

Bylaws and Rules of Granite State Libertarians

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I. Name

- A. The name of this organization will be The Granite State Libertarians (the “State Party”).
- B. The Executive Committee of The State Party will be empowered to enter into a licensing agreement with The Libertarian Party (“National Party”) for the use of intellectual property such as Branding, Logos, and the Name “Libertarian Party”
- C. In accordance with any applicable licensing agreement, the State Party must publicly present itself as “The Granite State Libertarian Party”. Without such licensing agreement, the State Party must publicly present itself as “The Granite State Liberty Party”.

II. Duration

- A. The duration of the State Party is perpetual.

III. Purpose, Principles, and Values

- A. The State Party is organized for the purpose of implementing and giving voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by:
 - 1. Nominating and supporting members of the State Party or National Party for public office in New Hampshire to move public policy in a more libertarian direction;
 - 2. Chartering local affiliates throughout the state and promoting their growth and activities;
 - 3. Entering into public informational, political, and/or educational activities; and
 - 4. Supporting activities of the National Libertarian Party, or, barring a licensing agreement with the National Party, another national party which directly aligns with the principles embodied in the statement of principles.
- B. The State Party shall adopt The Statement of Principles of The National Party or adopt its own, barring a licensing agreement with the National Party.
- C. The Statement of Values affirms the values upon which the State Party was founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty for all shall prevail. The Enduring Importance of the Statement of Values requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at a State Party Convention.
- D. The State Party Platform shall include, but not be limited to, the Statement of Principles, The Statement of Values, and the implementation of those principles and Values in the form of planks. The platform shall only be amended by 3/4ths vote at a convention in odd numbered years

IV. Structure, Definitions, and General Provisions

- A. For all meetings, conventions, and relevant purposes, the Parliamentary Authority of the State Party will be the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- B. The primary governing power of the State Party shall be vested in the Executive Committee, and the State Convention shall have the powers specified by these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the State Party.
- 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.

- D. The use of a singular pronoun in these bylaws, special rules of order adopted by the State Party, or any other Party documentation shall not be construed to exclude any person who is not of the specified gender.

V. Membership

- A. All Party Members must certify, in writing or by signing a pledge to this effect, that they do not advocate the initiation of force as a means to achieve political or social goals.

- B. Dues

- 1. The Executive Committee shall prescribe in its policy manual a schedule of membership dues for the various membership levels.
 - a. The Minimum level of membership dues shall be \$25 per year.
 - b. In the interim period between the ratification of these bylaws and the executive committee setting up a process for the payment of dues, charter members shall be considered sustaining members.

- C. Levels of Membership

- 1. Pledge Members

- a) Pledge members are those who:
 - (1) Are domiciled in New Hampshire,
 - (2) Are not registered to vote or participate in any other political party,
 - (3) Are registered to vote as a Libertarian, if such a designation is available with the State of New Hampshire
 - (4) Have certified in writing, communicated to the State Party Membership Director that they oppose the initiation of force in the furtherance of political goals.
 - b) Pledge Members, other than those who are also Lifetime Members, must pay annual dues to the party in the minimum amount determined by the policy manual.

- 2. Activist Members

- a) Activist Members are those members who:
 - (1) Have been a Pledge Member for not less than one year,
 - (2) Have displayed sufficient commitment to the activities of The State Party that The Membership Committee has approved their application for promotion.
 - b) Activist Members, other than those who are also Lifetime Members, must pay dues to The State Party at an amount double the minimum dictated by the policy manual for Pledge Members.
 - c) Activist Members are eligible to be officially endorsed by The State Party when seeking nomination to public office.
 - d) Activist Members are eligible for appointment to ad hoc working committees and campaign committees at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

- 3. Sustaining Members

- a) Sustaining Members are those who:
 - (1) Have been an activist member of the party for at least one year,

- (2) Have displayed sufficient commitment to the activities of the State Party that the Membership Committee has approved their application for promotion.
 - b) Sustaining members shall be eligible for:
 - (1) Eligible to be credentialed as a voting member to State Party Conventions,
 - (2) Eligible to be elected or appointed to State Party Executive Committee Positions, and Standing Committees,
- 4. Lifetime Members, and Charter Members
 - a) Lifetime Members shall have all the responsibilities and privileges of Sustaining members, and shall be counted as such, for these bylaws,
 - b) Lifetime Membership will be considered to be current and in good standing concerning the payment of membership dues, and exempt from further requirements to pay membership dues.
 - c) The cost of a Lifetime Membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee, but shall not be less than 20 times the cost of annual membership dues. (*e.g.*, $20 \times \$25 = \500)
 - d) On a case-by-case basis, the Executive Committee may review, authorize, and issue honorary lifetime memberships. These Honorary Lifetime memberships shall be considered the same as other Lifetime Memberships described in these bylaws.
 - e) Those members party to the original ratification of these bylaws shall be known as Charter Members and, for a period of 2 years following the ratification of these Bylaws, may purchase a Lifetime membership at the cost of \$250.
 - f) Charter members shall be considered sustaining members regardless of seasoning requirements once dues are paid.
- D. Promotion of Membership Levels.
 - 1. The executive committee shall establish rules and a process by which a member may request an application to promote their level of membership. This process shall be recorded in the Policy Manual.
 - 2. The Membership and Credentials Committee shall be in charge of reviewing and approving or denying all requests for membership promotion.
 - 3. The standards of promotion, beyond the tenure requirements explicitly stated in these bylaws, shall be determined by the members of the Membership Committee.
- E. Revocation of Membership.
 - 1. By a vote of 3/4 of the Executive Committee, the membership of an individual at any level of membership may be revoked for cause.
 - a) The Executive Committee may, on a case-by-case basis, provide for disciplinary measures short of revocation, by demoting an individual's membership level, and permanently or temporarily suspending their privileges of enfranchisement in Party Governance.
 - b) Cause, for this section, shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
 - (1) Calling for the initiation of force or violence in the pursuit

of political goals in contravention of the membership pledge.

(2) Destruction or theft of party property, including negligent mismanagement of assets, including digital assets.

(3) Intentional and malicious misrepresentation of The State Party or National Party, including, but not limited to, unlicensed use of Branding, Logos, or the name "Libertarian Party" without the express consent of the Licensee (the Executive Committee)

(4) Seeking Election to Partisan Political Office as a registered member of another Political Party.

(a) This item shall not be construed to prevent "fusion nomination," provided the candidate secures the nomination of another party via write-in vote.

c) The revocation of any lifetime membership shall be considered a suspension until it can be ratified by a majority vote of the delegates at the next State Party Convention.

(1) Should the revocation of a lifetime membership by the executive committee not be upheld by the body of convention, then the member in question shall be immediately credentialed as a delegate for the remainder of the current convention.

d) Individuals whose membership has been revoked by disciplinary action under this section shall not be eligible to rejoin the party, unless a 3/4 vote of a State Party Convention shall deem them to have become re-eligible.

F. Restrictions on Membership

1. Charter Members notwithstanding, any of the following individuals are disqualified from holding any party membership or office which gives them any authority over or power to vote on internal matters:

(1) Individuals who have been legally associated with another party in the last year;

(2) Those who have sought a leadership position in another party within the last two years; and

(3) Anyone who has endorsed a candidate of another party within the last two years.

2. This restriction is not to be construed as to prohibit the party or its agents from building coalitions as necessary and proper to achieve the State Party's stated purpose.

VI. Directors and Officers

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of a Chair, a Vice Chair, A Treasurer, a Secretary and a Membership Director.

B. No offices shall be combined or held by the same individual.

C. Committee members shall be elected at an annual convention and shall take office at the adjournment of that convention. The term of office shall end at the adjournment of the annual convention two years later, or until their successors are selected and qualified.

D. Positions to be elected in odd years shall be: Chair, Secretary and Membership Director. Positions to be elected in even years shall be: Vice Chair, Treasurer. If a

position is vacant at the time of the annual convention, an election will be held to complete that term.

E. Eligibility

1. Only Sustaining and Lifetime members may be eligible for election to the Executive Committee.
2. No member of the Executive Committee shall have been a member by registration or participation in any other political party in the past 3 years. (This section shall be waived to allow for Charter Members to be eligible for Executive Committee elections, for the first 3 years following the ratification of these bylaws.)
3. If recognized as a major party by the State of New Hampshire, Sustaining Members must be registered to vote as a "Libertarian."
4. Sustaining Members must be domiciled in the State of New Hampshire.
5. Directors and officers may not participate in the affairs of another Political Party, including, but not limited to, voting in partisan primaries for a political party other than The Libertarian Party.

F. Removal

1. The Executive Committee, by a 2/3 vote of disinterested members, may vote to remove an officer for any articulable cause.
2. A petition of 50% of all credentialed delegates to the last convention, presented to the Executive Committee at any scheduled monthly meeting, the membership may direct the removal of any officer for cause.

G. Responsibilities and Duties of Officers

1. Chair

- a) The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the State Party, holding the powers of administration over the ordinary business affairs of the State Party and such other powers as may be delegated by the State Convention. The Chair shall serve as presiding officer for meetings of the Executive Committee and the State Convention.
- b) The Chair shall have the power to appoint persons to leadership roles within the State Party, standing committees, and ad hoc committees, subject to the confirmation of the Executive Committee, and may make immediate temporary appointments without confirmation if required to carry out tasks that require urgency.
- c) The Chair shall be responsible for ensuring the completion of any tasks assigned to the Executive Committee by the State Convention or the National Party.

2. Vice Chair

- a) The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of executive duties, hold such executive powers as the Chair may delegate, and shall perform the duties of the Chair as the Executive Committee may direct should the Chair be unable, for any reason, to perform those duties.
- b) The Vice Chair shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining regular communication with representatives of affiliates of the State Party and facilitate resource sharing and cooperation among the affiliates.

3. Secretary

- a) The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the State Party. The Secretary shall maintain all official records of the State Party and shall disseminate records and notices as may be required by these bylaws or the rules of the State Party.
- b) The Secretary shall provide, or make provisions for, legal services to the State Party, and shall ensure that the State Party maintains compliance with any legal mandates regarding official records and communications.

4. Treasurer

- a) 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 and the State Convention. 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.
- b) The Treasurer shall, if necessary, provide assistance to officers of affiliate organizations regarding budgeting and financial matters.

5. Membership Director

- a) The Membership Director shall serve as the immediate point of contact between the executive committee and membership at large.
- b) The Membership Director shall be responsible for the ongoing recruitment and engagement of new members throughout the state, partnering with affiliate leadership as needed to expand the reach and influence of The State Party.
- c) The Membership Director shall be responsible for the organization of candidate recruiting and volunteer training opportunities to improve the political activity of the State Party.

H. Ethics

- 1. No Officer shall receive compensation for services as an Officer but may be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses approved by the Executive Committee.
- 2. Conflicts of Interest.
 - a) Whenever an Officer, or related party to an officer, has a personal or financial interest in any matter coming before the Executive Committee, or that may be of interest to the State Party at large, the Officer must:
 - (1) Fully disclose the nature of the interest and the conflict in advance
 - (2) Withdraw from voting on the matter.
 - b) The Secretary of the State Party shall maintain a list of all current and past declared conflicts of interest from Officers and related parties.
 - (1) Declarations of Conflicts, Disclosures, abstentions, and resolutions shall be accurately and completely recorded in the minutes.

VII. Executive Committee Meetings

- A. The executive committee shall meet at least twelve times per year, and at least once every month. Unless otherwise already scheduled, meetings shall be at the call of the chair or at the call of any two other members of the committee.
- B. The committee may conduct meetings with some or all of the members of the meeting participating via electronic methods of communication. If electronic methods of communication are used, a method that allows video interaction and the sharing of documents is strongly encouraged.
- C. The committee shall, as part of the agenda of every meeting, set a date, time, and place for the next meeting. A notice informing the members of the meeting schedule shall be provided to all Executive Committee members via electronic methods of communication by the Secretary at least seven days prior to the start of the meeting.
- D. The Chair may call for an emergency meeting if circumstances require it. The Secretary shall provide a notice of at least 72 hours prior to an emergency meeting to all members via electronic methods of communication and a phone call.
- E. A majority of the Officers of the State Party shall constitute a quorum.
- F. All meetings of the executive committee must be publicly open to attendance and observation of State Party Members. Public comment and participation may be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- G. The Committee may enter Executive Session to discuss sensitive matters, such as litigation, contracts, and disciplinary proceedings against members.

VIII. Standing Committees

- A. The Standing Committees of The State Party shall be:
 - 1. Membership and Credentials Committee
 - 2. Bylaws and Rules Committee
 - 3. Platform and Program Committee
- B. The Executive Committee may authorize other ad hoc committees on a temporary basis as the need arises.
- C. Each Standing Committee shall be composed of at least 1 member of the Executive Committee, and at least 2 other Sustaining Members of The State Party.
- D. The Chair shall nominate Sustaining Members to populate committees, upon the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
- E. Meetings and Procedures
 - 1. Standing Committees shall meet as needed to conduct necessary business, at the discretion of their own membership.
 - 2. An Executive Committee Member appointed to each committee shall serve as its chair.
 - 3. Each Committee shall record minutes of meetings where substantive work is engaged.
 - 4. At least once per quarter, each committee shall provide a written report detailing its activities to the Executive Committee, to be published in the Executive Committee's minutes.
 - 5. The Chair of each committee shall notify the Executive Committee of any vacancies occurring within 48 hours.
 - 6. Standing Committees may meet in person, or by electronic means, in the pursuit of efficiency in their assigned work.

F. Committee Responsibilities and Authority

1. Membership and Credentials Committee

- a) The Membership Director of the Executive Committee shall be the chair of the Membership and Credentials Committee.
- b) The Membership and Credentials Committee shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate and current list of State Party Members, their contact information, and their status for eligibility for the various levels of membership.
- c) The Membership Committee shall evaluate the application of any member wishing to upgrade to a higher level of membership, and if qualified, approve the upgrade by at least a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote.
- d) The Membership and Credentials Committee shall review complaints and allegations against members, and upon conclusion of a period of investigation, make a report to the Executive Committee with recommendations for disciplinary actions.
- e) The Membership and Credentials Committee shall serve the role of convention credentialing for all State Party Conventions:
 - (1) Validating and certifying the status of all members of the state party
 - (2) Verifying Delegate Enfranchisement Eligibility
 - (3) Verifying Officer Eligibility
 - (4) Qualifying the eligibility of any individual nominated for any elected office, or nominated for any political office by the convention.
 - (5) Calculating requirements for Quorum
 - (6) Process registration for delegates and attendees at conventions
 - (7) Present relevant reports to conventions as necessary, regarding membership growth, disciplinary actions, or other such information the Body should require.

2. Bylaws and Rules Committee

- a) The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall be responsible for evaluating, modifying, and issuing recommendations for or against proposals for amendments to the bylaws and new or amended special rules of order, including proposals for convention rules.
- b) The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall be comprised of at least 3 members, appointed by the chair and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, at least one of which shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and at least one of which shall be a sustaining member of the party who is not a member of the Executive Committee.
- c) The work of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall be ongoing and perpetual; however, proposals for amendments to be considered at the next State Party Convention must be completed and published for review by sustaining members at least 30 days prior to the start of such a convention.

3. Platform and Program Committee

- a) The Platform and Program Committee shall be responsible for evaluating the State Party Platform, and drafting proposals for

modifications to, or the creation of, or deletion of, Planks on said platform, for the consideration of the State Party Convention.

- b) The Platform and Program Committee shall also be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a Party program, which shall be a published list of policy proposals and directives which the Party publicly supports, in the effort to see the Principles, Values, and Platform of the Party politically realized.

- (1) The Format of the Program shall be at the discretion of the Platform and Program Committee, and changes to it shall be published at the directive of the committee chair.

- c) The Platform and Program Committee shall be comprised of at least 3 members, appointed by the chair and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, at least one of which shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and at least one of which shall be a sustaining member of the party who is not a member of the Executive Committee.

- d) The Work of the Platform and Program Committee shall be perpetual and ongoing.

- (1) Any Proposals for amendments to The State Party Platform must be published for review of sustaining members at least 30 days prior to The State Party Convention.

- (2) Amendments to the Party Program shall be published as approved by the committee, so long as they are in conformance with the Principles, Values, and Platform of The State Party, and affirmed as such by The Executive Committee.

IX. Membership Committee Meetings

- A. The Membership Committee shall meet at least twice per year, and once at least one month before the State Convention. Unless otherwise already scheduled, meetings shall be at the call of the Membership Committee or at the call of any two other members of the committee.
- B. The committee shall follow similar standards and practices as the Executive Committee meetings.
- C. The Membership Committee shall review membership applications and petitions of membership tier advancement during its meetings. The Membership Committee must review each application subject to a “reasonably aligned with GSLP principles” standard. When analyzing an applicant or petitioner under this standard, the Membership Committee shall holistically consider the following factors:
 - 1. Past political involvement, affirmations, and activities
 - 2. Recent political affirmations
 - 3. Contributions to the party before application/petition
 - 4. Testimony from current members of the State Party.
- D. The Membership Committee may conduct an inquiry on an applicant or petitioner as necessary and proper to holistically evaluate if they are reasonably aligned with GSLP principles.
- E. When rejecting an applicant or petitioner outside of convention season, the Membership Committee shall explain their reasoning for rejection in writing to the Executive Committee. Without this reasoning or a proper holistic approach,

the Executive Committee may reverse and either override or remand the Membership Committee's judgment.

X. Special Committees

- A. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to create temporary special and ad-hoc committees as necessary to work towards the goals and objectives of The State Party.
- B. The objectives, purpose, duration, and composition of temporary, special, and ad-hoc committees shall be recorded in the Policy Manual.

XI. Affiliate Groups

- A. The Executive Committee, by a 2/3 vote, may authorize the chartering and affiliation of subsidiary organizations to The State Party.
- B. Only authorized affiliates may use licensed branding, logos, and names to imply association with The State Party.
- C. Eligibility
 - 1. Any group may submit a petition of 10 Sustaining Members in a given geographic or political subdivision in The State of New Hampshire to be recognized as an Affiliate Party Organization.
 - a) Examples of Geographic or Political subdivisions in which a group shall be eligible include counties, Cities, and Towns.
 - b) Only one such group shall be affiliated as representing each such area.
 - 2. Each petition for affiliation must include with it a copy of the organization's proposed bylaws.
- D. Disaffiliation
 - 1. Any Affiliate Organization may have its charter of affiliation revoked by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee for any reasonable and articulable cause.

XII. State Party Convention

- A. Time and Place
 - 1. The State Party shall host an annual convention.
 - 2. Notice of convention must be sent to all sustaining members eligible to participate, at least 60 days prior to the date of convention, which shall include the time, date, and location where business is to be conducted.
 - 3. The Membership and Credentials Committee shall coordinate to facilitate registration and credentialing for the day of convention.
 - 4. All Sustaining Members who have been in good standing as a sustaining member for at least 60 days prior to the start of convention shall be eligible to be credentialed as a voting delegate to participate in the convention. Pre-registration shall not be required.
 - 5. In the event of exigent circumstances prohibiting in-person gatherings, or force majeure requiring the cancellation of the event or venue with insufficient notice, the executive committee may authorize an electronic meeting, with remote participation, to take place no later than the last day of July, following the cancellation of a previously scheduled convention.
 - 6. In the event that the Executive Committee, fails to notice a convention, whether in person, or by electronic gathering, to take place by the last day in the month of July, a quorum of 15 or more Sustaining Members may gather in front of the State House Building in Concord, at 1:00 PM, on

the 2nd Saturday in August of the same year, to elect from among them a new Executive Committee. This shall be considered an emergency convention, and no other business shall be considered.

7. Order of Business.

a) The order of Business for a regular convention shall be as follows.

(1) Call to Order

(2) Credentials Report

(3) Chairs Report

(4) Treasurer's Report

(5) Election of Officers

(6) Bylaws and Rules Committee Report

(7) Consideration of Bylaws and Rules Amendments

(a) Only proposed Amendments included in the report shall be considered at this time.

(8) Platform and Program Committee Report

(9) Platform Amendments

(a) Only proposed amendments included in the report may be considered at this time.

(10) New Business.

(a) Consideration of Bylaws and rule Amendments, Platform Amendments, and Resolutions from membership not included in reports, in accordance with these bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

8. Elections

a) All Elections shall be conducted by secret paper ballot.

b) All officer elections shall require a majority of votes to be considered elected.

c) In the event that no candidate achieves a majority vote, a new round of voting shall commence, with the candidate receiving the fewest votes eliminated.

d) Balloting may utilize electronic means, when available.

XIII. Libertarian National Convention Delegation

A. No person shall be seated with the State Party delegation to a National Convention who is not an activist or sustaining member of the State Party.

B. If the Chair is unavailable to serve as delegation chair, the Vice Chair shall be the chair of the delegation. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are unavailable to serve as delegation chair, the delegation shall select its own chair.

C. The State Party's delegation to the National Convention shall include members of the Executive Committee, members of any standing committees, and any activist or sustaining members as appointed by the Executive Committee ("appointed members"). Delegation seats will first be filled by members of the Executive Committee, followed by standing committee members, and finally, appointed members until all delegation seats and alternate positions are full.

1. The Executive Committee shall establish processes and procedures by which Sustaining Members shall apply to be considered for positions of delegates, and record such procedures in the policy manual.

2. The Executive Committee may choose to utilize electronic

- balloting of all sustaining members in order to determine the ranking of delegates and alternates when necessary.
- D. The delegation shall follow the rules and procedures specified by the Bylaws and Rules of the National Libertarian Party and any applicable rules and procedures specified by these bylaws and the rules of the State Party.

XIV. Amendments

- A. Changes to bylaws and special rules of order by the State Convention
1. Proposed amendments to the bylaws, convention rules, and modifications to existing special rules of order may be enacted at a convention and must follow the procedures specified in these bylaws, and any related rules adopted by the State Party.
 2. Proposed amendments to the bylaws, convention rules, and special rules of order shall be available for members to view as soon as practicable after the completion of the report of the Bylaws & Rules Committee.
 3. Proposed amendments to the bylaws, convention rules, and special rules of order must be approved by a 2/3 vote
 4. If a proposal passes, it shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise specified in the proposal.
 5. Article III, Article XIII, and Article XIV shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all sustaining members credentialed at a State Party Convention.
- B. Changes to the Platform by The State Convention
1. The current Platform of the State Party must serve as the basis of all future platforms, and all future platforms must comply with the spirit of the Statement of Principles and Statement of Values of The State Party.
 2. Proposed modifications to the Platform must follow the procedures specified in these bylaws and any additional related rules adopted by the State Party.
 3. Proposed amendments to the Platform shall be available for members to view as soon as practicable after the completion of the report of the Platform Committee.
 4. The Platform may be modified only at a convention. A 2/3 vote must approve additional platform planks or modifications to existing platform planks. A platform plank may be deleted by a majority vote.
 5. Platform changes shall take effect at the close of the convention at which they are adopted.
- C. Proposals for amendments to either the Bylaws or Platform shall have an initial period of debate during which no amendments to the proposal are permitted. After this period of debate has concluded, the delegates 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.
- D. A proposed Amendment to the bylaws or platform, or a resolution proposed from the floor, that was not previously noticed as part of the standing committee reports, may be considered only as part of New Business, and only if at least 10% of credentialed sustaining members in attendance sign a petition requesting its consideration, presented to the Convention Secretary at any time during the convention, prior to the commencement of New Business.

1. A majority vote of all credentialed sustaining members is required to consider such submitted proposals, and the vote for consideration is not debatable or amendable.
 2. A 2/3 vote of all credentialed sustaining members is required to pass and adopt such submitted proposals.
- E. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to make grammatical, spelling, and/or editorial modifications to the Bylaws, Rules, and Platform, provided that such revisions do not alter the substantive meaning or intent of the item edited. Documentation of any such modifications shall be accurately recorded in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting immediately following the implementation of the changes.
- F. Ratified Amendments will go into effect immediately after the convention from which they are ratified.

XV. Statement of Principles and Values

A. Preamble

1. As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty: a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and are not forced to sacrifice their values for the benefit of others. We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized.

Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek to build is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power. In the following pages we set forth our basic principles and enumerate various policy stands derived from those principles.

These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.

B. Statement of Principles of The Libertarian Party

1. We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual. We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things,

and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by governments in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

C. Statement of Values of Granite State Libertarians

We, the Granite State Libertarians, recognize human beings as infinitely unique and multi adapted individuals, and thus reject collectivism and hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives. Individuals have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose. We reject bigotry as irrational and repugnant to the values of liberty and individualism. Infringement upon natural rights based on race, sex, or any other immutable characteristic is incompatible with libertarian values.

At the core of our values is a simple notion: individuals own themselves and are the masters of their own fate. As such, consent is the center of our political ethics.

We oppose all interference by governments in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. Under this basis, the only economic system compatible with the protection of individual rights is the free market. Voluntary human action in a free market may lead to many different economic structures coexisting at once.

However, with liberty must also come responsibility to accept the consequences of one's actions, especially consequences that have direct effect on others. We reject any government intervention that may shield people from the consequences of their own actions. Justice should center and serve the individual harmed first and second prevent future harm.

Justice systems should not be a tool of revenue collection for the state or its contractors. Private arbitration and collaborative justice models should be allowed as an alternative to government courts when both parties in dispute agree so.

We hold that where governments exist, they must exist for the purpose of maximizing individual liberty and dispensing justice in a way that minimizes harm. Where harm is caused by a government, it must be held accountable and subject to damages that restore and indemnify its victims through fair and equitable means.

Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of individual liberty, it is the right of the people to alter, abolish, or withdraw from it, and to agree to such new governance, or none, as to them shall seem most likely to protect their liberty. We recognize the right to political self-determination, including secession.

We seek practical policies to satisfy these values and meet their logical ends.