

# Report of the LPNH Bylaws and Rules Committee

This is the Report of the Bylaws and Rules Committee established at the 2022 LPNH annual convention. The committee has produced a set of proposals to go before the delegates at the annual convention, scheduled for January 2023.

The committee was very productive, meeting nearly every month to review proposals as well as communicating via email and signal group. We set clear goals and a schedule at the start of the year and worked on a consensus model. Everyone contributed, with original proposals, valuable edits, writing purpose statements, or sharing ideas from members.

The committee did not receive any proposal text from members before the deadline, though we did get some general ideas that members would like for possible improvements. Some of those ideas and suggestions made it into proposals.

Our overall goal was to further streamline the rules and bylaws, removing redundancies, correcting oversights, providing clarity, and moving sections to their proper place. We are proposing one new rule and one new bylaw article.

The committee solicited feedback on draft proposals via an anonymous online survey. This proved useful; some proposals were re-worked based on the feedback we got. The survey also helped inform each calendar.

All of the proposals have the unanimous support of the committee. Proposals were placed on the consent calendar if the changes were minimal or did not affect the real operation of the party, or if they had a high level of support in the survey.

The proposals are written in a “legislative markup” style, with new text in **bold** and removed text in ~~strikeout~~. Effort was made to minimize the length of each proposal, so sections that remain unchanged are not included wherever possible. An ellipsis (...) indicates the bylaw’s text is included but remains unchanged.

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## Convention Rule proposals

### Regular Calendar

- A. Correction to election rules
- B. Allow electronic voting at conventions

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## Bylaw proposals

### Consent Calendar

- C. Move Recall Article
- D. Special Committee Cleanup
- E. Clarify Prospective Delegates
- F. Consolidate Committee Operations
- G. Change General Court to Convention

### Regular Calendar

- H. Create position of Membership Director
- I. Streamline Executive Committee text
- J. Update Vacancies and Interim Officers
- K. Update Purpose and Principles
- L. Rules for Terminating Membership

# Draft Report Survey Results

We solicited feedback from members based on our draft report. Here are the overall results of the one rule and nine bylaw proposals we had at that time. The last column is the Net Promoter Score (100 = complete approval, 50 = neutral and 0 = complete disapproval). All have a majority support, some well above the 2/3 required for adoption.

	Strong Approve	Approve	Neutral	Disapprove	Strong Disapprove	NPS
Rule 1: Allow for Electronic Voting	4	3	1	0	3	61.36
Bylaw 1: Move Recall section	3	5	1	1	0	75.00
Bylaw 2: Redundant Special Cmte	4	3	3	0	0	77.50
Bylaw 3: Revise SOP	5	2	2	0	1	75.00
Bylaw 4: Add Membership Director	4	4	0	2	0	75.00
Bylaw 5: Clarify Prospective Delegates	2	4	3	2	0	63.64
Bylaw 6: Consolidate Standing Cmtes	1	5	2	2	0	62.50
Bylaw 7: Terminating Party Membership	5	3	0	1	1	75.00
Bylaw 8: Suspensions and interim officers	3	3	2	0	1	69.44
Bylaw 9: General Court to Convention	4	6	0	0	1	77.27

## A. Rule Proposal to correct officer election process

**Purpose:** The current convention rule references the Leadership Board, which was eliminated at a prior convention. This corrects the language to match the current bylaws.

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Amend section 3 of Convention Rules as follows:

### 3. ~~Board~~ **Officer** Nominations and Balloting

- A. The Chair shall announce which ~~Board~~ **Officer** positions are open for election in the order in which they appear in the Bylaws. The list of names of the candidates for ~~Board~~ **Officer** positions shall be posted or projected in lieu of being read.
- B. Nominations and/or declarations, nominating speeches, and elections shall take place in the order outlined above. "None of the Above" (**NOTA**) is always a voting choice but is not considered to be a candidate. A nominating speech for [~~None of the Above~~] **NOTA** may be offered for any ~~Board~~ **Officer** position. ...
- C. Voting for ~~Board~~ **Officer** positions shall be conducted via the following method:
  - a. For each ballot for [~~a Board~~] **an Officer** position, ...
  - b. ...
  - c. If **NOTA** earns a majority, then the ~~Board~~ **Officer** position shall be reopened to new nominations, except that candidates previously dropped shall be ineligible. If there is no winner after two (2) rounds, the position shall be filled by the [~~elected Board~~] **Executive Committee** using the process outlined for filling ~~Board~~ vacancies in the Bylaws. ...

## **B. Rule Proposal to allow for Electronic Voting**

**Purpose:** To allow the Executive Committee to choose an optional electronic voting system to allow for faster and more convenient elections at LPNH conventions.

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### Add new section to the end of Convention Rules

#### 6. Electronic Voting

A. The Executive Committee may select an electronic voting system. If the Executive Committee chooses to do so, the electronic voting system may be used to capture the delegate votes for any or all questions or ballots, so long as:

1. The voting system determines the winner of the question or election using the Party's standard procedure for that question or election, or provides the tellers with the information from which the winner can be determined using the Party's standard procedure for that election,
2. The voting system maintains an audit trail while maintaining secrecy or transparency as required by the Party's standard procedure for that election or question, and records shall be retained according to any rules specified in the Party's Policy Manual, and
3. There is a means to ensure only those delegates authorized to vote by these rules and the Party Bylaws can vote.

B. The Delegates at any convention may suspend the use of electronic voting, for the remainder or part of the convention, with a majority vote, such vote to be taken by rising vote.

## **C. Bylaw Proposal to move Recall by the members to more appropriate section**

**Purpose:** This article speaks to removing any member of the executive committee, not just officers, so move it to that section of the bylaws.

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Amend the bylaws as follows:

*Move Article VI:N Officer Recall to new Article VII:C Recall*

## **D. Bylaw Proposal to remove redundant Special Committee rules**

**Purpose:** To remove redundant bylaws for special committees

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Amend bylaws X: Special Committees, removing sections B and C

X. Special Committees

~~[B. If the 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 or the General Court.]~~

## E. Bylaws Proposal to clarify prospective delegate procedures

**Purpose:** Simplify Article VIII:D concerning the rules for prospective delegates becoming full delegates to a State Convention

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Delete and replace Article VIII:D as follows

~~D. Delegate-Eligible Members who wish to become an official delegate for the convention who do not register at least seven days prior to the first day of the convention are considered Prospective Delegates and shall become official delegates if, by a majority vote, the General Court approves. When there are Prospective Delegates during the convention, the Credentials Committee shall have priority to the floor over all others in order to make a motion to approve the Prospective Delegates for inclusion as official delegates of the convention. No such motion for delegate approval may be made until at least 15 minutes have elapsed since the last motion for delegate approval has been disposed of. If a meeting is called to order at or after the scheduled time, and the General Court does not yet have a quorum but accepting the Prospective Delegates as official delegates would create a quorum, then all Prospective Delegates shall immediately become official delegates.~~

D. A Prospective Delegate shall be any delegate-eligible member who wishes to become an official convention delegate and has not registered at least seven days prior to the first day of the convention. A Prospective Delegate shall become an official delegate if the convention delegates approve by a majority vote.

1. The Credentials Committee may make a motion to approve the Prospective Delegates for inclusion as official delegates of the convention. This motion shall have priority to the floor over all other main motions, and shall happen no more frequently than 15 minutes since the last such motion.

2. If a meeting has been called to order without quorum, and accepting the Prospective Delegates as official delegates would create quorum, then all Prospective Delegates shall become official delegates.

# F. Bylaw Proposal to consolidate standing committee operations

**Purpose:** To further consolidate and streamline standing committee structure and operations. And clarify how these committees are populated.

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## Amend bylaws IX: Standing Committees

### IX: Standing Committees

#### C. General provisions

~~3. Committee members shall be elected from a list of volunteers at a [regular] convention. Additional members may be appointed by the Executive Committee.~~

**3. The Judicial Committee, Bylaws & Rules Committee, and Platform Committee shall be elected from a list of volunteers at a state convention. All other standing committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.**

#### D. Committee Operations

1. Each [~~standing~~] committee shall have a chair and a secretary. **Unless specified otherwise in these bylaws each committee shall select their own chair and secretary.** [~~For any standing committee which does not have procedures specified elsewhere in these bylaws or the rules of the State Party, the Executive Committee shall determine the initial chair and secretary of each committee within 28 days of the completion of the Annual Convention. The committee members may either confirm these selections or change them as they see fit.~~] If the chair or secretary seat becomes vacant, the remaining committee members shall fill such seat within 14 days of the vacancy occurring. If the committee does not fill the vacancy as prescribed, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy within 14 days.

2. The chair of each committee shall:

~~[a. Preside over all committee meetings;]~~

~~5. Members of standing committees [, excluding any person designated to be a member of a committee by these bylaws,] may be removed from a committee by 2/3 ...~~

6. Vacancies

c. The secretary of the committee, **or another committee member when necessary**, shall immediately notify the Secretary of the State Party of any change in membership. [~~The chair or another committee member shall notify the Secretary of the State Party if the committee secretary position is vacated.~~]

d. The Executive Committee shall ensure that the committee maintains the required minimum number of members by making appointments to fill vacancies as necessary. The Executive Committee may [~~fill~~] **appoint** any **unfilled** committee positions normally [~~selected by the General Court that have not been filled~~] **elected** at a convention.

~~[e. If a Section of this Article for a specific committee describes specific procedures for vacancies that differ from the above, the procedures listed in that Section shall apply for that committee for any procedures in conflict with these.]~~

**9. Each Committee shall determine its own meeting schedule in consultation with the Executive Committee.**

#### E. Membership & Outreach Committee

2. The member 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.]~~

3. The committee shall promote the goals of the party by:

~~[e. Any other duties assigned by the Executive Committee]~~

~~[4. The committee shall determine its own schedule for meetings in consultation with the Executive Committee.]~~

#### F. Politics & Campaign Committee

2. The 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.]~~

3. The committee shall promote the goals of the party by:

~~[f. Any other duties assigned by the Executive Committee]~~

~~[4. The committee shall determine its own schedule for meetings in consultation with the Executive Committee.]~~

#### G. Judicial Committee

1. The Judicial Committee (referred to as “committee” in this Section of this Article) shall serve the State Party by resolving disputes, **and** hearing petition cases brought to it by members. ~~[in accordance with these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the State Party,]~~

#### J. Credentials Committee

2. The members of the committee shall be:

d. The members of the committee, excluding the Membership Director and Secretary, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee no later than ~~[35]~~ **45** days prior to the first day of a convention.



## G. Bylaw Proposal, change instances of “General Court” to “State Convention” or “delegates”

**Purpose:** To clean up inconsistent references to the created term “General Court” and to remove redundant references to the state convention.

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Amend the following articles:

Article IV: Structure & Definitions

A. The primary governing power of the State Party shall be vested in the Executive Committee and the ~~the [New Hampshire Libertarian General Court (hereinafter referred to as the “General Court”)]~~ **Party’s State Convention** shall have the powers specified by these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the State Party

Article VI: Officers

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 ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**. The Chair shall serve as presiding officer for meetings of the Executive Committee and the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**.

3. The Chair shall be responsible for ensuring the completion of any tasks assigned to the Executive Committee by the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention** 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 and the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**. ...

K. Duties of Officers

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

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 ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**.

Article VII. Executive Committee

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 and the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**. 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 and the General Court.]~~

B. General Provisions

3. The Executive Committee 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]~~ **State Convention**.

Article VIII: ~~[New Hampshire Libertarian General Court]~~ **State Conventions**

~~[A. The name of the body of delegates in convention shall be the “New Hampshire Libertarian General Court” (hereinafter referred to as the “General Court”).]~~

~~[B. The General Court shall have the powers conferred upon it by law, these bylaws, and any rules adopted by the State Party.]~~

**A. Delegates**

~~[C]~~1. Delegate-Eligible Member shall become an official delegate for a convention if the member ~~[meets the criteria specified in the previous section of this Article and]~~ registers for the convention no later than seven days prior to the first day of the convention.

~~[D]~~2. Delegate-Eligible Members who wish to become an official delegate ... If a meeting is called to order at or after the scheduled time, and the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention** does not yet have a quorum but accepting the Prospective Delegates as official delegates would create a quorum, then all Prospective Delegates shall immediately become official delegates.

E. Conventions

5. The Annual Convention shall include (but not be limited to) the following items on the agenda:

d. Elections for the members of committees that are selected by the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**

7. Bylaws, Rules, and Platform Changes

B. Proposals for amendments to the bylaws, new or amended special rules of order, and changes to the State Party Platform may be submitted to the proper committee as specified in the bylaws. No proposal for an amendment to the bylaws or for a new or amended special rule of order shall be considered ~~[by the General Court]~~ if it has not been evaluated by the Bylaws & Rules Committee, except as allowed in Article VIII, E, 7, c. No proposal for a change to the State Party Platform shall be considered ~~[by the General Court]~~ if it has not been evaluated by the Platform Committee, except as allowed in Article VIII, E, 7, c.

8. Business Conventions

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C. The Executive Committee may, by a 2/3 vote, determine that no new business shall be introduced during the meeting by ~~[members of the General Court]~~ **delegates**. The ~~[General Court]~~ delegates may overrule this decision, but that shall require a 2/3 vote, and under no circumstances may new business be introduced at a business convention prior to the completion of the business on the agenda prepared by the Executive Committee.

Article IX: Standing Committees

D. Committee operations

2. The chair of each committee shall

c. Present the committee’s reports to the ~~[General Court]~~ delegates at any convention that includes the committee’s report as part of the agenda.

5. Members of standing committees, excluding any person designated to be a member of a committee by these bylaws, may be removed from a committee by a 2/3 vote of ~~[the General Court]~~ **a State Convention** or by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. A motion to remove a member of a standing committee shall require prior notice.

G. Judicial Committee

2. The ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention** shall elect the members of the Judicial Committee in accordance with the Convention Rules adopted by the State Party.

J. Credentials Committee

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

j. Present reports at conventions required by these bylaws, the rules of the State Party, the Meetings Executive Committee or the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**.

Article X: Special Committees

A. The Executive Committee and the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention** shall have the power ...

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 or the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**.

#### Article XII: Libertarian National Convention

C. The ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention** shall elect the delegates to the National Convention in accordance with the Convention Rules adopted by the State Party

#### Article XIV: Amendments

A. Changes to bylaws and special rules of order by the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**

3. Proposed amendments to the bylaws, convention rules, and special rules of order must be approved by a 2/3 vote ~~[of the General Court at a convention]~~.

B. Platform changes by the ~~[General Court]~~ **State Convention**

4. The Platform may be only modified at a convention. Additional platform planks or modifications to existing platform planks must be approved by a 2/3 vote ~~[at a convention]~~. A platform plank may be deleted by a majority vote ~~[at a convention]~~.

C. Regular and Consent Calendars

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]~~ **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

**Proviso:** Any omission of an existing reference to the General Court shall not construe a desire to keep that phrase in the given article.

## H. Bylaw Proposal - New officer position of Membership Director

**Purpose:** To make the Membership Director a member of the Executive Committee, and to reduce the number of at-large officers to one to keep the same committee size.

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### Amend VI: Officers as follows

#### VI. Officers

A. The Officers of the State Party shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, **a Membership Director**, and ~~[two]~~ **an** Officer[s] at-Large. All officers shall be voting members of Executive Committee.

#### J. **Membership Director**

**1. The Membership Director shall be responsible for membership recruitment and retention.**

#### K. Officer-at-Large

1. **The** ~~[All]~~ Officer[s]-at-Large shall assume a major volunteer role for the party for which that member's skills, experience, and other qualities may best be utilized. The Executive Committee shall confirm the role(s) of the Officer[s]-at-Large within the State Party.
2. An Officer-at-Large shall additionally, if required, assist the Chair and Vice Chair with duties as they may assign with the consent of the Executive Committee.
3. ~~[There shall be two Officers-at-Large that shall be elected in accordance with the rules of multi-winner elections.]~~

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### Amend IX: Standing Committees as follows

#### IX. Standing Committees

##### E. Membership & Outreach Committee

2. The ~~[member 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.

# I. Bylaw Proposal streamline Executive Committee

**Purpose:** Remove redundant text, rearrange and add clarifying headers to the Executive Committee Article. Also add some clarifying language and new purpose for the Committee.

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Move VII:A:4 Meetings to new section VII:B and renumber paragraphs.  
Amend rest of Article VII as follows.

## VII. Executive Committee

### B. ~~[Executive Committee]~~ **Purpose and Structure**

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 and the General Court. The ongoing business of the State Party between conventions shall be administered by the Executive Committee.~~]
2. Membership
  - a. The Committee shall consist of: ...
  - b. The term of [~~the members of the Executive~~] Committee **members** shall be from the time they assume office until the adjournment of the next annual convention, or until their successors are selected and qualified, unless specified differently elsewhere in this article.
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 **law**, these bylaws and the rules the State Party. ...
4. [~~Meetings~~] [*Move to new section B*]
5. [~~Vacancies of Officers of State Party shall be filled as specified in Article VI.~~]
6. [~~The Executive Committee shall maintain ...~~] [*Move to D. General Provisions*]
7. **The Committee shall ensure that the party supports its nominated candidates as resources allow.**

### C. **Meetings ...**

### D. General Provisions

1. Members of the [~~Executive~~] Committee and Affiliate Chairs shall have access to the current and past records of the State Party.
2. The [~~Executive~~] Committee 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 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.~~]
4. **The Committee shall maintain a Policy Manual. The manual shall include all rules that govern the Committee not specified within the Bylaws or Rules of Order, including: the Party’s standard operating procedures, membership levels, social media conduct, press releases, and any other information deemed necessary by the Committee**

## J. Bylaw Proposal concerning suspensions and interim officers

**Purpose:** To clarify the due process rights of suspended officers and allow for interim officers to become full members of the Executive Committee.

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Amend Article VI:L Officers as follows:

L. The Executive Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire Executive Committee. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 21 and [42]35 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the Executive Committee's suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 28 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 28 days shall constitute [~~affirmation of the Executive Committee's suspension~~] a **reinstatement** of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

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Re-order and amend Article VI:M Vacancies as follows

M. Vacancies

1. If there is a vacancy in any [~~other~~] officer position, the Executive Committee may appoint someone to temporarily carry out the duties of that position. Any person appointed in this manner shall be considered an interim member of the Executive Committee.

2. Interim members of the Executive Committee shall carry out the duties of their position, but they shall not have a vote on the Executive Committee.

3. If there is a vacancy in the position of Chair, the Vice Chair [~~will~~] **shall** become the interim Chair of the State Party. **If the Vice Chair position is vacant, the Officer At-Large shall become the interim Chair.** [~~The Executive Committee may appoint someone to temporarily carry out the duties of the Vice Chair but is not required to do so. A person appointed to temporarily fill the Vice Chair position shall be considered an interim member of the Executive Committee.~~]

4. **After 45 days or two Executive Committee meetings following the appointment, whichever comes first, the Executive Committee shall vote to either make the interim officer a full member of the Executive Committee, return them to their prior position, or remove them from the Executive Committee.**

## K. Proposal concerning revision of Statement of Principles to emphasize state affiliate autonomy

**Purpose:** Due to historic disagreements between LP National and LPNH, and the unique position of LPNH having slightly different priorities to LP National due to the more libertarian-friendly conditions of New Hampshire, the Purpose and Principles of the organization has been rewritten to grant it purpose independent of any future changes to the national bylaws. Wording of the new Statement of Principles was borrowed from the existing LP National Statement of Principles to make it as clerical an update as possible.

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Amend Article III as follows:

### III. Purpose and Principles

~~A. The purpose of the organization shall be to give voice to the principles in the National Libertarian Party Statement of Principles (hereinafter referred to as the "Statement of Principles") in the state of New Hampshire by:~~

- ~~1. Nominating and supporting candidates for public office;~~
- ~~2. Promoting, chartering, and coordinating local Libertarian organizations;~~
- ~~3. Entering into political and/or educational activities; and~~
- ~~4. Supporting activities of the National Libertarian Party.~~

**A. The State Party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by:**

- 1. Nominating and supporting Libertarians 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.**

B. The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the [Libertarian] **State** Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at [a Regular] **an Annual** Convention.

C. The **State** Party Platform shall include, but not be limited to, the Statement of Principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.

## L. Bylaw Proposal creating rules for termination of party membership

**Purpose:** To provide a process for removing members who are directly harming or trying to harm the LPNH. This process includes a right to appeal the decision. The Party has rarely terminated a membership, the intent is not to make it easier but to provide clearer guidelines for doing so should it become necessary.

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Amend Article V: Membership, adding a new section D:

### D. Membership Termination

1. The membership of any Member of the State Party may be terminated by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee for cause.
2. Cause, for the purpose of this section, shall be limited to:
  - a. Repeated calls for, or the initiation of, physical violence,
  - b. Theft or destruction of party assets,
  - c. Misuse of party assets creating a legal liability for the party,
  - d. Establishment of a competing "Libertarian Party of New Hampshire", or
  - e. Attempting to subvert State Party ballot access, including, but not limited to, running for public office as a "Libertarian" party/political organization candidate, competing against a State Party or National Libertarian Party-endorsed candidate in the general election.
3. The Executive Committee shall notify the Member in writing, via mail and electronic means if possible, a notice of the potential termination of membership as soon as possible, and at least 10 days before the scheduled vote. The member shall have the right to speak on their own behalf before the Executive Committee vote.
4. Any member terminated by this section shall have the right to appeal to the Judicial Committee within 21 days. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 14 and 30 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, who shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. If the Judicial Committee refuses to hear the appeal or does not rule on it within 60 days of the termination, the member shall be reinstated.
5. No membership shall be terminated under this section in the 60-day period prior to an annual or business convention.
6. The person who had their membership terminated may not rejoin the party until after the following annual state convention.