

Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Libertarian Party of New Hampshire** (hereinafter “the Party” or “LPNH”).

Article II – Object and Affiliation

Section 1. The object of the Party is to promote the principles of individual liberty as expressed in the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party by:

- Nominating and supporting political candidates for public office in New Hampshire;
- Promoting, chartering, and coordinating local Libertarian organizations;
- Engaging in political and educational activities consistent with those principles; and
- Supporting the activities of the national Libertarian Party, once chartered as its state-level affiliate.

Section 2. The Party adopts and is bound by the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party (as amended only by the national Party under its own rules). The Party shall take no action inconsistent with that Statement of Principles or with the bylaws of the national Libertarian Party once affiliate status is granted.

Section 3. The Party shall seek recognition as the sole state-level affiliate of the national Libertarian Party for New Hampshire pursuant to the national Party’s bylaws.

Article III – Members

Section 1. Any person who:

- Is a resident of New Hampshire (or intends to become one),
- Signs the following membership pledge: *“I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals,”*
- Pays such dues (if any) as the Executive Committee may establish, and
- Is not a member of another political party (except as may be permitted by New Hampshire law for undeclared voters),

shall be a Member of the Party upon acceptance by the Executive Committee or its designee.

Section 2. Membership may be suspended or terminated by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee for cause, after notice and an opportunity to be heard. Appeal may be made to the next Convention.

Section 3. Only Members in good standing shall have the right to vote at Conventions or to serve as officers or on the Executive Committee.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the core of the Executive Committee and shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, by the parliamentary authority, and by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Members present and voting at a Regular Convention and shall serve until the close of the next Regular Convention or until their successors are elected. Vacancies may be filled by the Executive Committee until the next Convention.

Section 3. An officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee for cause, after notice and opportunity to be heard, subject to appeal to the next Convention.

Article V – Meetings and Conventions

Section 1. The Party shall hold at least one Regular Convention each year at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee. Special Conventions may be called by the Executive Committee or upon written request of twenty percent (20%) of the Members.

Section 2. Notice of any Convention shall be given to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance by electronic mail or other reasonable means. The Call shall include the proposed agenda.

Section 3. A quorum at any Convention shall be the Members present, provided at least ten (10) Members are present (or such other number as the Executive Committee may set by special rule while the Party is organizing).

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held in person, by telephone, or by electronic means that allow all participants to hear and speak to one another. Notice of at least forty-eight (48) hours shall be given unless waived by all members of the Executive Committee.

Article VI – Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the four officers named in Article IV plus such additional members (At-Large or regional) as the Convention or the Executive Committee itself may authorize. The immediate past Chair may serve as a non-voting or voting member at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party between Conventions, shall fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Convention, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws or by the Convention. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Convention, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Convention.

Section 3. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may adopt standing rules and special rules of order for its own proceedings, consistent with these Bylaws and RONR.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee may create standing or special committees as needed and shall appoint their chairs and members (unless the Convention directs otherwise).

Section 2. A Judicial Committee of three to five Members may be elected by the Convention or appointed by the Executive Committee to hear appeals from disciplinary actions and other disputes. Its decisions may be appealed to the next Convention.

Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the state Party may adopt.

Article IX – Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. Amendment by the Executive Committee. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the **entire** Executive Committee (not merely of those present) at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that written notice of the precise text of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to every member of the Executive Committee at least five (5) days in advance. Such amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Section 2. Amendment by Convention. These Bylaws may also be amended by a majority vote of the Members present and voting at any Convention, provided previous notice of the substance of the amendment has been included in the Call to Convention or otherwise given to the membership at least fourteen (14) days in advance.

Section 3. Reporting and Further Action. Any amendment adopted by the Executive Committee under Section 1 shall be reported to the membership at the next Convention. The Convention may, by majority vote, further amend, ratify, or repeal any such amendment.

Section 4. This Article itself may be amended only by the procedures in Section 1 or Section 2.

Article X – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Party, residual assets shall be distributed to the national Libertarian Party or to one or more organizations that share its Statement of Principles, as determined by the Executive Committee or the final Convention.