

LPNOVA's Bylaws



Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia

We, The Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia (LPNOVA), do here by take up the charge to affect a change, through peaceable measures, in the governing bodies that affect our lives. We commit ourselves to working toward a smaller, less intrusive government. We will promote personal freedom and property rights. Through peaceful assembly, education of the public and politicians, and running candidates for local, state, and federal offices, we will maintain a visible presence in the Northern Virginia area.

BYLAWS

- **Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia (LPNOVA) Membership**

1.1 Members of LPNOVA must be Sustaining or Life members of the National Libertarian Party or voting members of the Virginia Libertarian Party.

1.2 Members must reside in the counties of Fairfax or Arlington, or the cities of Falls Church, Fairfax or Alexandria.

- **Board of LPNOVA**

2.1 LPNOVA shall be governed by an elected board. Members of the board will be elected by majority vote at the LPNOVA convention to be held in November each year.

2.2 If the LPNOVA convention does not nominate a member of LPNOVA for one of the five board positions, or fails to elect a member of LPNOVA for one of the five board positions, then the chairman of the convention will seek nominations for these board positions from attendees at the convention meeting the criteria of Section 1.1 and reside in Virginia.

2.3 The governing board shall consist of five positions; Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and one At Large member.

2.3.1 The Chairman will run the day to day operations of LPNOVA. The chairman will set the agenda for the monthly board meetings. The chairman will have one vote at the monthly board meeting.

2.3.2 The Vice Chairman will stand in for the Chairman in his absence. The vice chairman will supervise the committees. The vice chairman will have one vote at monthly board meeting.

2.3.3 The Treasurer will keep records of fundraising and expenses for all party functions, and file reports as required by local, state, and Federal law. The treasurer will have one vote at the monthly board meeting.

2.3.4 The Secretary will keep minutes of board meetings. The secretary will have one vote at the monthly board meeting.

2.3.5 The At Large member will serve as liaison to the members of LPNOVA. The at large member will have one vote at the monthly board meeting.

2.4 A vacancy is defined as a board member resigning or a board member missing 3 consecutive board meetings. In the event that a board position becomes vacant, a new officer will be elected by the remaining board members. If the chairman vacates his/her post, the vice chair will become the chairman and the board will elect a new vice chairman.

2.5 An officer of the governing board may be removed if he/she is deemed to be no longer effective in his/her position. A three-fifths vote of board members at the meeting where a motion for removal is proposed will be required to remove an officer. At least fourteen days prior to the vote, notification of the motion will be sent by certified mail to the officer to be removed, and an email will be sent to the LPNOVA-announce list.

2.6 The governing board will meet once a month to assess and set goals, authorize expenditures, address issues relevant to LPNOVA and address issues brought forward from advisory committees. Members will be welcome at all board meetings and are encouraged to participate.

2.7 All appropriations of LPNOVA funds must be approved through a recorded vote by a majority of current board members.

2.8 LPNOVA board members may not hold any leadership position in, or seek elected or appointed office as a nominee of any other political party.

3. Election Procedures

3.1 LPNOVA shall be governed by an elected board. Members of the board will be elected by majority vote at the LPNOVA convention to be held in November.

3.2 Members may seek positions on the governing board.

3.3 Elections for board members will be conducted by secret ballot. LPNOVA secretary shall be responsible for providing a sufficient number of ballots.

3.4 Prior to voting for board members the convention shall appoint two members who are not candidates to tally the votes.

3.5 In the event of a tie vote, a vote of the out going board members will act as the tiebreaker.

4. Committees

4.1 Committees may be created by the governing board. These committees will inform the board on issues pertaining to local, state, and federal governing bodies.

5. LPNOVA Convention

- 5.1 The LPNOVA convention will be held in November every year.
- 5.2 The convention will elect new board members by majority vote.
- 5.3 LPNOVA will solicit, from its members, candidates for elected office in the following years.
- 5.4 Amendments to the LPNOVA Bylaws may be proposed at the convention.
- 5.4.1 Amendments may only be sponsored by LPNOVA members.
- 5.4.2 Amendments will be passed when approved by two thirds.
- 5.5 Current LPNOVA members will be notified by the Secretary via postal mail prior to the convention.
- 5.6 Credentialed delegates at the LPNOVA convention must be members of LPNOVA for at least thirty days within the previous twelve months. However, LPNOVA members who do not meet the 30-day requirement at the time of the convention may be credentialed delegates if two thirds of the delegates present who meet the 30-day requirement vote to waive said requirement. (Proviso: This amendment takes effect at the close of the November 13, 2010 LPNOVA convention.)
- 5.7 A quorum shall be half of all credentialed delegates at the LPNOVA convention.

6. Governing Law

- 6.1 LPNOVA will be subject to the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

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