

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
ALASKA LIBERTARIAN PARTY

1980

Constitution of the Alaska Libertarian Party

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Alaska Libertarian Party hold that the only legitimate function of government is the protection of individual rights. We pledge ourselves to work by peaceful means to eliminate the interference by government in private, noncoercive actions and in voluntary contractual relationships.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Alaska Libertarian Party, hereinafter referred to as the ALP.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose for which the ALP is organized is to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by:

- A. endorsing and supporting Libertarian candidates for political office;
- B. endorsing and supporting issues or projects in keeping with libertarian principles;
- C. supporting political education and information activities;
- D. seeking publicity for libertarian principles and the ALP; and
- E. promoting and coordinating affiliate local organizations throughout the state as outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A person shall be considered a member of the ALP when the person has:

- A. completed and signed the ALP membership application certifying a belief in the non-initiation of force; and
- B. paid ALP membership dues.

ARTICLE IV: PARTY ORGANIZATION

There shall be an Executive Committee and other standing committees for ALP operation, whose duties and powers shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the ALP.

- D. The local organization hosting the convention shall be responsible for -
 1. convention arrangements and pre-registration procedures,
 2. any convention expenses and profits.
- E. A quorum of the convention shall consist of 1/2 of the certified delegates.
- F. The standing rules of the convention shall be Robert's Rules of Order (revised).
- G. Convention site bids
 1. must be submitted by 12:00 midnight on the first day of the ALP convention to the Nomination Committee on a form supplied by that committee.
 2. must be accompanied by a \$100.00 filing fee (refundable)
 3. having not been received or should the accepted bid default, the site shall be selected by the Executive Committee.
- H. Platform planks from prior year's platform not addressed by convention within time allotted for platform consideration will remain in the platform.

Article IV: CONVENTION DELEGATES DUTIES

The Convention delegates or their alternates shall be ALP members and:

- A. have paid a registration fee;
- B. may nominate from the floor and elect
 1. Executive Committee members,
 2. delegates and alternates to the National Libertarian Party convention;
- C. may nominate from the floor candidates for statewide office;
- D. shall vote on any recommended changes in dues;
- E. shall amend the Alaska Libertarian Party platform by plank; by 2/3 vote of the delegates present at the scheduled business session;
- F. shall adopt any resolutions by 2/3 vote of the delegates present at the scheduled business session;
- G. may endorse issues or projects in keeping with Libertarian principles;
- H. may endorse Libertarian candidates.

Article V: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Votes cast for "None of the Above": in any ALP election shall be considered valid and properly recorded. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" no candidate shall be considered elected, nominated or endorsed. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any position that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.
- B. State Executive Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall be nominated and elected by the general membership at the regular ALP convention.

- C. Delegates to regular National Convention shall be nominated and elected by the general membership at the ALP Convention. The nominees receiving the most votes within the number of delegates allowed by National shall be considered delegates, all others shall be designated as Alternates in order of total votes received and will move up the list as delegates cannot attend. In the event of a tie, at the cut-off point, there shall be a run-off vote to determine order within the tie area. Ascension order in the event of ties below the cut-off point shall be determined alphabetically.
- D. Presidential Electors shall be nominated and elected by the general membership at the ALP Convention in the presidential election years. The nominees receiving the most votes within the designated number of electors shall be the Electors with the next as alternates in order of the total votes received and will move up the list as Electors cannot participate. In the event of a tie at the cut-off point there shall be a run-off vote to determine order within the tie area. Ascension order in the event of ties below the cut-off point, shall be determined alphabetically.
- E. The Region One Representative to National Executive Committee shall be elected by majority vote of Alaska delegates attending National Convention.
- F. Candidates for National & Statewide offices shall be nominated and endorsed by the general membership at the regular ALP Convention. Endorsement shall be given the candidate for a particular office receiving a majority of the votes at the general membership meeting. A run-off will be held by dropping the candidate receiving the least number of votes until a candidate or "None of the Above" receives a majority.
- G. All candidates for nomination, election or endorsement under provisions of the article shall be ALP members.

Article VI: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Two-thirds vote of the total membership is required to remove an officer from office except as provided for in Article I.

Article VII: AFFILIATE PARTIES

- A. Shall be defined as:
 1. a group of ALP members from a city or village in Alaska wishing to affiliate with the ALP.
 2. a group of 25 or more ALP members from a city or village in Alaska which has an existing affiliate party.
 3. any group wishing to affiliate not included in the above two sections may do so with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article VIII: DUES

ALP dues shall be \$8.00 per year.

ARTICLE V: CONVENTION

The ALP shall hold a convention every year as outlined in the Bylaws of the ALP.

ARTICLE VI: CONVENTION DELEGATES

ALP convention delegates shall be members of the ALP and shall be determined and certified according to the provisions set forth in the Bylaws of the ALP.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

- A. This constitution may be amended by 2/3 vote of the certified delegates to any regular convention.
- B. ALP Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the certified delegates present at any scheduled convention business session.

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Article I: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POWERS AND DUTIES

The Executive Committee of the ALP shall:

- A. Take office immediately upon the close of the regular convention and serve thereafter until the adjournment of the next regular convention;
- B. Preside as officers at the ALP convention;
- C. Be responsible for management and operation of the day to day affairs of the ALP, including but not limited to:
 1. endorsing Libertarian candidates, issues, or projects;
 2. encouraging and recognizing the establishment of local organizations;
 3. publicly disclaiming any statements by a member or group made publicly in the name of the Alaska Libertarian Party, if said statement is contrary to or in conflict with the Statement of Principles;
 4. filling vacancies in the Executive Committee;
 5. creating new standing committees as necessary;
- D. Meet at least three times a year outside the ALP convention with -
 1. at least ten days advance notice;
 2. a quorum being a simple majority of the elected Executive Committee members exclusive of members provided for in Article II, Section J.
- E. Remove officers of the Executive Committee for malfeasance or non-performance by a 3/4 vote of the total Executive Committee.
- F. Accept as nominations a list of volunteers submitted by affiliate parties and/or by members not affiliated with a local party and select on or before Jan. 1 committee members by majority vote up to a maximum of 10 for

the following committees: Nominations, Constitution & By-laws, and Platform.

- G. If a circumstance arises that demands immediate action for the wellbeing of the ALP, which is not provided for in the By-Laws, the Executive Committee shall, by 2/3 vote of full committee, institute procedures to cover the action until the item will be addressed at the next regular ALP convention.

Article II: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Executive Committee Members shall have the powers and duties as follows:

- A. The Chairperson shall:
 1. chair the meetings of the Executive Committee
 2. execute programs adopted by the convention & the Executive Committee;
 3. communicate with local chairpersons at least once a month;
 4. assist or coordinate statewide activities; &
 5. assume any other duties delegated by the Executive Committee.
- B. The Vice Chairperson shall:
 1. maintain monthly communications with the National Libertarian Party & State affiliates;
 2. publish newsletter at least quarterly;
 3. act as parliamentarian or appoint a parliamentarian;
 4. assume any duties designated by the Chairperson; and
 5. assume any duties the Chairperson cannot assume.
- C. The Secretary and Credentials Chairperson shall:
 1. act as Chairperson of the ALP Convention Credentials Committee to -
 - a. register delegates and alternates,
 - b. arbitrate disputed credentials,
 - c. make committee assignments,
 - d. compile a report for presentation at convention,
 - e. assist other committees in the preparation of their reports;
 2. keep minutes of all Executive Committee meetings;
 3. keep an updated mailing list and membership roll and distribute membership cards;
 4. act as secretary for the ALP Convention; &
 5. assume any other duties delegated by the Executive Committee.
- D. The Treasurer and Finance Chairperson shall:
 1. act as Chairperson of the Finance Committee to
 - a. recommend methods of fund raising,
 - b. prepare a recommended one-year budget
 - c. compile a report for presentation to the ALP convention;
 2. raise and expend funds in accordance with Executive Committee policies;
 3. keep financial records of all ALP funds;
 4. prepare and issue a financial report prior to the ALP convention;
 5. have available legal information concerning regulation of political parties; and

6. assume any other duties delegated by the Executive Committee.

- E. The Membership Chairperson shall:
 1. assist affiliate parties in the recruitment and retention of ALP members and promote new affiliate parties;
 2. maintain literature & educational materials;
 3. maintain a speakers department;
 4. maintain public relations & seek publicity.The nominations committee chairperson shall:
 1. act as chairperson of the Nominations committee to-
 - a. prepare nominations lists for
 - i. Executive Committee members
 - ii. delegates to the National Libertarian Party Convention
 - iii. certify convention site bids.
 2. appraise local organizations of political candidate requirements & deadlines for filing.
- G. The Constitution & By-laws Committee Chairperson shall:
 1. act as chairperson of the Constitution & by-laws committee to
 - a. review the Constitution and By-laws of the ALP and propose changes; and
 - b. compile a report for presentation to the ALP convention;
 2. assume any other duties delegated by the Executive Committee.
- H. The Platform and Resolutions Committee Chairperson shall:
 1. act as Chairperson of the Platform and Resolutions Committee to -
 - a. prepare an ALP platform
 - b. prepare resolutions to be taken to the National Libertarian Party Convention by Alaska Party Delegates,
 - c. compile a report for presentation to the ALP committee.
- I. The Chairperson of each affiliate party shall:
 1. act as liaison between the State & local parties, and
 2. assume any other duties delegated by the Executive Committee.
- J. Elected public officials who are ALP members shall:
 1. become de facto members of the Executive Committee, and
 2. assume any other duties delegated by the Executive Committee.

Article III: STATE PARTY CONVENTION

- A. ALP Conventions shall convene at a convention site other than the location of the previous year's convention;
- B. Shall convene no later than May 30th of every year; or
- C. if specially called, upon a minimum notice of 40 days
 1. when 2/3 vote of local organizations so demand; or
 2. by unanimous vote of the full Executive Committee.