

# 2020 LPO Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittee Report

This is the official Report of the 2020 LPO Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittee. It was unanimously approved on June 23, 2020.

It has been formatted to be easily followed. In the first column is the original text of the document. In the second column is the marked up language and changes suggested by the subcommittee. In the third column is the final and new language recommend. Each section will include a brief description of the changes/statement for the change.

The overall goal of the subcommittee was to address issues that were in conflict in the previous 2 years as well as provide for simplification of the documents without losing the spirit of our organization.

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## Article II

Changes made to clearly define membership. Sets definition of a Member in Good Standing to simplify further Articles. Anyone that meets one of the three is a member and therefore does not constitute pay to play. Dues have been left up to the Bylaws and the Central Committee noting that the dues structure must have approval of the Convention Body before taking affect.

Original Bylaw Language	Marked Up Language	Final Language
Article II – Membership	Article II – Membership	Article II - Membership
Section 1. No person may be denied membership in the Party unless that individual cannot affirm the following pledge "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."	Section 1. No person may be denied membership in the Party unless that individual cannot affirm the following pledge "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."  Section 1. A Member in good standing is defined as a person who has:  A. Affirmed the following pledge: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."  B. Under Ohio Revised Code, legally affiliated with the party when the state has provided an ability to do so in the most recent primary election, and is not legally affiliated with any other party.  C. Contributed any membership dues which may be defined in the party bylaws.  i. Any change to the dues structure, not made at State Convention, shall not affect current membership status until 30 days past the close of the next Convention of the state party.  Section 2. A Member is otherwise defined as anyone who has met at least one, but not all, of the requirements to be a Member in good standing.	Section 1. A Member in good standing is defined as a person who has:  A. Affirmed the following pledge: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."  B. Under Ohio Revised Code, legally affiliated with the party when the state has provided an ability to do so in the most recent primary election, and is not legally affiliated with any other party.  C. Contributed any membership dues which may be defined in the party bylaws.  i. Any change to the dues structure, not made at State Convention, shall not affect current membership status until 30 days past the close of the next Convention of the state party.  Section 2. A Member is otherwise defined as anyone who has met at least one, but not all, of the requirements to be a Member in good standing.



#### Article III

Changes made to simplify the language based on change to Article II. Replaces excess requirements with "member in good standing"

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### Article IV

Eliminates requirement for a Judicial Council. If the Convention Body wishes a Judicial Committee, it should be defined in the Constitution and not left up to the whim of a Central Committee. Other change removes the ability for the Central Committee to retain power. If the Convention Body wants powers reserved for the Central Committee, it should be defined by the Convention Body.

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- D. Censure or punitive action of Internal Management. The Executive Committee may also issue Censure and/or Punitive Action of its own members and appointees.
- E. During such times when the party has no access to government-conducted State Primary elections conduct its own elections, the methods and processes for which shall be defined in the Party Bylaws.
- F. Fill vacancies in its own membership, and in the membership of the Executive Committee.
- G. Appoint a 5-member Judicial Council upon the written petition of two-thirds of the seated members of Executive Committee, or one-third of the seated members of the Central Committee, the membership and method of election of this Council to be provided for in the Bylaws. The topic under dispute shall be included in the petition, and the scope of any such Council shall be limited to the Constitutional or Bylaw dispute referred to it.
- H. Set the time, place, and apportionment of delegates to the Party's State Convention.
- I. Such other powers as required by the Ohio Revised Code or this Constitution.
- J. Such other powers as are expressly reserved by written resolution approved by a majority of all elected members of the Central Committee adopted no later than its election of a new Executive Committee or three months after the Central Committee's election, whichever is later.

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## Article V

Changes to article V reflect the changes in Article II by added in good standing to places that mention member requirements. Removes the previous changes to the size of the Executive Committee, increasing the size to 9 was a huge mistake. It is much harder to get things done and find dedicated members to show up.

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Section 2. The officers of the Executive Committee shall:

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- B. be prepared, with reasonable notice, to turn over all equipment and records of the Party to their successor.
- C. be able, with reasonable notice, to account for all equipment and records of the Party.
- D. be removed from office in the manner as specified in the Bylaws
- E. select such individuals as required for positions with the Libertarian National Committee.

Section 3. No member may hold the same office on the Executive Committee for more than 8 ½ consecutive years. Terms shall be considered consecutive unless separated by the lesser of one complete term or a period of two or more years.

Section 4. The Chair of the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint such committees and positions as deemed necessary, at a minimum those required by Party Bylaws. All appointment terms shall end with the election of a new Executive Committee Chair.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall maintain a balanced budget for the Party.

A. The Party may not incur a debt with a term of longer than 4 years, except with the direction from the Central Committee for capital expenditures and

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# Article VII

Defines members in good standing for Section 2. Removes ban on Unit and Slate Voting. This will allow counties to vote together as the party grows, also allows slate voting during elections if not using IRV.

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Article VII - Conventions	Article VII – Conventions	Article VII – Conventions
Section 1. The party shall hold regular Conventions in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Party Bylaws, and at least during every Presidential Election year.	Section 1. The party shall hold regular Conventions in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Party Bylaws, and at least during every Presidential Election year.	Section 1. The party shall hold regular Conventions in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Party Bylaws, and at least during every Presidential Election year.
Section 2. A special Convention shall be held upon petitions of 10% of the members of the party or 50% of the seated members of the Central Committee. Such a petition shall state the business of the special Convention and no other business, shall be considered at such a Convention unless the petition states that it is being held in lieu of a missed Regular Convention. The Central Committee shall provide advance notice of all Conventions according to Party Bylaws.	Section 2. A special Convention shall be held upon petitions of 10% of the members <i>in good standing</i> of the party or 50% of the seated members of the Central Committee. Such a petition shall state the business of the special Convention and no other business shall be considered at such a Convention unless the petition states that it is being held in lieu of a missed Regular Convention. The Central Committee shall provide advance notice of all Conventions according to Party Bylaws.	Section 2. A special Convention shall be held upon petitions of 10% of the members in good standing of the party or 50% of the seated members of the Central Committee. Such a petition shall state the business of the special Convention and no other business shall be considered at such a Convention unless the petition states that it is being held in lieu of a missed Regular Convention. The Central Committee shall provide advance notice of all Conventions according to Party Bylaws.
Section 3. The number of delegates and alternates to a state or national convention and the procedure for their selection shall be determined by the Central Committee in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Bylaws of the Party.  Section 4. The Convention Credentials Committee (or in its absence, the Central Committee Chair)	Section 3. The number of delegates and alternates to a state or national convention and the procedure for their selection shall be determined by the Central Committee in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Bylaws of the Party. Delegates shall be chosen from the members in good standing of the party.	Section 3. The number of delegates and alternates to a state or national convention and the procedure for their selection shall be determined by the Central Committee in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Bylaws of the Party. Delegates shall be chosen from the members in good standing of the party.
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# Article VIII

Changes to article VII remove the restriction on endorsing candidates during non-partisan races. Also removes redundancy of carrying down rules on affiliates.

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and any other matter that is not required by law to be discussed and voted upon in an open meeting, upon a majority vote of those members voting.

Section 4. On all Party ballots, all proposals shall provide the alternative: "None of the above."

Section 5. Neither the Party nor its affiliates shall endorse for any public election a candidate of another Party, an independent candidate in a partisan election, or a candidate affiliated with another political party in a nonpartisan election. The Party and its affiliates reserves the right to endorse no candidate for any race and to endorse multiple candidates in a primary contest.

Section 6. The Party and its affiliates shall not create any Bylaws or rules which attempt to limit participation by any individual based upon race, gender, national origin, language(s) spoken, sexual preference, gender identification, religious preference(s), military background, physical capabilities or characteristics, mental capabilities or characteristics, age, prior political affiliation or any other individual trait.

Section 7. The Libertarian Party of Ohio shall provide easy access and frequent opportunity for qualified residents of the State of Ohio to become members in good standing of the Libertarian Party of Ohio and to participate in the elective process and shall support any legislation which so provides.

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# Bylaw 100

Changes made to reflect changes to Article I. Includes payment of annual dues as well as a service option and lifetime membership

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Bylaw 100 – Membership  Section 1. Membership in the party shall conform to Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Ohio.  Section 2 (If no ballot access) In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access to the Libertarian Party of Ohio: membership in the Party shall consist of registered Ohio voters not affiliated with another political party who demonstrate an interest in the State or National Party, and have affirmed the pledge, "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals", or who have participated in a Libertarian Primary within the past two calendar years or otherwise caused their voter affiliation in the State voter database to be "Libertarian".	Bylaw 100 – Membership  Section 1. Membership in the party shall conform to Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Ohio. Dues for the party shall consist of \$25 annually or \$5/month.  A. In place of paying dues for a specific year, a member may perform 5 hours of approved service to the Libertarian Party of Ohio  B. The Executive Committee shall create a list of pre-approved service opportunities.  a. Executive Committee and Central Committee members cannot use Committee Meetings as service hours.  b. Travel Time to and from events cannot be used as service hours.  C. Lifetime members of the Libertarian Party of Ohio will be excluded from annual dues.  a. A lifetime member of the Libertarian Party of Ohio shall be defined by the Standard Operating Procedures.  Section 2 (If no ballot access) In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access to the Libertarian Party of Ohio: membership in the Party shall consist of registered Ohio voters not affiliated with another political party who demonstrate an interest in the State or National Party, and have affirmed the pledge, "I hereby certify that I do not	Bylaw 100 – Membership  Section 1. Dues for the party shall consist of \$25 annually or \$5/month.  A. In place of paying dues for a specific year, a member may perform 5 hours of approved service to the Libertarian Party of Ohio  B. The Executive Committee shall create a list of pre-approved service opportunities.  a. Executive Committee and Central Committee members cannot use Committee Meetings as service hours.  b. Travel Time to and from events cannot be used as service hours.  C. Lifetime members of the Libertarian Party of Ohio will be excluded from annual dues.  a. A lifetime member of the Libertarian Party of Ohio shall be defined by the Standard Operating Procedures.



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# Bylaw 200 - Section 1

Changes made to simplify the language based on change to Article II. Replaces excess requirements with "member in good standing"

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Bylaw 200 - Central Committee	Bylaw 200 - Central Committee	Bylaw 200 - Central Committee
Section 1 (Elections)	Section 1 (Elections)	Section 1 (Elections)
In even numbered years, two representatives shall be elected from each U.S. Congressional district or State Senate district in the State to serve on the Central Committee for a term of two years or until a new Central Committee is elected. The retiring Central Committee shall determine whether U.S. Congressional districts or State Senate districts shall be employed for electing the next Central Committee not later than 120 days prior to the primary election, and unless otherwise determined shall be the U.S. Congressional district.	In even numbered years, two representatives shall be elected from each U.S. Congressional district or State Senate district in the State to serve on the Central Committee for a term of two years or until a new Central Committee is elected. The retiring Central Committee shall determine whether U.S. Congressional districts or State Senate districts shall be employed for electing the next Central Committee not later than 120 days prior to the primary election, and unless otherwise determined shall be the U.S. Congressional district.	In even numbered years, two representatives shall be elected from each U.S. Congressional district or State Senate district in the State to serve on the Central Committee for a term of two years or until a new Central Committee is elected. The retiring Central Committee shall determine whether U.S. Congressional districts or State Senate districts shall be employed for electing the next Central Committee not later than 120 days prior to the primary election, and unless otherwise determined shall be the U.S. Congressional district.
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B. All Committee members shall be a resident and qualified elector of the district from which they are elected.	B. All <i>Central</i> Committee members shall be a resident and qualified elector of the district from which they are elected.	B. All Central Committee members shall be a resident and qualified elector of the district from which they are elected.
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D. Unless otherwise required by ORC 3517.03 due to the Party attaining major party status, any qualified elector who would otherwise qualify under the other parts of this section may be elected to the Central Committee, regardless of their sex or	D. Unless otherwise required by ORC 3517.03 due to the Party attaining major party status, any qualified elector who would otherwise qualify under the other parts of this section may be elected to the Central Committee, regardless of their sex or	D. Unless otherwise required by ORC 3517.03 due to the Party attaining major party status, any qualified elector who would otherwise qualify under the other parts of this section may be elected to the Central Committee, regardless of their sex or



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# Bylaw 200 - Section 4

Cleans up extra text from the switch to odd year elections from 2018.

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# Bylaw 200 - Section 8

Lists legal exceptions to the time requirement for notification. This already exists by law, but is now laid out in Subsection B.

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Section 8 (Central Committee Meetings)	Section 8 (Central Committee Meetings)	Section 8 (Central Committee Meetings)
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B. All members of the Central Committee must be given no less than a two week notice of each meeting, its agenda of business, and location.  C. The two week notice requirement may be waived in an emergency as defined by the Chair,	B. With the exception of the Central Committee Organizational Meeting, where Ohio Revised Code-imposed deadlines may not allow for sufficient lead time, all members of the Central Committee must be given no less than a two week notice of each meeting, its agenda of business, and location.	B. With the exception of the Central Committee Organizational Meeting, where Ohio Revised Code-imposed deadlines may not allow for sufficient lead time, all members of the Central Committee must be given no less than a two week notice of each meeting, its agenda of business, and location.
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- E. The Central Committee may conduct business between meetings provided that established notice and secret ballot requirements are still met.
- 1. The details of the voting process are defined in the Standard Operating Procedures.
- a. Details of the voting process must be made available to members of the Party, the public, or the media upon request.
- b. Changes to the process will be announced to members of the Committee through reasonable and common methods within 2 days. Such changes will be subject to challenge and amendment for a period of 10 days following the announcement of such changes. Any change not challenged will be considered accepted and in effect thereafter.
- c. Challenges shall be completed using the preexisting voting process.
- d. The Chair may establish a different process for different types of voting held between meetings including, but not limited to, mail voting, email voting, teleconference voting, and web conference voting.
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- 3. Quorum for votes cast between meetings will be 60% of the Central Committee seats filled on the final day of voting. Votes that fail to meet quorum will automatically be added to the next meeting agenda, regardless of any other notification requirements.
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# Bylaw 200 Section 9

Changes made to allow for remote elections as long as the election is conducted using a secret ballot.

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as prescribed by the Standing Rules of the Party

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D. A Special Convention may be called as defined

in Article VII of the Party Constitution and should

be held at least 75 days prior to the General

# Bylaw 510 - Section 1

Provides a formal Committee for State Conventions as opposed to one individual.

#### **Original Bylaw Language** Marked Up Language Final Language The Party should hold a Regular Convention in The Party should hold a Regular Convention in The Party should hold a Regular Convention in even-numbered years, the date and site to be selected by the Central Committee. even-numbered years, the date and site to be even-numbered years, the date and site to be selected by the Central Committee. selected by the Central Committee. A. A Regular Convention shall be held after the primary election and 90 days before the general A. A Regular Convention shall be held after the A. A Regular Convention shall be held after the election, unless the ORC requires a different primary election and 90 days before the general primary election and 90 days before the general timeframe for the purpose of nominating a slate election, unless the ORC requires a different election, unless the ORC requires a different of candidates or electors. timeframe for the purpose of nominating a slate timeframe for the purpose of nominating a slate of candidates or electors. of candidates or electors. B. A Regular Convention may consider such business as the delegates or Central Committee B. A Regular Convention may consider such B. A Regular Convention may consider such may deem appropriate. business as the delegates or Central Committee business as the delegates or Central Committee may deem appropriate. may deem appropriate. C. The Central Committee shall appoint the Convention Chair from the Party membership. C. The Central Committee shall appoint the C. The Central Committee shall appoint the Convention Oversight Committee Chair from the Convention Oversight Committee from the 1. The Convention Chair shall appoint the various members in good standing Party membership. members in good standing. Convention committees as necessary from the national or state Party membership, provided 1. The Convention Oversight Committee shall 1. The Convention Oversight Committee shall they are not affiliated with any other political consist of 5 members and will elect a Chair from consist of 5 members and will elect a Chair from party; these may include, but are not limited to their membership. their membership. Credentials, Platform, and National Convention Committees. These Committees shall have such 2. The Convention Oversight Committee Chair 2. The Convention Oversight Committee shall functions and duties as prescribed by the shall appoint the various Convention committees appoint the various Convention committees as Standing Rules of the Party and by the as necessary from the national or state Party necessary from the national or state Party Convention Chair. membership, provided they are not affiliated with membership, provided they are not affiliated with

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Election. Section C of this Bylaw shall apply to Special Conventions.	and by the Convention <i>Oversight Committee</i> Chair.	and by the Convention Oversight Committee.
	D. A Special Convention may be called as defined in Article VII of the Party Constitution and should be held at least 75 days prior to the General Election. Section C of this Bylaw shall apply to Special Conventions.	D. A Special Convention may be called as defined in Article VII of the Party Constitution and should be held at least 75 days prior to the General Election. Section C of this Bylaw shall apply to Special Conventions.



# Bylaw 510 - Section 4

Provides a formal Committee for State Conventions as opposed to one individual.

Original Bylaw Language	Marked Up Language	Final Language
The Central Committee Chair and the Convention Chair may establish, with guidance from the Executive Committee, such registration and attendance fees as may be required. These fees shall be established no later than 90 days prior to a Regular Convention and no later than 30 days prior to a Special Convention.	The Central Committee Chair and the Convention Chair Oversight Committee may establish, with guidance from the Executive Committee, such registration and attendance fees as may be required. These fees shall be established no later than 90 days prior to a Regular Convention and no later than 30 days prior to a Special Convention.	The Central Committee Chair and the Convention Oversight Committee may establish, with guidance from the Executive Committee, such registration and attendance fees as may be required. These fees shall be established no later than 90 days prior to a Regular Convention and no later than 30 days prior to a Special Convention.



# Bylaw 700 - Section 1

Updates to reflect change for members in good standing.

Original Bylaw Language	Marked Up Language	Final Language
Section 1 (Charter)  In each non-affiliated County, the Executive Committee may charter a County Development Group (CDG).  A. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the Party shall accept nominations to serve as the County Development Coordinator (CDC) and primary contact for a County Development Group in each non-affiliated county. Each CDC should be a registered member of the Party as defined in Bylaw 100 and shall be approved by the State Party Executive Committee.  1. County Development Coordinators must become members of the Party at their earliest opportunity. Failure to do so will automatically void their appointment.  2. In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, the County Development Coordinators must not vote in another party's partisan primary. County Development Coordinators may vote in primary elections using an "issues only" ballot, where available.	Section 1 (Charter)  In each non-affiliated County, the Executive Committee may charter a County Development Group (CDG).  A. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the Party shall accept nominations to serve as the County Development Coordinator (CDC) and primary contact for a County Development Group in each non-affiliated county. Each CDC should be a registered member in good standing of the Party as defined in the Party's ConstitutionBylaw 100 and shall be approved by the State Party Executive Committee.  1. County Development Coordinators must become members of the Party in good standing at their earliest opportunity. Failure to do so will automatically void their appointment.  2. In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, the County Development Coordinator must not vote in another party's partisan primary. County Development Coordinators may vote in primary elections using	Section 1 (Charter)  In each non-affiliated County, the Executive Committee may charter a County Development Group (CDG).  A. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the Party shall accept nominations to serve as the County Development Coordinator (CDC) and primary contact for a County Development Group in each non-affiliated county. Each CDC should be a member in good standing as defined in the Party's Constitution and shall be approved by the State Party Executive Committee.  1. County Development Coordinators must become members in good standing at their earliest opportunity. Failure to do so will automatically void their appointment.  2. In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, the County Development Coordinator must not vote in another party's partisan primary. County Development Coordinators may vote in primary elections using an "issues only" ballot, where available.  3. Nominees for County Development Coordinator
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