

LP PA Judicial Committee

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On November 20, 2021, at 9:03 p.m., the PA LP Judicial Committee (JC) was petitioned by member in good standing, Michael Heise, to interpret a handful of questions through the lens of the LPPA Governing Documents. The JC internally concluded that the questions within the Petition were pertinent to the JC's designated fiduciary duty to members, citing the following authority:

1) LPPA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION: Section 4 – Judicial Committee:

*“...The Judicial Committee **shall be the final body of appeal in all matters regarding interpretations of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules or Resolutions of the Party.**”*

ARTICLE VII. THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE: Section1–Organization:

*“The Judicial Committee shall elect a chair **who shall receive all appeals and petitions and schedule hearings** so as to obtain a quorum of the Judicial Committee...”*

2) POLICY MANUAL

VI. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

*2. The Judicial Committee **shall review any question of non-compliance** with LPPA Constitution, Bylaws, **put forward in writing to the Committee by any LPPA member in good standing to determine the need for committee action.***

The Judicial Committee held a hearing on December 16, 2021, providing the petitioner and the entire LPPA membership an opportunity to testify on the matter with the goal of clarifying answers to the questions at hand. It was the JC's goal to understand how the LPPA, past Conventions' credentialing committees, the board, etc., has interpreted the governing documents and traditionally handled these questions in practice.

Based on this hearing and our own internal deliberations, the Judicial Committee, under its duty and authority as the *“the Final Body of Appeal in all matters regarding interpretations of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules or Resolutions of the Party”*, provides its interpretations to the petitioned questions as follows.