



Bylaws Proposal 6 - Submitted by Alexander DiBenedetto on 12/29/2016

Original:

V. Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the LPN is responsible for handling the affairs and business of the LPN.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of **nine** members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Southern Regional Representative, Northern Regional Representative, and **3** At-Large Representatives.

Section 3. The Executive Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Convention and shall serve until the end of the Convention at which their successors are elected. The Executive Committee shall be elected **in** odd-numbered years. In the event of a vacancy in an Executive Committee position, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by Pro Tem appointment, until the next Convention.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no member who has been convicted of a felony against person or property shall be an endorsed candidate, officer, or hold any other position of leadership in either the LPN or an affiliate without **the consent** of two-thirds of the **eligible** Executive Committee members.

Section 5. The Executive Committee members must be dues-paying members of the LPN. No member shall hold more than one office at a time within the LPN. Members of the LPN Executive Committee shall not be restricted from serving in officer or representative positions within an Affiliate. The Executive Committee members shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the LPN. These duties shall include the following:

- A. The Chair shall preside at all LPN Executive Committee meetings and **conventions**.





- B. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties. At meetings of the Executive Committee the Vice Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair.
- C. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of party meetings and conventions, and all non- financial records of the LPN including but not limited to these bylaws and all committee reports. The Secretary shall send out membership notices of meetings and conventions.
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain the LPN's bank accounts, deposit all revenues, and pay all bills. A formal Treasurer's Report shall be presented annually, at the Convention. The Treasurer shall maintain the LPN's financial records in accordance with **the law** and **generally accepted accounting principles**.
- E. The Northern Regional Representative shall represent and reside in one of the Counties of Washoe, Carson City, Storey, and Douglas.
- F. The Southern Regional Representative shall represent and reside in the County of Clark.
- G. The At-Large Representatives shall represent the entire state of Nevada.

Section 6. Meetings of the LPN Executive Committee shall be held at least quarterly, either in person or by electronic means, **or the** Executive Committee shall maintain an e-mail list or message board for conducting business. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. Executive Committee Meetings shall be open to all LPN members. Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be posted on the LPN website **within 30 days of the date of the meeting**.

Section 7. Notice of the date, time, and location of Executive Committee Meetings shall be posted on the LPN web site within 24 hours of when Executive Committee members receive such notice.

Amended:

V. Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee (**EC**) of the LPN is responsible for handling the affairs and business of the LPN.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of **seven** members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Southern Regional Representative, Northern Regional Representative, and **1** At-Large Representative.





Section 3. The Executive Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Convention and shall serve until the end of the Convention at which their successors are elected. The Executive Committee shall be elected **at** odd-numbered year **Conventions**. In the event of a vacancy in an Executive Committee position, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by Pro-Tempore appointment (**a majority vote of the EC members**), until the next Convention.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no member who has been convicted of a felony against person or property shall be an endorsed candidate, officer, or hold any other position of leadership in either the LPN or an affiliate without **a majority vote** of two-thirds of the Executive Committee members **in favor**.

Section 5. The Executive Committee members must be dues-paying members of the LPN. No member shall hold more than one office at a time within the LPN. Members of the LPN Executive Committee shall not be restricted from serving in officer or representative positions within an Affiliate. The Executive Committee members shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the LPN. These duties shall include the following:

- A. The Chair shall preside at all LPN Executive Committee meetings and **Conventions**.
- B. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties. At meetings of the Executive Committee the Vice-Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair, **or in the case of a disciplinary hearing for any member of the LPN leadership (except when it is the Vice-Chair, then the Secretary shall preside)**.
- C. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of party meetings and conventions, and all non-financial records of the LPN including but not limited to these bylaws and all committee reports. The Secretary shall send out membership notices of meetings and conventions. **The Secretary shall also follow all duties required by Nevada State law, including filing a list of candidates for partisan public office, filing a certificate of existence at least annually (or after any change to the EC or bylaws), and certifying the nomination for President and Vice-President of the United States as selected by the Libertarian Party National Convention.**
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain the LPN's bank accounts, deposit all revenues, and pay all bills. A formal Treasurer's Report shall be presented annually, at the Convention. The Treasurer shall maintain the LPN's financial records in





accordance with [all applicable laws](#) and [Generally Accepted Accounting Principles \(GAAP\)](#).

- E. The Northern Regional Representative shall represent and reside in one of the Counties of Washoe, Carson City, Storey, and Douglas. [The Northern Regional Representative shall present a report of the LPN activities in the Northern part of Nevada annually at the Convention.](#)
- F. The Southern Regional Representative shall represent and reside in the County of Clark. [The Southern Regional Representative shall present a report of the LPN activities in the Southern part of Nevada annually at the Convention.](#)
- G. The At-Large Representative shall represent the entire state of Nevada.

Section 6. Meetings of the LPN Executive Committee shall be held at least quarterly, either in person or by [publicly-available](#) electronic means. [Additionally, the Executive Committee shall maintain an e-mail list or message board for conducting business in between quarterly meetings.](#) A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. Executive Committee Meetings shall be open to all LPN members, [except when in Executive Session.](#) Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be posted on the LPN website [no later than ten \(10\) days after they have been approved.](#)

Section 7. Notice of the date, time, and location of Executive Committee Meetings shall be posted on the LPN web site within [twenty-four \(24\) hours](#) of when Executive Committee members receive such notice.

Author's Note in Favor:

In Section 1, added the Executive Committee's acronym to be used elsewhere.

In section 2, there is a *BIG CHANGE.* Moving the executive committee from 9 to 7 members. There are many reasons to do this:

1. It is easier to achieve meetings of 7 than 9 - we (the EC) found we could only ever get 7 people together on a regular basis for meetings in the past year.
2. The Clark County Convention is a little over a month away, the Washoe County Affiliate is up and running, and we are looking to add yet another affiliate later this year. That is, we have added 10 new Executive Committee members at the County Affiliate level. This is where we want to be focused - on the small grassroots level. We don't want to have many of these 10 new people bogged down in the State level Executive Committee stuff - give them the freedom and time to pursue the County level vigorously.





3. We found that we didn't really need 9 people to make decisions. Most decisions were unanimously for a motion.

In section 3, there are some clarifying, grammatical changes.

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In section 5, the responsibility of chairing disciplinary-hearings for leadership (including EC) is added to the Vice-Chair's responsibilities. Also specified the duties of the Secretary with respect to the State of Nevada, ballot access, and reporting requirements. Added the responsibility of an annual report at the Convention by the Northern and Southern Regional Representatives. There are also some clarifying, grammatical changes made throughout.

In section 6, some clarifying, grammatical changes made throughout.

In section 7, there are some clarifying, grammatical changes.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation:

