



**T LIBERTARIAN**  
PARTY OF OREGON

# 2023 Bylaws Committee Report

May 28, 2023

# Clerical Corrections

The Bylaws Committee suggests adopting this motion prior to consideration of any proposed amendments:

That the bylaws committee be authorized to update the Constitution and Bylaws in accordance with amendments adopted during the convention, and subsequently ratified by mail or electronic ballot if applicable, and to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the voting members.

# 1. Include Non-Partisan Races

*Reasoning: The LPO's purpose statement only refers to electing Libertarians to partisan office, but most elected positions in Oregon are nonpartisan. This change would authorize the party to dedicate resources in pursuing impactful local races like school boards and city councils.*

## Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the LPO is to perform the activities necessary to place as many ~~partisan-Libertarian~~ of its own members as candidates on the ballot for elections in the State of Oregon as possible, to support its own members in running for public office. and to promote the system of governance espoused by the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.

## 2. Remove Wright System Specification and Reweighted Range Method

*Reasoning: There are several online voting platforms that could be used for LPO elections, but none of them use the specific Single Transferable Vote (STV) method called out by our bylaws, meaning we can't use them or else have to process the votes using a separate custom software. The LPO has not used the Reweighted Range Voting method (RRV) to conduct any elections, which is arguably an inferior form of score voting compared to Score Then Automatic Runoff (STAR)*

### Article 9 - Elections

#### Sec 2: Rules for Elections

Elections-for a single position shall be tabulated by instant runoff voting;~~unless the board of directors votes to instead use the~~or score then automatic runoff method ("STAR").

Elections for multiple positions shall be tabulated using~~the Wright system of~~ single transferable vote ~~as defined by the proportional representation society of Australia, unless the board of directors votes to instead use~~or the multi-winner or proportional representation version of the score then automatic runoff method ("STAR-PR");~~or the Reweighted Range Voting method ("RRV").~~

## 3. Make Conventions Annual

*Reasoning: The LPO has often struggled to meet quorum requirements, which has prevented needed bylaws changes from being able to occur. A yearly event is more engaging with the membership, which could lead to increased participation.*

### Article 5 - Board of Directors

#### Sec 8: Transitional Board Meeting

Following each director election, t~~F~~he outgoing board of directors must schedule a transitional board meeting to occur no later than the day after the next regular convention. At this board meeting, the term of office for the outgoing directors ends and the term of office for the incoming directors begins. The incoming directors must elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the board of directors at this meeting.

# Make Conventions Annual (cont)

## Article 8 – Conventions

### Sec 1: Regular ~~Biennial~~Annual Convention

The LPO shall hold its regular ~~biennial~~Annual business convention in the state of Oregon ~~in the spring~~ of each ~~odd-numbered~~ year, at a time and place chosen by the board of directors. Conventions in even-numbered years shall not be scheduled to occur within two weeks of the Libertarian Party national convention, and shall also be scheduled to occur at least 60 days before the State of Oregon deadline for filing partisan candidates in that year's general election

## Article 9 - Elections

### Sec 1: Methods of calling election

#### B. Director Elections

In odd-numbered years elections for directors shall be held on a schedule that permits the results to be announced at the regular convention. Electors for the election of the board of directors shall be those LPO members who meet any of the following additional criteria relating to LPO business:

- were a delegate in the previous ~~odd-numbered-year~~ regular convention
- were a delegate in any convention since the previous ~~odd-numbered-year~~ regular convention
- served on any board or committee since the previous transitional board meeting
- returned a timely ballot in the previous primary election
- made a cash or in-kind donation at or since the previous ~~odd-numbered-year~~ regular convention

People may be electors by virtue of their status as a convention delegate without regard to whether that convention made quorum.

## 4. Hybrid and Remote Conventions

*Reasoning: Improves delegate access and provides an option to reduce the financial burden of conventions.*

### Article 8 – Conventions

#### **Sec 5: Hybrid and Remote Conventions**

**Regular conventions shall provide an option for delegates to attend and vote remotely, with continuous audio available. The board of directors may choose to hold regular conventions fully remotely via two-thirds vote.**

## 5. Rename Public Policy Board

*Reasoning: The Libertarian Party of Oregon has a Board of Directors, which serves as the executive oversight of the party. Calling both bodies "Board" is a bit inconvenient, and possibly misleading at first glance.*

### Article 6 – Public Policy ~~Board~~Council

#### Sec 1: Composition

##### A. Eligibility

1. To stand for election to or remain a member of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council, a person must meet the same qualifications as those set for the Board of Directors, and must pledge in writing “I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.”
2. No person may simultaneously be a voting member of the Board of Directors and a voting member of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council. One position must be resigned before that person may exercise their vote in the other. A person elected simultaneously to both ~~boards~~bodies may resign from one before the start of their term, allowing election runners-up to earn the position as if the resigning person had not been a candidate.
3. A person who no longer meets the eligibility requirements to serve is automatically and immediately removed from the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council.
4. A member of the Public Policy ~~Board~~Council-who fails to attend two regularly scheduled consecutive meetings may be removed by a two-thirds vote at the next meeting. If then present, the member facing removal may not vote on this question.



# Rename Public Policy Board (cont)

## B. Maintenance

1. The Public Policy **BoardCouncil** shall be elected by the LPO membership at large, using the same schedule, voting method, electors, and balloting as for the election of the Board of Directors.
2. The Public Policy **BoardCouncil** shall have 11 members, whose terms start and end concurrently with those of the Board of Directors.
3. Vacancies may be filled by appointment by the remainder of the Public Policy **BoardCouncil**.
4. Vacancies persisting for more than 90 days may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

## C. Non-voting Members

The Public Policy **BoardCouncil** may appoint or remove non-voting members to serve as advisers, writers, subcommittee chairs, or any other role they deem useful to the business of the Public Policy **BoardCouncil**. Non-voting members enjoy every privilege of membership on the Public Policy **BoardCouncil** except voting.

# Rename Public Policy Board (cont)

## Sec 2: Authority

### A. Duties

The Public Policy ~~Board~~Council shall:

1. in their first meeting of a new term, select from among the regular members a Chair and Secretary.
2. submit written meeting minutes to the Board of Directors within one week of adoption.
3. advise the Board of Directors on the exercise of its power in Article 8, Sec. 1 (A) to choose a nominee for election to public office.
4. maintain records of public policy positions adopted in convention.
5. maintain the public policy platform.
6. oversee public communications related to LPO public policy positions and platform.

# Rename Public Policy Board (cont)

## B. Powers

The Public Policy ~~Board~~Council is empowered, with a two-thirds quorum requirement, to:

1. upon a three-fourths vote, adopt positions on specific matters of public policy.
2. upon a three-fourths vote, create and amend the public policy platform of the LPO.
3. upon a three-fourths vote, issue candidate and ballot measure endorsements.
4. upon a three-fourths vote, approve statements for the Voters' Pamphlet in support of or in opposition to ballot measures.
5. approve a political party statement for the Voters' Pamphlet.
6. upon a two-thirds vote, provide feedback and public testimony on legislative bills and administrative rules, or authorize LPO members to do so.
7. recommend LPO members to serve in government organizations.
8. recommend LPO members to fill vacancies in public office.
9. veto the nomination of any non-member of the LPO to election for public office.
10. veto the nomination of any LPO member to election for public office, but only with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, and requiring a two-thirds vote of each ~~board~~body.
11. delegate any of these powers to subcommittees, the motion to do so being subject to the same vote margin requirement as the power(s) thus delegated, and to set the policies by which the subcommittee members and leadership are seated.

# Rename Public Policy Board (cont)

## C. Exclusions

The Public Policy **Board**Council has no authority to:

1. conflict with the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.
2. conflict with public policy positions adopted in convention.

## D. Funding

The Public Policy **Board**Council may request funding from the Board of Directors to:

1. pay for approved Voters' Pamphlet statements.
2. transfer to an LPO nominee or their candidate committee.
3. transfer to a political action committee that is not a candidate committee.
4. fund other political advocacy of the LPO.

# Rename Public Policy Board (cont)

## Sec 3: Transition

The officers of the outgoing Public Policy **BoardCouncil** shall convey to the incoming members pending business items, unapproved minutes, recent drafts, and any other materials they deem to be of importance or urgency. These items shall be conveyed no later than the date of the incoming Public Policy **Board'sCouncil**'s first meeting, which in turn shall be no earlier than the corresponding transitional meeting of the Board of Directors that marks the beginning and end of the term of office.

## Sec 4: Meetings

The Public Policy **BoardCouncil** must adopt a policy establishing regular meetings. In the absence of such a policy, the Public Policy **BoardCouncil** meets at the call of its Chair.