

Rump Convention

Article 19: Special 2020 Convention Bylaws

1. Due to the present emergency and the inability of many delegates to attend, this Bylaws amendment is adopted for the purpose of disposing of the remaining business of the 2020 national convention. This Article 19 shall take immediate effect, supersede any conflicting provisions of the Bylaws and Special Convention Rules, apply solely to the 2020 national convention, and be automatically repealed on December 31, 2020.
2. Upon adoption of this proposal, the 2020 convention shall adjourn its in-person session to a time set as provided in Section 6 of this Article, at which time it will reconvene through an electronic convention as provided in this Article, consisting of electronic nominations and ballots to decide:
 - a. Nominations for President and Vice President
 - b. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and at-large representatives.
 - c. Filling the vacancies in the judicial committee for the remainder of its current term.
3. No motions from the floor shall be recognized, but the Chair is authorized to restart a ballot in order to correct a rules violation or technical error.
4. All affiliate parties shall, within 72 hours of the adoption of this Article 19, ensure that the Credentials Committee has received, if they have not already, the names, email addresses, and cell phone numbers of all delegates chosen to the 2020 national convention. The names and contact information received by the Credentials Committee from the affiliate parties and determined by the committee to be eligible delegates shall constitute the credentials report, and may be adopted on behalf of the body via its adoption by a two-thirds vote of the Credentials Committee. All such delegates shall be presumed present and registered in attendance for electronic balloting upon the adoption of that report by the committee no later than June 5, 2020. Delegation Chairs shall be permitted to substitute alternate delegates with primary delegates between any one round of voting, which shall be deemed, once confirmed by the Credentials Committee, to automatically be added to the credentials report.
5. Electronic balloting shall take place via suitable software or other electronic means selected by the Libertarian National Committee. Each electronic ballot shall be a single question or election, delegates shall have three (3) hours to vote, and only one electronic ballot shall be conducted at a time unless the system clearly annotates what the ballot being cast is being cast for, and in that event, not more than two ballots shall be cast at the same time. Ballots for President shall precede ballots for Vice President, and ballots for LNC Chair shall precede ballots for LNC Vice Chair. Ballots shall not begin prior to 12 noon or conclude after 10 P.M., Eastern Time.

6. In the event of technical difficulties or rules violations which impede the casting of votes or the functioning of the elections system, including, without limitation, the tabulation of votes, or the auditing functions, the Libertarian National Committee shall have the ability to declare, by a 3/4 vote, to (i) extend the period for that particular election or (ii) to declare a particular vote and election void, and redo that election. The Libertarian National Committee shall meet electronically in open session every day following a balloting day to review the results from the previous day.
7. Nominations for President, Vice President, officers, at-large representatives of the national committee, and judicial committee shall be made via email to the Delegation Chair, who shall communicate the total number of nominations of each candidate to the Secretary; in the alternative, the software or other electronic system may permit nominations to be made by the required number of delegates. Each delegate is entitled to one nomination for each office to be filled. Nominations for President and Vice President must be made by at least thirty credential delegates. Nominations for officers and at-large representatives of the national committee must be made by at least ten credentialed delegates. Nominations for judicial committee must be made by at least five credentialed delegates. Nominations shall close one hour before the start of the electronic ballot for that particular election; provided that any candidate that was not successful for the office of President shall be deemed automatically nominated for Vice President if they communicate to the Secretary that they wish to transfer their nomination for that office; and further provided that any candidate that was not successful for any LNC office may communicate to Secretary that they wish to transfer their nomination for any other LNC office (including at-large).
8. The agenda for electronic balloting shall be as follows and commence at noon eastern time on June 7. Ballots for President/Vice President can be made concurrently with the electronic balloting for LNC office:
 - a. nominations for President, followed by nominations for Vice President; provided that at least two hours shall pass between the conclusion of the election for office of President, and nominations closing for office of Vice President;
 - b. Election of LNC Chair, followed by LNC Vice Chair, followed by LNC Secretary, and followed by LNC Treasurer; provided that at least two hours shall pass between the conclusion of the election for each office and nominations closing for the subsequent office;
 - c. Election of at-large representatives to the national committee provided that at least two hours shall pass between the conclusion of the election for all LNC officers and nominations closing for at large representative
 - d. Filling the vacancies in the judicial committee for the remainder of its current term
 - e. Final adjournment of the 2020 national convention upon majority vote of the national committee following review of the final day's ballots.
9. The Chair shall, via public livestream or other suitable method, announce each ballot, the options nominated or available on that ballot, the results of

any previous ballot(s), and the times set by the Chair for upcoming deadlines, ballots, or other business. At the discretion of the Chair nominating speeches for any office can either be livestreamed or a link to pre-recorded nominating speeches can be provided.

10. Ballots for all nominations and offices shall be conducted under the usual procedures, except that in the event an insufficient number of candidates receive a majority to be elected for at-large representative or judicial committee, subsequent rounds of balloting will be conducted among the top-ranked remaining candidates equal in number to double the number of seats remaining to be filled. Votes shall be recorded including the numbers for each state delegation, and these results shall be posted for each ballot on the party's website or via the electronic voting system. In the event of any discrepancy between the totals the delegation chair received and the totals posted, the delegation chair and Secretary shall endeavor to resolve the discrepancy, and, if they are not able to do so, the LNC shall resolve that discrepancy.
11. The terms of the current national committee officers and at-large representatives will continue until the final adjournment of the 2020 national convention, which shall not occur until all voting is completed, and the terms of their successors will then commence. The final adjournment of the 2020 national convention shall happen no later than July 15, provided that the Chair may certify and report the results of the nomination for President and Vice President at an earlier date upon the conclusion of those ballots if such certification is needed to meet any ballot access or filing deadlines.
12. The deadline for regional formation agreements is extended until July 15. The deadline for the selection of regional representatives and alternates is extended until July 15, and the terms of the current regional representatives and alternates shall continue until July 15.

This proposal is still being workshopped. It has not been adopted by the committee.

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