

## Minutes of the 2018 Libertarian Party Bylaws and Rules Committee

An electronic meeting of the Bylaws and Rules Committee was called to order at 6:14 pm Pacific Daylight Time on May 18, 2017 by Chairman Joshua Katz. The meeting was conducted via Adobe Connect.

In attendance were:

M Carling  
David Demarest  
Caryn Ann Harlos  
Joseph Henchman (Vice-Chair)  
Joshua Katz (Chair)  
Alicia Mattson  
Chuck Moulton  
Kimberly Ruff  
Aaron Starr (Secretary)

Andy Craig joined at 6:30.

In accordance with LNC Policy Manual Section 1.02.7 regarding conduct of electronic meetings, the meeting had been called by Caryn Ann Harlos, Chuck Moulton, David Demarest, and Kimberly Ruff for considering items of business related to the public conduct of business and minority reports. Mr. Katz had sent notice of the meeting to the committee on May 3, 2017. The meeting co-sponsors gave notice of intent to introduce the following 7 motions:

1. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the Bylaws and Rules committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single Committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.
2. Any person may record the Bylaws and Rules Committee's proceedings while in open session, or subscribe to a read-only email list on which Bylaws and Rules Committee votes and discussion are recorded.
3. There will be no prohibition or "gag order" against any committee member openly disclosing any discussion that took place as part of official committee communications.
4. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall print and distribute any minority reports (which meet the standards set in LP Bylaw 11.6.b) along with the committee report.

5. The Bylaws and Rules Committee survey to LP membership shall include a question (before any of the proposals) asking whether their comments may be publicly (but anonymously) shared.
6. The Bylaws and Rules Committee survey to LP membership shall include questions on minority proposals, if any.
7. The Bylaws and Rules Committee chair is directed to ask staff to list email addresses and/or phone numbers on the website for each Bylaws and Rules Committee member at their individual option to choose to do so or not to do so. The Bylaws and Rules Committee chair is also directed to ask staff and/or the LNC IT Committee to setup LP.org forwarding addresses for each Bylaws and Rules Committee member.

### Motion 1

Caryn Ann Harlos made the following motion:

“The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the Bylaws and Rules committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single Committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual Committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.”

The Chair ruled the motion as out of order, as committees cannot create rules of order for themselves.

Chuck Moulton moved that the Bylaws and Rules Committee direct the secretary to include in the minutes the names of those who vote yay and nay in addition to the count for each substantive vote.

The Chair ruled that this motion was in order. Aaron Starr appealed the ruling of the Chair, stating that this is effectively the same as establishing a rule requiring roll call votes. Following debate, the Chair’s ruling was sustained, which allowed the motion to be introduced.

Following debate, Moulton’s motion failed 5-5.

### Motion 2

Caryn Ann Harlos made the following motion:

“Any person may record the Bylaws and Rules Committee's proceedings while in open session, or subscribe to a read-only email list on which Bylaws and Rules Committee votes and discussion are recorded.”

Aaron Starr raised a point of order that the first portion of the motion violated the special rules of order for this committee (LNC Policy Manual Section 1.02.7(k)) and that the committee could only decide on meeting-by-meeting basis to open a meeting. The Chair ruled that it was in order because opting to do so does not require opting to do so one meeting at a time. Aaron Starr appealed the ruling of the chair, noting that it creates a special rule of order that effectively makes it harder for us to change our mind on a meeting-by-meeting basis, since it increases the voting threshold for reversing the decision at future meetings.

The motion to sustain the ruling carried, allowing the motion to be introduced.

At 7:32 Pacific Time, M Carling called for the orders of the day, stating that the meeting notice he received in his Gmail account called for a meeting one hour in length.

Caryn Ann Harlos moved to set aside the orders of the day.

A point of order was raised as to whether there was actually a one-hour limit set for the meeting. The Chair ruled that the Gmail auto-scheduling of the meeting based on the emailed call-to-order did not establish a special order to adjourn at a particular time.

Aaron Starr moved to adjourn to 6pm Pacific Time on Thursday, May 25 for a three-hour meeting. After discussion, Alicia Mattson moved to amend the adjournment motion to simply adjourn to a future date to be established by email communication. There was no objection to the Mattson amendment. The amended motion to adjourn failed 4-5.

Returning to the main motion: "Any person may record the Bylaws and Rules Committee's proceedings while in open session, or subscribe to a read-only email list on which Bylaws and Rules Committee votes and discussion are recorded."

Ms. Harlos moved to divide the question (at the comma) and take up the second part first. The Chair ruled that the motion is of the nature that it can be divided upon the request of one person.

The committee considered the latter motion first: "Any person may subscribe to a read-only email list on which Bylaws and Rules Committee votes and discussion are recorded." Following debate, the motion failed 4-5.

The committee considered the former motion second: "Any person may record the Bylaws and Rules Committee's proceedings while in open session."

Andy Craig moved to adjourn to a date/time to be determined by email discussion. The vote was adopted 5-4.

The committee adjourned at 8:24 pm Pacific.