

# So You Want to Start an LPO County Affiliate

The Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) is accelerating county organizing under the **2013 Bylaws** (operative per the Cox Resolution, October 15, 2025, and "Back to the Future - 2013 Bylaws Instructional Guide").

Per **2013 Bylaws Article V, Sec. 2** and the **Standing Rules for Chartering County Affiliate Organizations** (promulgated by Ex Comm), counties can seek chartering as subsidiary affiliates limited to one per county and county-only activities.

With the **business convention on March 21, 2026**, use this 6-week sprint (starting February 8, 2026) to submit a complete petition for Ex Comm review/approval—aim for charter issuance in time to represent your county at the event.

Contact Ex Comm immediately ([chair@lporegon.org](mailto:chair@lporegon.org), [secretary@lporegon.org](mailto:secretary@lporegon.org)) to confirm next regular/special meeting and request expedited review.

## Accelerated Timeline to Convention Readiness

### Weeks 0–1: Gather Petition & Documents (Feb 8 – Feb 21)

- Recruit **at least 5 regular LPO members** (registered LP voters in your county; Bylaws Article IV, Sec. 2–3). Collect full details/signatures.
- Use the **Bylaws Template** (attached/Organizational Template) to prepare draft county bylaws mirroring LPO provisions.
- Draft a brief **operational plan** (recruitment, events, candidate support).
- Nominate **interim officers** (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer).
- Complete/submit full **petition** (template below) with attachments to Chairperson/Secretary. Request special meeting if needed for faster review.
- **Milestone by Feb 21**: Petition submitted; Ex Comm acknowledgment expected within 7 days (Rule 3.1).

### Weeks 2–4: Ex Com Review & Prep (Feb 22 – Mar 14)

- Participate in any requested hearing (15 min, virtual/in-person; Rule 3.3).
- Await majority Ex Com vote at next meeting (Rule 3.4)—upon approval: charter certificate issued, details posted on [lporegon.org](http://lporegon.org).
- Hold inaugural/virtual kickoff meeting (even pre-charter if interim). Set up email/social presence.
- Attend Ex Com onboarding if offered. Recruit 5–10+ initial supporters.
- Register for March 21 convention (details from Ex Comm).

- **Milestone by Mar 14:** Charter approved (or interim status confirmed); convention attendees ready.

**Weeks 5–6: Final Prep & Convention (Mar 15 – Mar 21)**

- Join check-ins; prepare materials (sign-up sheets, flyers).
- Align messaging; plan networking/booth if available.
- **Milestone: March 21** - Attend convention! Represent your chartered (or petitioning) county.

**Post-Convention:** Maintain  $\geq 5$  regular members, hold annual convention (quorum 5), submit reports quarterly (Rule 4).