

Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Prince William County

Established in Convention 10 November 1996

Preamble

We give voice and action to our natural rights to be free in thought, word, deed, and ownership of property - rights that embody the greatness of our heritage and support the joyful self expression that life is - rights that end for one where another's rights begin.

We naturally and expressly invite all people of all cultures to join us in celebrating the joy of life and in responsibly establishing the United States as a nation that fulfills the vision of its founders, and calls forth and expresses our greatness in political action and in life.

We support the natural right of all people to live unencumbered by contracts to which they don't themselves agree. We reject the notion that it is appropriate for any state to sacrifice any law-abiding individuals thoughts, actions, property, or life without their express consent. We affirm the principle that the possibility of failure allows one to fully experience life and so to find respect for the lives of others.

We support the United States Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

We are the Libertarian Party of Prince William County.

ARTICLE I. NAME, SCOPE, AND AFFILIATION

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be Libertarian Party of Prince William County (LPPWC).

SECTION 2. LPPWC encompasses Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

SECTION 3. LPPWC shall petition Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA) for official recognition in accordance with the Bylaws of the LPVA State Central committee. Upon recognition, LPPWC shall be affiliated LPVA, and shall operate in accordance with agreements to be documented in Bylaws to this Constitution.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any member of LPVA who resides in Prince William County, Manassas, or Manassas Park shall be considered by LPVA and LPPWC as being a de-facto member of LPPWC sixty days after becoming a member of LPVA. The member is thereby entitled to the rights and privileges of membership but obviously incurs no obligations as a de-facto member. Any dispute concerning the effective date of membership shall be resolved by LPVA.

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. The administrative authority of LPPWC shall be vested in an Administrative Committee (AC).

SECTION 2. The AC is elected by the membership in attendance at each convention, and shall include three officers: Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

A. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the AC and shall be responsible for coordinating with LPV A.

B. The Secretary shall preside at meetings of the AC during the absence of the Chairperson. The Secretary shall maintain a record of minutes of the meetings of the AC and of LPPWC conventions and shall be responsible for official correspondence.

C. The Treasurer shall establish and maintain bank accounts for funds owned by LPPWC. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping receipts and financial records. The Treasurer shall make disbursements at the direction of the AC.

D. A vacancy among any of the officers may be filled by a majority vote of the AC.

E. The AC shall be empowered to:

Authorize the expenditure of LPPWC funds.

Endorse a candidate for public office.

Withdraw endorsement of a candidate for public office.

F. The AC shall meet each quarter of the year, and all quarterly meetings shall be open to the entire membership. One-half of the members of the AC shall constitute a quorum and shall be empowered to conduct the business of the AC. Meetings of the AC shall be conducted in accordance with the version of Robert's Rules of Order approved at the most recent convention.

ARTICLE IV. CONVENTIONS

SECTION 1. The AC shall conduct a convention within fifteen months of the last convention or within 45 days of receipt of a petition of one-fifth or 15 of the members, whichever is greater, calling for a convention. The convention shall be conducted in accordance with a current version of Robert's Rules of Order, which shall be approved as the first order of business.

SECTION 2. The AC shall notify the membership of the time and place of the convention 30 days prior to convening. The convention shall be held in Prince William County, Manassas, or Manassas Park.

SECTION 3. Officers for the AC shall be elected by majority vote during the convention. In the event that no nominee for a given office receives a majority of the vote, the members will select the officer from the two nominees with the most votes.

SECTION 4. The Constitution may be amended during convention by a vote of four-fifths of the members assembled, provided that one-fifth or 15 of the members, whichever is greater, are present.

SECTION 5. Bylaws to the Constitution may be adopted or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the members assembled, provided that one-fifth or 15 of the members, whichever is greater, are present.

ARTICLE V.

This Constitution shall take effect upon adoption by a two-thirds vote at the Founding Convention of LPPWC on 10 November 1996.