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STANDING RULES

LPF Standing Rules
as revised August 4, 2013

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1. The LPF shall supervise the efforts to provide party registration under state and federal voting laws.

Section 2. Members registered for the meetings have the privilege as a delegate voting at the Annual Business Meeting, the right of appointment to committees, the right to attend committee meetings as observers or witnesses, the right to nomination and election to party office, and the right to nomination to a office for which they are qualified by law

Section 3. This membership shall be credentials for all meetings and Annual Business Meetings of the LPF and for membership in local affiliates, subject to procedures adopted by the county affiliates. (4/15/12 requirement for annual membership was deleted)

ARTICLE II Donations

Section 1. Donations should be made to the LPF in keeping with the laws governing donations to political parties and candidates. Such funds shall be expended at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: "The Executive Committee shall have authority to raise and expend funds for purposes relating to party business, in accordance with the party Bylaws, Article IV, Section

3. The Executive Committee may delegate authority to the Chair to expend funds relating to party business. (added November 2011)

ARTICLE III County Affiliates

Section 1. Any county may call an organizational meeting to affiliate with the LPF.

Section 2. The Constitution and Bylaws of the LPF must be approved by a majority vote.

Section 3. An application for affiliation must be signed by the elected officers and filed with the LPF Secretary.

Section 4. Any additional Bylaws or Standing Rules adopted by the county affiliate shall be filed with the LPF Secretary.

Section 5. The petition to affiliate should list members of the LP paying dues. County affiliates are required to send to the LPF Executive Committee:

A. copy of their annual audit, that was also sent to their local county elections office prior to April 1. The audit will not require preparation by a C.P.A. RE: State statute 103.121

B. Annual list, prior to April 1, of officers with title, mail address, email address, and phone number. (Subsections A & B added by Executive Committee 9 MAR 2008) Section 6. No county affiliate shall endorse a candidate for statewide office who has opposition by a candidate endorsed or nominated by the LPF.

Section 6. The county affiliate may petition the LPF or its officers or committees on any political matter.

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ARTICLE IV Election of Officers, Directors, Candidates

Section 1. All candidates for office and political office may be asked to confirm certain basic principles before the convention This may be delegated to the Nominating Committee for candidates for party office (including Delegates to the National Convention of the Libertarian Party and Presidential Electors) and to the Electoral Victory Committee for Candidates for political office, and includes confirming that they are members of the State Party and registered to vote in the state as Libertarians. (Passed by the Executive Committee 1-16-93, delineating 2 committees, Executive Committee, 7-10-93, amended by the Executive Committee 3-6-96 and 7-27-96)

Section 2. All candidates for officers, directors, and political office shall file intention forms with the nominating committee or with the secretary as nominated from the floor. These will be provided by the committee.

Section 3. Such forms should be on file before the Executive Committee names a person to fill the vacancy.

Section 4. Candidates nominated must be able to serve if elected.

Section 5. Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention of the Libertarian Party, not otherwise elected at an LPF convention, may be designated by a majority vote of those members of the LPF Executive Committee in attendance at the National Convention. (Passed by the Executive Committee, 6-5-96)

Section 6: Notice of all party meetings shall be provided and include the time, date, and place (or telephone conference number, internet URL, and login information where applicable)at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date. Notice of meetings, including the above referenced information, shall be published on the official Libertarian Party of Florida website at <http://www.lpf.org> at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date." (added November 2011)

Section 7: In a presidential election year, the Executive Committee shall nominate presidential electors equal to the total number of U.S. Representatives and Senators in the State of Florida. The list of presidential elector nominees shall be presented to the Governor prior to September 1st, or as required by law. (added November 20)

ARTICLE V Executive Committee Meetings

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as directed by the Chairperson, or at the written request of one-third or more of the Executive Committee, or by the written request of a county affiliate. Notice shall be given in such manner to insure a quorum.

Section 2. The Executive Committee may without meeting, conduct business by communication, voting on questions put to them by or with the approval of the chairperson. Such vote shall be kept by the Secretary until the next meeting and then such vote shall be incorporated in the minutes. A majority vote of the committee shall prevail. If a majority of affirmative votes is not recorded within fifteen (15) days, the question will have failed to pass. (Amended by the Executive Committee, 7-10-93)

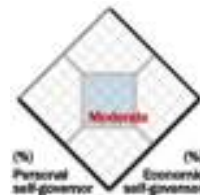
Section 3. Proxy voting shall not be allowed, but members can vote on specific questions by written notice. Voting by telephone can be conducted if no objection is raised.

Section 4. The Executive Committee, after review with the affiliate concerned, may, by a two thirds vote, suspend the affiliation of a county party, a member of the party, or an officer or director of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The immediate past Chairperson shall serve on the Executive Committee and be entitled to all due notices, but shall not have the right to vote unless entitled to vote because of election to another Executive committee position. (Amended by the Executive Committee, 7-10-93)

Section 6. Non-attendance of executive committee members shall be handled as described in this section.

- A) A member shall be deemed to be in non-attendance if, at a regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting, the member fails to respond during roll call, or having missed roll call, fails to announce his or her presence before the meeting is adjourned.
- B) A members non-attendance may be excused, and thus not counted for purposes of part A of this section by declaration of the chair.
- C) When a member reaches the proscribed terms to be construed as resigned that resignation shall be accepted only upon successful motion to accept that resignation made by any member of the Executive Committee. Any such resigned member shall be removed from the Executive Committee without prejudice to future appointment or election to the Executive Committee.
- D) The secretary shall maintain and make available attendance records of all Executive Committee members.
- E.) Members are required to announce if they are leaving early. Failure to do so will be considered an absence.



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7. Upon suspension of an officer of the party or a member of the executive committee, the officer or member may appeal the suspension in writing within 30 days. If no appeal is made by the suspended officer or member, they shall be removed from office upon expiration of the 30-day appeal period. If an appeal is made, the executive committee shall review the appeal and vote upon removal at the next regularly scheduled executive committee meeting. A 2/3 majority vote for will be required to remove the suspended officer or member. Should the vote fail, the suspension will be lifted. (Added November 2011)

ARTICLE VI Convention Rules

Section 1. A minority report may be made by two members or 10% of the committee on any plank of the platform or changes under the Rules Committee. There shall be a limit of two minority reports on any one of the items. The highest number of votes shall determine the rank of the reports.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the committee shall decide the order of business and the appearance of persons before the committee.

ARTICLE VII Statement of Principles, Platform & Policy

Section 1. The Statement of Principles of the party and Platform of the Libertarian Party may be ratified by the LPF.

Section 2. A supplement party platform for Florida politics may be presented to any annual convention.

Section 3. The LPF may adopt resolutions to present to the National Libertarian Party convention.

Section 4. The affiliates reserve the right to adopt local platforms.

Section 5. A vote of two-thirds of the general membership shall be required to veto the Statement of Principles and subject the LPF to suspension from the National Party.

Section 6. A vote of two-thirds of the general membership shall be required before the LPF will not actively support the National platform or candidate.

ARTICLE VIII Spokesmanship

Section 1. The Chairperson shall speak for and at the direction of the Executive Committee and the Party.

Section 2. Persons speaking for the LPF shall have the express approval of the Chairperson or reserve their comments to personal comments.

ARTICLE IX Proprietary Use of 'LPF' (Entire Article added at NOV 2007 Executive Committee Meeting)

Section 1. In recognition of the fact that the label "LPF" is frequently used to refer to the Libertarian Party of Florida, the members of the the LPF should adhere to the following guidelines:

A. Any website, discussion forum, email list server, or other similar entity, including, but not limited to, Yahoo groups and Google groups (hereinafter "web entities") that use the label "LPF" in its name shall be owned and operated only by current members of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Florida and its recognized affiliates;

B. Each web entity shall be owned, when practicable, by three current members of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Florida, one of which shall include the current Chair of the Libertarian Party of Florida, and, if the web entity is limited in scope to a county where an affiliate is recognized, the Chair of the local affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Florida;

C. If ownership cannot be practically shared due to the nature of the web entity, the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Florida, and, if applicable, the Chair of any local affiliate, shall be moderators of the web entity;

D. If the conditions of b. and c. cannot be satisfied, the operator or owner of the web entity shall seek the written authorization of the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Florida, and, if applicable, the Chair of any local affiliate to create or continue operating said web entity.

E. If any member operates a web entity that frequently includes discussion that references the LPF or could reasonably be mistaken by a member of the general public as authorized communication by the LPF, such member should cause to be included within the web entity a disclaimer similar to the following in form and meaning: "The contents of this site (group, etc.) are not authorized or approved by the

the Libertarian Party of Florida or any of its affiliates.”

Section 2. The LPF recognizes and respects the rights of others to use the label “LPF” to accurately refer to the Libertarian Party of Florida. The LPF also asserts its right to maintain control over any use of the label “LPF” that may cause confusion as to the source and authenticity of any content included in any web entity.

Section 3. The LPF, through the Chair, shall designate members to serve as owners and moderators of web entities. Said members will serve in such roles at the discretion of the Chair and may be removed from such position at any time by the Chair.

Section 4. The owners of any web entity shall have the authority to terminate said entity, but shall take all reasonable action to preserve the contents and history of such web entity prior to its termination.

Section 5. The owners and moderators of any web entity should establish and publish policies consistent with the purposes of the web entity and consistently enforce said policies. Said enforcement should be at the discretion of the owners or moderators, subject to the authority of the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Florida to remove and change the owners or moderators of any web entity.

Section 6. All archives, document stores, electronic data, etc. that were created by, at the direction of, or authorized by the LPF remain its property and such archive or web entity should be owned and operated as directed in 1. However, the LPF expressly acknowledges the right of any person to compile and publish public information, so long as the compilation or publication cannot be reasonably mistaken as action taken by or authorized by the LPF.

ARTICLE X Annual Convention Agenda

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall manage all conventions.

Section 2. Any members may request the Executive Committee to include on the agenda any item. Such request shall be in writing to the Chairperson thirty (30) days prior to the convention, or within seven (7) days following the announced date and place of the convention, whichever is closest to the convention date.

Section 3. The agenda must include all items required by the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Section 4. The Rules Committee may establish and publish convention rules to supplement existing requirements and Standing Rules. The Chairperson may exercise this right unless one third of the delegates object.

ARTICLE XI Annual Convention

Section 1. Unless the Executive Committee sets a different date, the annual convention of the LPF shall be held in the fall of each year.(Amended by the Executive Committee,8-19-00)

Section 2. Special meetings of the LPF may be called by the Executive Committee or by two (2) county affiliates, or by twenty-five percent (25%) of the county affiliates, whichever is the largest.

ARTICLE XII Annual Convention Delegates & Procedures

Section 1. Motions to be offered in the business meetings should be reduced to writing, signed by the maker and seconded, and filed with the Secretary; , except for routine matters, agenda items, short wording, or with leave of the Chairperson to omit written motions.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting Minutes (after approval by the Executive Committee) as well as any Committee reports to the Annual Meeting, including amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be printed and distributed at the next Annual Meeting. (Passed by the Executive Committee, 1-16-93; amended 3-25-95)

ARTICLE XIII Political Candidates

Section 1. The Libertarian Party will only endorse a Libertarian. (reworded Annual Meeting 2010)

Section 2. Endorsement of political candidates may be made regardless of party affiliation, unless said candidate is opposed by a nominee of the LPF.

Section 3: The Executive Committee, upon consideration of the recommendations by the Nominating Committee, shall have authority and responsibility to select LPF endorsed candidates for which the party may provide financial and logistical campaign support, and conduct campaign activities, in accordance with applicable law.(added by the Executive Committee November 11, 2011.)

Article XIV Subcommittees

LPF sub-committees may conduct business in closed Facebook groups with access granted to all members of that committee and others at the discretion of the Committee Chair (added April 21, 2013)

ARTICLE XV Amendments To the Standing Rules

Section 1. Adoption of the Standing Rules will be consistent with the adoption of the Constitution.

Section 2. The Standing Rules may be changed by a majority vote of the delegates to the annual convention or by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

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