnecessary floor fights and time wasted on the first day of Convention seating delegates. Also, it is possible for a delegation to have two or three delegates and 50 alternates, or 100 delegates and only 50 alternates, creating a headache for both the Credentials Committee and the delegations.

**Solution:** Move the deadline for delegate list submissions back to give the Credentials Committee time to sort it all out before the gavel drops on the Convention. Limit the number of alternates in a delegation to the number of delegates.

**Benefit:** Improves registration, credentialing and first-day business. May help alleviate floor fights over contested delegates. Makes planning and delegate substitution easier on delegations.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS**

## 4. Delegate Allocation:

- a. In order to be counted for delegate allocation, sustaining membership applications must be sent to the National Headquarters by either the individual member or the affiliate party and received or postmarked no later than the last day of the seventh month prior to the regular convention.
- b. The Secretary shall make a count of the sustaining members qualified under the requirements set forth here and shall compute the delegate allocations for the affiliate parties. Notification of the sustaining membership totals and allocation totals shall be sent by the Secretary to the chair of each affiliate party no later than the last day of the sixth month prior to a regular convention.
- c. A list of the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates chosen by each affiliate party shall be sent to the Credentials Committee no later than one month prior to start of the first general session of the regular convention. Amendments to such lists may be made by the affiliate parties and submitted to the Credentials Committee ~~until the close of the Credentials Committee meeting preceding the convention~~ **not later than fourteen (14) days before the first Business Session of the National Convention**. The number of alternates' names submitted shall not exceed the ~~greater of 50 or the~~ number of delegates allocated.

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- d. Failure to submit a listing of delegate/alternate names and addresses, as prescribed within these bylaws, shall cause no delegation to be registered from that affiliate party.
- e. By two-thirds vote, the convention may approve additional delegates and alternates whose names and addresses are submitted to the Credentials Committee during the convention.

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**PROPOSAL #16: Differentiate Dues from Other Contributions****ARTICLE 4 SECTIONS 3-4 (Amend), SECTION 5 (New)**

**Problem:** The Bylaws currently define sustaining membership by a monetary threshold but do not clearly distinguish between membership dues and other forms of financial support. In practice, this means that donations, merchandise purchases, event payments, and in-kind contributions may be ambiguously treated when determining membership status. This lack of clarity can create inconsistent recordkeeping, disputes over qualification, and uncertainty for members and affiliates regarding who meets sustaining membership requirements.

**Solution:** Define “membership dues” explicitly as unrestricted payments made for the purpose of maintaining membership and clarify that restricted donations or purchases—monetary or in-kind—shall not be construed as membership dues.

**Benefit:** This proposal promotes consistency, transparency, and administrative clarity in determining sustaining membership. By distinguishing dues from other revenue sources, it reduces ambiguity, supports accurate delegate allocation and governance determinations, and ensures that sustaining membership reflects an intentional act to maintain Party membership. Clear definitions strengthen institutional integrity and minimize future disputes.

**Proviso:** *This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP**

1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.
2. The National Committee may offer life memberships and must honor all prior and future life memberships.
3. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the ~~contribution or~~ dues levels for such memberships
4. Sustaining members” are members of the Party who:
  - a. During the prior 12 months have ~~donated~~ **paid**, or have had ~~donated~~ **paid** on their behalf, **membership dues in** an amount of at least \$25; or
  - b. Are Life members.

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5. **“Membership dues” are defined as unrestricted payments made for the purpose of maintaining membership. Donations or purchases, monetary or in-kind, shall not be construed as membership dues.**

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**PROPOSAL #17: Raise Dues**

*(This is similar to Proposal 7 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)*

**ARTICLE 4 SECTION 4 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Party sustaining membership dues have not permanently increased since December 11, 1993 (more than 30 years ago). (Note: In 2005 dues were increased to \$50, then brought down to zero, then brought back to \$25 at the 2006 national convention.) There has been significant inflation since 1993, meaning that the LNC now receives less resources in real terms from membership dues. Costs of servicing each member have gone up significantly, such as costs of printing and postage. See: [https://lpedia.org/wiki/Document:LNC\\_Minutes\\_11-12\\_December\\_1993](https://lpedia.org/wiki/Document:LNC_Minutes_11-12_December_1993).

**Solution:** Raise the dues incrementally to keep up with inflation and increased costs.

**Benefit:** This proposal would better align membership dues in real terms to the last time they were updated. Additionally, delegates would not need to amend the bylaws each convention to make these incremental adjustments.

**Proviso:** *This takes effect January 1, 2028.*

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP**

1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.
2. The National Committee may offer life memberships and must honor all prior and future life memberships.
3. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
  - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least ~~\$25-\$35~~, **plus \$5 for every calendar year elapsed since January 1, 2027**; or
  - b. Are Life members.

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**PROPOSAL #18: Judicial Committee Appeals Procedures***(This was Proposal 15 from the 2024 Bylaws Committee Report.)***ARTICLE 7 SECTION 12 (Amend)****ARTICLE 8 SECTION 2 (Amend)**

**Problem:** The current appellate process to the Judicial Committee does not allow for appealing inaction by the LNC when it fails to do something the Bylaws require. Further, the 10% of credentialed convention delegates threshold is difficult to validate. The Judicial Committee also has no authority to order the LNC to remediate a violation.

**Solution:** Allow for appealing of inaction, providing the authorization to order remediation, and removing the 10% requirement while leaving the 1% of sustaining members requirement.

**Benefit:** Improves accountability of the LNC, improves Judicial Committee appeals, and improves enforcement of rulings.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

12. ~~*Upon appeal by ten percent of delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention or one percent of the Party sustaining members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision or of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void.*~~ An appeal may be made of any action or inaction by the National Committee in the present term by written petition of one percent of the Party sustaining members at the time the petition was submitted. The Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not the National Committee action or inaction contravenes specified sections of the bylaws or those documents to which the bylaws refers. If an action is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void. If an inaction is determined to be in violation, the National Committee shall be ordered to remediate either by the remedy sought by the appellant or another conforming remedy.

**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:
- a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),

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- b. suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),
- c. suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 7, Section 5),
- d. voiding of National Committee ~~decisions~~ **actions or inactions** (Article 7, Section 12),
- e. challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),
- f. challenges to resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and
- g. suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).

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**PROPOSAL #19: Affiliate Parties****ARTICLE 5 SECTION 2 (Amend)**

**Problem:** Recent controversies regarding several affiliates have raised the question of disaffiliation and—relatedly—either re-affiliation or new affiliation. As worded, the Bylaws require the LNC to charter an affiliate as soon as they meet the requirements, with no choice or vote in the matter or ability to choose among two or more possible groups.

**Solution:** Authorize the LNC to choose to affiliate a group or not, and establish in the bylaw the voting threshold to do it.

**Benefit:** Empowers the LNC to charter affiliates that best advance the Party’s purposes as set forth in Article 2 of the Bylaws.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES**

2. The National Committee ~~shall~~ **may** 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, **and approval by a majority vote of the entire National Committee.**

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## **PROPOSAL #20: Application of Statement of Principles**

### **ARTICLE 3 SECTION 4 (New)**

**Problem:** During an appeal to the Judicial Committee, it was pointed out that there is no explicit requirement for the LNC to follow the Statement of Principles as there is with affiliates. The requirement is implicit through membership of individual members of the LNC but not as a body.

**Solution:** Require the LNC as a body to follow the Statement of Principles.

**Benefit:** Makes explicit that which was implied and adds more accountability and responsibility to the proceedings of the LNC.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

### **ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM**

- 4. The National Committee shall not take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these bylaws.**

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## **PROPOSAL #21: Presidential/Vice-Presidential Tokens**

### **RULE 7 SECTION 1 (Amend)**

**Problem:** There are currently two ways to nominate the President and Vice-President candidates, by either a petition or tokens. The token process is time-consuming and unwieldy, whereas the petitions are much simpler and more efficient.

**Solution:** Eliminate the tokens and go with the petitions only.

**Benefit:** Makes it easier for both candidates and delegates, and also aligns with the nomination processes for the LNC and Judicial Committee.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

#### **RULE 7: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

1. No person shall be nominated for President or Vice-President unless at least 30 registered delegates join in the nomination in writing submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of sustaining membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate for each office. ~~*The affixing of signatures to a nominating petition per this requirement shall be effected by a transfer of signature tokens issued by the Credentials Committee.*~~

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**PROPOSAL #22: Life Memberships****ARTICLE 4 SECTION 2 (Amend)**

**Problem:** The current Bylaws authorize life memberships but do not require that they be offered within a defined pricing structure tied to sustaining membership levels. This may result in inconsistent pricing, uncertainty, or undervaluation of long-term membership commitments.

**Solution:** Require the National Committee to offer life memberships, priced between 60x and 100x sustaining memberships.

**Benefit:** This proposal formalizes life membership as a stable, predictable component of Party membership. By coupling life membership pricing to sustaining membership levels, it ensures fairness, consistency, and financial coherence. In harmony with officer qualification requirements and dues adjustments, it supports long-term financial sustainability and encourages durable commitment to the Party’s mission.

Amend Something Previously Adopted, as follows:

**ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP**

2. The National Committee ~~may~~ **shall** offer life memberships **priced between 60x and 100x sustaining memberships** and must honor all prior and future life memberships.

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