

Libertarian Party of Dane County

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I -- Duties of Officers

1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Libertarian Party of Dane County (hereafter referred to as "the Party"), holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the Executive Committee.
2. The Vice-President shall be the chief assistant to the President, performing such duties as the Chair may prescribe and having such powers as the President may delegate. The Vice-President shall serve as Acting President upon death, disability, resignation, or absence of the President until the Executive Committee appoints a new President.
3. The Secretary shall assist the President and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and keep such minutes and records as are necessary. The Secretary shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee containing such information as the Executive Committee may require.
4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the Party and shall deposit same in such banks or bank as designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee and to the membership at large and any other reports as the Executive Committee shall request with respect to the finances of the Party. The Treasurer shall file all reports required by the State and National authorities.
5. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall ensure orderly proceedings at all meetings. He shall maintain order and decorum among all members present at the meeting, and may expel a member at the directive of the presiding officers. He may, as needed, act as doorkeeper for meetings and events, admitting only such persons as are allowed by the presiding officers.

ARTICLE II -- Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly; and by call of the President, or by the written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the committee.
2. More than one-half (1/2) of the membership thereof shall constitute a quorum at all meetings for the transaction of business, except where a larger vote is required by Constitution. The Executive Committee by majority vote may agree to allow absentee ballots by mail or telephone.
3. Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and By-laws a majority vote of those present at a meeting shall rule. In the case of a tie, the President shall have the deciding vote.

ARTICLE III -- Finance and Accounting

1. The Executive Committee shall cause an efficient system of accounts to be installed and maintained.
2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party and shall appoint such officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw from said depository.
3. The Executive Committee shall designate an annual audit.

ARTICLE IV -- Parliamentary Authority

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall be parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Party.
2. The Executive Committee may suspend Robert's Rules of order to suit the Party's needs.

ARTICLE V -- Membership

1. Applicants for membership in the Party shall make application by payment of at least the minimum fee schedule set by the Executive Committee. Upon payment of such fees, they will become members in good standing.
2. If any candidate, officer, or holder of public office who is a member of the Party should substantially misrepresent or violate the statement of principles or platform of the Party, such person may be censured at the next Annual meeting by a 3/4 majority of voting members present.
3. A censured member loses his/her member in good standing status and therefore may not vote at meetings while the censured status applies. A censured status remains in effect for 6 months.
4. A censured member who runs for political office as a Libertarian will receive no recognition or support for the campaign from the Party.

ARTICLE VI -- Amendments

1. Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws must be provided to the President of the Executive Committee in printed form at least eight weeks before the Annual meeting where they will be voted upon. Such amendments must be considered by the Executive Committee for proposal at a Party meeting. The President of the Executive Committee shall notify the author(s) of such an amendment of the final status of the amendment no later than four weeks prior to the Annual meeting where they will be voted upon.
2. Any amendments submitted to the Executive Committee under paragraph 1 of this article that are rejected by the Executive Committee may be proposed to the Party meeting by the author(s) of the amendments. The author(s) of such amendments shall provide the

President of the Executive Committee a printed copy of the proposed amendments at least two weeks before the Annual meeting where they will be voted upon. No changes may be made to the proposed amendments after this deadline.

3. The Executive Committee Chair will insure that printed copies of all proposed amendments are made available to all Annual meeting attendees during the meeting.
4. Amendments shall be discussed and voted on under the following rules:
 - Amendments may be identified as "replacement amendments" when introduced. Approval of a replacement amendment removes the replaced verbiage from the appropriate document.
 - Amendments may not be amended before being voted on.
 - Discussion shall be limited to 5 minutes per person per amendment.
5. Amendments shall take effect after the close of the Annual meeting in which they are enacted.

ARTICLE VIII – Platform

1. The Platform of the Party is that of the State Party until such time as the Party's platform is changed in accordance with the By-Laws

ARTICLE IX-- Endorsement of Candidates

1. All voting shall be done by secret ballot.
2. The endorsed candidate for Governor shall have the power to veto any candidate for Lieutenant Governor with whom he/she does not wish to run before balloting for Lt. Governor.
3. The support of the Party may be granted or withdrawn from a candidate for office after a Party meeting by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Committee.