

Libertarian Party of Florida 2022 Annual Business Meeting

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Motions From The Floor



Ms. Celicia Slafter
Mr. Gregory Peele
Mr. Hector Roos

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Motions From the Floor: Bylaws as Submitted

Motion Number: 2022-ABM-BF01

Mover: Celicia L. Slafter

Title: Motion to Amend LPF Bylaws Art. III, Section 9, Subsection B to remove sine die adjournment from Affiliate Support Committee

Motion:

I move to amend the LPF Bylaws Art. III, Section 9, Subsection B to remove language as follows:

B. The committee may be tasked with conducting training courses for county affiliates for best practices on running and growing county affiliates; soliciting, obtaining, and documenting feedback from county affiliates about their needs and about LPF performance; responding to informal inquiries from county affiliates, and assisting in creation of new affiliates in coordination with their Region Representative. The LPF Secretary may also direct the committee to assist him or her with credentialing and reaffiliation procedures. This committee shall have no Vice Chair. This committee shall adjourn sine die after 50% of the counties in the state of Florida are affiliated.

As Amended:

B. The committee may be tasked with conducting training courses for county affiliates for best practices on running and growing county affiliates; soliciting, obtaining, and documenting feedback from county affiliates about their needs and about LPF performance; responding to informal inquiries from county affiliates, and assisting in creation of new affiliates in coordination with their Region Representative. The LPF Secretary may also direct the committee to assist him or her with credentialing and reaffiliation procedures.

Discussion:

The Affiliate Support Committee is essential, not only to assist in creation of the county affiliates, but also to support them with re-affiliation and growth. There will still be a desire from affiliate leadership to have that support, even after 50% or more of the counties are affiliated. Sentiment from multiple county affiliate leadership has been the desire for the Libertarian Party of Florida to do more to help the county affiliates. Adjourning the Affiliate Support Committee right when the Libertarian Party of Florida is halfway to successfully affiliating all counties seems like a step back in progress.

There also does not seem to be a compelling reason to exempt the Affiliate Support Committee from the requirement to have a Vice Chair.

Motion Number: 2022-ABM-BF02

Mover: Celia L. Slafter

Title: Motion to dissolve the Communications Committee and create two new committees which incorporate the duties of Communications

Motion:

I move to dissolve the Communications Committee and create two committees in its place: the Public Relations Committee, and Information Technology Committee. This motion is divided into three motions which may be considered individually: motions A, B, and C.

Discussion:

Currently, both Public Relations and Information Technology tasks are implemented through the Communications Committee. Separating these tasks into two committees will allow members of each committee to specialize in their specific talents. This will create a more efficient structure to assist each of the LPF committee chairs in the execution of their duties. The IT Committee will be tasked with helping all the other LPF committees integrate the technologies necessary to perform their duties. This will allow the Public Relations Committee to focus on communication, messaging, and brand management.

Motion A: Motion to amend the LPF Bylaws Article III, Section 5 to substitute a paragraph as follows:

~~Section 5. Communications Committee~~

~~The Communications Committee is tasked with developing and implementing a plan or plans to facilitate two way communications between the LPF and county affiliates, and the LPF and other interested parties. Plan(s) should be particularly focused on effective implementation of social media technology, in addition to using conventional channels of communication. The Communications Committee shall also function as the distribution channel for LPF press releases, and perform other communications tasks as the Executive Committee may delegate from time to time.~~

Section 5. Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee is tasked with creating and maintaining channels of communication and relationships with the public whose mission is to create a positive reputation for the LPF within its broader community. The Public Relations Committee will also function as the distribution channel for LPF press releases and carry out the Executive Committee's communications related goals as delegated. The Public Relations Committee's primary goal is to deal with all external communications, including content, editing, and distribution, as well as relationships with the media and leveraging technology to that end.

Motion B: Motion to amend the LPF Bylaws Art. III to add the following section:

Information Technology Committee

The Information Technology Committee is tasked with the administration, adoption, management, and discontinuance of technologies for the LPF. This committee is responsible for giving appropriate access to LPF services such as email, CRM, and bulletin boards to Executive Committee members, committee chairs and members, and staff or contractors. The committee is also responsible for developing and implementing technology policies for the Convention and Annual Business Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Florida.

Motion C: I move to amend the LPF Bylaws Art. III, Section 1, Subsection A to strike “Communications Committee” and add two additional committees, “Public Relations Committee” and “Information Technology Committee” as follows:

Article III Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees
Section 1. Standing Committees
Standing Committees of the LPF shall include the following:
Candidate Committee
~~Communications Committee~~
Public Relations Committee
Information Technology Committee
Membership Committee
Platform Committee
Rules Committee
Fundraising Committee
Legislative Action Committee
Affiliate Support Committee
Audit Committee

Motions From the Floor: Constitution as Submitted

Motion Number: 2022-ABM-CF01

Mover: Gregory Peele

Title of the Motion: Remove Specific Regional Reporting Requirements

Type of Motion: Constitution

Article Number of Constitution:

ARTICLE III Officers, Executive Committee & Standing Committees

Section and Subsection (if applicable)

Section 4 Subsection E

Motion:

I move to strike the following text from the LPF Constitution Article III Section 4 Subsection F:

"All regional representatives shall include in their written monthly reports to the LPF Executive committee an update on the individual affiliation status of each unaffiliated county in their region, including a status report of all efforts, per County, made in the prior month (e.g. phone calls made, emails sent, visits to the county) to achieve affiliation."

Motion Number: 2022-ABM-CF02

Mover: Gregory Peele

Title of the Motion: Remove Unnecessary EC Mandates

Type of Motion: Constitution

Article Number of Constitution

ARTICLE III Officers, Executive Committee & Standing Committees

Section and Subsection (if applicable)

Section 4 Subsection F

Motion:

I move to repeal LPF Constitution Article III Section 4 Subsection F in its entirety.

Motion Number: 2022-ABM-CF03

Mover: Gregory Peele

Title of the Motion: Update EC Transparency Requirements

Type of Motion: Constitution

Article Number of Constitution:

ARTICLE III Officers, Executive Committee & Standing Committees

Section and Subsection (if applicable)

Section 5 Subsections D-G

Motion:

I move to amend LPF Constitution Article III Section 5 in the following ways:

- 1.) Amend Subsection D to read "Notice of all regular Executive Committee Meetings including date, time, place, and call-in or webinar information shall be made available to all LPF members, including on the public and functioning LPF website, at least 14 days in advance to allow general membership attendance."
- 2.) Amend Subsection E to read "The EC shall make readily available all records of the EC including constitution, bylaws, standing rules, platform, meeting minutes, agendas and financial reports to all LPF members."
- 3.) Repeal Subsection F.
- 4.) Relabel Subsection G as Subsection F and amend to read "Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chair or 2/3 of the EC at any time, provided that the purpose, date, time, place, and call-in or webinar information shall be made available to all LPF members, including on the public and functioning LPF website, at least 24 hours in advance. Only items listed in the notice for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting."

Motions From the Floor: Platform as Submitted

Motion Number: 2022-ABM-PF01

Mover: Hector Roos

Title of the Motion: Motion to Approve a Resolution in Support of Florida Independence

Type of Motion: Platform

Article/Section of Platform: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

Motion:

WHEREAS, these United States have become beholden to the political whims of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has become negligent in their duty to ensure a republican form of government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has usurped state power in nearly every opportunity, including but not limited to, enforcement of domestic criminal law, free market regulation, education of children and healthcare of people's choosing; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has wrongfully used the state militia for military actions abroad including the deployment of 150 Florida Guardsmen into the Ukraine without any prerequisite authorization such as a Declaration of War by Congress; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has attempted to oppress the people through medical mandates that would subject thousands of Floridians to medical experimentation without their expressed consent; and

WHEREAS, the federal power has oppressed the people through extreme taxation, while still adding more debt and deficit, putting a stranglehold on Floridians' pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has squandered Florida's blood and treasure in campaigns of empire building in an effort to subjugate foreign peoples to the will and whim of the federal power; and

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Florida's platform recognizes a "political right that sovereigns reserve to sever any relationship which they voluntarily enter"; and

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Florida's platform further declares "that the sovereign State of Florida is in a voluntary relationship with the Union of States"; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a new nation, the Free State of Florida, is a necessity for a voluntary and peaceful resolution to the abusive relationship between Florida, her people and the federal government; and

RESOLVED THAT the Libertarian Party of Florida advocates for a declaration of independence of Florida from the federal power of the United States of America; and

RESOLVED THAT this is only the first step in a very complicated process and it will ultimately require the approval of the electorate of the entire state and the state legislature; and

RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Florida is directed to circulate a copy of this resolution to all members of the Florida legislature and to the free people of Florida in every manner possible.