

Article I

Name and Affiliations

Section 1: Name. These Bylaws shall govern the association known as the Libertarian Party of Wyoming (LPWY).

Section 2: Affiliations. The LPWY is currently affiliated with the Libertarian National Committee as a recognized affiliate. The Executive Board of Directors may disaffiliate from their national affiliate through a simple majority vote of the Board.

Article II

Purpose and Jurisdiction

Section 1: Effective Date. These bylaws, upon adoption by the 2021 State Party Convention with a unanimous vote of the certified delegates, shall be certified and in effect on July 31, 2021.

Section 2: Purpose. The purpose of these Bylaws is to unite, organize, and coordinate the LPWY, so that the LPWY can effectively implement the only goals of the Libertarian Party, winning election and enacting Libertarian policy.

Section 3: Jurisdiction of Bylaws. In the spirit of unity and organization, these Bylaws shall govern the LPWY and LPWY County Affiliates. Affiliates may adopt their own bylaws however any bylaws adopted by any LPWY affiliate that conflicts with these Bylaws shall be invalid and unenforceable.

Article III

Members

Section 1: Membership Eligibility.

A - LPWY membership shall be open to any person, regardless of race, creed, color, religious preference, sex, sexual preference, or national origin and must be:

- A registered Libertarian voter registered in their county of residence, and
- A current dues paying member, and
- A resident of the State of Wyoming, or
- A member of a recognized county affiliate.

B - Should a potential member be ineligible to be a registered Libertarian voter, this requirement may be forgone on a case by case basis by a simple majority vote of the LPWY State Executive Board of Directors.

Section 2: Dues. Dues of \$25 annually is required and due by the annual state convention. Counties shall remit to the state party 20% of their County dues per member. Dues amounts will

be reviewed annually at the state annual convention and may be subject to change by a simple majority vote of the State Central Committee.

Section 3: Privacy. Each member's name and contact information may be offered to the following: officers of the State Executive Board; officers or organizing member(s) of the County Affiliate in which that member resides; and, if the member holds a position on LPWY or County Affiliate committee(s), to fellow members of those committee(s).

Section 4: Relinquishment. Members may relinquish their membership by contacting the Chair, Executive Director, or Secretary in writing. Members may also be removed as an active member if dues are more than one (1) year in arrears and/or have been inactive in the LPWY or County Affiliates for one (1) year or more.

Section 5: Censure, Rebuke, Revocation. Membership in the LPWY may be revoked by the Executive Committee for cause. Membership may be revoked for activities inconsistent with the Statement of Principles and bylaws, harassment of members of the LPWY and the LP, activities which undermine the party's efforts or candidates other actions which may be determined by the Executive Committee to be detrimental to the party.

Article IV

County Affiliates

Section 1: Boundaries. There shall be no more than one LPWY recognized County Affiliate in each county, although counties may collaborate with shared meetings, events, etc. At their own discretion, County Affiliates may also draw membership from the other counties in their general region of the state.

Section 2: Autonomy. The LPWY may not abridge the autonomy of any County Affiliate except as provided in these Bylaws.

Section 3: Prohibitions. No County Affiliate, including officers and committee members thereof, may take action inconsistent with the Bylaws of LPWY.

Section 4: Initial County Organization. The Executive Board may appoint as County Interim Chair any LPWY member interested in organizing a County Affiliate. Upon appointment, the LPWY Chair and/or Executive Board Officers may provide supporting access and materials to said Interim Chair. The LPWY Chair may appoint as Interim County Precinct Representatives, those persons who submit their names, precinct numbers, and affirmation of voter registration to a County Interim Chair, who shall submit them to the LPWY Chair.

Section 5: Replacement of Interim County Chair. In the event an Interim County Chair has not made substantive progress toward organizing a County Affiliate within six (6) months of appointment, the Executive Board may, upon request from another LPWY member wishing to organize in said county, remove and replace an Interim Chair after having provided him or her with a written notice and opportunity to respond at least ten (10) days before the Executive Board takes action.

Section 6: County Affiliation. Affiliation requirement shall be as follows: submission of county bylaws; submission of a certificate of election or appointment of a County Party Chair, County Party Secretary, and any other officers at the discretion of the County Affiliate.

Section 7: Recognition of County Affiliation. The Executive Board shall charter and recognize as a County Affiliate any group of LPWY members that requests affiliation and that meets the requirements described herein.

Section 8: Revocation of County Affiliate Status. The State Executive Board of Directors may, by a simple majority vote of those attending a duly convened meeting, revoke a county's affiliation if that County Affiliate fails to maintain the status and requirements necessary for affiliation or acts in a manner prohibited by the Bylaws, or against the general strategy and mission set out by the State Executive Board of Directors.

Article V

State Central Committee

Section 1: Definition. The State Central Committee is responsible for the implementation and execution of strategic goals of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming. The State Central Committee shall be allotted a budget annually from the LPWY for the purpose of supporting candidates, growing party registration, and pursuing legislative goals. The State Central Committee's primary responsibility is to support the efforts of county affiliates and candidates.

Section 2: Composition. The State Central Committee shall be comprised of the President/Chair of the LPWY Executive Board and no more than four 2 representatives from each recognized County Affiliate. The latter shall include: a county chair, and one at large member selected by the County Executive Committee

Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities. The State Central Committee is charged with guiding and supporting county affiliates and candidates, including: dispersing their budget allotment to county affiliates and candidates in the interest of electing candidates and supporting legislative priorities, and filling candidate vacancies.

Section 4: Regular Meeting Procedure. State Central Committee regular meetings may be called by the Chair, a majority of the Executive Board, or by a majority of the State Central Committee. The Chair shall preside.

Section 5: Regular Meeting Location. State Central Committee regular meetings may be held in an agreed upon physical location or through an electronic platform that allows members reasonable access.

Section 6: Regular Meeting Notice. The Chair shall notify all State Central Committee members by written electronic or paper notice no more than sixty (60) days in advance and at least ten (10) days in advance of State Central Committee meetings, or at such time as all members have responded and either are attending or have approved of the meeting proceeding in their absence.

Section 7: Regular Meeting Voting Procedure. Each member is entitled to one vote even if that member serves in more than one capacity.

Article VI

Executive Board of Directors

Section 1: Definition and Purpose. The Executive Board of Directors (“the Board”, “the Executive Board, or “the Board of Directors”) is the managerial and administrative body of the LPWY and its purpose is to set the annual budget, direct the strategic goals of the party, and oversee day-to-day operations. The Board of Directors is a lifetime appointment that shall only become vacant upon resignation, death, or removal by a vote of five members of the board of directors; or in case of vacancies caused from resignation, death, or removal of more than three members of the board, a 2/3 majority. If a quorum of the board of directors is not possible due to excessive vacancy caused by resignation, death, or removal, a 2/3 majority of the executive committee may appoint members to the board of directors.

Section 2: Meetings. Meetings shall be called by the Chair or by one-half of the Board members. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance of a meeting. Emergency meetings can be called with a majority vote of the Wyoming State Executive Committee with no notice. Except in cases of emergency meetings, notifications shall be sent by electronic mail, traditional mail, electronic message, or any other communication that is readily available to a quorum of the board of directors; unless a Board member requests an alternate notification means to the Chair. Board members shall specify an electronic mail address. Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or co-sponsored by at least 1/3 of the members of the Board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for five (5) days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be a simple majority. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.

Section 3: Officers and Duties Thereof. The Executive Board of Directors shall be governed as follows:

- The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) permanent members and two permanent (2) alternates. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Chairman of the Board and a Party Secretary from among its members every two years during organizing conventions.
- The Board of Directors MAY appoint additional optional officers from among the members of the board to assist the Chairman, Secretary, and the Executive Director in executing the business of the LPWY.

- **The Chair** of the Board of Directors (Party Chair) is a required position by Wyoming State Law and shall be the President of the Executive Board of the LPWY, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Board.
- **The Secretary** is a required position by Wyoming State Law and shall assist the Chair and Board. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and keep such minutes and records as are necessary. The Secretary shall make an annual report to the Board containing such information as the Board may require.
- **The Treasurer** is an optional position and MAY be appointed from among the members of the board of directors to receive all moneys paid to the Party and shall deposit same in such banks or bank as designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Board and to the membership at large and any other reports as at the Board shall request with respect to the finances of the Party. The Treasurer shall file all reports required by the State and National authorities. If the Treasurer is not appointed by the Board, the Executive Director shall take on the responsibilities of the Treasurer.

Section 4: Eligibility. Officers and persons nominated for officer positions must be LPWY members and qualified Wyoming electors at the time of their election.

Section 5: Elections and Terms of Office. Officers shall be elected at the 2021 organizing convention, and shall take their positions no later than July 31, 2021. Officers may be removed from office for cause by disciplinary proceedings as provided in these Bylaws. The Chairman and Secretary of the Wyoming Libertarian Party must be qualified electors in the state of Wyoming and if at any time they are no longer qualified electors in Wyoming, they shall immediately resign their post to be replaced by the Board.

Section 6: Temporary Board Vacancies. If an Officer informs all other Executive Board officers in advance that the Officer will be absent from multiple Executive Board meetings or otherwise unable to adequately perform that Officer's responsibilities for a specified duration of time equal to or less than 60 days, that Officer may temporarily vacate the position and resume it at the specified later date.

Section 7: Filling Temporary Vacancies. The Board shall have authority to appoint temporary officers in such case an officer temporarily vacates an office. Once the officer who has vacated returns, they shall immediately retain their office.

Section 8: Permanent Board Vacancies. If an Officer resigns, is removed from office, unavailable, fails to maintain the qualifications of office, or is otherwise unable to adequately perform that Officer's duties and responsibilities without notice to all other Officers, for an unspecified duration of time, or for a specified duration of time to exceed 60 days, that Officer's position shall be permanently vacated and considered resigned.

Section 9: Filling Permanent Vacancies. The Board of Directors shall have authority to fill permanent vacancies of office. If the office of Chair is vacant, the Board of Directors can appoint a temporary or permanent Chair. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in accordance with this section:

- a. The Chairman of the Board shall solicit applications for up to a thirty (30) day period and select up to three candidates to present to the board of directors.
- b. The board of Directors shall appoint new, lifetime appointed board members with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 10: Removal of a Board Member. A Board member may be removed for cause following a written complaint by at least two members of the Board of Directors and affirmed by five (5) members of the Board of Directors or two-thirds (2/3) of the existing members of the board.

Section 11: Executive Director the Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, the Executive Director shall be appointed by the chair and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board. The executive director is the chief executive and, in this capacity, shall:

- i. Establish staff structure and train personnel to fill it.
- ii. Perform those functions delegated by the Chair and the Board.
- iii. Implement the plans and policies developed by the board.
- iv. Provide assistance and support for the committees.
- v. Enter into contracts with the approval of the chair. Contracts shall be reviewed in executive session by the board upon request of any member of the board.
- vi. Executive Director can be voted in by a majority vote of the Board.
- vii. Executive Director can be voted out by a majority vote of the Board.

Article VII

Committees

Section 1: All Committees. All Committees are advisory in nature and any official action must come from the Board of Directors or the State Central Committee. All committees are tasked with setting their own notifications, means, and procedures for meetings and carrying out their duties. All committees shall report actions and progress either in written or oral reports upon the request of the Chair or a majority of the Board.

Section 2: Standing Committees. The State Chair or Board may form standing committees, and, as to each, may appoint members and an interim chair. Standing committees are defined as those bodies whose responsibilities are expected to be ongoing. One of the first priorities of any standing committees shall be to elect a chair. Only a majority of the Board may abolish any committee or may replace any committee member or committee officer, whether elected or appointed.

Section 4: Ad Hoc Committees. The State Chair or the Board may form ad hoc committees, and to each appoint members and a chair. Ad hoc committees are defined as those bodies whose responsibilities are discrete and are expected to be less than one (1) year in duration. The State Chair may abolish any ad hoc committees or replace any ad hoc committee member(s) or officer(s), whether elected or appointed.

Article VIII

State Convention

Section 1: Purpose. A State Convention/meeting shall be held yearly in accordance with Wyoming Statute 22-4-307. The time and place of the State Convention/meeting shall be determined by the Chairman of the Party, and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board. Written notice, via postal mail, email, or other form of regularly used communication, of the Convention date, time, place, and agenda, shall be available and distributed by the Secretary at least 15 days prior to the convention. The purpose of the State Convention shall be to select National Convention delegates, nominate and endorse candidates in accordance with state law.

- **Calling of state convention, contents of notice.** The state chairman shall call a state convention by filing notice in the office of the secretary of state and of each county clerk not later than twenty (20) days before the convention. The notice shall state the eligibility requirements for voting at the convention (Wyoming Statute 22-4-307; Article 3 Wyoming Election Code).

Section 2: Candidate Nomination. Candidates must be nominated by convention in accordance with Wyoming Statute 22-4-303(See Article 3 Wyoming Election Code). Statewide candidates must be state party members and should be recognized and endorsed as early as possible to give them ample time to research and organize their campaign. Statewide candidates shall have full access to the LPWY mailing lists.

Section 3: Candidate Certification. All candidates must be certified by the State Chair and Secretary to the Secretary of State of Wyoming in accordance with Wyoming Statute 22-4-304 (See Article 3 Wyoming Election Code).

Section 4: Bylaws. The State Chair and Secretary shall certify all rules and bylaws promulgated, revoked or amended and file them in accordance with state law. The Executive Director of the LPWY shall provide a physical copy of any amended bylaws to the Libertarian National Committee Secretary either through physical delivery or by sending a copy via delivery service to the National Headquarters of the Libertarian Party with attention to the LNC Secretary.

Section 5: Certification of presidential elector nominees and party officers. The state party chairman and state party secretary shall certify the names of nominees for presidential electors and the name of the state and county party officers elected to the secretary of state immediately after the state convention (Wyoming Statute 22-4-306; Article 3 Wyoming Election Code).

Section 6: Voting. Everyone who is a member of the LPWY in good standing 30 days prior the convention, and who attends the nominating convention only, is eligible to vote for delegates to the national convention, and to nominate candidates for office in the state of Wyoming.

At the nominating convention, the name of each person who has filed a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate state or county political entity may be placed in nomination for the office for which his/her declaration was filed.

- In order to be certified by the Party, all candidates must be members in good standing and stand for election at the appropriate nominating convention. A candidate who files for state or local office as a Libertarian with the appropriate political entity but whose candidacy is not affirmed in convention is not a candidate of the Party.
- Eligible members will vote immediately following the nominating and seconding speeches made on behalf of all candidates for office.
- The Chair (or the Chair's designee) is responsible for credentialing members as convention delegates. Each member present may cast one vote in each ballot for each office to be filled.
- Proxy voting is allowed. Delegates must notify the secretary via email no later than 15 days prior to the Nominating Convention of their desire to designate a proxy, and name the proxy at that time.
- If three or more candidates are nominated for the same office, the convention will use multiple ballots. In the case of multiple ballots, the first ballot will be used to reduce the number of candidates to four if more than four candidates participate or by one if four or fewer than four participate. Each following ballot will drop the lowest vote-getter until two candidates remain. The two top candidates will continue the balloting until one achieves a two-thirds majority. If no candidate prevails after the third such ballot, the Party has no candidate for that office.
- No later than 12:00 noon of the fifth calendar day following the convention, the Secretary and Chair will certify in writing to the county clerk or the appropriate state political entity, the name(s) of the Party's nominee(s) as required by law.

Article IX

Conditional Bylaw Changes and Special Bylaw Conventions

Section 1: Major Political Party Status. Upon the certification of the Wyoming Libertarian Party as a "Major Political Party" as recognized by Wyoming State Statute, the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Wyoming shall convene a five (5) member Convention Committee consisting of the Chair, Secretary, Executive Director, and two additional members appointed by the chair. The Convention Committee shall be responsible for managing the party during the transition phase, and shall be empowered to select the venue for the special convention, and draft the new bylaws proposal. This committee shall be formed no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the certification and shall submit to the Secretary of State and County Clerks, no later than ten (10) days after the appointment of the Convention Committee, documents describing the intention to hold a special convention to draft new bylaws that are consistent with Wyoming State Statute. The Special Convention shall be in accordance with Wyoming State Statute.

Section 2: Bylaw Review. Every six (6) years following the 2021 organizing convention, the Board shall vote to call a "Bylaws Convention"; only if a simple majority of the board votes to call a Bylaws Convention, the Board shall appoint a five (5) member Convention Committee

consisting of the Chair, Secretary, and three members appointed by the Board. The Convention Committee shall be responsible for managing the party until the adoption of new state bylaws and draft a new bylaws proposal to be presented at the convention. The Bylaws Convention must be called no later than sixty (60) days after the formation of the Convention Committee. Delegates eligible in these bylaws shall be the voting members of the Bylaws Convention and shall certify the new bylaws with a majority vote of those voting in the affirmative and the negative, abstentions shall be counted in the negative.

Article X

Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall provide parliamentary direction for the LPWY for matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws. However, Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide and can not be used to stall or impede proceedings. In all questions of procedure, decorum, or rules, the ruling of the chair shall stand in all matters unless overturned by a majority of the Board. Roberts Rules may never supersede the final ruling of the Board or these bylaws.

Article XI

Amendments of Bylaws

Section 1: Amendments to Bylaws. Bylaws and other governing documents may be amended or repealed only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors; and can only take place at odd year conventions.