Event Agenda

Friday, 23 April

6 – 10 pm – Robert Dome Mixer - Lounge
*Featuring:*

*Scott Horton, Peter Quinones, Angela McArdle and Dan Driscoll – “Take Human Action”*

Saturday, 24 April

8 am – 4 pm – Convention Business - Event Room
*See page 3 for Business Agenda*

12 pm – Lunch
*Those who did not get a lunch pass may purchase lunch from the restaurant.*

5 pm – VIP Meet and Greet – Event Room
*VIP Ticket Holders Only*

6:30 pm – LPWA Banquet Dinner – Event Room

Awards

**Keynote Speaker**
*Featuring: Matt Kibbe and Apollo Pazell – “Culture of Winning”*

Sunday, 25 April

9 am – Speakers
*Featuring:*

*Judge Jim Gray (Remote), Frank Robinson (Remote), Mary Ruwart (Remote), Toby Nixon*

11 am – Candidate Speakers

12 pm – Elected Libertarian Panel
*Featuring: Cara Schulz, Cassaundra Fryma and Kalish Morrow*

1 pm – Free Sex Workers Panel
*Featuring: Maggie Mcneil and Isley Boxley*

2 pm – Small Biz Owner Panel
*Featuring: Robert, Jason and Kyle*
State Convention Rules

1) Rules of Procedure

   a) Unless specified explicitly by the Constitution or Bylaws, rules of procedure shall be governed by Roberts Rules Newly Revised.

2) Upon being recognized by the Chair, the person recognized shall state name and county of residence for the record.

3) The Teller Committee Chair will announce the total number of voting delegates attending the Convention after the Call to Order and after each recess if members announce their vacancy for the remainder of the session. The Teller Committee Chair will decide all disputes regarding Credentials. The Convention may override a decision of the Teller Chair by a 2/3 vote.

4) Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, Program/Platform and Resolutions shall take effect immediately.

5) Discussion of all Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolution issues shall be in the following format: the Chair will recognize the Committee Chair or Resolution author for a period of not more than five minutes and then shall recognize one person in opposition. The Chair will continue to recognize speakers, alternating between pro and con positions for three minutes each up to a count of three in opposition and three in favor. Speakers must be recognized by the chair and then approach the microphone.

6) Delegates may nominate themselves for elected positions. Each nominee may address the delegation for up to five minutes with an additional five minutes for questions from the floor.

Recommendations for Debate Etiquette

   It is recommended as good form when referring to other members of the convention to use the preferred style of address. While this is not required, it is encouraged to ensure mutual respect and provide a heightened experience for everyone.

   a) Officers and Board members

      i) Officers and board members are referred to by their gendered or gender neutral title.

         (1) Examples: “Madam Vice-Chair”, in a discussion “The Vice-Chair stated that passing the motion would increase the cost associated to our monthly service fee.”

   b) Delegates

      i) Delegates may be referred to by their gendered or gender neutral title and accompanying home county if known.

         (1) Examples: “The chair recognizes the Delegate from Stevens County”, in a discussion “Unlike what my fellow delegate from Jefferson County argues, this motion doesn’t go far enough...”
2021 Convention of Delegates of the Libertarian Party of Washington State

Convening on 24 April 2021, in Port Orchard, Washington

Call to Order – 8:00 am

Teller’s Report
Quorum and voting thresholds set.

Approval of the Agenda
Submitted by the Chair

Chair’s Report
State of the Party Address

Vice-Chair’s Report
Review of party activities in the state.

Secretary’s Report
Review of membership report.

Treasurer’s Report
Review of financial summary report.

Business Agenda – 9:00 am

Constitution and Bylaws Review
Amendments will be considered with all submitted parts together (i.e. 5A, 5B, 5C are considered together) unless a motion to divide has been made. In the event that the delegation is at ease during elections, amendments that had not yet been heard shall be brought to the floor.

Proposed amendments:

Change 1 – Meetings can be Electronic or Digital or Hybrid – Data Logan

Change 2 – Membership Terminology to be consistent with Nation LP – Data Logan

Change 3 – Update Terms for Judicial Committee Members in Constitution – Randy McGlenn II

Change 4 – Proportional Voting for Multi-Winner Elections – Data Logan

Change 5A – Membership and Timing Restrictions on Delegates to National Convention – Data Logan

Change 5B – Residency Restriction on Delegates to National Convention – Data Logan

Change 5C – Restrictions on Delegates to State Convention – Data Logan
Change 6A – Clarify Language of Convention Committees – Randy McGlenn II
Change 6B – Clarifies Appointment of Committees and Directors – Layla Bush
Change 6C – Removes Newsletter and Website from Secretary Responsibilities – Layla Bush
Change 7 – Update to Judicial Committee Powers – Randy McGlenn II
Change 8 – Clarifies Candidate Endorsement and adds Initiative and Legislative Endorsements – Layla Bush
Change 9A – Removal of Option to Amend Policies without Notice – Data Logan
Change 9B – Nominations Don’t Require a Second – Data Logan
Change 10 – Change definition of Quorum at Conventions – Data Logan
Change 11 – BCRA Compliance Wording – Data Logan

Platform Review
No Platform changes have been submitted.

Party Officer, (Regional) Representative and Judicial Committee Elections – 4:00 pm
Chair
Vice-Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
(Regional) Representatives
Judicial Committee*

Position 1A, 1B, 1C – 3 Year Term
Position 2A, 2B, 2C – 2 Year Partial Term
*If Change 3 is approved, all Judicial positions shall be elected for the new term lengths.

Position 1A, 1B, 1C – 5 Year Partial Term
Position 2A, 2B, 2C – 3 Year Partial Term
Position 3A, 3B, 3C – 1 Year Partial Term

Adjournment – 6:00 pm
Libertarian Party of Washington State
Constitution and Bylaws
Committee Report
Containing All Proposed Changes
[Amendments] known of at the time of the report
for 2021 Convention Consideration

(Removals indicated by strike text. Additions indicated by underline text.)
Change 1 – Meetings can be Electronic or Digital or Hybrid

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

LPWA SEC meetings have been done electronically for a while now. Circumstances do call for meetings to be done electronically from time to time, even the convention, pandemic or not. A good hybrid option would also allow more people to participate.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, so it would change how this very convention is ran

Changes:

Constitution Article III: Controlling Documents – adds language to allow all meetings to be done electronically, including the convention

2. Some specific procedures that will be done differently than that specified in Robert’s Rules include the following:
   a. Digital Meetings. Any and all meetings of the Party, including meetings of the SEC, committees and sub-committees, and the convention itself, may be done, in whole or in part, via digital or electronic means.
   b. Reading in Debate. Reading shall be allowed in debate. Additionally, video presentation or any other method of sharing information germane to the debate shall be allowed, even though it may not come fresh in the moment from the participant’s mind or voice box.
   c. Voting members at a meeting may allow non-voting members (or even person who are not members of the Party) to speak in meetings, but the voting members in the meeting retain their right to withdraw that privilege if they desire.
   d. Voting within the corporation will be done in accordance with Article XVII of this Constitution, even when those actions contradict the normal voting processes of the established parliamentary rules.

Bylaws Article III: State Executive Committee, paragraph A4 – delete special allowance for SEC meetings to be done electronically since that now applies to all meetings and the convention

State Executive Committee meetings may be held electronically provided that it is done in such a way that members may attend.
Change 2 – Membership Terminology to be consistent with Nation LP

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

We require people to pay some money (or service) to be called “members”. And we also have the concept of “honorary members” that didn’t pay and don’t have voting rights but are still considered members of the party. Plus, we have not defined well what we call people that were supportive of the Libertarian party and vote for Libertarian candidates but do not participate in party activities. And, maybe most importantly, these terms do not line up with the national LP terms. LP calls anyone who agrees with Libertarian values “members”. Those people like that that have a place of distinction could be called “honorary members”, but none of these members are granted voting powers within the national LP. The national LP makes a distinction for members who pay dues (or service) to get access to voting rights within the party—they are called “sustaining members”. (These distinctions are much more important in states where there are closed primaries where voters have to pre-declare their party membership to be able to vote for LP candidates, but are not paying dues to the state party and therefore can’t vote within party business.) The proposal here is to align our membership categories with the nation LP. But, otherwise, this has no substantive change on how we do business.

Note, that while the Party may have different levels of paid-for memberships to encourage more than the minimal amount of funds from a member, only the minimal cut-off may be used to define a member as “sustaining” in the eyes of the Party procedures.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, but it’s a semantic change that will have no effect on how the convention is ran

Changes:

Constitution Article IV: Membership – anyone agreeing with principles is a member, but levels of membership, including sustaining member, will be defined by bylaws

1. Any person residing within the State of Washington, and who endorses in writing the following statement: “I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals,” and who meets the criteria established by the controlling documents is a member of the Party.

2. The requirement and standards for levels of membership will be set forth in the Party Bylaws.

Constitution Article VI: Officers – specify only sustaining members are eligible to be elected as officers (though, really, being an officer could be considered “service” enough to be a member)

sustaining member
Constitution Article VIII: Statutory State Committee – specify only sustaining members are eligible to be on Committee

\textit{sustaining} member

Constitution Article IX: Judicial Committee – specify only sustaining members are eligible to be on Committee

\textit{sustaining} member

Constitution Article XI: Statutory County Committee – specify only sustaining members are eligible to be on Committee

\textit{sustaining} member

\textbf{Constitution Article XII: Annual Party Conventions – specify sustaining members for convention voting}

\textit{sustaining} member

Constitution Article XIV: Nomination of Candidates – specify sustaining members for nomination voting

\textit{sustaining} member

Bylaws Article I: Membership – changes what we used to call “member” to “sustaining member”, adds clarification that sustaining members must meet location and other requirements, adds clarification of maximum amount of money that can be required of a member to qualify for “sustaining member” status in relation to these governing documents [even if other places may have different levels of money associated with the name “sustaining” word], and adds clarification that honorary members must still meet the principles requirement of the Constitution

Anyone meeting the following shall be understood to hold active \textit{sustaining} membership of within the Libertarian Party of Washington State

\textit{sustaining} member

Honorary members are still required to agree with the statement of principles in accordance with the LPWA Constitution.

Bylaws Article II: Officers – reference to sustaining members

\textit{sustaining} member
Bylaws Article III: State Executive Committee – clarify that open meetings must allow sustaining members to attend

The State Executive Committee shall convene only in open meetings open to any and all sustaining members. State Executive Committee meetings may be held electronically provided that it is done in such a way that sustaining members may attend.

Bylaws Article IV: Statutory State Committee – clarify that the committee works for sustaining members and not just any member

sustaining member

Bylaws Article VI: Regional Organizations – clarify that membership to regional and affiliate organizations is based on sustaining membership and not other levels of membership

sustaining member

Bylaws Article VII: Statutory County Committee – clarify that membership to committees shall be sustaining members and not other levels of membership

sustaining member

Bylaws Article VIII: Party Conventions – clarify that convention voting power and committee participation lies with sustaining members and not other levels of membership

sustaining member

**Change 3 – Update Terms for Judicial Committee Members in Constitution**

*Amendment proposed by Randy McGlenn II*

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

The proposed change will clarify the term length and time when elections for the Judicial Committee will commence. The change will also off-set the Judicial Elections from party officer elections reducing the number of elections taking place in a single convention. This change effectively sets each term length for each Judicial Committee member to six years.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise; if it goes into effect while Judicial Committee members would not normally be elected in odd years, there are some vacancies now, so elections would happen at this convention, but terms will be shortened this one time to synch terms up with the intent of this new language
Changes:

**Constitution Article IX: Judicial Committee, Section A, Paragraph 4 – changing election**

4. One third of the members of the Judicial Committee shall be elected at each annual convention on even numbered years and serve for a period specified in the Bylaws, unless they are recalled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a Party convention.

**Bylaws Article V: Judicial Committee, Paragraph 1 – set the term length to six years**

1. Members of the Judicial Committee shall serve for a term of three (3) six (6) years.

**Change 4 – Proportional Voting for Multi-Winner Elections**

*Amendment proposed by Data Logan*

2/3 majority vote required to implement

**Impact to LPWA:**

In situations when we need to select a group of outcomes—like a committee—it is best to have a result that reflects the spread of opinions of the voters. Not just a group of people all from the “middle” (as Robert’s Rules or Condorcet or score voting would get you). And certainly not just a group of 2-party members (like plurality and instant run-off would get you).

Our changing to this type of voting not only helps us with internal unity, it also sets the example for all other organizations that would benefit from this type of voting—all the way up to actual elections for political office.

The exact method of proportional voting to be used is not specified. That may be determined on the spot by the participating voters. (A single-winner voting method will need to be used to determine what voting method to use for the multi-winner election to follow.) Options include single transferable vote with a finish line, reweighted range voting, apportioned range voting, or multi member proportional voting.

This change will significantly change to the election of the Judicial Committee and Representatives to the State Executive Committee from single-winner seats to multi-winner races. This means that Representatives will no longer be geographically defined and districts won’t really exist (though regional organizations may continue to exist). Reps may still turn out to be spread out over the state if that is the factor that voters use to determine who they vote for, but that will not be a requirement.

This results in a change in the name for Representatives to just “Representatives” and no longer “Regional Representatives”. Effectively, each Representative will work for every single member of the Party (because every single member could have voted for them), but also tend to be from more diverse philosophical backgrounds. Each member of the Party will have more avenues to get things into the business of the State Executive Committee (and not be reliant upon the idea that their one-and-only Regional Representative agrees with their ideas). This change will also remove the need for Alternate Representatives. One down-side that may be perceived is that it will no longer be clear who from the
SEC should share information with which subsets of the party, but that may not be a big issue as all SEC business is available to all party members anyway.

*Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, so it would change how this very convention is ran and how Representatives and Judicial Committee members are elected later in this very convention to serve their terms that start at the end of this convention.*

Changes:

Constitution, Article XVII: Voting – adds new section on multi-winner voting within the voting Article and also specifies that the defined score voting technique is only used exactly like that for single-winner races

*Multi-Winner Races with a required set of winners [in which the number of possible candidates exceeds the number of possible winners] shall be performed using a proportional voting system, usually either a single transferable vote with a finish line or a reweighted range vote.*

Generally, when score voting is used by this Party to determine a single winner it shall be done as follows

Constitution Article VII: State Executive Committee – changes the name of “Regional Representatives” to just “Representatives” and drops the notion of geographically-defined regions

*There shall be eight (8) regional Representatives allocated to the State Executive Committee, elected from the Party membership at the annual State Convention in the manner determined in the Party Bylaws, each representing a unique political or geographical region.*

Bylaws Article II: Officers, section F (Regional) Reps – changes the name of “Regional Representatives” to just “Representatives”, specifically discusses the joint election of all Representatives at the same time, removes idea of Alternate Regional Reps, provides for mechanism to replace Reps.

**Regional Representatives**

1. There shall be eight (8) regional Representatives upon the State Executive Committee elected at the annual convention from among qualified regional Delegates. All eight Representatives shall be elected at one time on a single ballot.

2. The State Executive Committee shall may temporarily fill vacancies. or may defer to the delegates at an Annual Convention to fill the remaining term. If a vacancy occurs, whether filled with a temporary replacement or not, all eight (8) Representatives shall have their term end at the next Party Convention and all of the positions shall be open to reelection by the convention.

3. Regions may also elect one Alternate to serve as the regional representative in their absence. The alternate will be elected in the same manner as the representative by qualified regional delegates.

4. Regional Representatives will be elected in odd-numbered years to serve for two (2) year terms [except that if there are vacancies in the Representatives in even-numbered years there will need to be an election of all Representatives to fill-up the vacancies].

5. The rules and process governing how to suspend, fire, and replace any Regional Representative for cause shall be the same as those stated for Party Officers in the Constitution, Article VI, section B.
Bylaws Article VIII: Party Conventions, section D Election of Judicial Committee – specifically discusses the joint election of all Judicial Committee members (that have the same term) at the same time

Multiple members elected at the same time for the same term will be elected all at one time on the same ballot.

Change 5A – Membership and Timing Restrictions on Delegates to National Convention

*Amendment proposed by Data Logan*

simple majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Increases the amount of time a person has to have been a (sustaining) member prior to convention in order to participate as a delegate in the national convention. This will likely have the effect of reducing party influence from short-time members that may be less aligned with party principles. But at the same time clarifying that verified membership in any party affiliate can count, which will help in the situation of a Libertarian who has been a member nationally, but only moved into Washington recently, for example.

Note: The vote for the number of days might best be done with the procedure of filling in the blanks to get the longest time that the delegation is comfortable with.

*Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, but no national convention happening this year so it won’t really have meaning until next year*

Changes:

Bylaws Article VIII: Annual Party Conventions, Section D: Elections for National Party Conventions

All delegates and representatives to national conventions of the Libertarian Party must be members of both the State and National Parties at the time of their participation in the convention. Further, delegates must have been paid state party sustaining members of some Libertarian Party affiliate in some verifiable way for no less than sixty (60) two hundred (200) days before the state convention vote that selects them.
Change 5B – Residency Restriction on Delegates to National Convention

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

simple majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Occasionally at national convention the Washington state delegation has room to allow other Libertarians to participate at the same time that there are Libertarians from other states who want to participate. This change would allow those other Libertarians from other states to be able to join the Washington state delegation and vote – as long as there are no other Washington state residents waiting.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, but we don’t have a national convention this year so no real immediate effect

Changes:

Bylaws Article VIII: Annual Party Conventions, Section D: Elections for National Party Conventions

Unfilled seats may be filled at the national convention by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the entire state delegation - and may include people who are not residents of Washington state as long as they fulfill all the other requirements and there are no other available members desiring to participate who do meet the requirement to be residents of Washington state.

Change 5C – Restrictions on Delegates to State Convention

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Increases the amount of time a person has to have been a (sustaining) member prior to convention in order to participate as a delegate in the state convention. This will likely have the effect of reducing party influence from short-time members that may be less aligned with party principles. But at the same time clarifying that verified membership in any party affiliate can count, which will help in the situation of a Libertarian who has been a member nationally, but only moved into Washington recently, for example.

Note: The vote for the number of days might best be done with the procedure of filling in the blanks to get the longest time that the delegation is comfortable with.

Cannot go into effect immediately, as this convention is already in progress by this point. So, it will not affect convention delegates for the 2021 convention, but will have an effect on 2022 and on.
Changes:

Constitution Article XII: Annual Party Conventions, section 2 – changes time from 30 days to 200 days, while at the same time removing other previously-available avenues to becoming a state delegate (which were hardly ever used as it was) and clarifies that verifiable membership in other affiliates counts

1. Any Party member is eligible to be a Delegate and when in attendance may vote at convention; provided that they are have:
   a. Paid current dues at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to that convention as determined by the State Executive Committee or Credentials Chair a sustaining member of the Washington state Party and have been a sustaining member of either the Party or the national some Libertarian Party affiliate in some verifiable way for at least on or before the date thirty (30) two hundred (200) days before the convention; or
   b. Been selected as a Delegate by a regional organization recognized under Article X of this Constitution at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention; or
   c. Upon application for appointment, been appointed as a Delegate by the State Executive Committee or a designated subcommittee thereof; Provided further, that the eligible Delegates under this section who are at any particular convention may, upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote, waive the requirements of subsections a., b., and c. for other Party members who are present but not otherwise eligible to vote at that convention.

Change 6A – Clarify Language of Convention Committees

Amendment proposed by Randy McGlenn II

simple majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Makes the convention organizing committee clear as an established convention committee as mentioned in Article VIII, Section B, Paragraph 2.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise

Changes:

Bylaws Article VIII: Party Conventions, Section B: Convention Committees

1. The convention committees are the Convention Organizing Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Platform Committee, Nominating Committee, Credentials Committee, and Rules and Resolutions Committee.
Change 6B – Clarifies Appointment of Committees and Directors

Amendment proposed by Layla Bush

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

At present, there is a division of power between the SEC and Chair for forming and confirming committee positions. This would clarify that division of power for committees by giving the Chair the power to appoint committee chairs and ensure the SEC’s authority to confirm those positions. Director positions currently require no SEC approval. This would require the same SEC confirmation process for Directors. Also, this amendment explains the process for notice to membership and extends time for notice from 15 to 30 days.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise

Changes:

Constitution Article VII: State Executive Committee – Clarifies SEC authority on confirming committee chairs and directors

The State Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint committees chairs and directors as provided in the Party Bylaws.

Bylaws Article II: Party Officers – Clarifies Chair authority and limits on appointing committee chairs and directors

The State Chair shall form committees chairs and directors as necessary to perform functions as required in these Bylaws and shall recommend approval of said committees chairs and directors to the State Executive Committee for confirmation. Committee membership and rules shall be made available by the State Chair to members of the Party. All confirmed committee chairs and committee rules, as established in the SEC standing rules, shall be made available to all members of the party on the LPWA website within fifteen (15) thirty (30) days of State Executive Committee approval.

Change 6C – Removes Newsletter and Website from Secretary Responsibilities

Amendment proposed by Layla Bush

simple majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Over the last few years, the responsibility for the website has been delegated to the Tech Director and the Newsletter is the responsibility of the Communications Director. Removing this confusing language that implies a Secretary role in these things will continue to allow the State Chair to delegate these responsibilities to volunteers.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise
Changes:

Bylaws Article II: Party Officers – Removes two lines regarding Newsletter and Website responsibilities from the Secretary

5. The Secretary shall be responsible for regular communication and publication of a party newsletter or other online or paper publication, with the purpose of party news, education, and outreach.

6. The Secretary shall maintain an official website of the Party.

Change 7 – Update to Judicial Committee Powers

*Amendment proposed by Randy McGlenn II*

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

The Judicial Committee presently only has the authority to recommend to the state delegation body the removal of members from the party at convention. This has the potential to delay necessary action to sanction a member for actions against the party. This change would allow for the Judicial Committee to expel such member immediately. The member would still have the right to appeal with the state delegation. Other changes presented are formatting in nature for improved readability.

*Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise*

Changes:

Constitution Article IX: Judicial Committee – change Section B, Paragraph 6 to remove language to refer petitions to convention delegates.

6. The Judicial Committee shall review any petition by the State Executive Committee to expel a member from the Party. The Judicial Committee must either dismiss such petition or refer such petition to the Convention, or to any properly called Special Convention, for a final determination.

Constitution Article IX: Judicial Committee – change the formatting of Section B, Paragraphs 2 through 5 to be subordinates of paragraph 1 and renumber remaining paragraphs.

1. The Judicial Committee shall hear appeals or petitions from Party members concerning:

   a. Interpretation of the controlling documents;

   b. Disputes involving access to Party records;

   c. Suspension of Party Officers; and

   d. Disputes involving representation on the State Executive Committee, or the Statutory State Committee or its committees
Change 8 – Clarifies Candidate Endorsement and adds Initiative and Legislative Endorsements

Amendment proposed by Layla Bush

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Language around candidate endorsement is currently unclear as to who has the authority to endorse. Additionally, at this time, the process for initiative and legislative endorsements for bills is not clear in our foundational documents. This also clarifies that regional organizations only have the power to endorse within their boundaries. The power to endorse bills after convention is transferred to the Legislative Director due to the urgency nature of the legislative process.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, so it may affect endorsements happening later in this very convention

Changes:

Constitution Article X: Regional Organizations – Removes section on nomination and adds endorsement of local initiatives, candidates, and bills in the charter for regional organizations

   a. Nominating candidates for public office. Endorsing candidates, initiatives, and city/county bills and ordinances in their name and within their boundaries.

Constitution Article XII: Annual Party Convention – includes endorsement of initiatives and bills in what may take place at convention

   At annual conventions Party Officers, State Executive Committee members, and Judicial Committee members shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws, a Party Platform may be adopted or revised, the Constitution and Bylaws may be Amended, resolutions may be adopted, and initiatives, bills, and candidates for public office may be endorsed.

Bylaws Article VIII: Party Conventions – Rewords section to include initiatives and bills. Removes unnecessary and repetitive language on nominations. Clarifies where power to endorse is transferred after convention.

   E. Nominating and Endorsing Candidates, Initiatives, and Bills:

      1. Only the party’s regional organizations and convention delegates have power to endorse candidates for public offices. Convention delegates have the power to endorse candidates for public office, initiatives, and bills. Candidates Any such candidate, initiative, or bill must first be nominated by party members, which may occur at any time. Candidates must sign the Libertarian Statement of Principles to be recognized as an officially nominated candidate. A list of nominated candidates, initiatives, and bills, including any available contact information for candidates and sponsors shall be made available for review to members of the Party on the party website, including full contact information.
2. Delegates and regional organizations may endorse candidates for any office. Endorsed candidates will be listed on the Party website. Nominated candidates who have not been endorsed will be removed from the Party website and shall not be listed as “Not Endorsed”, or similar.

3. After the convention adjourns, LPWA power to endorse candidates and initiatives will transfer from delegates to the Campaigns Committee and LPWA power to endorse bills will transfer to the Legislative Director; chartered regional organizations also retain their power to endorse candidates, initiatives, and city/county bills and ordinances in their name and within their boundaries after the convention adjourns.

Change 9A – Removal of Option to Amend Policies without Notice

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

simple majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Existing language in the Bylaws heavily implies that changes to policy could be made at a convention without any prior notice of same. This is not in keeping with good order. Plus, Roberts Rules highly recommends advance notice being required for policy changes. This change would remove any implied ability to change policy without advanced notice and make it clear that advance notice is necessary to amend the Party policies.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, so it would change how this very convention is ran and prevent further new amendments from being proposed at this convention unless they are germane to one already on the agenda.

Changes:

Bylaws Article VIII: Annual Party Conventions – removes any implied ability to change policy without advanced notice and make it clear that notice is necessary to amend the Party policies
Change 9B – Nominations Don’t Require a Second

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

*simple majority vote required to implement*

Impact to LPWA:

Nominations typically do not require seconds. For some reason there has been a special requirement that nominations for Judicial Committee members do require a second in this party. The proposed change here is to drop that special requirement and let all nominations be in accordance with Robert’s Rules and not require a second.

*Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, so it would change how this very convention is ran in that nominations made later for Judicial Committee will not require a second from the floor.*

Changes:

Bylaws Article VIII: Party Conventions, in subsection of elections of Judicial Committee members – removes requirement for seconds on nominations

*All nominations require a second.*

Change 9C – Removal of Report Deadline

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

*simple majority vote required to implement*

Impact to LPWA:

Bylaws Committee Report often tries to take into account any proposed amendments from Party members. But proposals are due 30 days before convention and the Committee Report is also due 30 days before convention, making this accounting impossible. Plus, there is no great reason to require reports to be done at any specific time before the convention as long as other requirements are met. This change would just drop all reference to any particular deadline on Committee Reports. The 20 day requirement for notice to members will still exist.

*Cannot affect this convention as the deadline will have already passed, but will still technically go into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise.*

Changes:

Bylaws Article VIII: Annual Party Conventions, section B: Convention Committees – Removes paragraph 7 that specifies deadlines for committee reports

*Each committee, except the Nominating Committee, shall submit a written report to the Party Secretary not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Party convention.*
Change 10 – Change definition of Quorum at Conventions

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Changes the definition of quorum for state conventions of the LPWA. The change will generally reduce the number of people required at convention (unless membership falls below 100).

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise, so it would likely immediately change (lower) the quorum for this very convention to do business. As well as future conventions and special conventions, of course.

Changes:

Constitution Article XII: Annual Party Conventions – changes definition of quorum to the square root of the membership

A quorum shall consist of no less than ten percent the square root of the total current Party membership qualified to be voting convention delegates

Change 11 – BCRA Compliance Wording

Amendment proposed by Data Logan

2/3 majority vote required to implement

Impact to LPWA:

Of course our party is trying to influence election results—just not in ways that step over the boundaries of how a political party should influence elections. We won’t perform or support voter fraud or election fraud. We should also acknowledge that we have limits on our behavior that are governed by morality and not just legality.

Goes into effect immediately unless the convention stipulates otherwise.

Changes:

Constitution Article V: BCRA Compliance – adds clarification of actions our party won’t take to affect election outcomes

1. The Party shall not make any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value in any illegal or immoral way for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office.