

CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS
LIBERTARIAN PARTY
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

May 6, 2002

I. NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of San Bernardino County, hereafter referred to as the Central Committee.

II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Central Committee shall be to implement locally the statement of purpose of the National Libertarian Party.

III. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1: Any registrant in the Libertarian Party of California (LPC) may become a member of the Central Committee by:

A. Election to the Committee by Libertarian voters in a primary election pursuant to the relevant parts of the election code of California or

B. making application, paying such dues as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, and signing the following statement: I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

C. Those making application under subsection b of this section who do not sign the prescribed statement may be granted Associate Membership and participate in Party activities except voting and holding office.

Section 2: Statements of election, completed applications for membership, and all dues monies shall be forwarded to the appropriate parties per current LPC guidelines.

Section 3: Membership on the Central Committee confers membership on the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of California.

IV. OFFICERS.

Section 1: The officers of the Central Committee shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and one Representative at Large.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be similar to those prescribed for the officers of the Libertarian Party of California, as described herein. Any officer that is absent from two or more consecutive regular meetings may be dismissed from office by simple majority vote of the Central Committee members present.

Section 3: Officers shall be elected by ballot of Central Committee members in the 4th quarter of each calendar year. The term of this election meeting shall be set by the Central Committee at a

regular meeting. Officers will take office at the regular January meeting following the election and will serve for one year or until their successors are elected. 'None of the Above' shall always be included as a candidate in the election of officers. (This section is automatically superseded by any state party mandates to the contrary.)

Section 4: No member may hold more than one office at a time.

Section 5: County executive committee shall appoint new officers to complete the term if vacancies occur. Such appointees shall complete the term of officer vacated unless a convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any officer position so vacated.

V. MEETINGS.

Section 1: The regular meetings of the Central Committee shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise specified by the Committee.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by the State Party Executive Committee or upon the written request of ten (10) members of the Central Committee. The purpose of special meetings will be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency as recognized by a majority of the executive committee, at least seven (7) days notices shall be given to all current members.

Section 3: All central committee members present at a meeting after due notice has been served shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the committee.

Section 4: Proper decorum is expected at party meetings. While ideas will be vigorously debated, personal attacks against other participants, extreme profanity, and any general threats of violence against people or property are inappropriate for a political party. Repeated violations of decorum may lead to expulsion from the meeting, and ultimately from the Libertarian Party.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Section 1: The officers of the Central Committee shall constitute the County Executive Committee.

Section 2: The County Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Central Committee between meetings, may fix the hour and place of all meetings, make recommendations to the Central Committee, and perform such other duties as are ordered by the County Central Committee. The County Executive Committee may take no action in conflict with actions taken by the Central Committee or Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California.

Section 3: Unless otherwise specified by the Executive Committee, meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held either prior to or immediately after meetings of the Central Committee.

Section 4: Special Meetings of the County Executive Committee may be called by the County Chair and shall be called upon the written request of two members of the Executive Committee. Except in cases of Emergency, at least three days notice shall be given.

Section 5: Three members of the County Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6: Actions taken at any meeting when all members of the County Executive Committee are present shall have the same validity as if taken at a regularly scheduled meeting.

VII. OTHER COMMITTEES.

Special or standing committees may be appointed as needed by the Central Committee or the Executive Committee to carry on work of the Central Committee.

VIII. DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

Section 1: Delegates to the annual convention of the Libertarian Party of California shall be selected at least sixty days prior to the State Convention at a meeting of the Central Committee.

- A. The number of delegates and alternates shall be determined by the State Party Secretary.
- B. Selection shall be by ballot among those nominated who agree to serve. None of the Above shall be listed as a Candidate.
- C. A simple plurality of votes shall determine delegate or alternate status.
- D. In the event that no elected delegate or alternate is able to attend any session of the State Convention, any Central Committee member in good standing may represent the Committee by presenting themselves to the State Party Secretary or representative thereof for credentialing.

Section 2: In addition to those selected under Section 1, the following shall, by virtue of their position, also be delegates to the State Convention:

- A. The Chair.
- B. Any Central Committee member who is a member of the Executive Committee of the State Libertarian Party of California.
- C. Any elected official registered to the Libertarian Party of San Bernardino County.

XI. DIVISIONS.

Section 1: Upon petition from five (5) or more members of the Central Committee, the Central Committee or the Executive Committee may grant recognition to one or more of the geographical divisions of the Central Committee.

Section 2: Recognized divisions may select from among their membership officers and committees deemed necessary to the work of the division.

- A. The Chair of the recognized division shall be accorded a seat on the Executive Committee and shall be recognized as a Vice Chair, unless already elected as Chair.
- B. Recognized divisions may not have a treasury or monetary account apart from the County

Central Committee.

Section 3: Recognized divisions may hold meetings and conduct activities so long as they are consistent with these bylaws, and the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California.

X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the County Central Committee and its divisions in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Central Committee may adopt.

XI. FUNDRAISING.

The treasurer is authorized to register individual(s) as a official donations representative. The representative must be approved by a majority vote of the officers. The representative is authorized to represent the county for solicitation of the funds.

XII. AMENDMENT.

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the County Central Committee by two-thirds vote, provided amendments have been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.