

AFFILIATES PROPOSALS

Proposals to increase Affiliate autonomy

[Constitution: Article X, Section 1 \[Replace disaffiliation criteria with “for cause”\]](#)

[Constitution: Article X, Section 2](#)

[Constitution: Article X, Section 3](#)

[Bylaws: Article I, Section 2 \[Delete and move to standing rules\]](#)

[Bylaws: Article I, Section 3 \[Delete section\]](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 2 \[Delete regions, move to continuity binder\]](#)

Proposals to delete Development Groups

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 3 \[Delete phrase “development groups”\]](#)

[Bylaws: Article VIII, Section 1-5 \[Delete all sections, move to continuity binder\]](#)

Other Affiliate proposals

[Constitution: Article X, Section 1](#)

[Bylaws: Article I, Section 1](#)

BOARD DIRECTOR PROPOSALS

Proposals to move redundant Director Committee duties to one section

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 3](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 4](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 5](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 6](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 7](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 9](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 11](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 12 \(new section\)](#)

Proposals to move or change board duties

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 5](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 5](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 6](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 8](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 12](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 12](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 13](#)

Proposals to other Board Director rules

[Constitution: Article V, Section 1](#)

[Constitution: Article VI, Section 2](#)

[Constitution: Article VI, Section 2](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 1](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 8](#)

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CONVENTION RELATED PROPOSALS

Proposals regarding Regular and Special Conventions

[Constitution: Article VIII, Section 1](#)

[Constitution: Article VIII, Section 3](#)

[Constitution: Article VIII, Section 4](#)

Proposals to allow Emergency Remote Participation

[Constitution: Article VII, Section 2](#)

[Constitution: Article VII, Section 3](#)

[Constitution: Article VII, Section 4](#)

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Proposals regarding Candidates for Public Office

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 3](#)

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 4](#)

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 5](#)

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 7](#)

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 8](#)

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 10](#)

Proposals regarding Delegates and Alternates to National Convention

[Bylaws: Article VII, Section 3](#)

[Bylaws: Article VII, Section 4](#)

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[Bylaws: Article VII, Section 4](#)

[Bylaws: Article VII, Section 5](#)

Proposals to change Credentialing requirements

[Constitution: Article IV, Section 1](#)

[Constitution: Article IV, Section 2](#)

[Constitution: Article IV, Section 3](#)

[Constitution: Article IV, Section 4](#)

[Constitution: Article IV, Section 5](#)

[Constitution: Article VII, Section 4](#)

Proposals to change SOP requirement from “sign” to “affirm”

[Constitution: Article V, Section 2](#)

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 5](#)

[Bylaws: Article VII, Section 1](#)

[Bylaws: Article VII, Section 4](#)

[Bylaws: Article VII, Section 6](#)

STANDING COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

Proposals regarding the Bylaws Committee

[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 1.1 \[Add “projected”\]](#)

[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 1.2 \[Move portion to Section 1\]](#)

[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 1.4](#)

Proposals regarding the Style Committee

[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 2](#)

[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 2](#)

PLAIN LANGUAGE PROPOSALS

Proposals that clarify the original intended meaning:

[Constitution: Article II Section 1](#)

[Constitution: Article V, Section 1](#)

[Constitution: Article VIII, Section 3](#)

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 2](#)

[Constitution: Article XI, Section 1](#)

[Constitution: Article XII, Section 1](#)

[Constitution: Article XIII, Section 1](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 4](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 12](#)

[Bylaws: Article III, Section 5](#)

[Bylaws: Article V, Section 1](#)

Proposals that change language from passive voice to active voice:

[Bylaws Article II, Section 5](#)

[Bylaws Article II, Section 7](#)

[Bylaws Article II, Section 8](#)

[Bylaws Article II, Section 9](#)

[Bylaws Article II Sec 10](#)

[Bylaws Article II, Section 11](#)

Proposals to simplify language

[Constitution Article V, Section 2](#)

[Constitution Article V, Section 4](#)

[Constitution Article IX, Section 1](#)

[Constitution Article IX, Section 9](#)

[Bylaws Article III, Section 2](#)

[Bylaws Article III, Section 3](#)

[Bylaws Article VII, Section 6](#)

Proposals that improve structure

[Constitution: Article IX, Section 2](#)

[Bylaws: Article II, Section 8](#)

[Bylaws: Article IV, Section 1](#)

Proposals that eliminate redundancy

[Constitution: Article V, Section 2](#)

[Bylaws: Article 2, Section 1](#)

[Bylaws: Article 3, Section 1](#)

Proposals that eliminate “shall” whenever it means “may”

[Constitution: Article IV, Section 5](#)
[Constitution: Article VIII, Section 1](#)
[Constitution: Article IX, Section 6](#)
[Constitution: Article XIII, Section 1](#)
[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 1](#)

OTHER PROPOSALS

Proposals to remove outdated requirements

[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 5](#) [Delete “reproduction” and “at Party expense”]
[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 1.3](#) [Delete “cost of reproduction”]
[Bylaws: Article VI, Section 1.4](#) [Delete “at party expense”]

Proposals to add Definitions

[Constitution Preamble](#)

[Bylaws Preamble](#)

[Constitution: Article I, Section 1](#)

[Constitution and Bylaws: Article I, Section 1](#)

[Constitution and Bylaws: Article I, Section 2](#)

[Constitution and Bylaws: Article I, Section 3](#)

[Constitution and Bylaws: Article I, Section 4](#)

Original Text

Reason for Changing

Marked up version

New Text

LPCO Constitution

PREAMBLE

Preamble from Bylaws should insert here as its content applies to both pre-merge documents, Constitution and Bylaws.

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Article I – NAME

Section 1: The name of the political party shall be the Libertarian Party of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as “the Party.”

Readability of the complete document. Say what we mean rather than a generic term. If we change the name of the party, it is easy to make that change throughout the document

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To allow us to expand our methods of fulfilling our purpose without needing to change the bylaws: For example: creating campus organization

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a. providing leadership and direction for the libertarian movement in Colorado;

b. communicating the message and positions of the Party;

- c. entering into political information and educational activities;
- d. promoting, chartering, coordinating, and supporting Party affiliates;
- e. growing the Party through attracting and retaining members;
- f. attracting, nominating, and promoting professional, serious Party candidates for political office; and
- g. promoting Libertarian legislation throughout Colorado.

New sub-section

Article III – PRINCIPLES

Section 1: The Party shall take no position inconsistent with the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party. No change

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Article IV – MEMBERS

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Hjersman: There is ample evidence of Libertarian registrations being delayed beyond election day. This is unconscionable but difficult to prove as pertaining to individuals wishing to participate in the business session of a convention. Whatever recourse we might have is unclear, but it does seem to be an individual matter, although certainly a Party concern. A person so deprived would not receive a ballot if LP were to hold a primary. While heads should roll over this violation, I feel that our most doable policy is to continue to recognize registered Libertarians based on their voter registration as recorded by SoS & county clerks, and not **unequally** by application date, which would be unavailable for most voters. This is especially so since registrations are mostly effected on line or via DMV application for drivers licenses.

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Section 2: In the absence of the receipt section from the voter application form which has been properly initialed and dated by a voter registration drive circulator, or of a copy of the Application notarized no later than the first business day following the date of signing, proof of membership by voter registration shall be determined by the Secretary or the Credentials Committee through confirmation with the Secretary of State's office or the applicable county Clerk and Recorder's office.

Hjersman: I believe that the practice noted here is obsolete in this time of electronic communication.

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Section 3: A prospective member may challenge an error of the Secretary of State or a Clerk and Recorder by virtue of an affidavit signed by two (2) other Members who are in good standing.

Challenge for review by credentialing.

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We already have a credentials committee and secretary to perform this function.

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Section 5: No membership in any other organizations shall be required of any applicant for consideration for Party membership.

Membership requirements are already stated. This is unnecessary.

If this is kept, "shall be" should be changed to "is."

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Section 6: All Directors, delegations, candidacies, and other roles within the Party and its affiliates shall be occupied and exercised only by Party Members.

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Opens nominations to qualified candidates who were unable to attend.

If we wanted to change the order of director elections this is where it should be done. The reason for moving the secretary and treasurer below Chair and Vice Chair is because they are the "officer" positions. Also, Treasurer, along with Chair, is required by law.

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Section 2: Except in the case of an appointed Director, the following Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Chair, Vice Chair, Affiliate Development Director, Campaigns Director, Membership Director, and Communications Director; and the following Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years: Outreach Director, Secretary, Legislative Director, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. The election of each Director shall be conducted independently of the others, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Such elections shall be conducted by the Delegates to the Convention as provided in the Bylaws, and shall not take effect until adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and the Director-Elect has signed the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party and a statement disavowing the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals. The term of each Director shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

According to RONR 436.1 officer elections are in the same order as listed in bylaws. As long as we specify otherwise, we can order the election as needed.

I am of the mind that the order which we elect our officers should be in the special rules of the convention. The reason is, we cannot suspend the bylaws but we can suspend or modify the Convention Standing Rules, should it become necessary to do so. So anything that should be fluid enough (at the convention) to change on the spot by a 2/3 vote, should go in the Standing Rules or Special Rules of Order, not bylaws.

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Section 3: An appointed Director's term ends at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the next Convention, regardless of year, when an election shall fill either the remainder of the term or the next full term, based on the schedule in Section 2 of this Article.

No change.
Sine die explained in
Preamble to Bylaws.

JCH: I recommend
duplicating Bylaws
Preamble in Constitution
and eliminating one if
documents are merged.

Section 4: Director elections shall exclude any Director eliminated upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention and shall include any Director created upon adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention, regardless of the year designated for it in Section 2, with the term of each Director adjusted to end at the adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention of the designated year.

removed repetitive
language
excluding positions, not
people

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Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors ("Board") shall consist of the Party Directors. The Board shall be the Party's State Central Committee.

no change

Section 2: Any member of the Board may be suspended by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the current Board. Any member of the Board absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be suspended at adjournment of the second regular meeting. The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the current members, appoint or reinstate Directors if vacancies or suspensions occur. Reinstated or appointed Directors are to serve until the next Convention.

Add the words for cause and make it a vote of at least 8 board members. Suspension is meaningless. Removal and reinstatement is the same thing. The board is capable of deciding if missing two meetings warrants removal. The Board can decide also decide if director is being negligent in their duties or is harming the party though other means.

Section 3: The Board shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Party Bylaws.

no change. Move to finances if not redundant.

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Article VII – ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates (“Convention”) each calendar year, scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.

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Section 2: Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

Priority 1 or 2
Fully accommodate the Board's option to provide for beneficial remote attendance.

Section 2: **Arrangements may be made by the The Board to provide shall make arrangements** for Members to participate in the Convention **in person, whenever possible. If in-person attendance is not possible, the Board may provide for remote attendance. from remote locations. The call to Convention shall include its date, time, public locations, and how to attend remotely if applicable. This call by the Chair shall be announced no** later than forty-five (45) days prior to **such** Convention to **the Members No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be and (per state law)** published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

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New Section 3 inserted ahead of existing Section 3:

Subsequent sections to be renumbered.

(new, inserted)

Section 3: After the Call to Convention, if an unusual circumstance outside the Board's control makes the scheduled convention impossible, the Chair shall promptly announce a postponement to the Members. The Call to a subsequent rescheduled Convention shall include its date, time, public locations, and how to attend remotely if applicable. This Call by the Chair shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention to the Members and (per state law) published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

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Section 3: No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.

Priority 5
People who CHOSE
OPTIONAL remote access
should have to bear the
cost.

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Section 4: A Member, having been a Member for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may attend and vote at the Business Session as a "Delegate." The Credentials Committee is authorized to impose general selection criteria such as: capping the number of Delegates from any number of counties or districts, giving preference to more senior Delegates , or other criteria that will ensure fair representation of the Party Membership—provided such criteria are established prior to and included with the Call of the Convention.

Section 4: A Member, **credentialed as** having been **a Member so** for **at least the** ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may **attend and** vote at the Business Session as a **"Delegate."**

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Section 4: A Member, credentialed as having been so for the ninety (90) days immediately prior to the Business Session of a Convention, may vote at the Business Session as a Delegate.

Article VIII – SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1: In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law.

Priority 3
Legal compliance should
not be the only
justification for a Special
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Style change to remove
"in" from "in between."

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Section 2: Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.

Priority 2
Board to announce to the members using all ways of communication AND make sure it is published.

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Section 3: Any required changes to the Party Constitution or Bylaws that are made at a Special Convention must be ratified by the next annual Convention, regardless of the year of the Convention, using the same voting thresholds required to change the respective documents as provided for in this Constitution, or else they will be rendered null and void.

Michele to edit.

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Priority 1

Per RONR, a special assembly should meet as a distinct session with a body of delegates and alternates that must be chosen anew under provisions established by the bylaws. We don't do alternates. Although not literally exclusive, this Section seems to have been ambiguously written to encourage limiting special assembly delegations to the previous group. JCH thinks that the Membership is better served by following RONR practice.

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First sentence can be
deleted if Preamble
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Section 2: Members who wish to be a candidate for partisan office in Colorado other than President or Vice President may submit an application to the Board or its designated committee no later than forty-five (45) days before the Convention. Members shall be notified that the application process is open no later than ninety (90) days before the Convention. A web page for the candidates shall be posted on the Party website at least thirty (30) days before the Convention.

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Alan Hayman, This section is an unwieldy solution to a problem that does not exist. It is doable, but it has never been done to my knowledge, nor has it ever been a concern to either candidates or delegates. It also creates a liability that the party does not need. It is more appropriate for a continuity binder. John Hjersman, I concur with Alan. These two should be in the Campaigns Director's continuity binder.

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rules were stricter than state requirement and original didn't specify consecutive days

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a. For any partisan offices, Convention Delegates shall vote by approval voting to nominate candidates for those offices.

For flexibility, the particular flavor/details of RCV & AV should be in Special Rules of Order, not Bylaws. There's no reason to prohibit pass without objection of minor questions. Approval voting can be ineffective with voters as few as in our board meetings. Ranking a candidate is a vote for the candidate, so don't rank someone of whom you disapprove or they will be considered in any instant runoff process. Whether to elect on majority or plurality (highest vote count) should be specified in Special Rules of Order.

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convention standing rules

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Priority 2
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Section 7: Any Party nominee in a partisan contest where party identification on the ballot is permitted shall use the designation “Libertarian.” Only candidates nominated by the process set forth in this Article may use this designation. A Party nominee qualifies for campaign assistance from the Party.

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stylistic change
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NEW SECTION 10

New section for Vacancy
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- a. nominating candidates for public office;
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An Affiliate Representative, if appointed, will be introduced to the Board via the required contact information. 5 members mentioned in Section 3. Requirement to file SoS reports covered in Bylaws Article I:1.

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Article reorganized and reduced
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For clarity.

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New Section

We need a clause that allows the board, with a high vote threshold, to be able to override the bylaws if something is found to be detrimental to the party. This would be interpreting our laws in the spirit they are intended and not necessarily by the exact words. This would allow those we elected to represent us to carry out the purposes of the party, if in our own short-sightedness, we make a stupid rule.

(New) Section 2: If any Article, Section, or Clause of this Constitution is determined to obstruct the Party's reasonable pursuit of its purposes as delineated in this Constitution, such Article, Section, or Clause shall, by a unanimous vote of the Board, be excluded only to the extent and duration of such obstruction and only if such exclusion preserves the rights of the Membership; all other Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Constitution are declared to be severable.

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Original Text and location	Reason for Changing	Marked up version	New Text
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New Item	Electronic protocols should be documented in Special Rules of Order.	Section 1: Where “Remotely” is used in this document, it refers to meeting attendance by electronic means, such as Zoom meetings or equally appropriate methods. Such electronic meetings must provide distinct verbal communication among all participating Members; optional for public and guests. Credentialed remote attendees are counted for quorum.	Section 1: Where “Remotely” is used in this document, it refers to meeting attendance by electronic means, such as Zoom meetings or equally appropriate methods. Such electronic meetings must provide distinct verbal communication among all participating Members; optional for public and guests. Credentialed remote attendees are counted for quorum.
New Item	"Sin die" distinguishes final adjournment from adjournment until tomorrow or other specified time to resume.	Section 2: A deliberative body adjourns "sine die" when it adjourns with no appointed continuation date. Such adjournment dissolves the assembly.	Section 2: A deliberative body adjourns "sine die" when it adjourns with no appointed continuation date. Such adjournment dissolves the assembly.
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New Item		Section 4: The Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party:	Section 4: The Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party:

A Founding document
of the LP unchanged
since 1974.

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We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

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Freedom of association in a bottom-up organization. This item is taken care of in other places in these documents.

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The call to convention is defined in the Constitution.

The Chair is required by law to file amendments.

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- a. Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller
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This is moved to the continuity binder of the affiliates director. We have no regional directors. The affiliate director may want to work within a given region. That director has more knowledge of what regional areas make sense at a given time. This preserves our bottom-up organization.

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Stopping Point 1

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Last sentence is covered under Director Duties.

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Active voice and clarity.

Director formed committees are specified elsewhere.

Active voice instead of passive voice.

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To support an affiliate while ensuring their autonomy.

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How to call convention is overed in Constitution VII:2

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Clarity and readability.

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Clarification of how the Party's assets are controlled.

Constitution used to cover this in VI:3. We suggest moving it here.

New Section

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Stopping Point 2

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No change if Roberts is retained. More discussion is needed to consider an alternative parliamentary authority.

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As we saw last year, when the convention date is not established, it makes the associated timeline undefined. By using a projected date of Convention (we can get close enough), we can form these standing committees in a timely manner. This just codifies what should be obvious.

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1 member per committee per Affiliate is specified in sub-section 1. If an Affiliate fails to appoint a committee member, they implicitly decline to be represented. It is usurpation for the Board to select someone to represent itself in place of an Affiliate appointee.

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At some point in the future, requiring such signatures and recording them in one place may give the government a reason to call us a cult; treasonous; or terrorist.

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Original voting procedure has been tedious. This method saves time.

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