

**BYLAWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF
WEST VIRGINIA**

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be The Libertarian Party of West Virginia, hereinafter referred to as "the LPWV."

ARTICLE II

Object

The purpose of this organization shall include, but not be limited to, promoting libertarian political ideals consistent with the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles by:

- a) Educational outreach;
- b) Nomination and promotion of candidates for local, state, and national public office;
- c) Promotion and coordination of district and local organizations throughout the state, as membership allows; and
- d) Selection of delegates to represent the LPWV at Libertarian Party national conventions.

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. Membership. There are two levels of membership.

- i) Voting members shall be those whose dues are current and who have certified in writing that they agree with the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.
- ii) Associate members shall be non-dues-paying members who may not vote on party matters or hold office in the LPWV but are eligible to participate in all other LPWV functions.

Section 2. Dues. The annual dues shall be twenty dollars, and are to be renewed by August 1 of each year. The Treasurer shall send renewal notices to voting membership by July 1 of each year.

Section 3. Membership Information. Contact information shall not be shared, without prior express permission from each concerned member, outside of the LPWV. Members may have access to contact information for other LPWV members, such information to be used only for the purposes of the LPWV.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. Any member desiring to terminate membership in the LPWV shall submit notification of his or her termination in writing to the Secretary. Upon receipt of notification of termination by the Secretary, the member shall no longer be a member of the LPWV. His or her records shall be expunged upon request.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Offices and Duties. The officers of the LPWV shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be LPWV members, elected with a majority vote by ballot, and shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the LPWV. No member may hold more than one office at a time. Officers may delegate responsibilities, except that any such delegation may be countermanded by a majority of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Nomination Procedure, Time and Method of Elections, Term of Office. At the Annual Meeting of odd-numbered years, nominations for LPWV officers will be accepted from the floor. At this meeting, the officers shall be elected by paper ballot to serve, beginning at the end of the meeting at which they are elected, for two years or until the end of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings. The regular meetings of the LPWV shall be held quarterly, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. The second quarterly meeting of each year shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and delegates, for receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Biennial Conventions.

i) Scheduling and purpose. The Annual Meetings in even-numbered years shall be Conventions. Conventions will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for statewide offices, of electing at-large Representatives, and of conducting all the business of Annual Meetings.

ii) Ballot options. All ballots for one or more political candidates must include as the last selection the option, "None of the Above" (NOTA). If NOTA receives a majority of votes for an office, an entirely new slate of candidates for that office may be offered and a new vote taken, or that position shall go unfilled. Any voting member may choose a write-in candidate for any political office, LPWV office, delegation, or representative.

iii) Voting rights. In order to vote at the Convention, a Party member must have been a member at least six months prior to the date of the Convention. This requirement may be waived with the approval of two-thirds of the Executive Board.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by the Executive Board and shall be called upon the written request of twenty percent of the membership of the LPWV. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least seven days' notice shall be given.

Section 5. Quorum. Twenty percent of the voting membership of the LPWV shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Meetings by Teleconference.

i) Eligibility of meetings for teleconference.

Whereas, The opportunity for simultaneous visual and auditory communication is central to the principles of deliberative assembly;
Whereas, The small size of the Executive Board mitigates the disadvantages of meeting remotely; and
Whereas, The geographic distribution of Board members may make frequent face-to-face meetings difficult and expensive;

thus, only Board meetings may be held by teleconference, and only if the Board has unanimously approved, via ballot, both the holding of such meetings, and the special rules for conducting these meetings, such rules to be approved by the Board prior to the voting on whether to allow meetings by teleconference. All business conducted by telephone must be ratified at the next regular meeting of the LPWV.

ii) Quorum. Two-thirds of the Board shall constitute a quorum for meetings by teleconference.

ARTICLE VI

The Executive Board

Section 1. Board Composition. The officers of the LPWV and three Representatives elected at large shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. Representatives.

i) Representative terms. Each Representative shall be elected at the Convention and will serve for a term of two years, beginning at the close of the Convention at which he or she is elected, or until the end of the meeting at which his or her successor is elected.

ii) Vacancies. The Executive Board shall appoint new Representatives if vacancies occur, such appointees to complete the term of the office vacated.

iii) Duties. The duties of Representatives shall be to assist the Officers in administering the affairs of the LPWV and to raise revenue for the LPWV.

Section 3. County Chairs. The Executive Board may appoint County Chairs. Each County Chair is charged with the responsibility of promoting the activities described in Article II within his or her county. County Chairs are also responsible for organizing college and high school campus groups and other local organizations promoting Libertarian goals.

Section 4. Board's Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the LPWV between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the LPWV, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the LPWV, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the LPWV.

Section 5. Media Spokesperson. The Executive Board shall select one person to be the LPWV's liaison with the press. When it is feasible to do so, LPWV members should refer media inquiries to this person.

Section 6. Financial Commitments.

i) Debts. The Executive Board shall operate on the basis of cash on hand, and shall not operate on the basis of anticipated funds.

ii) Contracts. The LPWV shall not enter into any contract lasting more than three months without a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Board.

Section 7. Political Conduct. No member of the Executive Board shall hold office in another political party.

Section 8. Board meetings. Unless otherwise ordered by the Chair, the Executive Board shall meet one hour prior to each quarterly meeting. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair and shall be called upon the written request of any two members of the Board.

Section 9. Attendance. Any Board member who fails to attend three consecutive LPWV meetings, excluding special meetings, shall forfeit that office. The rest of the Board shall, at the third missed meeting, elect a replacement, who will complete the term of the office vacated. A Board member who fails to attend a Board meeting and a quarterly meeting shall be said to have missed one meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Standing or special committees shall be appointed by the Chair (except a Nominating Committee, which shall be elected by the membership) as the LPWV or the Executive Board may deem necessary to carry on the work of the LPWV. The Chair shall be ex officio a member of all committees, except a Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Electronic Media

Section 1. Notice. Any member may give written permission to the Secretary to receive correspondence, including calling of meetings and previous notice of motions, from the LPWV via email only. Any member who does not give this permission shall receive such communications through the postal service.

Section 2. Website. The LPWV may maintain a website, managed by a technical committee to be appointed by the Chair. This website shall serve as a public countenance of the LPWV, as well as a resource for members. It may include a forum for members to discuss LPWV and other libertarian issues; announcements of LPWV meetings and other events; libertarian-related news; membership and contact information; bylaws; approved minutes; links to the site of the national Libertarian Party and to other libertarian sites as approved by the Executive Board; and other features as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board. No membership lists or other personal information shall be posted on the website without written permission of the members concerned, except on areas of the website accessible only to members of the LPWV.

ARTICLE IX

Candidates

Candidates for public office shall be chosen by majority vote at the Convention from among those nominated there. An LPWV candidate for public office must be a member of the LPWV, legally eligible to serve in the office, and willing to accept the nomination. In cases such as the death, resignation, disqualification, or suspension of an LPWV nominee, offices for which no candidate is chosen at the Convention, and circumstances such as special elections, redistricting, etc., requiring new candidates to be put forward, the Executive Board shall be responsible for the selection of LPWV candidates. A candidate's nomination may be suspended for cause by 2/3 vote of the entire Executive Board.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution Clause

In the event that the LPWV is dissolved, all tangible assets shall be donated to the Libertarian National Committee, Incorporated.

ARTICLE XI

Delegates to the Libertarian Regular Convention

Section 1. Eligibility. LPWV delegates to the Libertarian Regular Convention shall be members of the LPWV and Sustaining Members of the Libertarian Party.

Section 2. Election. LPWV delegates to the Libertarian Regular Convention shall be elected by ballot at the February regular meeting of the LPWV.

ARTICLE XII

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the LPWV in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the LPWV may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the LPWV by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, or that notice has been given to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the meeting at which the amendment is to be decided.