

Lincoln County Libertarian Party Bylaws

June 4, 2023

Article I: Organization

We, the Libertarians of Lincoln County, Missouri, recognizing the need for an authentic political alternative, and believing in the philosophy of libertarianism, principled leadership, and supporting a return to Constitutional government in these United States, Missouri, and Lincoln County, hereby organize and institute the Lincoln County Libertarian Party under these bylaws.

Article II: The Party

2.1 A member of the Lincoln County Libertarian Party shall be any person within Lincoln County who volunteers, contributes to, supports, advances the interests of, or participates in the activities of the Party and who further demonstrates the suitable attributes of character, judgment, and commitment to the principles, vision, programs, and policies of the Libertarian Party.

Article III: Central Committee

3.1 The Central Committee (CC) shall be the governing body of the Lincoln County Libertarian Party. The purpose of the CC shall be the promotion of Libertarian candidates for election to public office and the promotion of libertarian ideals and philosophy. The Central Committee shall have the authority to pass and amend bylaws, raise money, maintain bank accounts, expend necessary funds raised, form subcommittees, assign duties to Committee Officers and appoint agents to act on its behalf.

3.2 The Central Committee shall consist of the officers and elected representatives from the county's townships. If no persons have filled the township positions by election, a vacancy shall exist that may be filled by majority vote of the CC.

3.3 Resignation by any officer or member is effective immediately upon receipt in writing by the Chair unless another date is agreed upon by the CC by simple majority vote.

3.4 A member may be removed from the Lincoln County Libertarian Central Committee if he or she, while purporting to represent to the public the CC: states positions which are contrary to Libertarian principles and/or is found to have committed acts of fraud and/or violence. Members

will be given 30 days notice to appear or be represented before the Lincoln County Libertarian Central Committee to be heard on the charge(s). Removal shall be only upon approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Central Committee.

Article IV: Central Committee Officers

4.1 The Officers of the CC shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer may delegate portions of their responsibilities with the approval of the Central Committee.

4.2 Committee Officers shall be elected by the Central Committee at the County Convention following the township elections and shall take office immediately after the meeting. They shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected.

4.3 The Chair shall be responsible for calling meetings of the Central Committee, serving as official spokesperson for the CC, and appointing persons and/or performing other functions as authorized by the Central Committee.

4.4 The Vice Chair shall be responsible for coordinating outreach efforts and shall act as public relations officer of the CC, as directed by the Central Committee and the Chair. The Vice Chair shall act as Chair in the event of the Chair's inability or unwillingness to perform such action required by these bylaws.

4.5 The Secretary shall maintain the records of the committee, including but not limited to, taking the roll, recording the minutes, tallying the votes, and conducting correspondence as needed, of all Central Committee meetings and activities.

4.6 The Treasurer shall maintain the records of receipts and expenditures of party funds and shall be responsible for reporting such records to any federal or state agency or official as required by law.

4.7 The treasurer shall prepare a financial report to be distributed at the Central Committee meetings to all members of the Central Committee. The Treasurer shall prepare this report at least quarterly and distribute it to the Chair. The Treasurer shall submit an annual financial report at the County Convention.

Article V: Meetings

5.1 The Central Committee shall hold at least one meeting every three months. All members of the Central Committee shall be given reasonable notice of when and where each meeting is to be held. The Vice Chair must call a Central Committee meeting if the Chair has not done so within three months of the last meeting.

5.2 Should a vacancy occur in any officer's position, that office shall be filled by appointment of the Central Committee until the next election. However, in the event a vacancy shall occur in the office of Chair, a vacancy shall also be declared in the office of Vice Chair and a new election shall be held for filling the vacancies of both Chair and Vice Chair.

5.3 The Central Committee must approve in advance the expenditure of any party funds in excess of \$100. The Central Committee may, but is not obligated to, reimburse funds expended by a member without prior authorization.

5.4 The rules governing the conduct of Central Committee meetings and the County Convention shall generally follow Robert's Rules of Order.

5.5 A quorum at Central Committee meetings shall exist if 51% of the membership of the committee is present in person or via telecommunications.

5.6 Only members present, either in person or via telecommunications, may vote at meetings of the Central Committee. Proxy voting shall be allowed only by duly appointed alternates who may vote in place of absent township representatives.

Article VI - County Convention

6.1 A County Convention shall be held annually. The time and place of the County Convention shall be determined by the Central Committee or a Convention Committee as appointed. Written notice, via either postal mail or email, of the Convention date, time and location shall be given by the Secretary to all Central Committee members at least 30 days prior to the Convention.

6.2 The purpose of the County Convention shall be to select the Central Committee officers, amend the party bylaws through the Central Committee, and amend the party Platform.

6.3 The Central Committee Officers shall serve as officers of the County Convention.

6.4 All voting delegates to State Conventions must be voting members in good standing of the Lincoln County Libertarian Central Committee, and must have been members of the CC for at least 30 days prior to the start of the Convention. Adoption of platform changes shall require a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting.

6.5 Only delegates present on the convention floor may vote.

Article VII: Endorsements

7.1 The Central Committee Chair shall call any meetings to consider endorsement of candidates.

7.2 Candidates seeking endorsement shall meet with the Central Committee for interview and evaluation of their qualifications and platform.

7.3 The Central Committee, after hearing the candidate's presentation, shall deliberate and reach a conclusion by simple majority vote no later than the next scheduled meeting. The candidate shall be notified at that meeting whether the committee has agreed to endorse their candidacy.

Article VIII: By-Laws

8.1 Amendments to the bylaws of the Lincoln County Libertarian Central Committee should be made by the Central Committee at the County Convention and shall require a two-thirds vote of Central Committee members.

8.2 Between Conventions, amendments may be made to the by-laws. Proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee Officers at least 20 days prior to the scheduled Central Committee meeting, or, the proposed amendment shall be presented at a meeting with a vote to take place at a subsequent meeting. The amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those Central Committee members present.