

The bylaws committee for the Libertarian Party of Michigan submits the following report.

The committee met on July 9, 2017 via video conference to consider 14 proposals covering changes to the duties of officers, conventions, membership and sentence structure. The following 10 bylaws proposals received support from the majority. The committee recommends these for adoption and are presented in the order they would appear in the bylaws. New proposed wording is in bold and underlined. Proposed removals are struck out.

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Bill Hall, West Michigan

Jacob Kallie, Wayne-Monroe

Norman Peterson, At-Large/Unaffiliated

Jeff Wood, Genesee County

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Proposal 1

Insert the sentence "Said authority shall include the appointment of a Newsletter Director to ensure the timely publication of the 'Michigan Libertarian.'"

Article III. OFFICERS

Section 4. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at all conventions. The chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Party. In the absence of directives from the Executive Committee, the chair shall have the authority to speak for, and to generally manage the affairs of, the Party. **Said authority includes the appointment of a Newsletter Director to ensure the timely publication of the "Michigan Libertarian."** For purposes of Party representation at all National Libertarian Party conventions, the chair shall be a Michigan delegate and shall serve as head of the Michigan delegation.

Proposal 2

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Proposal 3

Establish the Secretary as responsible for seeing to the preservation of archives.

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Section 7. The secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party, **and be responsible for ensuring that member-accessible archives are preserved.** Excepting the Party newsletter or press releases, the secretary shall be responsible for all regular communications within the Party and between the Party and outside individuals, groups, and organizations.

Proposal 4

Specify that Article 6 Section 3 is for special conventions to be consistent with the rest of the article.

Article VI. CONVENTIONS

Section 3. The Party shall hold a **special** convention within 45 days upon the call of the Executive Committee or when petitions are submitted by 10% of the current membership, **specifying the purpose for the special convention.**

Proposal 5

Correct date to intent of previous bylaws committee (12/1 to 12/31).

Article VI. CONVENTIONS

Section 4. (1). The number of delegates to be seated at state conventions shall be calculated as 25% of the state members whose dues have been paid to the Libertarian Party of Michigan as of December 1st **31st** of the year prior to the state convention. There shall be a minimum of 120 seats available, though actual numbers may slightly vary due to numbers rounding up at the .5 interval.

Proposal 6

Express interval as 0.5 instead of .5

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Proposal 7

Add a new subsection with requirements for contacting members for conventions

Article VI. CONVENTIONS

Section 4. **(4) (New) The Executive Committee shall notify every Libertarian Party of Michigan member, whose dues were current within one year, of the convention date, time and location no less than 30 days prior to the convention. Notification shall be made by at least one of the acceptable modalities for which contact information has been made available by the member. Acceptable modalities shall include email, phone, and United States Postal Service.**

Proposal 8

Add line clarifying state convention delegates must be party members. Inadvertently left out of last Bylaws committee report.

Article VI. CONVENTIONS

Section 8. **A person must be a current member of the Party in order to serve as a delegate to a state convention.** A person who has never been a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan must become a member at least 30 days prior to a State convention before being allowed to vote at that convention.

Proposal 9

Clarify section to include local election to be a delegate at the state convention

Article VI. CONVENTIONS

Section 9. Members in good standing **who were duly elected as delegates** shall not be denied delegate status at the business sessions of a convention. Additional charges may be charged to cover other materials available at the convention.”

Proposal 10

Restructure article to read as intended.

Article IX. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

Asynchronous voting procedures, such as via email ballot, are strictly prohibited for official business of any recognized body of the Party, including the executive committee. **,unless there is an agreement to do asynchronous voting, in a unanimous motion at a synchronous meeting.** This does not prohibit other synchronous forms of communication and voting, such as conference call or videoconferencing, to be used for official business. ~~Unless there is an agreement to do asynchronous voting, in a unanimous motion at a synchronous meeting.~~