

Libertarian Party of Colorado – 2019 Convention

STANDING RULES

1. *Conduct Within the Meeting Room*

- a. Except for those devices necessary for the conduct of the business meeting by the Board and Convention Committees, Officials, and Volunteers, all electronic devices shall be silenced or on vibrate at all times while in the meeting room.
- b. Delegates shall be required to display their appropriate credentials issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.
- c. Only Board Members, Convention Committee Members, Convention Officials, and designated volunteers shall sit at or stand at, around, or behind the tables at the front of the delegate seating area.
- d. No person shall disturb materials placed at a delegate seat, except for the delegate occupying the seat.
- e. No delegate shall speak except upon recognition by the Convention Chair when standing at a designated floor microphone.

2. *Conduct during Business Proceedings*

- a. The Convention Chair shall regulate the proceedings at all times so as not to outpace the Recording Secretary or Projectionist.
- b. No delegate shall speak except upon recognition by the Convention Chair when standing at a designated floor microphone.
- c. No delegate shall speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day, or longer than one (1) minute, without permission of the Convention granted by a simple majority vote without debate.
- d. The maker of a main motion (including Committees) shall have the right to speak last for no longer than two (2) minutes even after debate is closed.

3. *Parliamentary Authority*

- a. The rules contained within Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised as determined by the Bylaws shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party, these Convention Rules, and any Special Rules of Order the Convention may adopt.

4. *Organization of the Convention*

- a. The Chair shall serve as the Convention Chair and, immediately upon concluding the official Call to Order, shall appoint three (3) delegates to the Resolutions Committee. Each member of the Resolutions Committee shall be a member of either the state Party or the national Party for at least the past three (3) years. The Convention, upon objection by at least three (3) delegates, may override any appointment by a majority vote.
- b. The Resolutions Committee shall also serve as the Convention Judicial Committee.
- c. The Chair shall appoint other Convention Officials which shall include Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Projectionist, Audio Technician, Timekeeper, and Sergeant-At-Arms.
- d. The Convention Chair shall begin the Convention promptly at the time published in the Convention Agenda.
- e. The Credentials Committee shall report the number and the names of all delegates registered as present with proper credentials. The list of the names of the delegates shall be posted or projected in lieu of being read, and the delegates shall be afforded time to verify the completeness and accuracy of the list, whereupon the report shall be adopted by majority vote. Quorum shall be fixed at the next whole number greater than exactly half of the number reported by the Credentials Committee. Delegates must check in at the beginning of each day's Business Session and shall be considered checked out at the conclusion of each day's Business Session. The Credentials Committee will provide an updated report at times indicated on any approved Convention Agenda. Such update shall only include changes from the initial daily reports.
- f. The Chair of the Committee on Standing Rules shall report on these Rules of the Convention, which shall be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- g. The Convention Chair shall report on the Agenda, which shall be adopted by majority vote. After adoption, the Agenda may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

5. *Party Office Nominations and Balloting*

- a. The Convention Chair shall announce which Party Offices are open for election in the order in which they appear in the Party Constitution, Article V, Section 1, and elections shall take place in that order.
- b. For each open Party Office, pursuant to the Agenda, the Convention Chair will ask for nominations, after which nominating speeches will be held in the order in which the candidates were nominated. A nominating speech for "None of the Above" may be offered for any Party Office. The total duration of candidate and nominating speeches for each candidate shall be

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no longer than five (5) minutes. The candidate may select delegates to give nominating speeches or allow an open floor. Candidates are encouraged to allot some of their time to speak on their own behalf.

- c. For each Party Office in which there is a candidate, four (4) minutes will be allotted after any nominating speeches for vetting by the delegates.
- d. Voting for Party Offices shall be conducted via approval voting conducted by standing counted vote or by written ballot. “None of the Above” will always be included as an option.
- e. Unless otherwise specified by the Bylaws, national convention committee representative and ranked alternate appointments shall be made by ranked-choice voting. “None of the Above” will always be included as an option.

6. Reports

- a. All reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be in an acceptable commonly-used electronic format and shall be sent to the Projectionist and the Recording Secretary prior to presentation.
- b. Board reports, including questions from the delegates, shall be limited to four (4) minutes for each Office.
- c. Full reading of the entire main motion for Constitution and Bylaws Report proposals and Platform Report plank proposals just prior to final vote shall only be made by delegate request, in the interest of time.
- d. The Chairs (or designees thereof) of the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall report each recommendation of the Committee to the Convention separately and shall have two (2) minutes to explain the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment(s). The Convention Chair shall open each recommendation to discussion without amendment from the floor. Each recommendation shall be considered and adopted separately, with a maximum of five (5) minutes discussion on any recommendation. After the discussion, the Convention Chair shall bring the recommendation to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an additional five (5) minutes.
- e. Recommendations for which there are minority report(s) shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - i. If there is only one minority report, then spokespersons for both positions shall each have two (2) minutes to present their views, with the majority position going first. The Convention Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five (5) minutes, during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After the five (5) minutes have passed, there will be a vote on which of the two reports shall be considered for purposes of adopting a recommendation in accordance with Section 6-d.
 - ii. If there is more than one minority report, the one with the most co-signatures (if there are equal numbers of signatures, the Committee Chair shall designate the priority) will be handled first as described below.
 - 1. Spokespersons for the first two minority positions shall each have two (2) minutes to present their views.
 - 2. The Convention Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five (5) minutes, during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After the five (5) minutes have passed, there will be a vote on which of the two minority reports shall be considered for purposes of adopting a recommendation or to be considered against any additional minority reports until there is only one report remaining. Once there is only one minority report remaining, it will then be considered against the majority report for purposes of adopting a recommendation in accordance with Section 6-d.

7. Resolutions

- a. A resolution offered by an individual delegate shall be in an acceptable electronic format or legibly printed and signed by the maker and the seconder and shall be sent directly to the table of the Resolutions Committee.
- b. Resolutions shall be handled by the Resolutions Committee as follows:
 - i. All resolutions proposed by the Board of Directors or by committees shall be presented by the Board or proposing committee directly to the delegates.
 - ii. All other resolutions, as well as any recommendations made in reports of officers or committees of the Convention that are not in the form of resolutions, shall be referred without debate to the Resolutions Committee.

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- iii. For all resolutions or recommendations, amendments may be offered verbally, but the Chair or the delegates may refer them to the Resolutions Committee if they become overly involved.
- iv. Each delegate who offers a resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Committee.
- v. The Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention during the portion of the Agenda reserved for Resolutions (or earlier if, at the Committee's discretion, the Resolution should be handled with other pending business), with the Committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action. These and all other resolutions referred to the Committee, except questions which the Committee by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of its members may decide not to report.
- vi. The Convention by a majority vote may suspend this Rule and may immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question at a certain time, even if the Committee has voted not to report it.

8. *Notices for Announcements*

- a. Notices for announcement to the Convention shall be in an acceptable electronic format or legibly printed and signed by the person (or a proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued, and shall be sent to the desk of the Recording Secretary.

9. *Minutes*

- a. Draft minutes will be posted to the Party website within sixty (60) days of adjournment of the Convention for Member comment. Convention minutes shall be approved by the Board within ninety (90) days of Convention.

10. *Challenges to Proposals or Resolutions*

- a. Challenges of any adopted proposals or resolutions (including any actions of the Board in the time since the last Convention) believed by ten (10) delegates to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles shall be referred in writing, during the Convention, to the Convention Judicial Committee by the delegates requesting action for consideration. The challenge shall specify in what manner the item(s) is believed to be in conflict. The Convention Judicial Committee shall consider the challenge, decide whether the Statement of Principles is conformed to and report their findings and reasons to the Convention. If the challenge is upheld by the Convention Judicial Committee, the proposal or resolution will be declared null and void but can be reinstated by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Convention.