

## Proposal #1: Revise LPMN annual convention window

### Rationale

The proposed bylaws amendment regarding the LPMN annual convention window provides a broader window to provide LPMN-endorsed candidates more time to fundraise and campaign and to ensure the State convention can be held early enough to elect delegates to the National Convention if the National Convention is held earlier.

### Current Wording

#### 9. Convention Rules

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#### 10. Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates

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### **Wording if Proposal is adopted**

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### **Proposal #2: Amend LPMN Purpose**

#### **Rationale**

To clarify the purpose and expand it to include non-electoral advancements of the liberty agenda.

#### **Current Wording**

##### **1. Purpose**

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### Proposal #3: Clarify LPMN Affiliation with LP National Party

#### Rationale

The proposed Bylaws amendment clarifies the LPMN's affiliation with the Libertarian National Party. The Libertarian National Party, if functioning well, provides the State Parties with strong endorsed candidates for POTUS and VP which can leverage State Party ballot access. In recent years, however, the Libertarian National Party has suffered from internal dissension which reduced Party effectiveness and had a negative impact on membership numbers at both National and State levels. The proposed amendment clarifies the affiliation between State and National Parties, thereby strengthening both Parties.

#### Current Wording

##### **3. Affiliation with the National Libertarian Party**

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1. Each state delegate may cast a single vote for each candidate for national delegate, up to the number of positions allowed. Voting shall be by secret ballot. None of the above (NOTA) shall automatically be an option on all ballots. If NOTA is selected on a ballot, votes for other candidates on the same ballot shall be void. If total votes for NOTA exceed those of other candidates, candidates with lesser vote totals shall be deemed not elected even if obtaining a majority.
2. Alternates shall be allowed for up to half the number of national delegate positions available. Candidates with the most votes shall become delegates and candidates with lesser vote totals shall be deemed alternates. In the event a delegate should resign, alternates shall be called upon in the order of vote totals received.

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## Proposal #4: Recombine Platform and Bylaws Committees

### Rationale

It is more efficient of Party Members' and Committee Members' time to have a single Platform and Bylaws Committee.

### Current Wording

#### **7. Platform and Bylaws Committee**

**7.1.** There shall be a Platform Committee and a Bylaws Committee for each regular state convention. The terms shall be for two years. The Platform Committee members shall be elected at convention in odd numbered years, and the Bylaws Committee members shall be elected at convention in even numbered years. There shall be a special election at the 2025 convention to elect members of the Bylaws Committee for a one-year term.

**7.4.** Each committee shall select its Chair among the members of that committee.

**7.8.** Platform and/or Bylaws amendments may be considered at every annual state convention. In odd-numbered years, only Platform proposals that garnered the support of 80% of Platform Committee members may be brought to the convention floor. In even-numbered years, only Bylaws proposals that garnered the support of 80% of Bylaws Committee members may be brought to the convention floor.

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## **Proposal #5: Revise LPMN bylaws regarding candidate endorsement**

### **Rationale**

The proposed LPMN bylaws amendment regarding candidate endorsement provides flexibility to increase LPMN political leverage to advance LPMN legislative and policy agenda.

### **Current Wording**

#### **10. Nomination and Endorsement of Candidates**

**10.2.** Endorsements: Any independent candidate for elected office may be endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota if the Party has not nominated a candidate for that office in that election. A candidate who is endorsed shall be eligible to serve in that office.

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