

Motions from the Rules Committee to Amend the LPF Constitution and By-Laws

Constitution

Motion # 2016-ABM-CON-1

Title: [Motion to Amend Constitution Article I, Sect. 2](#)

Move to amend Constitution Article I, Section 2 to insert, "and LPF members" after organizations

Section 2. The object and purpose of the LPF is to engage in political action in the State of Florida, to serve as an affiliate organization of the Libertarian Party in national politics, and to serve as a nucleus for designated county affiliate organizations and LPF members in matters of statewide political action.

Motion # 2016-ABM-CON-2

Title: [Motion to Amend Constitution Striking Article II, Section 2, Adding New Article IV, moving current Article II, Section 2 to new Article IV, and Renumbering](#)

Move to strike Article II, Section 2 and renumber, add a new Article IV titled AFFILIATES, move current Article II, Section 2 to the New Article IV and renumber

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. LPF membership is open to whoever signs the pledge: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals and asks to be a member of the LPF.

Section 2. ~~Affiliate organizations which choose to become affiliated parties of the LPF shall apply for official designation on a standard petition form for County Affiliates, as adopted by the Executive Committee and subject to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.~~ No change in the Bylaws or Standing Rules may have the effect of imposing a head tax on the membership.

Section 3. No change in the Bylaws or Standing Rules may have the effect of disenfranchising a member.

Section 4. No change in the Bylaws or Standing Rules shall deny the autonomy of an individual member or an affiliate party, except as provided in the Constitution.

Section 5. Certain rights and privileges of membership, including delegate status, committee appointments and observation of committee meetings, holding party office, exercise of voting rights in the conduct of any Libertarian Party of Florida business, and the right to bring business before the Annual Business Meeting, shall be unavailable to

members and officers of any other political party registered in the state of Florida. Members and officers of other political parties registered in the state of Florida may participate in discussion on items of business brought before the membership, subject to the discretion of the Chair or majority vote of the body.

Article IV AFFILIATES

Affiliate organizations which choose to become affiliated parties of the LPF shall apply for official designation on a standard petition form for County Affiliates, as adopted by the
Executive Committee and subject to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Motion # 2016-ABM-CON-3

Title: [Motion to Amend Constitution Article III, Sect. 4A](#)

Move to amend Constitution Article III, Section 4A to delete "upon order of the Executive Committee"

(A) The Rules Committee will, be composed of the LPF Chair, LPF Secretary and three (3) other members of the party not on the Executive Committee, appointed annually by the Chair to serve a one-year term. The Rules Committee shall be responsible for interpreting the Constitution based on current Florida Statutes and ~~upon order of the Executive Committee~~ shall prepare and submit amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws for a vote by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

Motion # 2016-ABM-CON-4

Title: [Motion to Amend Constitution, Article III, Sect. 7](#)

Move to amend Constitution Article III, by striking Section 7 Membership Committee and replacing with the following:

~~Section 7 The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall consist of at least five (5) members of the LPF with the majority NOT being members of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall include the Membership LPF Secretary for the party, and shall oversee the activities of the Membership Secretary, giving assistance where needed. The principal duties of the Membership Committee shall be responsibility for increasing the membership in the LPF and for increasing the LP voter registration. The Membership Committee is also responsible for recruiting members both for the Affiliate and for the LPF. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining party membership records and/or sending out dues notices on a timely basis to those members whose dues are about to lapse.~~

Section 7. The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the Executive Committee. It shall consist of at least five (5) members of the LPF with the majority NOT being members of the Executive Committee. The Committee must include the LPF Secretary, who maintains the membership records, with assistance and guidance from this committee. The principal duties of the Membership Committee shall be responsible for increasing the membership in the LPF and for increasing the LPF

voter registration. The Membership Committee is also responsible for recruiting members both for the Affiliate and for the LPF.

Motion # 2016-ABM-CON-5

Title: [Motion to Amend Constitution, Article VI, Sect. 2](#)

Move to amend Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution to delete the current wording and replace as follows:

ARTICLE VI Adoption & Amendments

Section 2. Amendments to the Constitution may be made in ~~the following manner~~ one of the following ways:

~~A. Amendments must be published among the Executive Committee, the County Affiliates and all members in good standing, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting and passed by two thirds of the members present at that meeting.~~

A. Amendments must be published on the official LPF web page and notice of that publication must be given to the Executive Committee, the County Affiliates and all members in good standing thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Only amendments that are properly published and given proper notice will be heard at the annual meeting. This constitution is amended by a vote of 2/3 of the membership at any regular or special meeting.

B. Upon establishment of affiliates in each county in Florida, a proposed Amendment can be accepted by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee and ratified by three-fourths of the county affiliates.

By-Laws

Motion # 2016-ABM-BY-1

Title: [Motion to Amend By-Laws Article I](#)

Move to amend By-Laws Article I to re-title as "County Affiliates"

ARTICLE I ~~Objects and Purposes~~ County Affiliates

Motion # 2016-ABM-BY-2

Title: [Motion to Amend By-Laws Article III, Section 2 B](#)

Move to amend By-Laws Article II, Section 2 B by striking the entirety of the text and replacing with the following, by adding a new Section C and Section D, and renumbering, and by adding a new Section G as follows:

ARTICLE III Executive Committee

Section 1. The Officers and Directors-at-large. of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting by the delegate assembly majority vote for a period of two (2) years.

Section 2 Executive Committee

Election of Executive Committee Officers. The Chair, Vice-Chair and odd numbered Directors-at-large shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Secretary, Treasurer, and even numbered Directors-at-large shall be elected in even numbered years and in 2001. Regional Representatives shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting and shall serve for a period of one (1) year. These Executive Committee members shall take office upon the close of the Annual Business Meeting and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting at which their terms expire.

A. No offices shall be combined.

B. ~~The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies by appointment.~~ The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies of Regional Representatives, Committee Chairs, and Committee members by appointment of the LPF Chair with confirmation of the appointment as indicated by a majority of the votes cast by the Executive Committee

C. All nominations to fill vacancies shall be submitted to the LPF chair.

D. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies of elected positions of LPF Chair, LPF Vice Chair, LPF Secretary, LPF Treasurer, and Directors at Large as indicated by a majority of the votes cast by the Executive Committee via roll call vote.

(1) Each nominee for a vacated position listed in this section shall be offered the floor for introductions for no less than (2) two Minutes.

(2) Any candidate may choose to yield half of the maximum allotted time to another candidate.

(3) By proxy introductions of candidates shall be limited to (1) one minute.

E. The LPF Executive Committee should be notified by a resigning member of the Executive Committee within seven (7) days of their resignation. If the member does not submit a resignation, their unexcused absence from three monthly Executive Committee meetings or six bi-weekly Executive Committee meetings shall be considered a resignation effective immediately.

F. Any member elected or appointed to serve on the Executive Committee or other LPF committee shall be a member of the Libertarian Party of Florida, and shall, upon request, show proof of registration as a Libertarian voter in the State of Florida.

G. The Chair may appoint temporary officers and at-large directors to meet State determined time limits for notifying them of the changes of Executive Committee members. These temporarily filled positions shall be confirmed at the next Executive Committee Meeting. At the request of two members of the Executive Committee a properly noticed meeting shall be called to elect qualified members to replace the temporary appointments for the entire remaining term.

Motion # 2016-ABM-BY-3

Title: [Motion to Add By-Laws Article III, Section 4 G](#)

Move to add to the By-Laws Article III, Section 4 G

G. SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chair or 2/3 of the EC at any time, provided the purpose of the call, time, date and contact information is given 24 hours in advance. Only items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Motion # 2016-ABM-BY-4

Title: [Motion to Amend By-Laws Article IV, Section 3](#)

Move to amend By-Laws Article IV, section 3 to add the word verifiably and to delete the words "or have signed a new voter registration or party change form to become a valid registered LPF voter to the LPF secretary"

Section 3. Delegates shall be members as prescribed in ARTICLE II of the Constitution on the day of commencement of the annual business meeting and a delegate must be a verifiably registered Libertarian Party of Florida voter in the state of Florida ~~or have signed a new voter registration or party change form to become a valid registered LPF voter to the LPF secretary~~ prior to the start of the annual business meeting. Delegate status may be denied by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Committee if a potential delegate has been found to have violated the non-aggression principle.

Motion # 2016-ABM-BY-5

Title: [Motion to Amend By-Laws Article IV, Section 3 C](#)

Move to strike the entirety of By-Laws Article IV, Section 3 C. Credentials

~~C. Credentials: Each affiliate chair shall be responsible for submitting a list of delegates from his/her county to the Secretary of the LPF at least 45 days prior to the start of the~~

~~general business meeting of the convention. Each Regional Representative of the LPF shall be responsible for submitting a list of delegates from each unaffiliated county in his/her region, to the Secretary of the LPF at least 45 days prior to the start of the general business meeting of the convention.~~

Motion # 2016-ABM-BY-6

Title: [Motion to Amend By-Laws Article IV, Section 5](#)

Move to strike By-Laws Article IV, Section 5 F in its entirety

~~F. The host affiliate shall serve as the Convention Committee and make all arrangements for the physical needs of the convention. Party meetings may also be hosted by affiliates.~~

Standing Rules

Motion # 2016-ABM-SR-1

Title: [Motion to Amend Standing Rules Article I, Section 4](#)

Move to add to the Standing Rules Article I, Section 4

Section 4. "The Membership Committee shall act to coordinate volunteers.

