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Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised: 11th Edition

Bylaws Workbook: A Handbook for New & Established Societies

SUMMARY

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee thanks all who helped with this process and all who gave feedback. Your help was critical in determining our recommendations.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee was formed in November of 2020 with our first meeting on November 21, 2020. Our committee is made up of members from all across the spectrum: old, young; new members, long-time members; different backgrounds; different 'caucuses'. This gave us a wide range of opinions. The committee has LPCO Board members, a former Libertarian National Committee Board member, Affiliate Board members (prior and current), candidates for office, a formerly elected Town Trustee, and people who have served on several LP committees, including Constitution and Bylaws. All of this gave our committee a broad range of experience and knowledge.

The purpose of the committee is to review our Constitution and our Bylaws for gaps, errors, and redundancies. When the committee was seated, we received requests to eliminate conflicting rules, review our parliamentary authority, reduce redundancies, move language and rules better suited for other official documents, strive to use plain language, and consider merging the documents.

Our first consideration was merging our two documents into one. While the committee favored merging the documents, as we researched the documents themselves, the committee felt there were too many things in need of addressing prior to a merge. The consensus of the committee was to work on each document separately first.

The committee also reviewed our parliamentary authority. While we found many other parliamentary authorities that would work well, none of them stood out as a clear choice. As a committee, we ultimately felt the Convention Delegates should hear the options, see the documents, and review potential changes before considering a new authority.

For all the changes considered, we kept in mind the following quotes:

"In order to give the organization the greatest freedom to act within its object, bylaws should be made no more restrictive nor more detailed in specification than necessary." (RONR 568:3–5)

"METHODS OF VOTING: In practice, the method of taking a vote usually can be agreed upon informally." (RONR 284:29–285:1)

*"As a general guideline, bylaws should not include any provisions that are considered to be standing rules. By definition, standing rules provide details for administrating a society.
(Bylaws Workbook p. 13)*

"Provisions can and should be worded in simple but precise English and they should be written so members can easily understand them." (Bylaws Workbook p. 5)

Taking these principles into consideration, we chose to address the places where our bylaws conflict with the ideal. We chose proposals to address conflicts that obstructs the party in realizing its mission, to address redundancies and questions, and to place items in a more appropriate document.

The addendum, which will be available prior to the convention, contains all the items this committee considered with the vote total included. Most of these recommendations were accepted unanimously, and all are being sent to the next Constitution and Bylaws Committee for consideration.

Our Style recommendations, which will be forwarded to the LPCO Board and the future Style Committee, are also included in the addendum.

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PROPOSAL #1: COMBINE DIRECTOR COMMITTEE DUTY

What this proposal does:

This proposal deletes each mention of Board Director committees from each section of the article on Board Director duties that mentions them, and it moves them to a new section.

Reason for change:

This reduces redundancy (110 unnecessary words), and it sets a tone that Board Directors should build a team rather than being a one-man army.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE II: Section 3

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BYLAWS ARTICLE II: Section 5

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BYLAWS ARTICLE II: Section 12

Each Director will be responsible for maintaining documentation within their area, and they will provide a written report to be passed on to their successor. They will not incur expenses beyond budget without approval of the Board.

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PROPOSAL #2: DELETE OUTDATED REQUIREMENTS

What this proposal does:

This proposal makes changes to three sections that refer to duties that are now obsolete.

Reason for changing:

These requirements are no longer necessary because of electronic media.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: Section 3(c)

c. Committees shall submit their final reports to the Board for publication to the membership no later than six (6) weeks before the Convention. These reports shall be available in their complete form to any Party Member upon request, and the Board may charge only the cost of reproduction and mailing. The Party Chair shall ensure that the committees' reports, and any reports of committee members submitted separately, are presented at the Convention.

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PROPOSAL #3: DELETE REGIONS FROM VICE CHAIR

What this proposal does:

This proposal deletes regions from the Vice Chair. It also removes a reference to the “policy manual.”

Reason for change:

The defining of regions is a top down approach to a problem that should be handled organically. Affiliates should be free to form regions of their own making. The party also does not have a policy manual.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE II: Section 2

The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, act as Chair in the temporary absence of the Chair, and ensure affiliate compliance with requirements enumerated in the Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall also review and test the procedures in each Director’s continuity binder in accordance with the Policy Manual and report the results to the Chair. In coordination with the Affiliate Development Director, when the number of chartered affiliates justifies additional structure, the Vice Chair shall be responsible for organizing the affiliates into representative regions and shall be responsible for representing the regions. The regions shall be composed of the following counties:

1. *Pikes Peak: El Paso, Park, Teller*
2. *Upper Arkansas: Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake*
3. *Southeast: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo*
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7. *Central: Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Pitkin, Summit*
8. *Northwest: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt*
9. *Metro: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson*
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PROPOSAL #4: DELETE REDUNDANT SECTION

What this proposal does:

This proposal deletes a section relating to the calling of a Convention that is already covered in Constitution Article VII: Section 2.

Reason for change:

This change eliminates redundancy and aids in preparing the document to be merged with the Constitution.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: Section 1

Section 1: Any meeting to elect Party Directors or National Convention Delegates, or any assembly to nominate candidates, shall be held at a public place at the time specified by the Chair. The time and place of such meeting shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein Members reside, no later than fifteen (15) days before such meeting.

PROPOSAL #5: MOVE “VOTE BY SLATE” RULE TO STANDING RULES

What this proposal does:

This proposal moves the rule prohibiting a vote by slate for national delegates to the standing rules of the convention.

Reason for change:

Voting procedures are more appropriate for the standing rules, as it gives delegates the flexibility to decide procedural matters. This principle is in accordance with Robert’s Rules.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE VII: Section 4

Nominations for National Convention Delegates and Alternates shall be received from the floor with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves. Each state Convention Delegate in attendance at the state Convention shall cast a single vote for each National Convention Delegate candidate of their choice by submitting a numbered ballot prepared by the Board for this purpose. The ballot will reflect an individual election for each candidate. National Convention Delegates shall be elected by a simple majority of the state Convention Delegates voting. In the event that there are more candidates receiving a majority vote than there are National Convention Delegate slots to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected until the Delegate seats are filled. Any remaining candidates with a majority vote will be Alternates. **No elections by slate shall be permitted.** Delegates and Alternates shall sign the statement to the effect that they support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party.

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PROPOSAL #6: MOVE BYLAWS AMENDMENT SUBMISSION DUTY TO CHAIR

What this proposal does:

This proposal moves the duty to submit approved Constitution and Bylaws amendment changes to the Secretary of State from the Secretary to the Chair.

Reason for change:

State law requires that amendments be submitted by the Chair. This merely fixes a contradiction between our bylaws and state law.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE II: Section 1

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BYLAWS ARTICLE II: Section 8

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PROPOSAL #7: CLARIFY CHAIR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT RULE

What this proposal does:

This proposal clarifies that the Chair has the power to create Board Director Committees whenever a position is vacant.

Reason for change:

The Chair has been prevented from forming committees to fulfill duties that needed to be carried out due to a Board vacancy. This establishes clearly that the Chair does, in fact, have this ability.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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PROPOSAL #8: ADD FLEXIBLE LANGUAGE FOR CONVENTION DATES

What this proposal does:

This proposal adds a clause about State Law to allow a more flexible interpretation of Convention deadlines.

Reason for change:

In 2020, the State waived its own “73 days” requirements, but the LPCO was prohibited from benefitting from that waiver because it is also stated in our bylaws. This would allow the Party to adapt whenever State Law changes.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII: Section 1

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PROPOSAL #9: CHANGE CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

What this proposal does:

This proposal changes the length of time required for a candidate to be eligible from 150 days prior to Convention to January 1st or later.

Reason for change:

150 days will always be a stricter requirement to meet than merely following state law, due to the dates specified by Colorado Statute. For this reason, we had several willing candidates in 2020 that would have been eligible, except for this bylaw.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV: Section 4

Each candidate must have been a Member for at least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the Convention.

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PROPOSAL #10: DELETE SIGNED BALLOT FOR DELEGATE ELECTION

What this proposal does:

This proposal removes the requirement that Delegate Elections be conducted via signed ballot.

Reason for change:

This rule denies every member their right to a secret ballot, which is detailed fully in Robert's Rules of Order. This rule was justified as "pro-transparency," but it actually facilitates voter intimidation. It also has the unintended consequence of limiting options for voting when time is running out, which should be left to the delegation to decide. Voting procedures are also always more appropriate for the Standing Rules of the Convention, if this rule is to be considered at all.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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PROPOSAL #11: ADD “PROJECTED” TO COMMITTEE ARTICLE

What this proposal does:

This proposal adds the word “projected” and “date” when referring to the time and date of Convention for the purpose of beginning the application process for Constitution and Bylaws and Platform Committees.

Reason for change:

As we have recently seen, much can happen to alter plans over the course of six months. The LPCO’s ability to have a convention should not have to be negated because of deadlines for committees six months in advance. This is a simple solution that adds flexibility while retaining the integrity of the process.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: Section 1 (a)

The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Members at least six (6) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. The Board shall appoint five (5) at-large Members at a Board meeting held at least one (1) month after the final solicitation, but no later than four (4) months prior to the Convention at which amendments to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws are considered. If any subsequent vacancies occur in the initially appointed at-large positions, the Board may select Members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee.

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PROPOSAL #12: MOVE DEVELOPMENT GROUPS TO CONTINUITY BINDER

What this proposal does:

This proposal deletes all five sections on Development Groups from the Bylaws, as well as any single mention of them throughout.

Reason for change:

Development Group rules unnecessarily constrain the Affiliates Development Director in forming and guiding local committees towards official affiliate status. Although they have been used to create Affiliates, Development Groups do not have a long history of success, so their elimination is not expected to be harmful in any way.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

BYLAWS ARTICLE IX: DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Section 1: For each county without an affiliate, the Board or a committee it appoints for this purpose may charter one (1) or more development groups for the purpose of increasing Party membership, communication, and influence within the county as an interim to establishing a formally organized affiliate. Subject to the provisions below and any rules and instructions issued by the Board, a development group shall have the power to select its own name and leadership, adopt rules and agendas, and set times and places of meeting.

Section 2: A development group may be assigned to a subset of precincts within a county. Development groups shall not overlap geographically. Development groups may negotiate among themselves with respect to merging, splitting, or gaining or releasing one or more precincts, and shall notify the Board within three (3) business days of any such changes made.

Section 3: A development group may have, as members, any residents within its geographical boundary, as well as any residents not living within any other current development group boundary. Development group leadership shall be limited to Party Members and shall submit a report of

activities to the Affiliate Development Director at least once per quarter or upon request.

Section 4: Development groups may, jointly or separately, engage in: outreach and voter registration; membership education, support, and training; recruiting activists and potential candidates; raising funds on behalf of the Party; and supporting or opposing local issues, subject to Board approval. A development group shall follow applicable law with respect to collecting and recording donations by political parties. A development group shall also submit all money collected and records of the donors to the Treasurer within three (3) business days of receipt. A development group shall not nominate or endorse candidates for office; shall not interact with the media except by the approval and instruction of the Chair; and shall not spend money except as authorized by the Party Treasurer or the Board.

Section 5: The Board may revoke the charter of any development group at any time and without cause. Upon the formation of an affiliate within a county, all development groups therein shall become constituents of and wholly subject to that affiliate.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: Section 2

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PROPOSAL #13: CREATE REMOTE PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

What this proposal does:

This proposal changes “remote locations” to the more flexible “remote participation.” It keeps the requirement that details for remote participation be detailed in the Call, and it includes a procedure for how to postpone a convention, as well as rules for charging fees for remote participation.

Reason for change:

The need for remote participation options has never been greater, but this proposal is flexible enough to be practical and useful. We trust the Convention Committee and the Board to carry out many important objectives, and facilitating remote participation in conventions should not be treated any differently. As long as they let members know in a timely manner, and they do not charge for mandatory remote participation, the Board and Convention Committee should be able to make the arrangements so that the Members have the greatest chance of being able to participate.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII: Section 1

The Party shall hold a Convention of Party Delegates (“Convention”) each calendar year scheduled so that it convenes at least six (6) months after the previous Convention and adjourns no later than seventy three (73) days before the day of the Colorado primary election.

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CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII: Section 2

Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in the Convention from remote locations. No later than forty-five (45) days prior to Convention, in accordance with state law, the Chair shall call the Convention by notifying Members of the date and location of the Convention, as well as any remote locations. Additionally, the time and place of any Convention and remote locations shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

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CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII: Section 3 *NEW SECTION*****

After the Call to Convention, if an unusual circumstance outside the Board's control makes the scheduled convention impossible, the Chair shall promptly announce a postponement to the Members. The Call to a subsequent rescheduled Convention shall include its date, time, public locations, and, if applicable, remote participation arrangements. This Call by the Chair shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days prior to such Convention to the Members and (per state law) published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII: Section 4

Section 3: No fee may be required of any Party Member to participate in the Business Session of any Convention; however, fees may be required for participation in other Convention events.

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CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII: Section 2

Such call to Special Convention shall include its purposes, shall be announced no later than fifteen (15) days in advance to the Members, and shall include the time and place of the Special Convention and remote locations. The time and place and purposes and remote locations of any Special Convention shall be published fifteen (15) days prior to such Special Convention in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside. Arrangements may be made by the Board to provide for Members to participate in a Special Convention from remote locations.

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than fifteen (15) days in advance of the Special Convention, this call must both be announced to the Members and published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county wherein the Members of the Party reside.

PROPOSAL #14: ADD “URGENT MATTERS” TO SPECIAL CONVENTION PURPOSES

What this proposal does:

This proposal adds “urgent matters” to the list of reasons to call a special convention.

Reason for change:

The intention of a special convention is to address issues that cannot wait until the regularly scheduled Convention, but these issues are not always foreseeable. They are also not always going to be related to compliance with State or Federal law, which is too limiting. Greater flexibility is needed if the Party is to be prepared for all circumstances.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII: Section 1

In the event that there is an urgent situation in which items of business normally reserved for the annual Convention must be done between annual Conventions, the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall call a Special Convention which shall be limited to only those items of business specified by the Board as required to bring or keep the Party in compliance with state or federal law.

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PROPOSAL #15: CHANGE STYLE COMMITTEE CRITERIA

What this proposal does:

This proposal adds “plain language” to the list of objectives for the Style Committee. It also moves the *Chicago Manual of Style* to the Standing Rules.

Reason for change:

The criteria the Style Committee has been using to evaluate the Bylaws has proven to be too restrictive. By using a “plain language” standard, the Style Committee will be in a better position to address the many errors and ambiguous language that prevents the documents from being clear and readable.

VOTE: 8-1

Opposed: Objection to removing the Chicago Manual of Style

BYLAWS: ARTICLE VI: Section 2

The Style Committee shall consist of the previous Chairs of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee from the previous Convention year and three (3) at-large Party Members selected by the Board. The at-large Style Committee members shall be selected within sixty (60) days of adjournment sine die of the Business Session of the Convention. The Style Committee shall propose non-substantive stylistic changes to the Platform, Constitution, and Bylaws, in accordance with the standards published in the latest version of the Chicago Manual of Style, to the Board for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, rejection, or determination as a substantive change. Substantive changes to be proposed shall be forwarded or referred to the current Platform or Constitution and Bylaws Committees as appropriate.

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PROPOSAL #16: EMERGENCY BYLAWS SUSPENSION

What this proposal does:

This proposal creates a rule that allows the Board to temporarily suspend a bylaw for a single time and purpose with a unanimous vote.

Reason for change:

Whenever the Party faces unforeseen circumstances for which the Bylaws are not well adapted, the Party needs to have the ability to function and do its business. The last few years have seen several events in which the Bylaws became an obstacle to the normal functioning of the Party. This rule is a solution to this problem that has a high threshold to prevent abuse.

VOTE: 7-2

Opposed: Objection to Board overriding Bylaws because Special Conventions are an option provided the amendment to adding reason for a Special Convention passes.

BYLAWS ARTICLE XI: EMERGENCY BYLAWS SUSPENSION

****NEW****

Section 1: If any Article, Section, or Clause of these Bylaws is determined to obstruct the Party's reasonable pursuit of its purposes as delineated in the Constitution, such Article, Section, or Clause shall, by a unanimous vote of the Board, be suspended only to the extent and duration of such obstruction and only if such suspension preserves the rights of the Membership and does not violate Colorado State Law. All other Articles, Sections, and Clauses hereof shall remain in full force and effect. The membership must be notified within 15 days whenever this Article is invoked.

PROPOSAL #17: CREATE SECOND BALLOT ROUND IF NOTA WINS

What this proposal does:

This proposal allows candidate nominations to be reopened for one additional round of balloting whenever NOTA wins on the first round. Candidates that lost to NOTA on the first round would be ineligible for the additional round.

Reason for change:

With only one round of balloting, delegates might be forced to choose between a bad candidate and no candidate. Offering a second round of balloting allows delegates to reject bad candidates without risking an empty ballot in important races.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX: Section 6

In addition to candidates, “None of the Above” (NOTA) shall be a choice on every nomination ballot cast. At no time shall NOTA be removed from the nomination ballot, even under suspension of the Convention Rules. Should NOTA win the nomination for a partisan office, the Party shall put forth no candidate for that office in the general election.

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eligible to run on the additional ballot. If NOTA wins on the second ballot, there will be no candidate for that race.

PROPOSAL #18: CHANGE MEMBERSHIP OF STYLE COMMITTEE

What this proposal does:

This proposal changes how the Style Committee membership is determined. Instead of the Chairs of the Platform and Bylaws Committees being members automatically, this proposal would allow any member on these committees to be recommended and appointed.

Reason for change:

Any member from either the Platform Committee or the Constitution and Bylaws Committee can provide continuity for the Style Committee, it does not have to be the Chair. It also allows any member to be appointed if the Chair is unwilling, or if the Chair wishes to recommend another member that he or she believes to be more skilled or qualified for Style Committee objectives.

VOTE: 8-1

Opposed: Objection not opposed to changing from Chair to Member but opposed to Board choosing those committee representatives.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: Section 2

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Biographies of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee 2021:

Eric Mulder is the current Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. He has been a Colorado Delegate to the National Convention twice in 2018 and 2020. He is also the current Chair of the Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County, where he chaired their Style & Bylaws Committee since 2018. He has been a candidate in several county and state offices.

John Hjersman attended public school in Sacramento, California. He is an engineering graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, 1968. Retired in 2012 after sailing as Chief Engineer with American President Lines since 1978. Responsibilities included keeping the ship's machinery and records in compliance with the regulating agencies: American Bureau of Shipping the US Coast Guard, generating department policy manuals and instructions, directing maintenance and repairs, and using a PC to manage inventory, purchase supplies and spare parts, and file daily reports. He moved to Alliance, Nebraska in 1976 and to Colorado Springs in 2013. Married twice. Currently single with five adult children, numerous grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

John became a member of the LP and registered Libertarian in 2000. After retirement, he became active as Treasurer of LP El Paso County in 2015 and as Treasurer of LPCO in 2016. John served on the policy manual committee for LPEPC and for LPCO. He served on the style committee for LPCO. John served on the bylaws committee for LPEPC. He served on the LPCO vacancy committee in 2020. Hates politics.

Beatriz Sutton moved to Parker, Colorado in 2009 after living all over the western states. She had identified as a Libertarian since the early 90's while living in California. The principle of limited governments and personal freedoms attracted her to the party. Fed up with the direction that the 2016 election was going she started attending the monthly meetings for the LP Douglas County group. She happily volunteered to help the group become affiliated and was voted in as treasurer. Her time is spent at work in the accounting field along with raising two amazing kids with her awesome husband, John. "Live and let live" is her favorite motto and she spreads this message as much as she can.

Beatriz is currently serving on the Douglas County Affiliates Board as the Treasurer. She's also on the Convention Committee (currently the chairman of the 2021 Convention Committee) and has been on the Convention Credentials Committee for the past five years.

Josh Lallement: National and State member since 2016. Colorado delegate to the 2018 and 2020 LNC Conventions. Communications Director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado and Arapahoe County Affiliate. Social media Coordinator for Felons for Kokesh coalition. Constitution and Bylaws committee member for the last three years.

BetteRose (Smith) Ryan joined the Libertarian Party in 1979 after a fellow student told her she might be a libertarian. Reading the material the LP sent her convinced her the LP was her home, indeed. She was mildly active within the party (working to get Libertarian as an option on the Colorado voter registration and other things) while attending college and working in the Army.

In 1992, she became more active at party headquarters. Her service to the party include: Fundraising Chair of LPCO 1994-1998, State Chair 1999 - 2000, Libertarian National Committee: Alternate Region 1 Representative 1996 -1998; LNC Region 1 Alternate 1996-1998 and Representative 1998-2000; LNC At Large Representative 2002 -2004. She has served on several committees both at the national level and the state level including Constitution and Bylaws, Platform, document committees, Convention Committees, both National (5) and state (8) and has run for office. She has won various Libertarian Party awards including the lifetime achievement and one of Nationals highest awards, The Thomas Jefferson Leadership Award. She graduated with a degree in mathematics and a minor in psychology and is a veteran.

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Michele Poague has been a Libertarian member since 1989 and former Colorado State Chairman. She is a veteran of numerous Local and LPCO Board positions including Secretary, Fundraising, and Vice Chairman. Michele was instrumental in the planning and production of 7 State Conventions and the 2008 National Convention. In her more than 30 years of activism she has served on C&B and Platform committees numerous times. Michele was the Libertarian Lt. Governor candidate in 2018 and Libertarian candidate for Colorado State Senate 29 in 2012, 2016, and 2020. She is a Lifetime member of National and the winner of many awards including the Lexington award for Lifetime achievements. Michele is also the multi-award winning author of five novels.

Kyle Furey grew up in Wisconsin. He graduated from Ripon College with a degree in economics. During college, he discovered libertarianism through the Ron Paul campaign and especially through learning Austrian economics. After graduating, Kyle worked for the Republican Party of Wisconsin as a Field Director. In this role, he managed a county campaign office and recruited and organized volunteers. He decided he could not pursue a career in two-party politics and now works in commercial auto insurance claims. 6 years ago, he moved to the Denver area. After a few apolitical years, he decided to get active with the Libertarian Party in 2018. Kyle became Chair of the LP Denver development group in 2019. He helped lead the group to affiliate status, and continues to serve as the Chair. He was also a 2020 Colorado Delegate to the Libertarian National Convention.

Alan Hayman has been a member of LPCO since 2013 and has served in many roles. He is the former Membership Director, has served on the Ballot Initiative Committee, and has served on multiple Convention Committees. He also served as Editor-in-Chief for the newsletter for two years and has represented Colorado twice as a National Delegate. Most recently, he was involved in the effort to get 55 candidates on the ballot in 2020 and intends to increase that number for 2022.

Joe Johnson discovered his libertarian roots back in High School, when he found himself at odds with both parties due to their overreach, but discovered - and joined - the Libertarian Party in 1999 after attending a national training function in Denver. Since then he has been active at many levels and functions within the LPCO.

- Fundraising Director and eventually Campaign Chairman of the “Elect Dr. Glazer” campaign in 2000
- spearheaded successful ‘full-slate’ campaigns in 2000, 2002, and 2012
- Chairman of the LP Boulder County in 2002
- Elected Town Trustee, Frederick, CO (2003-2007).
- HD 63 LP candidate 2016, 2018, 2020
- Recipient of the National LP “Sam Adams” award for activism (2018)
- Recipient of the LPCO “Lexington” award for lifetime achievement (2012)
- Recipient of the LPCO “Ptak (Libertarian of the Year)” award for Outreach (2000)
- Recipient LPCO ‘Minute Man Award’ for outreach (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2020)
- Recipient of Advocates for Self-Government “Lights of Liberty” awards for both outstanding Libertarian outreach and Libertarian Communication. (2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006).

Joe coordinated no less than 100 outreach booths for the LPCO including festivals and fairs in Weld, Boulder, Larimer, Adams, and Denver Counties, including more than 50 gun show booths, during which time he administered the “World’s Smallest Political Quiz” to thousands of attendees, and registered and/or enrolled members to the LP in the hundreds.

Joe has been a Delegate to every state Convention since 2000 and every national convention since 2004. Joe has been an invited speaker at the LP National Convention in Denver (2004), as well as multiple LPCO conventions, and most recently as MC at the 2020 un-Convention.

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