



# 2021 Bylaw Committee Report

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## Committee Purpose

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There shall be a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules Committee consisting of seven party members appointed by the Executive Committee.

At the Annual state meeting, held August 15, 2020, the Bylaws committee was established with memberships approval to hold a special convention in 2021 to vote on potential changes to the state bylaws.

The committee members are:

Aaron Mason, Committee Chair  
Zach Callear  
Jennifer Imhoff

Robert Imhoff  
Dan Karlan  
Jayson Sorenson  
Scott Howard

## Executive Overview

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The Bylaws Committee prepared ( ) suggestions for addition, ( suggested revisions to the LPIF bylaws based on member submissions and (0) suggestions for removal and renumber.

## Meeting History

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- 08/29/2020 *Virtual*
- 09/12/2020 *Virtual*
- 10/10/2020 *Virtual*
- 10/24/2020 *Virtual*
- 01/23/2021 *Virtual*
- 02/27/2021 *Virtual*
- 03/27/2021 *Virtual*

## Style and Change Guide

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**#1 - Combination of Bylaws & Constitution**

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**Original Section:** BYLAWS and CONSTITUTION

**Revised Section:** BYLAWS

**Purpose:** RONR advises against two separate foundational documents. Sections were negotiated to be combined with similar items. General update across the whole document to change the term Executive Committee to Executive Board.

**Proposal:**

<b>Original</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>If Amended</b>
See Appendix A - Original Bylaws	See Appendix C - Differential Report by Zack Callar	See Appendix D - Proposed Combination
See Appendix B - Original Constitution		





**#2 - Frequency of the “Regular Convention”**

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**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE VI: CONVENTION - SECTION 1

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE V: MEETING - SECTION 1

**Purpose:** The Regular Convention is currently held at an interval of 2 years, with a convention occurring on every even numbered year, per the LPID Constitution. Increasing the frequency of the Regular Conventions will allow the State Party to tweak and adjust the bylaws and constitution to prevent unforeseen problems in the wording of the bylaws or constitution from becoming problematic for an extended period of time. It also allows party members greater access to the State Party and encourages new recruits to become involved on the state level to help grow our party.

Moving to April instead of June will get LPID internal business out of the way earlier in the year and allow the parties members and leadership to shift focus to our candidates and offer what help is deemed appropriate to their campaigns.

**Proposal:**

Original	Proposed	If Amended
<p>Regular Conventions shall be held in each even-numbered year, in the final two weeks of the month of June, or in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho. All Party business and affairs required herein shall be transacted. Such conventions shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Regular Conventions shall be held <del>in</del> each <del>even-numbered</del> year, in the final two weeks of the month of <del>June</del> <b>April</b>, or in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho. All Party business and affairs required herein shall be transacted. Such conventions shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Regular Conventions shall be held each year, in the final two weeks of the month of April, or in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho. All Party business and affairs required herein shall be transacted. Such conventions shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Committee.</p>

**Motion:** Dan Karlan moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 1/23/2021





**#3 - Staggering Election of Officers and Executive Board Members**

**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE IV: CONVENTION - SECTION 1

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS - SECTION 1

**Purpose:** Currently, should proposal number 1 be passed, elections for the officers of the party as well as the executive committee would be held every year, effectively cutting the term of each of these positions from two years to one year. This proposal would remedy this by allowing for elections of Officers in even numbered years, and the election of other Executive Committee members in odd numbered years, This would keep the importance of each annual convention whole, and allow the individual components of the Executive committee to be periodically checked without the chance of a complete overhaul of leadership in a single convention.

**Proposal:**

Original	Proposed	If Amended
<p>The officers of the Party shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Only Party members in good standing shall be eligible to fill these offices. All of these officers shall be elected at a Regular Convention of the Party by attending Party delegates and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. If, for any reason, a Regular Convention is not held during an appropriate year, all officers of the party shall be elected at the next available Convention, including, but not</p>	<p>The officers of the Party shall be a Chair<del>person</del>, a Vice-Chair<del>person</del>, Secretary and Treasurer. Only Party members in good standing shall be eligible to fill these offices. <u>The Vice Chair and the Secretary</u> <del>All of these officers</del> shall be elected at a Regular Convention of the Party <u>on even numbered years and the Chair and the Treasurer Shall be elected at a Regular Convention on odd numbered years</u> by attending Party delegates and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention <u>occurring on an even numbered year</u>. If, for any reason, a Regular</p>	<p>The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Only Party members in good standing shall be eligible to fill these offices. All of these officers shall be elected at a Regular Convention of the Party on even numbered years by attending Party delegates and shall take office immediately upon the close of such convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention occurring on an even numbered year. If, for any reason, a Regular Convention is not held during an appropriate year, all officers of the party shall be elected at the next available Convention, including, but not</p>





limited to, a Delegate Selection Convention.	Convention is not held during an appropriate year, all officers of the party shall be elected at the next available Convention, including, but not limited to, a Delegate Selection Convention, <u>or a Regular Convention occurring on an odd numbered year.</u>	limited to, a Delegate Selection Convention, or a Regular Convention occurring on an odd numbered year.
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**Motion: Jennifer Imhoff moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 1/23/2021**





**#4 - Quorum for “Regular Conventions”**

**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE VI: CONVENTIONS - *new section*

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE V: MEETINGS - *new section*

**Purpose:** As we have seen, quorum for Regular Conventions has been an issue due to the current rigidity of our bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order. Not only is this an issue if a physical convention cannot be held, but it also poses a recurring issue to those members who are simply too far away to participate in a meeting such as a Regular Convention. We have no guarantee that similar circumstances will not arise in the future. Setting a consistent threshold for physical, hybrid, and online Regular Conventions is imperative to keep the party functioning in the future.

**Proposal:**

Original	Proposed	If Amended
N / A	<u>Quorum for Regular Conventions shall be more than one half of the eligible members in attendance according to the Credentials Report at the start of that Regular Convention. Quorum shall be established by counting all physical and remote delegates credentialed at the time of call to order.</u>	Quorum for Regular Conventions shall be more than one half of the eligible members in attendance according to the Credentials Report at the start of that Regular Convention. Quorum shall be established by counting all physical and remote delegates credentialed at the time of call to order.

**Motion:** Jennifer Imhoff moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 1/23/2021





**#5 - Rotate convention location**

**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE VI: CONVENTION - SECTION 1

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE V: MEETINGS - SECTION 1

**Purpose:** To rotate the convention location between regions for a fair distribution of representation. This prevents election of officers being held subject to geographical travel ability.

**Proposal:**

Original	Proposed	If Amended
<p>Regular Conventions shall be held in each even-numbered year, in the final two weeks of the month of June, or in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho. All Party business and affairs required herein shall be transacted. Such conventions shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Board.</p>	<p>Regular Conventions shall be held in each even-numbered year, in the final two weeks of the month of June, or in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho. All Party business and affairs required herein shall be transacted. <b>The regular convention location shall rotate between regions, when meeting in-person.</b> Such conventions shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Board.</p>	<p>Regular Conventions shall be held in each even-numbered year, in the final two weeks of the month of June, or in accordance with the Election Laws of the State of Idaho. All Party business and affairs required herein shall be transacted. The convention location shall rotate between regions, when meeting in-person. Such conventions shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Board.</p>

**Motion:** Jennifer Imhoff moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 2/27/2021







**#6 - Regional representatives to be elected via regional caucus**

**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - SECTION 1

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD - SECTION 1

**Purpose:** Generalize the description to allow for natural party growth without requiring additional bylaw changes that do not impact the spirit of this section.

**Proposal:**

Original	Proposed	If Amended
<p>The four elected officers of the Party and three Regional Chairs elected at the Regular Convention.</p> <p>Each Regional Chair shall represent a specific region of the state, and shall be responsible for organizing a Regional Committee to organize and carry forward the goals of the state party within that region. Regional Chairs must reside in the region they represent, and must be elected by the delegates residing in that region.</p>	<p>The <del>four</del> elected officers of the Party and <del>three</del> Regional Chairs <u>for each region</u>, elected at the Regular Convention <u>by each Region's caucus</u>.</p> <p>Each Regional Chair shall represent a specific region of the state; and shall be responsible for <del>organizing</del> <u>appointing</u> a Regional Committee to organize and carry forward the goals of the state party within that region. Regional Chairs must reside in the region they represent; and must be elected <u>at the Region's caucus</u> by the delegates residing in that region.</p>	<p>The elected officers of the Party. Regional Chairs for each region, elected at the Regular Convention by each Region's caucus. Each Regional Chair shall represent a specific region of the state and shall be responsible for appointing a Regional Committee to organize and carry forward the goals of the state party within that region. Regional Chairs must reside in the region they represent and must be elected at the Region's caucus by the delegates residing in that region.</p>

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 1/23/2021





**#7 - Update Robert's Rules of Order (Bylaws)**

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**Original Section:** BYLAWS - ARTICLE VI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

**Purpose:** To allow bylaws to remain current in reference to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order without needing to adjust the bylaws at convention each time.

Original	Proposed	If Amended
Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of the Party.	Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised <b>current edition</b> shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of the Party.	Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised current edition shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of the Party.

**Motion:** Jennifer Imhoff moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 2/27/2021





**#8 - Definition of the term Member**

**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE X: MEMBERSHIP

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE III: MEMBERS - SECTION 3 *new section*

**Purpose:** Currently, members may only vote in a Regular Convention if they have paid their dues between January 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of a convention year. This system discourages people from paying dues after a Regular Convention has already occurred and is simply illogical and unfair to those who pay dues later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year. Instead, allowing dues to last a full calendar year from the date they were initially paid will encourage year-round recruitment and not disenfranchise those who learn of the rule later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year.

Original	Proposed	If Amended
<p>All dues-paying members of the Libertarian Party of Idaho shall enjoy full rights as stated in this Constitution. The classes of membership and dues shall be initially determined by the Executive Committee. Subsequent changes in classes and dues are subject to a majority vote of all delegates present and voting at Regular Conventions.</p>	<p>All dues-paying members of the Libertarian Party of Idaho shall enjoy full rights as stated in this Constitution/bylaw. The classes of membership and dues shall be initially determined by the Executive Committee. Subsequent changes in classes and dues are subject to a majority vote of all delegates present and voting at Regular Conventions.</p> <p><b>Dues paid by any member of the party shall secure the membership of that person until that same date the following calendar year, so long as that person remains in good standing with the Party.</b></p>	<p>All dues-paying members of the Libertarian Party of Idaho shall enjoy full rights as stated in this Constitution. The classes of membership and dues shall be initially determined by the Executive Committee. Subsequent changes in classes and dues are subject to a majority vote of all delegates present and voting at Regular Conventions.</p> <p>Dues paid by any member of the party shall secure the membership of that person until that same date the following calendar year, so long as that person remains in good standing with the Party.</p>

**Motion: Robert Imhoff moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 2/27/2021**





**#9 - Legislative Watch Committee**

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**Original Section:** BYLAWS ARTICLE VII Other Committees *new section*

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE VII: Other Committees *new section*

**Purpose:** To create a committee tasked with addressing legislative issues and actions

Original	Proposed	If Amended
N/A	<p><b>Legislative Watch Committee - The purpose of this committee is to review legislative proposals and make recommendations for rejection or support. The Committee's primary purpose is to ensure that the Party's stance on a legislative proposal meets the state and national platform principles. The Committee may consider party member and/or third party organization input. The Committee may also provide technical support in drafting of proposals or bills where appropriate.</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this committee is to review legislative proposals and make recommendations for rejection or support . The Committee's primary purpose is to ensure that the Party's stance on a legislative proposal meets the state and national platform principles. The Committee may consider party member and/or third party organization input. The Committee may also provide technical support in drafting of proposals or bills where appropriate.</p>

**Motion:** Jennifer Imhoff moved with second to vote yes. The motion passed with no objections on 3/27/2021





#10 - Judicial Committee

**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES SECTION 3

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE VII: OTHER COMMITTEES - SECTION 8

**Purpose:** To expand on the definitions and duties of the legislative committee and to bring the required number of members down to match national standards.

**Proposal:**

Original	Proposed	If Amended
<p>There shall be a Judicial Committee appointed by and exclusive of the Executive Committee for the same term as the Executive Committee and shall be composed of nine members: any five will constitute a quorum.</p>	<p><del>There shall be a Judicial Committee appointed by and exclusive of the Executive Committee</del> <b>Board for the same term as the Executive Committee yearly*</b> and shall be composed of <del>nine</del> <b>five</b> members: any <del>five</del> <b>three</b> will constitute a quorum.</p> <p><b>A member of the Judicial Committee may not serve on the Executive Committee. The Judicial Committee may be tasked by the State Central Committee or the Executive Board with examining, reviewing, taking testimony, holding hearings, and resolving or making recommendations for the following: member complaints; member disputes; ambiguities or conflicts within or between the Bylaws, other governing documents, procedures, or practices; disaffiliation of a County Affiliate; calls for censure or removal of an officer; expulsion</b></p>	<p>There shall be a Judicial Committee appointed by and exclusive of the Executive Committee during odd years and shall be composed of five members: any three will constitute a quorum.</p> <p>The Judicial Committee may be tasked by the State Central Committee or the Executive Board with examining, reviewing, taking testimony, holding hearings, and resolving or making recommendations for the following: member complaints; member disputes; ambiguities or conflicts within or between the Bylaws, other governing documents, procedures, or practices; disaffiliation of a County Affiliate; calls for censure or removal of an officer; and proposing amendments to</p>





	<b>of a member, and proposing amendments to the Bylaws or other governing documents.</b>	the Bylaws or other governing documents.
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\*To be adjusted if Proposal 2 Regular Convention is approved

**Motion: Jennifer Imhoff moved with second. The motion passed with no objections on 3/27/21**





**#10 - Lifetime Membership**

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**Original Section:** CONSTITUTION ARTICLE X: MEMBERSHIP - *new section*

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE III: MEMBERS - *new section*

**Purpose:** To create a lifetime membership opportunity for large donors.

Original	Proposed	If Amended
N/A	<p><b>Lifetime Membership</b>  <b>A Bylaws Sustaining Member (BSM) who donates more than or equal to a preset amount within a calendar year, set by the Executive Board in the Operations Manual, shall automatically become a lifetime member. This membership will be contingent upon the person to maintain all qualifications of a member at all times.</b></p>	<p><b>Lifetime Membership</b>  A Bylaws Sustaining Member (BSM) who donates more than or equal to a preset amount within a calendar year, set by the Executive Board in the Operations Manual, shall automatically become a lifetime member. This membership will be contingent upon the person to maintain all qualifications of a member at all times.</p>

**Motion:** Robert Imhoff moved with second. The motion passed with no objections on 3/27/21





**#11 - Transaction of business by email**

**Original Section:** BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Section 3

**Revised Section:** ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD- Section 5

**Purpose:** The Executive Board may, without meeting together, transact business by mail and/or e-mail, voting on a question submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chair or co-sponsored by three (3) members of the Executive Board. Ten days shall be allowed for the return of votes thereon by e-mail to the Party Secretary during the period between a Regular Convention and the next general election, and twenty days at all other times.

The result of this change is to move the LPID out of the 20th century and fully into the 21st century. Use of mail, when e-mail is available, is an inappropriate holdover from days when it could not be counted on for all Board members to have e-mail. It further introduces the complication that all mail into and out of Pocatello (for example) now is directed through Salt Lake City – including mail from one Pocatello address to another address within Pocatello (I can prove this) – resulting in unnecessary delays, especially subject to local weather conditions outside of Idaho, and placing the Bylaws-specified cutoff time of 10 days in jeopardy of being missed. Now that all Board members are expected to have e-mail access, even through smartphones, continuing to refer to the mid-20th-century days when e-mail was erratic is inappropriate.

**Proposal:**

Original	Proposed	If Amended
<p>The Executive Board may, without meeting together, transact business by mail and/or e-mail, voting on a question submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chair. Ten days shall be allowed for the return of votes thereon by mail to the Party Secretary during the period between a Regular Convention and the next general election, and twenty days at all other times.</p>	<p>The Executive Board may, without meeting together, transact business by <del>mail and/or</del> e-mail, voting on a question submitted to them by <del>or with the approval of</del> the Chair <del>or co-sponsored by</del> <u>three (3) members of the Executive Board</u>. Ten days shall be allowed for the return of votes thereon by e-mail to the Party Secretary <del>during the period between a Regular Convention and</del></p>	<p>The Executive Board may, without meeting together, transact business by e-mail, voting on a question submitted to them by the Chair or co-sponsored by three (3) members of the Executive Board. Ten days shall be allowed for the return of votes thereon by e-mail to the Party Secretary.</p>







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**Motion: Dan Karlan moved with second. The motion passed with no objections on 3/27/2021**

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