



Delegate Allocations and Region Formation

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION



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Total Number of Delegates at Convention

LP Bylaws Article 11.4 establishes the methodology for calculating the number of delegates your affiliate is entitled to. It states:

"Affiliate Party Delegate Entitlements:

Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each Regular Convention on the following basis:

- a. *One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.*
- b. *One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state."*

Since there are approximately 714 slices of a whole at 0.14% each and 286 at 0.35% each, a Libertarian Party convention will have slots for at least 1000 delegates. Since affiliates are credited for 'fractions thereof', the result is approximately 1051 possible delegates.

See the Delegate Allocation Table at the end of this document for the delegate allocations for each affiliate in 2016.

Sustaining Members Counted in Delegate Apportionment

Bylaws Article 5.3 defines a sustaining member:

"Sustaining member" is any Party member who has given at least \$25 to the Party in the prior twelve months, or who is a life member.

Bylaws Article 5.5 directs us to also include as sustaining members:

"Higher levels of contribution by or on behalf of a Party member qualify as sustaining member status for any provision of these Bylaws."

Bylaws Article 5.6 directs us to count sustaining members for delegate allocation:

"Only sustaining members shall be counted for delegate apportionment and National Committee representation.[...]"

Alternate Allocations

Each affiliate may also name alternates who can fill in for a delegate in accordance with the conditions and procedures in LP Bylaws Article 11.7. The number of alternates your state can name is determined by LP Bylaws Article 11.5.c, which states:

“The number of alternates' names submitted shall not exceed the greater of 50 or the number of delegates allocated.”

If you have fewer than 50 delegates, you may name up to 50 alternates. If you have more than 50 delegates, you may name as many alternates as you have delegates.

Regions of the National Committee

LP Bylaws Article 8.2.c describes how your affiliate party can band together with others to form a "representative region" to gain representation on the Libertarian National Committee.

This bylaw provision states:

“Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the National Convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the Convention at which they take place.”

See the Delegate Allocations Table at the end of this document for your affiliate’s sustaining membership as determined for delegate allocation as well as the percentage of national membership that it represents.

The region formation period begins 90 days before the start of the convention (February 27, 2016) and ends the second day of the convention (May 28, 2016).

At the convention the Secretary will provide a form to use for reporting regional formations.

Some regions opt to use regional formation agreements to document mutually agreed upon rules for their region before any future disputes arise. A recommended basic regional agreement is included at the end of this document, though you are not required to use this particular one or any one at all.

Below are two default rules that are in effect for your region unless you have a regional formation agreement stating otherwise.

LP Bylaws Article 8.8: *“A National Committee Regional Representative may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties which constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs shall prevail.”*

Convention Rule 8.4: *“In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its regional representative to the National Committee then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.”*

If your region is large enough to have more than one LNC alternate, your region should also agree to and document a ranking of those alternates or some clear procedure whereby the LNC Secretary can determine the ranking. The ranking is relevant for application of Bylaw Article 14 which states:

“Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The chair or secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the chair or cosponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for ten days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.”

Delegate Allocations

The following table lists the number of delegates each affiliate is entitled to at the 2016 convention (blue column). See the Bylaws Articles 11.4 and 11.5 for the allocation methodology.

Use the ‘Percent of Members’ column (yellow) of this table to form representative regions for the Libertarian National Committee. One LNC representative is authorized for each 10% of total party membership that is contained within the affiliates. There is an important note at the end of this table regarding the nuances of the calculation.

State	2016 Delegate Allocation	Sustaining Membership				Presidential Vote		
		Members	LNC Region Formation --	Delegate Allocation --	Delegates	Johnson	Percent	Delegates
		As of 10/31/2015	Percent of Members	Percent of Members	Based on Members	2012 Vote	Of 2012 Vote	Based on 2012 Vote
AL	13	155	1.376%	1.369%	10	12,328	0.966%	3
AK	6	56	0.497%	0.495%	4	7,392	0.579%	2
AZ	26	279	2.477%	2.464%	18	32,100	2.516%	8
AR	9	75	0.666%	0.662%	5	16,276	1.276%	4
CA	130	1522	13.513%	13.440%	97	143,221	11.226%	33
CO	32	374	3.321%	3.303%	24	35,545	2.786%	8
CT	12	128	1.136%	1.130%	9	12,580	0.986%	3
DE	3	27	0.240%	0.238%	2	3,882	0.304%	1
DC	3	27	0.240%	0.238%	2	2,083	0.163%	1
FL	53	654	5.807%	5.775%	42	44,726	3.506%	11
GA	31	310	2.752%	2.738%	20	45,324	3.553%	11
HI	5	55	0.488%	0.486%	4	3,840	0.301%	1

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			Formation --	Allocation --				
			Percent of Members	Percent of Members				
ID	7	57	0.506%	0.503%	4	9,453	0.741%	3
IL	37	377	3.347%	3.329%	24	56,229	4.407%	13
IN	34	341	3.028%	3.011%	22	50,111	3.928%	12
IA	11	113	1.003%	0.998%	8	12,926	1.013%	3
KS	13	125	1.110%	1.104%	8	20,456	1.603%	5
KY	11	102	0.906%	0.901%	7	17,063	1.337%	4
LA	13	116	1.030%	1.024%	8	18,157	1.423%	5
ME	7	55	0.488%	0.486%	4	9,352	0.733%	3
MD	22	232	2.060%	2.049%	15	30,195	2.367%	7
MA	19	179	1.589%	1.581%	12	30,920	2.424%	7
MI	25	362	3.214%	3.197%	23	7,774	0.609%	2
MN	18	151	1.341%	1.333%	10	35,098	2.751%	8
MS	8	81	0.719%	0.715%	6	6,676	0.523%	2
MO	24	213	1.891%	1.881%	14	43,151	3.382%	10
MT	7	40	0.355%	0.353%	3	14,165	1.110%	4
NE	8	66	0.586%	0.583%	5	11,109	0.871%	3
NV	14	165	1.465%	1.457%	11	10,968	0.860%	3
NH	10	116	1.030%	1.024%	8	8,212	0.644%	2
NJ	22	259	2.300%	2.287%	17	21,035	1.649%	5
NM	13	91	0.808%	0.804%	6	27,788	2.178%	7
NY	44	512	4.546%	4.521%	33	47,092	3.691%	11
NC	29	286	2.539%	2.526%	19	44,515	3.489%	10
ND	5	40	0.355%	0.353%	3	5,238	0.411%	2
OH	44	499	4.430%	4.407%	32	49,493	3.879%	12
OK	6	84	0.746%	0.742%	6	0	0.000%	0
OR	15	138	1.225%	1.219%	9	24,089	1.888%	6
PA	42	462	4.102%	4.080%	30	49,991	3.918%	12
RI	3	27	0.240%	0.238%	2	4,388	0.344%	1
SC	14	143	1.270%	1.263%	10	16,321	1.279%	4
SD	5	32	0.284%	0.283%	3	5,795	0.454%	2
TN	18	193	1.714%	1.704%	13	18,623	1.460%	5
TX	71	796	7.067%	7.029%	51	88,580	6.943%	20
UT	8	79	0.701%	0.698%	5	12,572	0.985%	3
VT	3	24	0.213%	0.212%	2	3,487	0.273%	1
VA	38	485	4.306%	4.283%	31	31,216	2.447%	7
WA	30	315	2.797%	2.782%	20	42,202	3.308%	10
WV	5	43	0.382%	0.380%	3	6,302	0.494%	2
WI	17	176	1.563%	1.554%	12	20,439	1.602%	5
WY	4	26	0.231%	0.230%	2	5,326	0.417%	2
OTHER	-----	61	-----	0.539%	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	1047	11,324	100.000%	100.000%	738	1,275,804	100.000%	309

Source for presidential vote totals:
<http://www.fec.gov/pubrec/fe2012/2012presgeresults.pdf>

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may wonder why there are slight differences in the percentages given in the region formation column (in yellow) versus the delegate allocation column right beside it. The numerator for each is the same, the number of sustaining members in that affiliate. The difference is in the denominator.

For delegate allocation (and determining which affiliates get to make committee appointments), the denominator is the total number of sustaining members, which is 11,324. For region formation, however, the denominator excludes the 61 people in the "OTHER" row who are not tied to a particular affiliate, so $11,324 - 61 = 11,263$. If you are checking your potential region formation status, either use the yellow percent column above, or if you prefer to add the number of members and divide it out yourself remember to use the 11,263 denominator rather than 11,324.

This design means that the 61 people who reside out of the country or don't have addresses on file don't dilute the ability of the state affiliates to form a theoretical 10 regions of exactly 10% each. In reality, of course, the regions don't have exactly 10%. They have a little over, and we usually end up with fewer than 10 regions.

