



**The Alliance Party**

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## Constitution and Bylaws of the Alliance Party

### **PREAMBLE**

We, the Alliance Party, are the party for all of us, the party of independent thinkers, the party of equality and fairness, the party of liberty and the party of pragmatic problem solving.

We, the Alliance Party, stand on the broad and firm platform of the Constitution, united by all of its inviolable and sacred guarantees and compromises. We rely upon the intelligence of the American people, with an abiding confidence in their capacity for self-government and their devotion to the Constitution and to the United States of America. As Allies, we pledge to go forth with civility, integrity, open-mindedness, pragmatism and transparency as we pursue our civic duty.

Pledging to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, we hereby upon these principles do establish and adopt this Constitution and Bylaws of the Alliance Party.

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

These articles do hereby create the association and adopt the name of such to be the "Alliance Party" and shall in all things govern the association established herein. It shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Party."

### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

The Party is organized to facilitate the furtherance of the "Alliance Values and Party Principles". No part of the Alliance's net earnings will benefit any member, stakeholder or individual. The party exists to educate the public to the Party principles by:

1. Adopting and promoting statements of public policy;
2. Electing "Allies" to public office to move public policy in a non-partisan direction;
3. Chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities;

4. Nominating and assisting in the election of Alliance candidates for the offices of president and vice president of the United States of America;
5. Assisting state and local Alliance affiliates in the election of their candidates and in the education of the voters;
6. Working with public officials to achieve the objectives of the Party;
7. Promoting Alliance Values and Principles to the public;
8. Establishing and supporting codes of political conduct to ensure that public officials shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects creditably upon the office they serve, and that they shall not use their office for personal gain or to obtain special privileges.

### **ARTICLE 3: NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Authority.** The business and affairs of the Party shall be managed by the National Committee, which may exercise all such powers of the Party as permitted by law or Party Constitution or these Bylaws. The National Committee may delegate its authority in any manner it deems necessary.

**Section 2. Composition.** The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. Party officers;
2. Four at-large members elected by the delegates at a Regular Convention in the year preceding a Presidential Election; and,
3. A representative from any affiliate party designated as a "protocol state" with criteria of a protocol state determined by the National Committee.

**Section 3. Election.** The National Committee shall be elected at the Regular Convention in the year preceding a Presidential election and take office immediately upon the close of the Convention.

**Section 4. Qualification.** A National Committee member shall be a member in good standing of an affiliate party for a minimum of six months and shall not be the candidate of any party except the Party or an affiliate.

**Section 5. Term of Office.** Each member of the National Committee shall serve a term of four (4) years, beginning immediately following the close of the Convention.

**Section 6. Suspension of Term.** The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire National Committee. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

**Section 7. Meetings.** There shall be a minimum of one annual National Committee meeting to review the previous year's activities and the financial status of the Party. The National Committee shall also meet in the month following the close of convention, if needed, to place new officers. Additional meetings of the National Committee shall be held from time to time and shall be called by the chair of the National Committee at the requested action of the Committee, at the written request of 1/3 or more of its members or at the request of the two vice-chairs.

**Section 8. Attendance.** A National Committee member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the National Committee in one year's time will be deemed to have vacated the seat. The Executive Committee shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat, unless it is a Protocol state representative from an affiliate party, in which case only the affiliate party may replace the Protocol state representative.

**Section 9. General Vacancies.** The National Committee shall appoint new officers and members if vacancies occur, and such officers and members shall complete the term of the office vacated.

**Section 10. Protocol State Representative Vacancies.** A National Committee 'Protocol' state Representative may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate party. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of representatives or alternates shall be determined by the affiliate party.

**Section 11. Quorum.** A majority of the membership of the National Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.

**Section 12. Public Policy Decisions.** The National Committee may adopt public policy resolutions by a three-fourths (3/4) vote.

**Section 13. Executive Committee.** All executive powers are vested in an Executive Committee of the National Committee. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chair and any Vice Chairs of the National Committee. This Executive Committee shall have full authority to direct its business and affairs, including hiring and discharging of National Committee volunteers and paid personnel.

**Section 14. Legal Counsel.** The National Committee may appoint an attorney-at-law to assist the National Committee with Executive Committee, National Committee and Party related matter, as well as other matters. Legal Counsel may be compensated for services at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE 4: PRESIDING OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The presiding officers will be elected by the membership of the affiliate parties, from the delegates at the Regular Convention of the Party in every odd year prior to a Presidential election year to four-year terms and shall take office immediately upon the close of the Convention. No person shall serve as an officer who has not been a member in good standing of an affiliate Party for a minimum of six months.

**Section 2.** Presiding officers shall be: Chair, Vice Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 3. Principal Officer.** The principal officer of the Party shall be the Chair of the National Committee. The Chair shall preside at all Conventions and all meetings of the National Committee and is the chief executive officer of the Party. The Chair shall have the authority to delegate to other officers such of his powers as he may deem necessary and expedient.

**Section 4. Second Officers.** The second officers of the Party shall be Vice Chairs, of which there shall be two, one male and one female. Vice Chairs shall be the chief executive assistants to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and sharing executive powers with the Chair as members of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chairs shall delegate and shall perform the duties of the Chair if the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

**Section 5. Third Officer.** The third officer of the Party shall be the Secretary. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the National Committee and all Party Conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such minutes and records as necessary, including membership data. The National Committee may by 2/3 vote divide the position of Secretary into two separate offices.

**Section 6. Fourth Officer.** The fourth officer of the Party shall be the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive, expend and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the National Committee and shall perform all duties required of the office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, audits and internal and external reporting. The Treasurer shall report to the National Committee and the Convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities.

**Section 7. Vacancy.** In the occasion of an officer vacancy, the National Committee shall appoint new officers to complete the term of the office vacated.

**Section 8. Officer Suspension.** The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee.

**Section 9. Term Limits.** Limitations of terms is herein placed on the officers of the Party to no more than three four-year terms in a particular office.

## **ARTICLE 5: ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Section 1.** An Advisory Council is herein constituted to serve at the pleasure of the National Committee. Such members will be appointed by majority vote of the Committee and serve the same term as the Committee. The Council shall be no larger than 12 members.

**Section 2. Voting.** Council members shall not have a vote in National Committee affairs.

**Section 3. Membership.** Members of the Advisory Council shall include professional Party staff designated as National Political Director, National Finance Director and National Director of Communications shall be members of the committee. In addition to the stated 12 members, the following are members of the Advisory Council:

1. Any past National Chairs, by invitation of the Executive Committee
2. Any standing United States President who was elected as a nominated member of the Party; or has disavowed the former party and become a stated member of the Party.
3. Any standing Governor, or statewide officer of an affiliate state who was elected as a nominated member of the Party; or has disavowed the former party and become a stated member of the Party.
4. The highest-ranking member of each of the two houses of the U.S. Legislature who was elected as a nominated member of the Party; or has disavowed the former party and become a stated member of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 6: AFFILIATE PARTIES**

**Section 1. Name.** No person, group or organization in the United States may use the name "Alliance Party" other than the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or caucus thereof. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Alliance Tenets or these Bylaws.

**Section 2. Charter.** The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties, which include the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. Affiliate Parties that have not achieved "protocol" status shall have their state chair appointed by the Executive Committee, or its designee, unless otherwise determined by said committee.

**Section 3. Number.** There shall be no more than one state-level affiliate party in each state, district or territory.

**Section 4. Delegates.** Each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions.

**Section 5. Sub-Affiliates.** A state-level affiliate party may charter sub-affiliate parties within the state, district or territory by county, city or district, which will entitle such sub-affiliates to use the name "Alliance Party."

**Section 6. Affiliate and Sub-Affiliate Candidates.** All endorsed/nominated candidates must agree to and sign the "Candidate Agreement" as designated by the National Committee. No affiliate party shall nominate or endorse any candidate who is a member of another party for public office in any election. States where electoral fusion is permitted by statute shall be excepted.

**Section 7. Revocation of Affiliate Status.** The National Committee shall have the power to revoke the status of any affiliate party, for cause, by a vote of 3/4 of the entire National Committee.

## **ARTICLE 7: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

**Section 1. Fiscal Period.** The fiscal period of the Party shall begin on January 1 of each year.

**Section 2. Audits.** Financial Audits shall be performed in January of each even-numbered year by an independent auditor. The non-officer members of the National Committee shall appoint a standing Audit Committee of three members. One member shall be a non-officer member of the National Committee, and the other two shall not be members of the National Committee. The Audit Committee shall present its findings to the National Committee and clarify any recommendations made.

**Section 3. Banking Designations.** The Executive Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party and shall appoint such officers and staff as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw funds.

**Section 4. Spending Limits.** The Party shall not spend or contract to spend in excess of \$500.00 total any monies not apportioned by an approved budget without prior approval by 2/3 vote of the National Committee.

**Section 5. Assistant Treasurer.** The National Committee shall designate an Assistant Treasurer to temporarily serve in the event the National Treasurer is incapacitated, is unavailable or vacates the position.

## **ARTICLE 8: CONVENTIONS**

**Section 1. Frequency.** The Party shall hold a Regular Convention every two years in odd numbered years.

**Section 2. Rules.** Rules of each upcoming Convention shall be determined by the National Committee and publicized throughout the affiliate party membership in a timely manner.

**Section 3. Delegates.** Delegates shall be required to be members of their affiliate party. Delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party. Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send one delegate to each Regular Convention. Affiliate parties designated as “protocol” states shall be entitled to two.

## **ARTICLE 9: MEETINGS**

Committees are herein authorized to conduct business by teleconference or videoconference with the same authority as any meeting of said committee. The National Committee shall have power to adopt special rules of order and standing rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference. Committees may transact business, conducting and certifying votes by electronic mail.

## **ARTICLE 10: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the Party.

## **ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention.

## **ARTICLE 12: APPLICABILITY**

The National Committee, as designated at the time of initial ratification of this Constitution and Bylaws, shall appoint a Provisional National Committee no more than 30 days after such ratification, that shall serve in accordance with these bylaws until the close of the Convention of 2023.