

Platform and Bylaws Committee Proposals

By-laws Proposal 1

New Section "Election Methods" to precede "Officers and the Executive Committee"

1. Acclamation -- If there are the same number or fewer candidates in an election than there are open positions, the body may choose to dispense with the prescribed balloting process and elect said candidate(s) by acclamation. A motion to elect by acclamation requires either unanimous consent or majority vote to pass.
2. Rank Choice Voting (RCV)
 - a. In an RCV election, voters will indicate a rank-order of their preferences.
 - b. Threshold for election.
 - i. Majority - 50% of valid ballots rounding down any fraction and adding 1. (Examples: 100 Ballots, threshold is 51. 105 ballots, threshold is 53.)
 - ii. Two-Thirds - 2/3 of valid ballots with fractions rounded up the next whole number. (Examples: 120 Ballots, threshold is 80. 125 ballots, threshold is 82.)
 - c. In the first round of tabulation, ballots are allocated to the candidate marked as the first choice. If no candidate has enough ballots to reach the required threshold for victory, the candidate with the fewest votes, aside from None of the Above (NOTA), is eliminated and ballots previously allocated to the eliminated candidate are now allocated to the next choice selected on each respective ballot. This process repeats until one candidate has enough ballots allocated to meet or exceed the threshold for victory, or all ballots are exhausted. Ballots are exhausted if they are to be reallocated without a next choice indicated.
 - d. If NOTA should win the election, the body has the discretion to either leave the position vacant, or by majority vote, open nominations for a new election. Candidates defeated by NOTA in any previous round are not eligible for nomination in the new election.
 - e. If the ballots are exhausted without a winner, the body has the discretion to either leave the position vacant, or by majority vote, cast another round of RCV ballots among the remaining candidates.
 - f. If the threshold for victory is two-thirds, tabulation will stop if two candidates have at least one-third of the ballots allocated, making it impossible for any candidate to reach the threshold for victory.
3. Approval Voting (AV)
 - a. On the ballot for an AV election, voters will either indicate an "approval vote" for as many candidates as said voter would choose, or the voter may mark NOTA if they do not approve of any candidates in the election. (NOTE: A ballot with a mark for NOTA and any candidates is discarded.)
 - b. Candidates are elected if they meet the following three criteria:
 - i. Rank in the top number of candidates for the number of open seats in terms of most approval votes received
 - ii. Receive more approval votes than ballots cast for NOTA
 - iii. Receive an approval vote on the majority of valid ballots cast. (Majority is calculated as 50% of valid ballots rounding down any fraction and adding 1.)

- c. In the event of a tie where there are fewer remaining seats than tied candidates, the body shall add one additional round of voting for the remaining candidates where voters may vote for as many candidates as there are remaining seats.
- d. In the event seats remain open after a ballot, the body may open a process for new nominees, and hold another approval voting election to fill the number of remaining seats. Nominated candidates are not eligible for subsequent AV elections if they received fewer approval votes than cast for NOTA on any previous AV ballot for the office. If no further election rounds are held, these positions are deemed vacant.

5.6. The election of officers will use the Rank Choice Voting Process. Convention Delegates will vote by secret ballot.

5.7 The Approval Voting (AV) process will be used for electing up to 8 At-large Executives. Convention Delegates will vote by secret ballot.

In the event seats remain open after a ballot, the convention may open the floor to new nominees, and another approval voting election will be held to fill the number of remaining seats. Nominated candidates are not eligible for subsequent AV ballots if they received fewer approval votes than cast for NOTA on any previous AV ballot. If the convention declines to reopen the floor to further nominations, these seats may be filled according to section 5.9. If there are a number of candidates receiving equal votes but ranked where there are not open seats for all such candidates, there shall be one additional ballot listing all tied candidates and voters may vote for as many candidates as there are remaining open seats.

6.2. Nomination and Election: Judicial Committee members shall be nominated from the floor at convention and shall be elected using the Approval Voting (AV) method. The election of 2 members shall be held in the odd numbered years, and 3 members shall be held in even numbered years. No more than 2 Executive Committee members may be members of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The newly elected members shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention. A member may serve successive terms. Judicial Committee members must be Party members for at least one year preceding their election. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots.

In the event seats remain open after a ballot, the convention may open the floor to new nominees, and another approval voting election be held to fill the number of remaining seats. Nominated candidates are not eligible to be candidates if they received fewer approval votes than votes cast for NOTA on any ballot. If the convention declines to reopen the floor to further nominations, these seats remain unfilled.

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Bylaws Proposal 2

Reorganize Officers, Directors, and At-Large Executives

5.1. Officers:

1. The Chair; who shall preside at the meetings.
2. The Vice Chair; who shall preside in the absence of the Chair.

3. The Secretary; who shall keep record of the proceedings of the meetings. At each meeting the Secretary shall present the minutes of the previous meeting for approval.
4. The Treasurer; who shall receive all monies paid to the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and shall deposit same in such bank as shall have been designated by the Executive Committee, and who may appoint a designee(s) to perform these functions with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall present a written report whenever at least two executives so request; in addition, the Treasurer shall present a written report to the Executive Committee on at least a quarterly basis. Expenditure of funds shall be made only in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Committee.

(New section) Directors

5. The Political Director; who shall be responsible for all party activities related to fielding candidates and getting them on the ballot. The Political Director is also responsible for tracking legislation and helping move public policy in a Libertarian direction.
6. Communications Director; who shall develop and implement the communications strategy and oversee all communication channels for the Party. They are responsible for recruiting and managing communications volunteers.

5.2. At-Large Executives: Up to six voting members At Large are authorized to be elected in convention to the Executive Committee.

5.4. Term of Office: Executives The Chair, Vice-chair, and Political Director shall be elected for a term of two years. Remaining officers, directors, and executives shall be elected for a term of 1 year.

5.5. Nomination and Election: Executives shall be nominated from the floor at convention and shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates. The election of the Chair, Vice-chair, and Political Director shall take place every two years during conventions held in odd-numbered years. Elections for remaining officers, directors, and the Executive Committee shall be held every year. Voting shall be by secret ballot and shall utilize the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Process. All candidates wishing to have their name placed in nomination, shall file notice of their intent by the time established by the Convention Committee. Candidates for Executive Committee shall be current members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota and shall not hold a leadership position in another party's name. All candidates for Executive Committee shall be required to have been a member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota at least 45 days prior to the convention. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots.

5.9. After balloting has ended, if the offices of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Political Director, and/or Communications Director are unfilled, the outgoing Executive Committee shall meet within ten days following the end of the convention and fill those offices that are vacant. If after balloting has ended, there are fewer than four At-Large Executives, the outgoing Executive Committee shall meet within ten days following the end of the convention and fill the number of offices required to bring the number of At-Large Executives to four.

The following changes to bylaws 5.6 and 5.7 will be part of this proposal IF the proposal on Voting Rules FAILS.

5.6. When two or more candidates are on the ballot for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Political Director, or Communications Director, during each round of the RCV process the candidate with the fewest

votes shall be removed from the ballot and any ballots cast shall be allocated to the next choice selected on each respective ballot, if applicable. In case of a tie for last place in any round, all candidates who are tied with the fewest votes shall be eliminated. The option of NOTA shall remain on all ballots.

5.7. The Approval Voting (AV) process will be used for electing up to 6 At-large Executives. Convention delegates May cast an 'approval vote' for as many different candidates as they choose, or they may cast one selection for NOTA. Candidates are elected as Executive At-Large if they meet the following two criteria:

1. Rank in the top number of candidates for the number of open seats in terms of the most approval votes received
2. Receive more approval votes than ballots cast for NOTA

In the event seats remain open after a ballot, the convention may open the floor to new nominees, and another approval voting election will be held to fill the number of remaining seats. Nominated candidates are not eligible for subsequent AV ballots if they received fewer approval votes than cast for NOTA on any previous AV ballot. If the convention declines to reopen the floor to further nominations, these seats may be filled according to section 5.9. If there are a number of candidates receiving equal votes but ranked where there are not open seats for all such candidates, there shall be one additional ballot listing all tied candidates and voters may vote for as many candidates as there are remaining open seats.

The following changes to bylaws 5.6 and 5.7 will be part of this proposal IF the proposal on Voting Rules PASSES.

5.7. The Approval Voting (AV) process will be used for electing up to 6 At-large Executives

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Bylaws Proposal 3

New Section "Platform and Bylaws Committee" to precede Judicial Committee

Purpose: To ensure consistent review of the party's Platform and Bylaws and offer change proposals for each annual convention as needed.

1. Platform and Bylaws Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year
2. Candidates for the committee shall be nominated from the floor at convention and elected using the Approval Voting method. The convention will elect up to four candidates for this committee. Delegates will vote by secret ballot.
3. In addition to the committee members elected at convention, the Party Chair, Vice-Chair, and Political Director are also full members of this committee.
4. The committee shall select its Chair among the members elected at convention.
5. The Platform and Bylaws committee will work with the Convention Committee to ensure advance publication of all change proposals prior to party conventions.
6. All additions, modifications, and deletions to the platform presented by the Platform and Bylaws Committee are still subject to approval by convention delegates with thresholds for adoption at $\frac{2}{3}$ (per Section 7.4 and Robert's Rules of Order) or 80% in the case of proposals involving the Statement of Principles. (Per Section 2.4.)

This proposal will use this substitute wording for points 2 and 3 IF the proposal to Reorganize Officers, Directors, and At-Large Executives DOES NOT PASS WITH PROVISION to establish the Political Director position:

2. Candidates for the committee shall be nominated from the floor at convention and elected using the Approval Voting method. The convention will elect up to five candidates for this committee. Delegates will vote by secret ballot.
3. In addition to the committee members elected at convention, the Party Chair and Vice-Chair are also full members of this committee.

The following language will be added to point 2 of this proposal IF the proposal on Voting Rules DOES NOT PASS WITH PROVISION to establish Approval Voting,:

Candidates are elected if they meet the following two criteria:

1. Rank in the top number of candidates for the number of open seats in terms of most approval votes received
2. Receive more approval votes than ballots cast for NOTA

In the event seats remain open after a ballot, the convention may open the floor to new nominees, and another approval voting election be held to fill the number of remaining seats. Nominated candidates are not eligible to be candidates if they received fewer approval votes than votes cast for NOTA on any previous ballot. If the convention declines to reopen the floor to further nominations, these seats remain unfilled.

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Bylaws Proposal 4

Changes to Section on Affiliates

10.1. Affiliates may obtain and maintain Formation status under the following conditions:

1. To become an Affiliate In Formation, the affiliate shall represent a regional area of Minnesota, shall enact their own bylaws not inconsistent with the Statement of Principles, and shall express their intent to be affiliated with the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. The Executive Committee shall agree to accept the Affiliate In Formation by a majority vote.
2. To remain in formation, the affiliate shall consist of at least four active members, shall hold at least four meetings or events per year, and shall send a representative to the annual convention. Affiliates in Formation shall not be eligible to represent their affiliate on the Executive Committee.
3. Those holding leadership positions in an Affiliate in Formation shall be members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. Members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota who reside within an affiliate's district shall also be members of their regional affiliate and thus be eligible to seek that affiliate's leadership positions and vote at its conventions.
4. Affiliates in formation shall hold an annual convention each calendar year for the purpose of electing such leadership and conducting affiliate business. An affiliate convention shall not coincide with the state convention

10.2. Active Affiliates shall meet the same requirements as Affiliates in Formation with the following additions:

1. The Executive Committee shall agree to accept the affiliate as Active by a majority vote.
2. The affiliate shall consist of at least eight Libertarian Party of Minnesota members with the represented geographical area, shall hold at least four meetings or events per year with five LPMN members in attendance, and shall send a representative to the annual convention and participate in at least four Executive Committee meetings per year. Affiliate meetings quorum shall not be less than five residing members with chair or vice chair presence required. Active Affiliates shall be eligible to represent their affiliate on the Executive Committee in a manner chosen by the affiliate.
3. Those holding leadership positions in an Active Affiliate shall be members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. Members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota who reside within an affiliate's area shall also be members of their regional affiliate and thus be eligible to seek that affiliate's leadership positions and vote at its conventions.
4. Active affiliates shall hold an annual convention each calendar year for the purpose of electing such leadership and conducting affiliate business. An affiliate convention shall not coincide with the state convention

10.3. Affiliates may be of the following types:

Subsidiary: The affiliate may obtain its funding from the state party.

Independent: The affiliate shall obtain its own funding and maintain a Treasurer position.

10.4 Sunrise Clause

The changes to sections 10.1 - 10.3 of this proposal take effect on 31 March 2023 and the Sunrise Clause 10.4 is to be stricken from the bylaws at that time.

Passed by 2-1 majority by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Bylaws Proposal 5

Changes to Membership

4.1. Suspension or Termination of Membership: The Executive Committee or assembled delegates at Convention may, by 3/4 vote, suspend or terminate the membership of any member who by action or advocacy, contradicts the Statement of Principles. The member may appeal his termination or suspension to the Judicial Committee. All membership suspensions or terminations enacted by the Executive Committee must be ratified by 3/4 majority of the Judicial Committee within 30 days unless such right to ratification is waived by the suspended or terminated member. Should the Judicial Committee fail to act within 30 days, the suspension or termination is null and void. A terminated or suspended member may appeal the termination or suspension to the assembled delegates at a subsequent Convention and be reinstated by majority vote.

4.2. A member holding leadership position(s) whose membership has expired shall automatically lapse from those position(s), provided that reasonable notice is given, and whereupon after prompt renewal their position(s) shall be retained as if no lapse had occurred.

4.3 A mechanism for establishing or renewing membership to the LPMN via the LPMN website shall always be available. Should temporary technical difficulties arise making online membership establishment or renewal impossible, the website shall be updated by the Executive Director, IT Director, or a designee, to direct new and renewing members to an alternate means of contact.

6.4. The jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to the following matters:

1. Any challenge brought by a Party member to an Executive Committee decision alleged to be inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or the Bylaws.
2. Any challenge brought by a Party member to the validity of an Executive Committee resolution.
3. Any challenge brought by an Officer or Executive to their removal from their position.
4. Any challenge brought by a Party member to a decision not to seat them as a delegate at a state convention.
5. Any challenge brought by a Party member to the removal of an affiliate.
6. Any challenge brought by a Party member to the Executive Committee's withdrawal of a candidate's nomination.
7. Ratification of an Executive Committee's removal of a member. Any challenge brought by a Party member to an Executive Committee's decision to suspend or terminate their membership.
8. Challenges brought within an affiliate on matters equivalent to the above.

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Bylaws Proposal 6

Changes regarding executive committee eligibility.

5.5. Nomination and Election: Executives shall be nominated from the floor at convention and shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates. The election of the Chair and Vice Chair shall take place every two years during conventions held in odd-numbered years. Elections for remaining officers and the Executive Committee shall be held every year. Voting shall be by secret ballot and shall utilize the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Process. All candidates wishing to have their name placed in nomination, shall file notice of their intent by the time established by the Convention Committee. Candidates for Executive Committee shall be current members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, and shall not hold a leadership position in another party's name. All candidates for Executive Committee shall be required to have been a member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota at least 45 days prior to the convention, exclusive of the date of the convention. The 45 day rule may be suspended by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the convention body on an individual basis prior to the election. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots.

5.16. The Executive Committee may remove any of its executives who miss two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without notifying the Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary, or who violate Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, or Duty of Obedience to the membership of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. A vote to notify the delinquent executive of their pending removal shall be taken at a regular Executive Committee meeting. If not present, the delinquent executive shall be notified by the Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary immediately thereafter. A vote to remove the delinquent executive shall be taken at the following regular meeting, and the delinquent executive shall be removed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. Failure to exercise this provision shall not limit the right of the Committee to exercise it in the future. A removed executive shall be provided the opportunity to appeal the removal to the Judicial Committee within 30 days of removal.

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Bylaws Proposal 7

Additions and changes to Convention Rules

7.2. All members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota who are residents of the state of Minnesota shall be eligible to register to be delegates to the state convention. No one joining the party less than 45 days before the convention may be a delegate until the next convention. Members whose membership has lapsed and been renewed in the intervening period between conventions shall be considered eligible to serve as delegates. The 45-day rule may be suspended by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the convention body.

7.3. The convention shall be run by Robert's Rules of Order. The officers of the party shall be the officer of the convention or their assignees.

7.4. The Convention agenda shall include the opportunity to hear and vote upon additions, modification, and deletions to the Platform and Bylaws. Additions, modifications, and deletions to the Platform shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all registered delegates present and voting at the convention, except matters involving the Statement of Principles require an 80% vote for adoption..

7.5. Changes to the Bylaws take effect at the close of convention business unless a later effective date is designated in the text of the bylaw.

7.6 The Bylaws shall be available on the LPMN website as the official record. Bylaws taking effect in the future shall be recorded on the website along with any Bylaw(s) they will be replacing and a note clearly indicating the date the new bylaw will take effect.

8.11 The rules governing candidate nominations and endorsements at convention may be suspended and modified by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the convention body.

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Platform Proposal 1

Modification to Platform plank III.C.9 - Health Care

9. Health and Medicine

In order to ensure the best possible health care, we advocate the deregulation of the healthcare industry. Government intervention, restriction, and protectionism in the healthcare industry has driven up costs and decreased the supply of doctors, nurses, technicians, hospitals, and medical insurance. We advocate replacing compulsory or tax supported plans to supply health services or insurance with voluntarily supported efforts.

We affirm the individual right to make one's own decisions regarding health, medicine, and safety is absolute and not subject to government restriction or mandate.

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

PBC Platform Proposal 2

New Plank on Agorism to be added to the end of Section A. Individual Rights and Civil Order

Agorism

We explicitly acknowledge the right of individuals to subvert state regulation, taxation, and executive orders through black and gray market activity, so long as such activity does not violate the individual rights and liberties.

Passed unanimously by the Platform and Bylaws Committee

Member Submitted Proposals

Johnson Bylaws Proposal

8.2. Endorsements: Any individual running for a public office for which the Libertarian Party of Minnesota has not nominated a candidate is eligible for endorsement by the LPMN provided the individual is eligible to serve in said office and not a member of a political party other than the Libertarian Party of Minnesota.

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5.5. Nomination and Election: Executives shall be nominated from the floor at convention and shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates. The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall take place every two years during conventions held in odd-numbered years. Elections for remaining officers and the Executive Committee shall be held every year. Voting shall be by secret ballot and shall utilize the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Process. All candidates wishing to have their name placed in nomination, shall file notice of their intent by the time established by the Convention Committee. Candidates for Executive Committee shall be current members of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, and shall not hold a leadership position in another party's name. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots.