

BY-LAWS of FREDERICKSBURG AREA LIBERTARIANS

1. NAME OF THE PARTY AND AFFILIATION

The name of this organization shall be "Fredericksburg Area Libertarians" (FAL).

1.1 Mission Statement

In order to promote freedom, individual liberty, and personal responsibility in the Fredericksburg area, the FAL shall provide a libertarian structure to assist libertarians in (1) pursuing outreach activities, (2) engaging in political commentary, (3) endorsing candidates for political office, and (4) campaigning for political office.

1.2 Party Affiliation

The FAL shall be affiliated as a "Local Committee" with the Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA), in accordance with the LPVA's Constitution and Bylaws.

2. MEMBERSHIP IN THE FAL

The FAL participates in the Unified Membership Program of the Libertarian National Committee. Except as provided for in Article 2.2, any person who is a member of the National Libertarian Party and who resides in the city of Fredericksburg or in the counties of Stafford, King George, Caroline, or Spotsylvania is a member of the FAL.

2.1 Membership Privileges

FAL members may vote at party meetings.

2.2 Expulsion from the FAL

Any member of the FAL may be expelled from the FAL for cause. Procedures for the expulsion will be incorporated into this document.

3. OFFICERS; ELECTIONS; DUTIES; VACANCIES

The officers of the FAL shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The FAL Board (Board) shall include all FAL officers and three members-at-large.

3.1 Duties of the Chairman

The Chairman's duties shall include, but not be limited to, acting as primary spokesman for the FAL; chairing meetings of the Board and all FAL general meetings; and appointing, with the consent of the Board, all coordinators of standing and ad hoc committees. The Chairman shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

3.2 Duties of the Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman shall chair meetings of the Board and all FAL general meetings in the absence of the Chairman. Should the office of Chairman become vacant for any reason, the Vice Chairman shall assume the Chair. The Vice Chairman shall also carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

3.3 Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall take and distribute minutes of all Board meetings and of all FAL general meetings at which official Party business is conducted. The Secretary shall be responsible for official FAL correspondence as is required. The Secretary shall maintain a register of FAL members and shall be responsible for insuring the accuracy and completeness of all FAL membership and mailing lists. In addition, the Secretary shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

3.4 Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer of the FAL shall establish and maintain all FAL bank accounts and manage all FAL investments; collect and disburse FAL funds at the direction of the Board; keep records and receipts for all such transactions; and prepare and file any FAL financial reports required

under local, Virginia and federal law. The Treasurer shall also prepare and distribute a written financial report at the first scheduled and announced meeting of the calendar year; and shall perform such other duties of a fiduciary nature as the Board may assign.

3.5 Board Members-At-Large

The Board shall include three Members-At-Large who shall attend and participate in Board meetings. Members-at-Large may vote at Board meetings and shall perform such duties as the Board may assign.

3.6 Removal from Office

Any officer or board member of the FAL may be removed upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Board. All members of the Board must be given written notice at least seven days in advance of a meeting that such a motion will be presented.

3.7 Filling Vacant Offices

Any vacancy in an elected Party office, except those of Vice-Chairman and Chairman, may be filled by majority vote of the entire membership of the Board. Notice of any vacancy must be provided in writing to all members of the Board at least seven (7) days in advance of a meeting at which any such vote is to be taken.

As described in section 3.2 should the office of Chairman become vacant the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman. The position of Vice-Chairman must be filled by majority vote of the general FAL membership in attendance at any General or Special meeting.

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE FAL

4.1 Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held at least two times in each calendar year. The time and place of the next regular meeting shall be determined by the Board at its previous meeting. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairman. Notice of all Board meetings shall be given to all Board members at least seven (7) days in advance. Where required elsewhere in these Bylaws, such meeting notices will be in writing or via electronic mail. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all members of the FAL.

4.2 FAL Board Quorum

A quorum of the Board shall be half of its members.

4.3 FAL Board Powers

The powers of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The authorization of the appropriation and expenditure of FAL funds with the approval of two thirds majority of the Board;
2. The calling of general FAL meetings;
3. Removal, by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Board, of the FAL's endorsement of any candidate for local office and, in announcement, delineation of the reasons therefore. The candidate in question and the Board must be notified in writing of the proposal at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting;
4. Discharge of all other responsibilities and duties as herein further provided, those duties inherent in any such organization, and those duties and responsibilities provided for in the Bylaws of the FAL.

5. MEETINGS OF THE FAL

The FAL shall hold meetings of the membership as called by the Board and as required by these Bylaws. At the first scheduled and announced General meeting of the calendar year election of officers and board members shall take place.

5.1 General Meeting

The membership of the FAL shall meet at least once a year in a General Meeting. General Meetings must be scheduled at least 30 days in advance by the Board, and announced via postal or electronic mail (at the discretion of each member) to all members as defined in Article 2.

5.2 Special Meeting

A special meeting may be convened by a petition of the membership. Such petition shall specify the purpose of the special meeting, the location of the meeting, and the agenda of the meeting, and shall require the endorsement of one-fifth of the registered members of the FAL (or 5 members, whichever is greater). The petition shall be submitted to the FAL Secretary who shall verify the endorsements of the membership. Upon verification, the Secretary shall notify all members of the FAL of the location and agenda of the special meeting in writing (postal or electronic mail) at least twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting. Costs involved in the special meeting may be reimbursed by the FAL by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the special meeting.

6. ENDORSEMENTS BY THE FAL

The FAL shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist candidates for public office. Endorsement shall be given based on simple majority vote of those present at any meeting.

7. LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY GUIDELINES FOR THE FAL

7.1 State Law

The FAL shall be guided by the provisions of the "Virginia Election Laws as Amended to April 5th, 1974" and such subsequent amendments to said laws as may, from time to time, be enacted.

7.2 Other Provisions

In areas not specifically enumerated by the law referred to in Section 7.1, nor in the Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA), nor in the Bylaws of the LPVA, nor in these Bylaws for the FAL, the FAL and all its bodies shall be governed by a current, Board approved copy of "Robert's Rules of Order".

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any General or Special meeting of the FAL by a two-thirds vote of the general membership in attendance.

We, the undersigned hereby certify that we are members in good standing with the National Libertarian Party and accept the proposed bylaws of FAL Libertarians

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