

Article I: Name and Affiliation

The name of this organization will be the Lynchburg Libertarians, hereinafter referred to as "the LL Party" or "LL". The LL shall be affiliated as a "Local Committee" with the Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA), in accordance with the LPVA Constitution and Bylaws.

Article II: Principles

The Statement of Principles, within the LP National Platform, affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, upon which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail, and that Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Article III: Purposes

The purpose of the LL Party is to proclaim and implement its Statement of Principles, by:

1. Nominating and running candidates for office in the region
2. Raising awareness of libertarianism through education and outreach activities
3. Recruiting new members

Article IV: Controlling Documents

1. The controlling documents of the LL Party will be these Party Bylaws. Authority for all matters not specifically addressed by these Party Bylaws will be Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Should any part of these Bylaws be determined to be in conflict with laws of the State of Virginia, or the Constitution or Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, those latter authorities shall have precedence, and any such determination shall in no way affect or impair remaining provisions of the LL Bylaws.

Article V: Officers

1. There will be four (4) LL Party officers, as follows: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The powers and duties of the officers are specified in Section 3 of this article.
2. Elections of officers, terms of office, and provision for removal of officers:

a) The officers will be elected by a majority of the LL Party Voting Members present and registered at the Annual LL Convention. Officers will be elected individually, on separate ballots, in the order designated in Section 1 of this Article. Terms will commence immediately upon adjournment of the Annual Convention, will run for a period of one year, and only Voting Members of the LL Party will be eligible to serve as officers. There shall be no term limits, and officers shall be eligible for immediate reelection.

b) Any officer of the Party may be removed from office upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members of the party, at a Special Convention called for such purpose in accordance with Article VII-4 below. Written notice of any such Special Convention must also include notice that if such motion for removal should carry, the vacancy so created may be filled at the same Special Convention, by simple majority vote.

3. The duties of each officer shall be as follows:

a) The Chair shall preside at all LL Party meetings, and act as CEO of the Party. The Chair may appoint non-officer positions such as Office Manager, Database Manager, Archives Manager, or Committee Chairs for such functions as Membership, Campaigns, Fundraising, Convention, etc. In the event of a vacancy in an officer or non-officer position, including positions newly created by the Chair, the Chair shall appoint someone to fill said vacancy Pro Tem.

b) The Vice Chair shall preside at LL Party meetings in the absence of the Chair. If the office of Chair becomes vacant, the Vice-Chair shall automatically become Chair. The Vice-Chair shall also be responsible for keeping abreast of, and fulfilling, current requirements to maintain certification by the State Party - as defined in the LPVA Constitution and Bylaws.

c) The Secretary shall record and maintain Minutes of LL Party meetings and conventions, and be a signing officer for Party documents.

d) The Treasurer shall maintain the LL Party's bank accounts, deposit all revenues, and pay all bills. A formal Treasurer's Report shall be presented to the members assembled in Regular Meeting at least once per calendar quarter. The Treasurer shall maintain the party's financial records in accordance with the law and generally accepted accounting principles.

Article VI: Representative to District Committee or State Central Committee

The Chair (or his/her designee) shall serve as the LL Representative:

a. To the LP Congressional District Committee; and/or

- b. To the State Central Committee; and/or
- c. To the state Party's Committee on Local Affiliates.

In any of these capacities, the LL Representative shall report to the LL Secretary all of the Representative's votes on all issues before any meetings of those bodies, as well as a review of actions taken by the body, for inclusion in the LL official records. Such report shall be filed in writing with the Secretary, within five days of the close of the meeting.

Article VII: LL Conventions, Annual and Special

1. The LL Party shall hold an Annual Convention, no later than the end of June, for the purpose of electing officers, amending bylaws, endorsing candidates, and amending the party's program and platform.
2. All LL Party members shall be notified of the date and location of the Annual Convention, at least 14 days in advance, via postal or electronic mail per indicated preference of each member.
3. Voting delegates shall have been Voting Members of the LL Party for at least 30 days prior to the Convention date, and at least one-half (50%) of all such members must be present and registered for convention business to proceed.
4. A Special Convention may be called by presenting to the Chair a petition signed by 10% of all Voting Members, or 5, whichever is greater, clearly stating the purpose(s) of such Convention and the date and location, whereupon the Chair shall cause notice of same to be distributed to the entire membership, via postal or electronic mail, at least 21 days in advance of the requested date.

Article VIII. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the officers may by act decide.
2. All LL Party members shall be notified of the date and location of each meeting, at least 7 days in advance, by electronic mail. Meeting details will also be posted in the Events Calendar section at the LPVA website, and also at the LL website, at least 14 days prior to each meeting.
3. At least 2 of the LL Party officers plus at least 25% of other Voting Members must be present as a quorum for the transaction of normal business.
4. All measures shall be carried by a simple majority vote unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.

Article IX. Membership

1. All members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia - LPVA who reside in Lynchburg VA and surrounding counties, and no other(s), shall be deemed Members of the LL Party. Any such Member may become a Voting Member by submitting a Voting Member Registration form to the LL Party Secretary and attending the annual LL Convention or at least one Regular meeting each year.

2. All Members of the LL Party shall receive all LL Party communications and may participate in all LL Party functions except Conventions, but Only Voting Members may hold LL Party offices, participate in officer elections, and vote on LL Party business matters at meetings or Conventions.

3. Dues and other payments to the LL Party shall be determined by majority vote of the Voting Members.

4. Any LL member has the right to contact the general membership of the LL; the Chair shall establish procedures to facilitate such contact.

Article X. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by two thirds (2/3) majority vote, at any LL Annual or Special Convention.