

## LPNH 2022 State Convention

The annual state convention of the Libertarain Party of New Hampshire was held on January 29, 2022 at the Backyard Brewery in Manchester New Hampshire. Nolan Pelletier was presiding, Mickey Mullin as secretary.

Call to Order	9:55 called to order
Credentials comm rpt	<p>9:56 Derek reports <b>46</b> credentialed members            16 potential delegates</p> <p>Erik S            Robley H            Ashleigh N            Conrad N            Mari F            Jeremy K            Rachel G            James H            Ian F            Bonnie K            Alex L            Douglas M            Alec L</p> <p>Total of <b>61</b> delegates            2/3 majority is <b>41</b>            Simple majority is <b>31</b></p>
Approval of Convention Rules	10:01 passes after question
Approval of Agenda	10:01 bylaws and platform changes struck from agenda as reports not timely; agenda otherwise approved as written
Convention comm rpt	<p>10:03 Report by Ashleigh            \$5,000 revenue            Huge turnout in bad weather            Note: 2003 or 2004, there was over 100</p>
Officer rpt	<p>10:04            Nolan: grew membership, several outreach events            Sean B, treasurer: started w/ \$30k, ended at \$35k            \$20 earmarked for ballot            \$20k income, \$15k expenses (website, billboard)            Steve Nass: revamped website, membership is smoother, membership has grown to over 200; Sean D proposed billboard to get more eyes on the LPNH</p>
Affiliate rpt	<p>10:08            Conrad reports on SNHLP            Restarted in September            Priority was getting things going and bring people into the party to funnel people into LPNH            2022: recruit, and candidates in Hillsborough and Merrimack for local offices</p>
Standing comms rpt	<p>10:11            Derek Proulx for M&amp;O: recognized Mari Fontaine for V for Vendetta (&gt;100 attendance) plus LP vs GOP hockey game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New website, control and visibility into membership status</li> <li>● New logo and banners for social media</li> <li>● Tripled membership</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Over 100 local LPNH events</li> <li>● V for Vendetta</li> <li>● Charity hockey game</li> <li>● Introduced new FSP movers to LPNH</li> <li>● Introduced LPNH to PorcFest</li> <li>● Repaired relationships with FSP, NHLA, and AFP</li> <li>● Organize a Pine Tree Riot festival w/ AFP</li> <li>● Wine and Cheese at capital</li> <li>● Booth at Deerfield Fair</li> </ul> <p>Steve Persico, Politics: Recruiting/developing candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sent email to all members, no dice</li> <li>● Recruiting specific individuals for low profile, non-partisan races</li> <li>● Create campaign binder for candidate information</li> <li>● Focus on a single high-profile candidate to concentrate resources</li> <li>● Develop volunteer</li> </ul> <p>Develop legislative proposals</p> <p>Tori for Bylaws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consolidate bylaws and bring down number of pages</li> <li>● Did not rewrite</li> <li>● Solve Leadership Board issue</li> <li>● Had in 30 days prior to convention instead of 45 as stated in current bylaws, since report was late will introduce bylaw changes from floor as new business</li> </ul> <p>Tori for Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Two proposals</li> <li>● Report in late, so will introduce as new business</li> </ul>
Credential comm update	10:20 holding at <b>61</b>
Officer Elections	<p>Nominations</p> <p>Chair: Nolan Pelletier; elected!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Voice vote</li> </ul> <p>Vice-chair: Sean Dempsey, elected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Voice vote</li> </ul> <p>Treasurer: Sean Brennan, elected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Voice vote</li> </ul> <p>Secretary: Tori Berger, elected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Voice vote</li> </ul> <p>At large: Steve Nass, Ryan Hebert</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ryan, elected by voice vote</li> <li>2. Steve, elected by voice vote</li> </ol>
Ad hoc communications committee	Motion to suspend rules to hear an ad hoc committee report, passed 10:31

	<p>Erik Sawyer  Over the course of the year, social media accounts achieved the following growth  Instagram: 200 =&gt; 1,875  Facebook: 2,800 =&gt; 5,100  Twitter: 4,300 =&gt; 16,000</p>
10 minute recess	10:35 – 10:45
Standing Committees	10:50 Election of standing committees conducted with voice vote <i>[Appendix A]</i>
Credential update	61 remaining 3 potential: Steve Z Sean D Gabe H  <b>64</b> delegates Simple majority: <b>33</b> 2/3 majority: <b>44</b>
National Delegates	Heard nominations for national delegates <i>[Appendix B]</i> Conducted written election of national delegates
Endorsement of candidates	Jeremy Kauffman nominated for US Senate; majority vote
10 minute recess	11:32-11:42
	Ian Freeman nominates Karlyn Boryshenko for governor; seconded; she accepts; majority vote Brent T nominates Alu Axleman for president of New Hampshire. Seconded; he accepts; Majority vote Rich T moves to authorize the EC to endorse candidates; seconded; passes
	Heard results of national delegate election <i>[Appendix C]</i>
	64 credentialed
	Conducted written election of alternate delegates <i>[Appendix C]</i>
New Business	13:08 New Business  <i>[Written bylaw amendments signed by delegates, see Appendix D]</i>  Tori Berger motions to consider bylaw proposal A (“move policy manual”), motion <b>passes</b> No debate Bylaw proposal A <b>passes</b>  Tori motions to consider bylaw proposal B (“To ensure the quorum requirements don’t make it impossible to hold a convention of the LPNH grows.”), motion <b>passes</b> No debate Bylaw proposal B <b>passes</b>  Tori motions to consider bylaw proposal C (“To require a higher bar to adjourn convention of business isn’t finished.”), motion passes No debate Bylaw proposal C <b>passes</b>

Tori motions to consider bylaw proposal D (“To make the Communications Committee a standing committee”), motion **passes**

- Justin O’Donnell (against): ad hoc already answers to the EC; making standing committee makes the body to whom they are responsible the whole membership
- Patrick Binder (against): the EC should appoint all committees, including the Comms committee
- Patrick Binder (for): as long as there *are* standing committees, they should all be (including communications)

Bylaw proposal D **fails**

Motion to consider bylaw proposal E (“To consolidate membership definitions and eligibility requirements.” Streamlines and deduplicates requirements.), motion **passes**

- Zach (against): Changes requirements for an officer
- Tori (for): Does not change the requirements, just consolidates eligibility into one area
- Justin O’Donnell (amend): either registered as Libertarian Party (if available), undeclared (if not available), or (new amended text) *or unenrolled (not registered to vote)*

C. Eligibility

1. a. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall be registered as a Libertarian.

b. If registered to vote...undeclared.

c. *Or unenrolled.*

d. *(prior c becomes d)*

- Nick (against amendment): registering as libertarian demonstrates commitment
- Bill Barger (for amendment): still beholden to party by being at the convention
- Patrick (for amendment): votes are not the only means of building liberty

Justin’s amendment **passes** (“or unenrolled”) [*This whole section deleted by a later amendment*]

Bylaw proposal E, as amended, **passes**

Tori motions to consider bylaw proposal F (“Calendars”), motion **passes**

No debate

Bylaw proposal F **passes**

Tori motions to consider bylaw proposal G (“Standing committee language and updates”), motion **passes**

- (Tori) Moves common language for each standing committee into one location
- Changes minimum eligibility for Judicial to be three years in the party (was on year) [*reconsidered and struck later*]

Bylaw proposal G **passes**

Tori motions to consider bylaws proposal H (“Update eligibility requirements around membership”), motion **passes**

- (Tori) Would change all voter registration eligibility requirements to apply only to officers
- Changes who is eligibility for state chair: should have seasoning requirement, a year in another position in the party
- Brent (for): makes it more welcoming to new members from participating in the state convention; was intended to prevent infiltration, but does more harm to good faith members than to infiltrators.
- Brent (amend): Add “or undeclared” for the officer portion: Officers still need to be registered as Libertarian (or undeclared), but main body would not.
- Justin (against amendment to motion): previous amendment [*bylaws proposal E amendment*] opened up involvement. We still want to restrict officers to be required to registered to vote as Libertarian, while still keeping convention participation as previously voted).
- Brent moved to withdraw amendment to amendment, **passes**
- Jeff Creem (against): Chair seasoning well intended but may create a difficult situation if no one wishes to run who is eligible
- Patrick (amend): moves to strike the state chair portion (C.3.) (due to Jeff’s argument above)
- Brent (for amend): we don’t want to further restrict who serves at chair; can be hard to find people to serve as officer
- Tori (): we must also change the text that defines amendment
- CAH, parliamentarian: notes that the body can by agreement can consent to update the conforming amendment (“Is there any objection to modifying the amendment on the floor to also update the conforming clause in section B?”)
  - *Striking C3 and the last sentence of 6B*
- Amendment to main motion **passes** (amended to remove 1 year of service for chair)
- Steve Nass (for): C2c fixes issues with short lapses in membership

Motion Bylaws proposal H, as amended **passes**

Tori: skipping I, will come back to after J if necessary

Tori motions to consider bylaw proposal J (“Eliminate Leadership Board”), **passes**

- Zach (for): leadership board is pointless

Bylaw proposal J **passes**

Justin motions to consider bylaw proposal K (“Removal of Consent Calendar”), **passes**

- Justin (for): the consent calendar can be abused; there were five proposal that were turned in on time but could not be considered as part of the agenda; we should have the ability to debate any points; the consent calendar can only be abused, and its intended benefit is almost nonexistent
- Zach (for): people should not try to force things through on the consent calendar
- Rich (against): likes the spirit, but eliminating the entire section would cause other issues; we should instead rewrite the section to improve the calendar in general to prevent getting necessary work done
- ~~Patrick (amend): We will instead remove all references to the consent calendar but allow all normal calendar rules remain~~
- Patrick (against amendment): get rid of it

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justin (against): <i>[after Rich shares an idea on the side with Justin, see below]</i> we should instead hear Rich's motion</li> </ul> <p>Bylaw proposal K <b>fails</b></p> <p>Rich motions to consider bylaw proposal L ("Add reporting requirement for consent calendar items), motion <b>passes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the end of C1: "Consent calendar items must be included in the bylaws report due 35 days before convention."</li> <li>Justin (for): will motion next year to remove the entire consent calendar</li> </ul> <p>Bylaw proposal L <b>passes</b></p>
Credential update	<p>14:25</p> <p>62 credentialed delegates</p> <p>32 simple majority</p> <p>41 2/3 majority</p>
New Business	<p>14:33</p> <p>Jeff C moves to reconsider "G"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a situation where an elected Judicial Committee member would be unable to be reelected</li> </ul> <p>Motion <b>passes</b> (to reconsider)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zephan: Motion to amend G section F3 b-c to keep original language (b: "one year", c: "91 days")</li> <li>Brent (for amend): Judicial committee member needs to be one year; another example of being more restrictive</li> <li>Tori (against amend): need context, and one year is not enough time; in order to make proper decision, need context of what has gone on in this party; we need to have some seasoning</li> <li>Bill (amend amend...): if you had been a member for three years <i>or have served for one year on a committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of order</li> </ul> </li> <li>Patrick (for): membership body is responsible for its own decisions</li> <li>Rich (against): we've never had seasoned members getting on Judicial; this is the appellate body that can overrule the EC, chair, etc.; they should have more experience with the NHLP in order to bring the right amount of context to bear; don't think three years is too much to ask</li> <li>Steve (against): ex: in the past year, we had to go to the JC when the whole EC did not know the proper procedure; the JC <i>should</i> have more difficulty filling it; it's the group that slows us down when we're moving too fast</li> <li>Gabe (for): no reason to deny someone who may be good at this</li> <li>Melvin (question): ten years somewhere else would invalidate?</li> <li>Carol (for): people moving to NH that were in the LP in other states; they may not have the history here, but they may have a good sense of how a Judicial Committee will operate; three years may be too long</li> </ul> <p>Motion to amend <b>passes</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick (for): simply makes the Bylaws more concise and readable'</li> </ul> <p>Motion <b>passes</b> ("G" as amended)</p>
New Business	<p>14:48</p> <p>Platform Amendments introduced from the floor <i>[Appendix E]</i></p> <p>Sean D: move to consider platform proposal "No collective-based rights" <b>passes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alu (amend): clarify our position on NH Constitution ("when man enters into society, he gives up some of his rights the collective") by adding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We wish to condemn the clause in the NH Constitution Bill of Rights that states, "When men enter into a state of society, they surrender up some of their natural rights to that society, in order to ensure the protection of others; and, without such an equivalent, the surrender is void."</li> </ul> </li> <li>Justin (against amend): We already said this; adding too much text makes this too verbose</li> <li>Dennis (against amend): love the concept; we need dinner and drinks; let's send this to the platform committee, bring it back to us to vote next year</li> <li>Brent (for amend): section 1.2 speaks to self ownership but doesn't condemn collectivism; taking a stance against a problematic article in the NH Constitution is a good stance</li> <li>Ben (against amend): support principle, but concerned about referencing a document outside our control; oppose amendment as stated</li> </ul> <p>Amendment to main motion <b>fails</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick (against): too verbose, give to Platform Committee for next year; should make more concise and update existing section 1.2, adding rejection of collectivism within self-ownership section</li> <li>Tori (clarification): platform committee received a platform proposal from Sean, they divided it into two proposals and reworked language <i>[Platform Amendment 1 and 2]</i> If this fails we can consider the platform committee one-sentence version.</li> <li>Sean D (for): believes this has been a stumbling block for the LP at large over the last couple of years; we have repeated debates on this subject; strong language against collectivism and group-based identity will clarify the platform and reduce division and continual debate</li> <li>Patrick (for): pass as is, then pass off to Platform to make it shinier</li> <li>Patrick (amend): Move to section 1.6 so that collectivism rejection is not the primary; negative assertions should go after positive assertions</li> <li>Ian (for amend): like it at the end, but keep it short; less is more</li> </ul> <p>Motion to amend <b>passes</b> (move negative to end)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabe (against): in the first section, this is what we're for; if it goes in, it should read <i>for</i> individualism, not against collectivism</li> <li>Gabi (against): agree with the heart of it, but we may deter certain groups before they have the chance to be persuaded, instead of bringing them into liberty</li> </ul>





# Appendix A, Standing Committee Elections

## Politics Committee

Karlyn Borysenko; majority vote Robley Hall; voted in Nick Hubbard; voted in Conrad Nelson; voted in Kim Sawyer; voted in Steve Persico; voted in	Rich Tomasso; voted in Seth Hall; voted in Dennis Pratt; majority vote Ryan Hebert; voted in Elliot "Alu" Axelman; majority vote Katie Guello; voted in Justin O'Donnell; majority vote
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## Convention Committee

Deni O'Leary

Rosa Moura

Jess Pelletier

Ashleigh Nelson

## Bylaws Committee

Ryan Hebert

Tory Berger

Rich Tomasso

Alex Lemp

Mickey Mullin

Carol Pratt

## Platform Committee

Tori Berger

Nolan Pelletier

Ryan Hebert

Justin O'Donnell

## Membership & Outreach Committee

Jeremy Slottje

Erik Sawyer

Steve Villee

Matt Smith

Yancey Devoy

Robley Hall

Derek Proulx

Devon Dukelow

Mari Fontaine

## Judicial Committee

Ben Richards; majority vote

Jeffrey Creem; voted in

Conrad Nelson; voted in

Robert Lombardo; voted in

Zephan Wood; voted in

# Appendix B, National Delegate Nominations

## National Delegate Nominations

Nolan Pelletier	Jess Pelletier
Erik Sawyer	Rosa Moura
Sean Brennen	Justin O'Donnell
Derek Proulx	Carol Pratt
Dennis Pratt	Conrad Nelson
Ben Richards	Ashleigh Nelson
Steve Nass	<i>Matt Fletcher (accepted as alternate only!)</i>
Victoria Berger	Robley Hall
Sean Dempsey	Nicholas Sarwark
Deni O'Leary	Valerie Sarwark
Karlyn Borysenko	Zachary Dumont
Jeremy Kauffman	George Carpenter
Ryan Hebert	Robert Lombardo
	Rich Tomasso

Alternates

Justin O'Donnell Carol Pratt Conrad Nelson Jess Pelletier Rich Tomasso Rosa Moura Nick Sarwark Ash Nelson	George Carpenter Val Sarwark Robert Lombardo Zach Dumont Robley Hall Matt Fletcher Gabe Holdren
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# Appendix C, National Delegate Nominations

## Elected National Delegates

Name
Dennis Pratt
Nolan Pelletier
Jeremy Kauffman
Steve Nass
Erik Sawyer
Sean Brennan
Ben Richards
Derek Proulx
Karlyn Borysenko
Tori Berger
Ryan Hebert
Sean Dempsey
Deni O'Leary

## Elected Alternates

Name
Justin O'Donnell
Jess Pelletier
Carol Pratt
Rosa Moura
Matt Fletcher
Conrad Nelson
Ashleigh Nelson
Robley Hall

## National Delegate Vote Totals

<b>Name</b>	<b>total</b>
Dennis Pratt	60
Nolan Pelletier	59
Jeremy Kauffman	58
Steve Nass	58
Erik Sawyer	57
Sean Brennan	56
Ben Richards	55
Derek Proulx	55
Karlyn Borysenko	55
Tori Berger	55
Ryan Hebert	54
Sean Dempsey	54
Deni O'Leary	52
Justin O	10
Carol P	9
Conrad N	6
Jess P	6
Rich T	6
Rosa M	6
Nick S	5
Ash N	4
George C	4
Val S	4
Robert L	3
Zach D	3
Robley H	1

## Alternate Vote Totals

<b>Name</b>	<b>total</b>
Justin O'Donnell	53
Jess Pelletier	51
Carol Pratt	50
Rosa Moura	50
Matt Fletcher	48
Conrad Nelson	48

Ashleigh Nelson	47
Robley Hall	47
<i>Rich</i>	32
<i>Robert</i>	28
<i>Gabe</i>	21
<i>Val</i>	6
<i>Nick</i>	5
<i>George</i>	4
<i>Zach</i>	4
<i>Ryan</i>	1
<i>Tori</i>	1
<i>Alu</i>	1
<i>Zephan</i>	1

# Exhibit D, bylaw amendments introduced from the floor

## Bylaw Proposal A – Policy Manual

**Purpose:** To place policy manual language in a more sensible spot.

*Move Article V:C to VII:A:6*

*The net effect of this would be:*

### V. Membership

~~[C. The Executive Committee shall maintain a Policy Manual. The manual shall include all rules that govern the Executive Committee not specified within the Bylaws or Rules of Order, The Party's standard operating Procedures, and any other information deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.]~~

### VII. Executive Committee & Leadership Board

#### A. Executive Committee

**6. The Executive Committee shall maintain a Policy Manual. The manual shall include all rules that govern the Executive Committee not specified within the Bylaws or Rules of Order; The Party's standard operating Procedures; and any other information deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.**

## Bylaw Proposal B – Quorum rule

**Purpose:** To ensure the quorum requirements don't make it impossible to hold a convention if the LPNH grows.

**Committee Vote:** 3-0-1

*Amend VIII NH Libertarian General Court, F, Conventions, Paragraph 9 to read:*

9. A quorum at any convention shall consist of 10% of all **Delegate-Eligible** members, or a majority of all of the delegates who have registered for that convention, whichever is greater.



## **Bylaw Proposal C – Adjournment**

**Purpose:** To require a higher bar to adjourn convention if business isn't finished.

**Committee Vote:** 4-0

*Amend VIII NH Libertarian General Court, F, Conventions, adding the following paragraph:*

**11. A motion to adjourn any convention shall require a 2/3 vote if the business scheduled for the convention is incomplete.**

## Bylaw Proposal D - Communications Committee

**Purpose:** To make the Communications Committee an official standing committee.

**Committee Vote:** 3-0-1

*Amend Article IX, adding these new articles:*

### IX. Standing Committees

A. The Standing Committees of the State Party shall be:

1. The Membership & Outreach Committee
2. Politics & Campaign Committee
3. Judicial Committee
4. Bylaws & Rules Committee
5. Platform Committee
6. Credentials Committee
7. Convention Committee
8. **Communications Committee**

### K. Communications Committee

1. **The purpose of the Communications Committee (referred to as “committee” in this section of this article) is to execute the social media communications strategy defined by the Executive Committee.**
2. **Membership**
  - a. **The member designated as the Communications Director of the State Party by the Executive Committee shall be the committee chair. The Executive Committee shall appoint the initial committee secretary.**
3. **The committee shall determine its own schedule for meetings, in consultation with the executive committee.**

## Bylaws Proposal E – Consolidate Membership definitions

**Purpose:** To consolidate membership definitions and committee eligibility requirements. This proposal allows the EC to define “young adult” and “sustaining” and other types of memberships by policy, rather than unnecessarily cluttering the bylaws.

**Prereq:** Policy Manual must be moved first

**Committee Vote:** 3-0-1

*Delete Article V (Membership), from B through the end of Article V, and replace with the following:*

### B. Levels of Membership

#### 1. Base Levels

- a. A Member of the State Party shall be a person who has complied with Section A of this Article and notified the Secretary of their desire to become a Member of the State Party. b. Life Members of the State Party shall be all Members whose donations to the State Party have reached a specified level over a specified period of time, as published by the Executive Committee Policy Manual.
  - c. Dues-paying Members of the State Party shall be all Members who are current in their payment of annual membership dues, plus all Life Members.
2. The Executive Committee may create additional levels of membership in the Policy Manual, provided that each additional level of membership is a subset of one of the base levels of membership in Section V. B. 1.

3. The Executive Committee shall set dues, donation levels and dues frequency requirements for each level of membership in the Policy Manual.
  - a. Members who are domiciled in an area that contains a local affiliate shall have a portion of their dues transferred to that local affiliate. The portion of the dues and the frequency of payments to Affiliates shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall set benefits of each membership level in the Policy Manual.

C. Eligibility

1. Delegate-Eligible Members of the State Party shall be all Dues-Paying members who have Dues-paying Members in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 35 days, and:
  - a. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall be registered as a Libertarian.
  - b. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is not a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall not be registered as affiliated with any other political party. This provision shall not apply during the brief period in which an undeclared voter may temporarily change their party affiliation to vote in a partisan primary election on election day, provided they immediately switch their party affiliation back to undeclared.
  - c. Have been an inhabitant of New Hampshire for at least the preceding 35 days
2. Officer-Eligible Members of the State Party shall be all Delegate-Eligible members who have continually been a Dues-paying Member in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 180 days.

*Amend VI (Officers) as follows:*

VI. Officers

B. ~~[A member of the State Party who is eligible to become an Officer of the State Party (hereinafter referred to as "Officer-Eligible Member") shall meet the following criteria]~~ **Officers must meet the criteria for Officer-Eligible Member** at the time of ~~[her]~~ election or appointment and during ~~[her]~~ **their** entire time in office[:].

- ~~[1. Be a dues-paying member of the State Party who has been a dues-paying member in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 182 days; or be a lifetime member of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire;~~
- ~~[2. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall be registered as a Libertarian; and not be registered as affiliated with any other political party. This provision shall not apply during the brief period in which an undeclared voter may temporarily change her party affiliation to vote in a partisan primary election on election day, provided that she immediately switches her party affiliation back to undeclared.]~~

*Delete VIII (General Court), C (Delegate Eligible Members), and re-letter subsequent paragraphs: VIII. New Hampshire*

Libertarian General Court

C. ~~A member of the State Party who is eligible to become a delegate to a convention (hereinafter referred to as "Delegate-Eligible Member") shall meet the following criteria:~~

- ~~[1. Be a dues-paying member of the State Party who has been a dues-paying member of the State Party in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 35 days;~~
- ~~[2. Be a current inhabitant of New Hampshire and have been an inhabitant of New Hampshire for at least the immediately preceding 35 days;~~
- ~~[3. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall be registered as a Libertarian;~~
- ~~[4. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is not a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall not be registered as affiliated with any other political party. This provision shall not apply during the brief period in which an undeclared voter may temporarily change her party affiliation to vote in a partisan primary election on election day, provided that she immediately switches her party affiliation back to undeclared~~

[5. ~~No fee shall be charged for a Delegate-Eligible Member to participate in the business session of a convention.~~]

*Amend Article VIII, E Conventions (Formerly VIII, F) to add:*

**11. No fee shall be charged for a Delegate-Eligible Member to participate in the business session of a convention.**

*Amend IX. D. Membership and Outreach Committee: 2. a:*

D. Membership & Outreach Committee

2. Membership

a) Members of the committee must be ~~[a dues-paying member of the State Party who has been a dues-paying member]~~ **officer-eligible members** of the State Party ~~[in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 182 days].~~

## **Bylaws Proposal F – Calendars**

**Purpose:** To clarify language and procedures for the Consent and Regular calendars, particularly for moving proposals between them. Move all process language concerning calendar items to this section.

**Committee Vote:** 4-0

*Amend bylaw XIV, Amendments:*

XIV. Amendments

A. Changes to bylaws and special rules of order by the General Court

**5. If a proposal passes, it shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise specified in the proposal.**

D. Platform changes by the General Court

**5. Platform changes shall take effect at the close of the convention at which they are adopted.**

E. **Regular and** Consent Calendars

3. Upon written request of at least three delegates, the Chair may remove an item from the Consent Calendar **and place it at the top of the Regular Calendar**, prior to a vote on that item.

**5.** The Chair shall read the title **and summary content** of each Consent Calendar item immediately before the delegates vote on the item. The delegates shall vote on the consent calendar item without debate **or amendment.**

**6.** ~~[Delegates may reconsider Consent Calendar items that have been voted on if the consent calendar fails to pass, only if two-thirds of the delegates vote to reconsider, and only if the vote is taken during New Business in the convention agenda.]~~ **Delegates may reconsider any Consent Calendar item that fails to pass, placing it at the end of the Regular Calendar, only if an absolute majority of the delegates vote to reconsider. If the vote to reconsider is taken after the Report has been completed, the item shall be reconsidered during New Business.**

**7.** ~~Items on the Regular **or Consent** Calendar shall follow the procedures specified in these bylaws, and any related procedures specified in the convention rules, and special rules of order.]~~

**7. Proposals on the Regular Calendar shall have an initial period of debate during which no amendments to the proposal are permitted. After this period of debate has concluded, the General Court shall vote on the proposal. If the proposal fails, the proposal shall again come to the floor and shall be open to debate and amendment.**

*Remove article VIII:F:7:b and renumber subsequent articles*

VIII. New Hampshire Libertarian General Court

## F. Conventions

### 7. Bylaws, Rules, and Platform Changes

~~[b. Any proposals by the Bylaws & Rules Committee and by the Platform Committee shall have an initial period of debate during which no amendments to the proposal are permitted. After this period of debate has concluded, the General Court shall vote on the proposal. If the proposal passes, it shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise specified in the proposal. If the proposal fails, the proposal shall again come to the floor and shall be open to debate and amendment.]~~

### **Bylaw Proposal G – Standing Committee language consolidation and updates**

**Purpose:** To place all the common structures and definitions together to avoid repetition in each committee section. Remove language that is redundant to other bylaws or with RONR. Also increases the requirement for Judicial Committee eligibility to three years, which was our prior rule.

**Committee vote:** 4-0

*Amend Article IX, Standing Committees:*

#### **C. General Provisions { new section }**

1. **All committee members must be delegate-eligible members of the State Party for the duration of their term.**
2. **The chair of each committee must be an officer-eligible member of the State Party for the duration of their term.**
3. **Each committee shall have a minimum of three members.**
4. **Committee members shall be elected from a list of volunteers at a regular convention. Additional members may be appointed by the Executive Committee.**
5. **Additional requirements for a specific committee may be specified in these bylaws.**

#### ~~[C]D. Committee Operations~~

~~[1. All committee members must be members of the State Party, and meet the qualifications specified in Article VI, Section B, Part 2. Additional requirements for any specific committee may be specified in these bylaws and the rules of the State Party.]~~

#### 3. The chair of each committee shall:

- a. Preside over all committee meetings;
- b. Serve as the representative of the committee on the Board if the committee is authorized to have a representative, unless she is ~~[already on the Board as]~~ a member of the Executive Committee]

~~[e. Perform any other duties specified by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, the Executive Committee, the Board, or the General Court. ]~~

#### 4. The secretary of each committee shall:

- a. Send a draft copy of the meeting minutes to the Secretary of the State Party no later than four days after the conclusion of any committee meeting; ]

~~[f. Perform any other duties specified by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, the Executive Committee, the Board, or the General Court.]~~

#### 7. Vacancies

~~[a. The committee members shall select alternate members of the committee to temporarily carry out the tasks of the committee chair or committee secretary if either member is temporarily unavailable. If the committee chair is also a member of the Executive Committee, the committee shall select another member to represent the committee at all Board meetings. If a committee member serving as the committee chair or committee secretary is no longer able to continue performing those duties, the committee members shall promptly select another member of the committee to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy is not promptly filled by the members of the committee, the Executive Committee shall select a new committee chair or committee secretary as may be needed:]~~

- b. Members who choose to voluntarily resign from the committee should notify the

secretary of the committee.

c. A member of a committee shall be deemed to have resigned if the member:

1. Fails to attend two out of three consecutive meetings and does not provide an adequate explanation for the member's absence to the chair of the committee; or
2. Fails to attend three out of five consecutive meetings[; or] ~~[3. Is no longer eligible to serve on the committee.]~~

~~[For the purpose of this section, "meeting" shall include electronic ballots as well as meetings held [in person or] via electronic methods of communication.]~~

#### 8. Representation on the Board

a. For any committee that is required to provide a representative to the Board, the Chair of that committee shall serve as the representative for the committee on the Board. If the Chair of the committee is ~~[already a member of the Board by virtue of being]~~ on the Executive Committee, the committee shall select another committee member to serve as representative to the Board.

**10. A Standing Committee may meet entirely in person, or with some or all of the members utilizing electronic methods of communication to attend. Meetings shall conform to the procedures and rules specified in the rules of the State Party and, if applicable, as directed by the Executive Committee.**

#### D. Membership & Outreach Committee

##### 2. ~~[Membership]~~

- a. ~~Member of the committee must be a dues-paying member of the State Party who has been a dues-paying member of the State Party in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 182 days.~~
- b. ~~The committee shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of sixteen members. Committee members shall be elected, upon motion and majority vote as a slate via acclamation, from a list of volunteers at a regular convention. Additional members may be appointed by the Executive Committee.~~

e.] The member ~~[designated]~~ **appointed** as the Membership Director of the State Party by the Executive Committee shall be the committee chair. The Executive Committee shall appoint the initial committee secretary.

#### E. Politics & Campaign Committee

##### 2. ~~[Membership]~~

- a. ~~Members of the committee must be dues-paying members of the State Party.~~
- b. ~~The committee shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of sixteen members. Committee members shall be elected, upon motion and majority vote as a slate via acclamation, from a list of volunteers at a regular convention. Additional members may be appointed by the Executive Committee.~~
- c. ] The ~~[individual designated]~~ **member appointed** as the Political Director of the State Party by the Executive Committee shall be the committee chair. The Executive Committee shall appoint the initial committee secretary.

#### F. Judicial Committee

3. A member of the State Party who is eligible to become a member of the Judicial Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Judicial-Eligible Member") shall meet the following criteria ~~[at the time of her election or appointment and during her entire time in office]:~~

~~[a. Be a dues-paying member of the State Party who has been a dues-paying member of the State Party in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 91 days;]~~

- b. Has been a dues-paying member of the State Party in good standing for at least ~~[one year]~~ **three years**;
- c. Be a current inhabitant of the state of New Hampshire and have been an inhabitant of the state of New Hampshire for at least the immediately preceding ~~[91]~~ **365** days;

f. A member of the Judicial Committee shall not be a member of the Executive Committee **or the Board**.

4. The committee shall meet as is needed to carry out its duties, as called for by the chair of the committee ~~or~~, by the Executive Committee, **or the Board**.

#### G. Bylaws & Rules Committee

##### 2. ~~Membership~~

- a. ~~Members of the committee must be Delegate-Eligible Members of the State Party.~~
- b. ~~The committee shall consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of sixteen members. Committee members shall be elected, upon motion and majority vote as a slate via acclamation, from a list of volunteers at a regular convention. Additional members may be appointed by the Executive Committee.]~~

##### 4. Meetings

- c. ~~The committee may meet entirely in person, or with some or all of the members utilizing electronic methods of communication to attend. Meetings shall conform to the procedures and rules specified in the rules of the State Party and, if applicable, as directed by the Executive Committee.]~~

##### 5. Reports

**h. The committee shall prepare a draft report for the Executive Committee no later than 120 days before the first day of the annual convention of any proposals currently being considered. If there are proposals under consideration at this time, the committee may conduct a survey of party members to solicit their views on the proposals. If such a survey is conducted, the results of the survey shall be included in the final report to the annual convention.**

#### H. Platform Committee

##### ~~2. Membership~~

- a. ~~Members of the committee must be Delegate-Eligible Members of the State Party.~~
- b. ~~The committee shall consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of sixteen members.~~

...]

##### 4. Meetings

~~[c. The committee may meet entirely in person, or with some or all of the members utilizing electronic methods of communication to attend. Meetings shall conform to the procedures and rules specified in the rules of the State Party and, if applicable, as directed by the Executive Committee.]~~

##### 5. Reports

**e. The committee shall prepare a draft report for the Executive Committee no later than 120 days before the first day of the annual convention of any proposals currently being considered. If there are proposals under consideration at this time, the committee may conduct a survey of party members to solicit their views on the proposals. If such a survey is conducted, the results of the survey shall be included in the final report to the annual convention.**

#### I. Credentials Committee

##### ~~2. Membership~~

~~[a]~~**2.** The members of the committee shall be:

- a. The Membership Director, who shall be the chair of the committee;
- b. The Secretary of the State Party, who shall be the secretary of the committee;
- c. At least one member and not more than five members of the State Party who are not members of the Executive Committee.
- d. The members of the committee, excluding the Membership Director and Secretary, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee no later than 35 days prior to the first day of a convention.

##### 3. The committee shall **verify which members of the State Party are qualified as:**

- a. ~~Verify which members of the State Party are qualified as:~~

##### 4. Meetings

~~[d. Meetings may be conducted via electronic methods of communication.]~~



## Bylaws Proposal H – Update eligibility requirements around membership

**Purpose:** This change removes the requirement for delegates to be registered with the state as libertarians, but keeps it for officers and the JC. It also increases the requirement for Chair of the EC to ensure they've participated in the party for at least a year.

**Prereq:** Membership Definitions & Eligibility Consolidation must pass first.

**Effective:** The reduced eligibility requirements shall take effect immediately. The increased requirement for Chair (V:C:3) shall take effect *after* this convention is adjourned.

**Committee Vote:** 3-0

*Amend Article V:*

### C. Eligibility

1. Delegate-Eligible Members of the State Party shall be all Dues-Paying members who have been Dues-paying Members in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 35 days, and:
  - ~~a. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall be registered as a Libertarian.~~
  - ~~b. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is not a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall not be registered as affiliated with any other political party. This provision shall not apply during the brief period in which an undeclared voter may temporarily change their party affiliation to vote in a partisan primary election on election day, provided they immediately switch their party affiliation back to undeclared.~~
  - ~~c. who have been an inhabitant of New Hampshire for at least the preceding 35 days.~~
2. Officer-Eligible Members of the State Party shall be all Delegate-Eligible members who have continually been a Dues-paying Member in good standing for at least the immediately preceding 182 days, **and:**
  - ~~a. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall be registered as a Libertarian.~~
  - ~~b. If registered to vote, and the Libertarian Party is not a recognized option for affiliation, the member shall not be registered as affiliated with any other political party. This provision shall not apply during the brief period in which an undeclared voter may temporarily change their party affiliation to vote in a partisan primary election on election day, provided they immediately switch their party affiliation back to undeclared.~~
  - ~~c. If the individual has been a dues-paying member for more than one year, a lapse of less than 30 days of dues-paying membership status during the prior 365 days shall not disqualify officer-eligible membership status unless such a lapse occurred within the prior 90 days.~~
3. **State Chair-Eligible Members of the State Party shall be all Officer-Eligible Members who have served not less than one term on a standing committee or on the Executive Committee of the State Party.**

*Amend Article VI, Officers, B:*

### VI. Officers

B. Officers must meet the criteria for Officer-Eligible Member at the time of her election or appointment and during her entire time in office. **The Chair must meet the criteria for State Chair-Eligible Member at the time of their election.**

## Bylaw Proposal J – Eliminate the Leadership Board

**Purpose:** To remove the leadership board from the bylaws.

**Prereq:** This amendment relies on several other proposals to pass first. There is another proposal to restructure the leadership board – the delegates have an either-or choice between restructuring or eliminating the board.

**Committee Vote:** 3-0-1

*Amend IV:A Structure & Definitions:*

A. The primary governing power of the State Party shall be vested in the Executive Committee, ~~the Leadership Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"),~~ and the New Hampshire Libertarian General Court (hereinafter referred to as the "General Court") shall have the powers specified by these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the State Party.

*Amend VI Officers:*

A. The Officers of the State Party shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Officer at-Large. All officers shall be voting members of Executive Committee ~~and voting members of the Board~~.

F. Chair

1. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the State Party, holding the powers of administration pertaining to the ordinary business affairs of the State Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the ~~Board or~~ General Court. The Chair shall serve as presiding officer for meetings of the Executive Committee, ~~the Board,~~ and the General Court.

3. The Chair shall be responsible for ensuring the completion of any tasks assigned to the Executive Committee by ~~the Board,~~ the General Court; or the Libertarian National Committee.

I. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all income and expenses associated with the operation of the State Party and shall present a summary of all income and expenses incurred at the regular meetings of the Executive Committee, ~~the Board,~~ and the General Court. The income and expense summary may be limited to activity since the last regular meeting of the body for which the report is being presented.

2. The Treasurer shall, if necessary, provide assistance to ~~members of the Board and~~ officers of affiliate organizations regarding budgeting and financial matters. K.

1. All officers of the party shall have any additional duties and powers specified by ~~the Board,~~ the General Court, these bylaws, and the rules of the State Party.

2. No Officer ~~or member of the Board~~ shall receive compensation for services as an Officer ~~or Board Member~~ but may be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses.

3. Whenever an Officer has a personal or financial interest in any matter coming before the Executive Committee ~~or the Board,~~ the affected person shall

M. Vacancies

~~4. The Executive Committee shall, within 24 hours, inform the Board of any vacancy. 5. The Board shall fill vacancies of the Executive Committee, either via electronic methods of communication or in person, and as quickly as is reasonably possible. If the Chair position is vacant, the Board may choose to appoint a new Chair or may appoint the Vice Chair to be the new Chair and then appoint a new Vice Chair. If, however, the vacancy occurs not more than two weeks prior to a scheduled convention, the Board shall not fill the position, and at the convention, the General Court shall hold an election for that position.~~

O. Officers shall have all powers delegated to them by these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the State Party. Officers shall have whatever additional duties are specified by these bylaws, any special rules of order adopted by the State Party, and at the direction of ~~the Board or~~ the General Court.

*Delete VII:B (Leadership Board) section entirely*

*Amend VII Executive Committee & Leadership Board:*

VII. Executive Committee ~~& Leadership Board~~

A. Executive Committee

1. The purpose of the Executive Committee (referred to as "committee" in this

Section of this Article) shall be to oversee and act in respect to all matters pertaining to the organization, maintenance, conduct, affairs, and interests of the State Party consistent with law, these bylaws, and any rules of the State Party. The Executive Committee shall act as directed by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, ~~the Board~~, and the General Court. The ongoing business of the State Party between conventions shall be administered by the Executive Committee.

3. The committee shall manage the day-to-day operations of the State Party and shall have the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the State Party consistent with these bylaws and the rules the State Party. The committee shall carry out any duties as specified by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, ~~the Board~~, and the General Court.

4. Meetings

~~e) Draft minutes of committee meetings shall be distributed to all members of the Board within four days of the adjournment of an Executive Committee meeting.~~

#### B. Leadership Board

*{ this section deleted }*

#### C. General Provisions

1. Members of the Executive Committee and Affiliate Chairs shall have access to the current and past records of the State Party. ~~[The Executive Committee shall have the authority to provide records and reports to other members of the Board.]~~

2. The Executive Committee ~~[and the Board]~~ shall have the power to go into executive session for any matters for which they determine it is necessary. Any discussion related to discipline regarding any member shall automatically be considered to be in executive session.

3. The Executive Committee ~~[and the Board]~~ shall have all the powers granted to them throughout these bylaws, any special rules of order adopted by the State Party, and any additional powers conferred upon them by law, and shall carry out any additional duties assigned to them by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, and the General Court.

#### *Amend IX Standing Committees:*

B. These committees shall be governed by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, and the parliamentary authority. They may be assigned additional powers or duties by the Executive Committee~~[,] the Board,~~ or the General Court.

#### D. Committee Operations

1. The chair of each committee shall:

~~b) Serve as the representative of the committee on the Board if the committee is authorized to have a representative, unless she a member of the Executive Committee;~~

~~e) Perform any other duties specified by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, the Executive Committee[,] the Board,~~ or the General Court.

2. The secretary of each committee shall:

~~f) Perform any other duties specified by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, the Executive Committee[,] the Board,~~ or the General Court.

6. Vacancies

a) The committee members shall select alternate members of the committee to temporarily carry out the tasks of the committee chair or committee secretary if either member is temporarily unavailable. ~~[If the committee chair is also a member of the Executive Committee, the committee shall select another member to represent the committee at all Board meetings.]~~ If a committee member serving as the committee chair or committee secretary is no longer able to continue performing those duties, the committee members shall promptly select another member of the committee to fill the vacancy. If the

vacancy is not promptly filled by the members of the committee, the Executive Committee shall select a new committee chair or committee secretary as may be needed.

#### ~~7. Representation on the Board~~

~~a) For any committee that is required to provide a representative to the Board, the Chair of that committee shall serve as the representative for the committee on the Board. If the Chair of the committee is on the Executive Committee, the committee shall select another committee member to serve as representative to the Board.~~

~~b) The committee shall select an alternate member to serve as the representative on the Board for cases in which the designated representative is unable to serve.~~

#### G. Judicial Committee

3. A member of the State Party who is eligible to become a member of the Judicial Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Judicial-Eligible Member") shall meet the following criteria at the time of her election or appointment and during her entire time in office:

~~e) A member of the Judicial Committee shall not be a member of the Executive Committee [or the Board].~~

3. The committee shall meet as is needed to carry out its duties, as called for by the chair of the committee or by the Executive Committee ~~[or the Board]~~.

#### H. Bylaws & Rules Committee

##### 4. Reports

f) The Report on the Special Rules of Order shall include all proposals examined by the committee ~~[and any special rules of order and standing rules that have been adopted by the Board since the most recent convention].~~

#### J. Credentials Committee

1. The purpose of the Credentials Committee (referred to as "committee" in this Section of this Article) is to complete all tasks necessary to verify the membership status of all persons wishing to fulfill various roles within the State Party and any related tasks, as specified in these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, and as directed by the Executive Committee ~~[and the Board]~~.

4. The committee shall verify which members of the State Party are qualified as:

(x) Present reports at conventions required by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, the Executive Committee ~~[, the Board,]~~ or the General Court.

6. The committee members shall carry out tasks assigned to the committee by the rules of the State Party, ~~or the Executive Committee [or the Board]~~.

#### K. Convention Committee

~~4. The chair of the convention committee or another member designated as a representative of the committee shall attend all meetings of the Board and shall have a~~

~~report prepared regarding the progress of the committee. This person shall not have a vote on the Board if they are at a Board meeting representing this committee.~~

#### *Amend X. Special Committees*

A. The Executive Committee ~~[, the Board,]~~ and the General Court shall have the power to create special committees and appoint persons to those committees to advance the goals of the State Party. The body creating the special committee may assign an initial chair and secretary to the committee, specify reporting requirements, determine its initial

membership, and assign the committee specific tasks that must be completed. If the meeting at which the special committee is created adjourns without the completion of the aforementioned tasks, the Executive Committee shall complete those tasks.

B. If the ~~[Board or]~~ Executive Committee determines that a special committee should become a permanent Standing Committee, the Executive Committee shall create and submit a proposal for a bylaw amendment to the Bylaws & Rules Committee for consideration.

C. These committees shall be governed by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, and the parliamentary authority. They may be assigned additional powers or duties by the Executive Committee~~[-the Board,]~~ or the General Court.

#### *Amend XI. Affiliate Organizations*

##### ~~C. Representation on the Board~~

~~1. — The Chair of each affiliate shall serve as the representative for the affiliate on the Board. If the Chair of the affiliate is already a member of the Board via her role as a member of the Executive Committee or as the chair of a standing committee, the Vice~~

~~Chair of the affiliate shall be the representative of the affiliate. If both the Chair and the Vice Chair of the affiliate are already members of the Board via either of the roles mentioned previously, the Executive Committee of the affiliate shall select another member of the affiliate to serve as representative to the Board.~~

~~2. — Each affiliate shall select an alternate member to serve as the representative on the Board for cases in which the designated representative is unable to serve. The alternate should be the Vice Chair unless that person has already become the representative or for other reasons cannot accept that role. {and renumber}~~

##### D. Disaffiliation

1. If an affiliate organization has acted recklessly or acted in contravention of furthering the goals of the State Party, the State Party may end its association with the affiliate by:

~~a) — A 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee; or.~~

~~b) — A 2/3 vote of the Board, excluding the representative of the affiliate in question, who shall not have a vote on the question of disaffiliation.~~

#### *Amend XIV Amendments:*

##### B. Changes to special rules of order by the Board

~~1. — The Board shall have the power to create new special rules of order or modify existing special rules of order by a 2/3 vote at any regular meeting of the Board. A previous notice shall be required.~~

~~2. — No special rules of order enacted by the Board may grant any additional power to the Board.~~

~~3. — The General Court shall have the power to veto any special rules of order passed by the Board at the first convention held after the Board has enacted the special rule of order. If the General Court vetoes a special rule of order enacted by the Board, the Board may not enact the same or a substantially similar special rule of order until after the adjournment of the annual convention of the next calendar year. However, the Bylaws & Rules Committee may make the same proposal or a similar proposal at any convention.~~

### **Bylaw Proposal K – Remove Consent Calendar**

**Purpose:** This would remove the option of a consent calendar for Bylaws and Platform reports. There is another proposal to update and clarify the calendar rules– the delegates have an either-or choice between updating or eliminating. Submitted via member survey.

**Committee Vote:** 0-3-1

*Remove Article XIV (Amendments) Section D (Consent Calendar).*

## Bylaws Proposal L

*Amend bylaw XIV, Amendments:*

**Add text in bold**

XIV. Amendments

C.

1. The Bylaws & Rules Committee and Platform Committee shall divide their reports into a Consent Calendar and a Regular Calendar. For each committee proposal, the committee shall specify whether the proposal shall be listed on the Consent Calendar or the Regular Calendar. **If a proposal passes, it shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise specified in the proposal.**

# Appendix E – Platform amendments from floor

Sean proposal:

Add the following section to the platform

## **1.2 No Collective-Based Rights**

**Insomuch as we believe the origin of all rights to be Individual Natural Rights, we wish to reaffirm individual rights and reject any misguided attempts to supplant individual rights with collectivist-based rights. We reject any policy, law, movement, or philosophy which would attempt to usurp or marginalize one's natural individual rights with any so-called group-based rights. Rights of a group are no more or no less than the sum of their individual rights.**

## Platform Committee Proposal 2

*Insert after 3.4 and renumber the following sections:*

### **3.5 Bigotry and Identitarianism**

**Whereas we believe that every human is born with inherent, natural, and individual rights; independent of their class, religion, skin color, creed, sex or gender, we reject any system, group, movement, or philosophy which arbitrarily discriminates against or advocates for the ostracisation or elimination of individuals from society based on these traits. We reject bigotry and identitarianism as irrational and repugnant and fervently reject sexism, racism, ageism, classism, homophobia, and all other forms of it—as such dogmas demean one’s individuality based on one’s group affiliation and/or physical characteristics. We believe that all people ought to be treated respectfully, equally, fairly, and justly by governments, as individuals; neither given special or preferential treatment, nor marginalized.**