

**2020 Libertarian Party Bylaws and Rules Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 29, 2020**

**Credentialing**

The following 10 members and 4 ranked alternates were appointed to the 2020 LP Bylaws and Rules Committee by the Libertarian National Committee at its October 26, 2019 electronic meeting held on Zoom. Mr. Rutherford was appointed interim chair of the committee by the LNC. Mr. Bishop-Henchman was elected chair and Dr. Moulton was elected secretary at the Bylaws and Rules Committee's December 29, 2019 electronic meeting held on Zoom.

- Joe Bishop-Henchman, Esq. (*chair*)
- Andy Craig
- Cris Crawford
- Richard Longstreth
- Alicia Mattson, PRP
- Dr. Chuck Moulton, Esq., RP (*secretary*)
- Dr. Brent Olsen
- Mark Rutherford, Esq.
- Paige Sexton, RN
- Christopher Thrasher
- Chris Wiest, Esq. (*1<sup>st</sup> alt*)
- David Blau, Esq. (*2<sup>nd</sup> alt*)
- Alex DeBenedetto (*3<sup>rd</sup> alt*)
- Shawn Levasseur (*4<sup>th</sup> alt*)

**Call to Order**

An electronic meeting of the 2020 LP Bylaws and Rules Committee came to order on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 3:01 pm EDT on Zoom. Chair Bishop-Henchman presided.

**Attendance**

**Present:**

- Joe Bishop-Henchman, Andy Craig, Cris Crawford, Richard Longstreth, Alicia Mattson, Dr. Chuck Moulton, Dr. Brent Olsen, Mark Rutherford, Paige Sexton, Christopher Thrasher, Chris Wiest (*1<sup>st</sup> alt*), Shawn Levasseur (*4<sup>th</sup> alt*)
- **Gallery:** Bill, Richard Brown (LA), Joe Dehn (CA), Jim Fulner (MI), Kevin Hagan (TX), Tim Hagan (TX), Rob Latham (UT), Omar Recuero (FL)

**Absent:**

- David Blau (*2<sup>nd</sup> alt*), Alex DeBenedetto (*3<sup>rd</sup> alt*)

**Agenda**

The chair submitted the following agenda in the call of the meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of our last meeting
5. Public comment
6. Action Item: Reconfirming, rescheduling, or canceling the in-person Bylaws Committee meeting scheduled for late April in Ogden, Utah
7. Discussion Item: Bylaws and Rules relating to convention operation and elections, including convention voting process and adjustments advisable as a result of the present coronavirus pandemic
8. Discussion Item: Bylaws and Rules relating to Judicial Committee election and resolving vacancies, including vacancies as a result of the 2018 convention
9. Discussion Item: Bylaws and Rules relating to procedures to suspend or terminate memberships
10. Discussion Item: Bylaws and Rules relating to the size of LNC regions
11. Discussion Item: Other Bylaws and Rules proposals submitted for the Committee's consideration

Mr. Craig moved that the chair's agenda be adopted as submitted. Ms. Sexton seconded. The agenda was adopted without objection.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The secretary emailed a copy of the previous meeting's minutes to the committee at 2:55 pm with minor revisions from the copy distributed on January 27, 2020. Mr. Craig moved that minutes from the January 26, 2020 meeting via Zoom be approved as submitted. Mr. Thrasher seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments from the gallery.

### **In-Person Meeting Update**

Mr. Longstreth moved to cancel the in-person meeting of the Bylaws & Rules Committee scheduled April 25-26, 2020 in Utah. Dr. Olsen seconded.

Dr. Moulton moved to amend by adding the following language at the end: "and hold an electronic meeting instead on the same dates." Dr. Olsen seconded. The amendment passed without objection.

The motion as amended then read: Cancel the in-person meeting of the Bylaws & Rules Committee scheduled April 25-26, 2020 in Utah and hold an electronic meeting instead on the same dates.

Ms. Mattson moved to further amend by adding the following language at the beginning: “In the event that Utah cancels its in-person convention,”. Ms. Sexton seconded. The amendment failed by a roll call vote of 0-10-0.

**Amendment (make contingent on Utah canceling its convention) roll call vote:**

- *Aye:* none
- *Nay:* Joe Bishop-Henchman, Andy Craig, Cris Crawford, Richard Longstreth, Alicia Mattson, Dr. Chuck Moulton, Dr. Brent Olsen, Mark Rutherford, Paige Sexton, Christopher Thrasher
- *Abstain:* none

The motion as amended passed by a roll call vote of 10-0-0.

**Motion (move in-person meeting online) roll call vote:**

- *Aye:* Joe Bishop-Henchman, Andy Craig, Cris Crawford, Richard Longstreth, Alicia Mattson, Dr. Chuck Moulton, Dr. Brent Olsen, Mark Rutherford, Paige Sexton, Christopher Thrasher
- *Nay:* none
- *Abstain:* none

**Proposals Related to Convention Voting Process & Coronavirus Contingencies**

Mr. Longstreth summarized possible convention contingencies due to the coronavirus problem.

Contingent possibilities for our 2020 National Convention:

- A. Everyone packed in Austin
- B. Everyone 6 feet apart in Austin, either hotel or convention center
- C. In-person for who can be there and special accommodations for those who can't travel
- D. Move to an outdoor space
- E. Rump convention to approve rules allowing online/other convention
- F. State remote satellite locations
- G. 1046 person online convention
- H. Relocate
- I. Reschedule
- J. No convention. LNC picks nominee, through some process to ratify an electronic selection by delegates

Mr. Dehn has a proposal for selecting our presidential candidates online:

- <https://delvote.dehnbase.net/about>

Mr. Craig is already working on draft language to address the contingent possibilities and he welcomes input from others. Mr. Longstreth will help.

The committee discussed a range of issues relating to convention rescheduling or an online convention, but took no action.

**Proposals Related to the Judicial Committee**

The committee did not reach this agenda item before adjournment.

**Proposals Related to Suspending or Terminating Memberships**

The committee did not reach this agenda item before adjournment.

**Proposals Related to LNC Regions**

The committee did not reach this agenda item before adjournment.

**Other Proposals**

The committee did not reach this agenda item before adjournment.

**Public Comment**

Several members of the gallery thanked the committee for its work.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Longstreth moved to adjourn. Mr. Rutherford seconded. The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:06 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Chuck Moulton  
Secretary, 2020 LP Bylaws and Rules Committee