

Proposed Amendments to Libertarian Party of King County Bylaws, 2019

Proposal #1: Clarify the Quorum Requirement for County Convention

Add the following sentence to the end of Section 5.01:

Ten members including a majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Reasoning: Previous quorum was ambiguous between Executive Board meetings and convention. This sets a quorum that prevents either the Executive Board alone or a rogue element of membership from meeting quorum while not creating significant risk of convention failing quorum.

Proposal #2: Standardize Membership Delay Clause

Edit the first sentence of Section 3.01 in the following manner:

The membership of the LPKC shall consist of individual citizens of the United States of America residing in King County, Washington who are either (1) an active member of the LPWA or (2) an active member of the national Libertarian Party (hereafter "LP") ~~who has been an active member since at least one week prior to the date their membership is in question,~~ or (3) ~~has have~~ made donations totaling at least \$25 to LPKC within the period beginning one year prior to the date their membership is in question and ~~ending one week prior to the same~~ **(4) has met one of the preceding conditions at least one week prior to the date their membership is in question,** having certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

Reasoning: This fixes the ambiguity of the one week delay that was after (2), and removes the recurrence of the one week delay for members under (3).

Proposal #3: Narrow Opt-Out Information Sharing Scope

Edit the last sentence of Section 3.01 in the following manner:

Each member may require that their membership information not be distributed to any organization other than an affiliate of ~~the LPWA and/or LP LPKC.~~

Reasoning: The original language didn't make sense as there is no need to require information to be shared with indirect affiliates. This opt-out limits information sharing to LPWA, which we may be required to for affiliate memberships.

Proposal #4: Updated LPWA Representative Title and Organization Name

Edit Section 1.01 in the following manner:

The Libertarian Party of King County (LPKC) is affiliated with the Libertarian Party of Washington ~~State~~ (LPWA) and is governed by these Bylaws, which shall supersede the controlling documents of the Libertarian Party of Washington ~~State~~. The duration of this party shall be perpetual.

Edit Section 4.06(d) in the following manner:

(d) Represent the LPKC as its primary spokesperson and act as a liaison between ~~the LPWA LPKC~~ and the Regional ~~Director~~ **Representative**;

Reasoning: The original language did not use the correct registered organizational name of LPWA. The title of Regional Director was updated to Regional Representative. The existing language incorrectly used the term "LPWA" instead of "LPKC" to describe the organization the chair speaks on behalf of to the representative.

Proposal #5: Add Secretary Duty to Distribute Documents to Members

Insert the following new clause after Section 4.08(b) and relabel the clauses after it appropriately:

(c) Make public the current controlling documents of LPKC on the website and provide meeting minutes to members electronically upon request;

Reasoning: We already do this via policy, this makes clear the Secretary is responsible for this duty.

Proposal #6: Disqualify Individuals from Membership Barred from LP/LPWA

Insert the following sentence in Section 3.01 before the sentence “The membership shall constitute the County Central Committee.”:

Individuals who are disqualified by name from membership with LP or LPWA are not eligible to be part of the membership of LPKC.

Reasoning: We currently have no process for disqualifying members, nor do we have a Judicial Committee to properly handle such cases. This allows us to leverage the state and/or national Judicial Committees for such proceedings and immediately reflect their results. This also avoids confusion by having someone be a member of our organization who is banned from the “Libertarian Party.” As LPWA recently unanimously passed a resolution to disqualify an individual from membership for stealing funds from the party who lives in King County, this provides protection and consistency in this manner for our organization.