

**CONSTITUTION of the TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE,
LIBERTARIAN PARTY of VIRGINIA**

Adopted by unanimous vote at the convention held on 1/23/08

ARTICLE I: NAME and SCOPE

SECTION I: The name of this organization shall be the Tenth Congressional District Committee, Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA), and shall be referred to as the "Committee."

SECTION II: The Party shall encompass the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia as defined by the latest Act (s) of the Virginia Legislature.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: Any certified member of the LPVA shall be considered a member of this Committee.

SECTION II: Any sustaining member of the Libertarian Party of the United States (LPUS), residing in the Tenth Congressional District, shall be considered a member of this Committee. However, he/she will not be eligible to vote on committee business until at least 30 days after his/her national dues have been paid.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION I: Officers shall include, as a minimum, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall be called the Executive Committee (EC). The EC shall act on behalf of Committee members. Actions of the EC may be overturned by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership at a Committee meeting (see ARTICLE V), provided a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

SECTION II: Officers shall be elected at the annual convention, or other conventions (see ARTICLE V) as called for, of this Committee. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of those in attendance, provided a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present. The term of office shall be from the end of that annual convention until the end of the next annual convention. Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote (same quorum requirement) at any convention called for by the EC, and shall be for the remainder of the term of office.

SECTION III: Any officer of the Committee may be removed for cause by a majority vote of members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee, provided a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES of the OFFICERS

SECTION I: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of this Committee, shall serve as the spokesman of the Committee, and shall represent the Committee at meetings of the State Central Committee (SCC) of the LPVA. Should neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair be able to attend an SCC meeting, the Chair may designate a proxy holder to represent the Committee at the meeting. Should the office of Secretary or Treasurer be vacant, the Chair shall assume the duties of that office until the vacancy is filled.

SECTION II: The Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.

SECTION III: The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining all official records of the Committee and for recording and distributing minutes of Committee meetings.

SECTION IV: The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the treasury of the Committee and for providing financial reports to members at each meeting of the Committee.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS

SECTION I: Meetings shall be of two types: Regular conventions (“conventions”) and special conventions. Committee members shall be notified of a meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting by US mail or by e-mail; such notice shall include a tentative agenda. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

SECTION II: Conventions shall occur bi-annually, the time and location to be determined by the EC. Special conventions can be called either by a three-fourths majority vote of the EC or by petition of at least five percent of the Committee membership. In each case, the time and location shall be determined by the EC. The agenda shall be included in the notification to the members. If the special convention is called by petition, the agenda must be specified in the petition. The agenda for a special convention shall not be modified within two weeks of the meeting except by deletion of items.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATION for PUBLIC OFFICES

SECTION I: To serve as the Libertarian candidate for any public office of a jurisdiction within the Tenth Congressional District, one must be nominated at a meeting of the Committee, unless that jurisdiction belongs to an area that is part of a recognized local Libertarian affiliate. In that case, the person must receive the nomination of that local affiliate.

SECTION II: To serve as the Libertarian candidate for the US House of Representatives in the Tenth Congressional District, one must be nominated at a meeting of the Committee, provided that a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

SECTION III: “None of the Above” shall be an option in all nominating processes. Should a person seeking the nomination of the Committee receive less votes than “None of the Above,” that person cannot serve as the Libertarian candidate in that election.

SECTION IV: The endorsement of a candidate who has been nominated at a meeting of the Committee can be negated by a unanimous vote of the EC, or by action taken at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS to the CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS

SECTION I: Once adopted, this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of Committee, provided that a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.

SECTION II: By-Laws to this Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Committee, provided that a quorum of at least five percent of the membership is present.