

Sarpy County Libertarian Party Bylaws

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the "Sarpy County Libertarian Party," hereafter referred to as the "Party."

Section 2: The purpose of the Party is to maintain a representative government that protects the inalienable rights of individuals. To that end, the Party shall:

- a) Endorse candidates for partisan and nonpartisan office in Nebraska.
- b) Support, to the extent possible, Party-endorsed candidates.
- c) Pursue and maintain ballot access.
- d) Support local, state, and national efforts that further the purpose of the Party.
- e) Promote Libertarian policies.

Article II – Membership

Section 1: Party Members shall consist of all registered Libertarian voters of Sarpy County as recognized by the Secretary of State's Office. If not recognized, the County Executive Committee shall develop a method for determining membership.

Article III – Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2: All officers shall be members of the Party. No person may hold more than one officer position at a time.

Section 3: Officers shall be elected by nomination and majority ballot vote of the county members in a duly constituted county caucus or meeting. Officers shall serve a one-year term and until their successor is selected.

Section 4: Should more than two candidates seek any office and none receives a majority vote, a run-off vote or votes will be taken with the candidate in each vote cycle receiving the lowest number of votes eliminated, and runoffs then held between the remaining candidates.

Section 5: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Party, chaired by the Party Chair. The Executive Committee shall direct and manage all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Party consistent with these Bylaws, the parliamentary authority adopted by the Party, and applicable state and federal laws and in accordance with the Party's Purpose.

Article IV – Meetings, Caucuses

Section 1: Meetings or caucuses shall be held under proper notice, at the call of the Chair.

Section 2: A regular county meeting or caucus shall be held each year, at which time delegates and alternates shall be elected to attend the state convention and district caucus, and for the election of officers as needed.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times as are determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chair or by written request of three members of the Executive Committee and upon notice to all members.

Section 5: Voting by proxy shall be prohibited at any regular or special county meeting or caucus. Sarpy County Nebraska is within reasonable size that business meetings can be conducted in person.

Article V – Nominations and Elections

Section 1: A nominating committee of not less than three members shall be appointed by the Chair and approved by the Executive Committee prior to each election. This committee shall report one nominee for each office at the meeting/caucus for such election after which nominations from the floor shall be allowed.

Section 2: A nominating committee of not less than three members shall be appointed by the Chair and approved by the Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating delegates and

alternates to attend each state convention after which nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 3: Where there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by voice.

Section 4: Where more than one candidate is nominated for an office, request for a secret ballot to the Chair or Vice Chair by one or more voting members will initiate a written ballot. If requested, this will be kept confidential.

Article VI – Appointments

All recommendations for appointments shall be made by the Chair, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.

Article VII – Quorum

Section 1: A quorum for a meeting or caucus of the organization shall be a majority of the members present.

Section 2: A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the Executive Committee.

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 adopted by the Party.

Article IX - Bylaws

Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote at any duly called county meeting or caucus.

Article X – Conflict

In the event of any conflict or ambiguity of the bylaws adopted hereunder, the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Nebraska shall prevail.

Article XI – Amendments

Amendments to the bylaws may be made after approved by the county executive committee and by a two-thirds vote at any regular or special meeting or caucus of this organization where the call and notice states such purpose. Intention to propose amendments must be made at least 10 days prior to vote. Notice can be made via email or social media, and should include the proposed change and the reason for the change.

These revised bylaws align the Sarpy County Libertarian Party's structure and procedures more closely with the Libertarian Party of Nebraska bylaws adopted at the convention on March 2, 2024.