



## LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

# PRESIDENTIAL & VP SELECTION PROCESS

### **Who can seek the party's presidential nomination?**

Anyone can announce his or her intent to seek the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party.

### **Who can win the party's presidential nomination?**

"No candidate may be nominated for President or Vice-President who is ineligible under the United States Constitution, who has not expressed a willingness to accept the nomination of the Party, or who is not a member of the Party." (Libertarian Party Convention Rules, Article 14, Section 2)

### **How is the presidential candidate selected?**

By majority vote of delegates at the convention. "Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominations shall be from the floor. Each [state] delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all the delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed. At this point, an announcement of each delegation's vote total shall be made by delegation chairs in alphabetical order beginning with a randomly selected delegation.

"The Party's nominee for President shall be chosen by majority vote. If, after two ballots, no candidate has attained a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes on the latest ballot shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every subsequent ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote, until one candidate attains a majority." (Libertarian Party Convention Rules, Article 9, Section 1 & 2)

### **How is the vice presidential candidate selected?**

"The Party's nominee for Vice-President shall be chosen by the same procedure as for the Presidential nominee except that the Presidential nominee shall have the privilege of addressing the Convention for 5 minutes, after nominations have been made but before voting has begun, for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees." (Libertarian Party Convention Rules, Article 9, Section 3)

### **What about the presidential primaries the Libertarian Party participated in?**

All Libertarian presidential primaries were non-binding. All delegates enter the convention not committed to vote for any particular candidate.

### **Who can be a convention delegate?**

"Delegates shall be required to be members of either the Party or a [state] affiliate party. At all Regular Conventions delegates shall be those so accredited who have registered at the Convention." (Libertarian Party Bylaws, Article 13, Section 3a)

### **How are convention delegates selected?**

"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." (Libertarian Party Bylaws, Article 13, Section 3b)