

Constitution and Bylaws of the Warren County Libertarian Party of Ohio

Preamble

We the members of the Libertarian Party in Warren County, Ohio, in order to nominate, endorse, support, and elect candidates, and to support issues best representative of the ideals of libertarianism, do ordain and establish this Constitution and hereby establish the Warren County Libertarian Party of Ohio (“the Party”) in perpetuity.

Article I - Status and Membership

Section 1. The Party affirms and intends to preserve its status as the official Warren County Ohio affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Ohio (hereinafter referred to as “the LPO”). The Party shall abide by the Statement of Principles, Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Operational Directives of the LPO. This Section shall not be interpreted in such a way as to allow the LPO to dictate spending or operating priorities of the Party.

Section 2. A Voting Member is defined as a person who:

- A. Has affirmed the following 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.”
- B. Is not legally affiliated with another political party.
- C. Resides in Warren County, Ohio.

Article II - Executive Committee

Section 1. The Controlling Committee of the Party shall be called the County Executive Committee (“the Executive Committee”).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be elected from Voting Members. This election shall be held by secret ballot.

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - i. Additional Executive Committee Members may be added during normal elections as decided by the Voting Members.
- B. Executive Committee elections shall normally be held during a regular County Convention.
 - i. Special elections to fill vacancies may be held, as necessary.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall create a set of Standard Operating Procedures that governs the day-to-day operations of the Party.

Article III - County Conventions

Section 1. The Party shall hold a Regular Convention during even numbered years.

Section 2. A Special Convention shall be held upon petition of 10% of Voting Members or 50% of the seated Executive Committee Members. Such a petition shall state the business of the special Convention and no other business, shall be considered at such a Convention unless the petition states that it is being held in lieu of a missed Regular Convention.

Section 3. Any Voting Member is eligible to be a delegate to a County Convention

Section 4. Public notice of no less than thirty days shall be given for all conventions by reasonable and common methods.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may establish such registration and attendance fees as may be required. These fees shall be established no later than 90 days prior to a Regular Convention and no later than 30 days prior to a Special Convention.

Article IV - Miscellaneous

Section 1. Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

Section 2. Any matter which is determined to conflict with Section 1 shall be of no force and effect. All constitutional provisions of the Libertarian Party of Ohio are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

Section 3. Each clause of this Constitution shall be considered separately and the enforceability of any one clause shall not affect any other clause.

Section 4. All Party meetings shall be open to the public and the press. Any Committee of the Party may go into executive session to consider and vote upon matters of budget, personnel, legal affairs, and any other matter that is not required by law to be discussed and voted upon in an open meeting, upon a majority vote of those members voting.

Section 5. On all Party ballots, all proposals shall provide the alternative "None of the above"

Section 6. The Party shall not create any rules which attempt to limit participation by any individual based upon race, gender, national origin, language(s) spoken, sexual preference, gender identification, religious preference(s), military background, physical capabilities or characteristics, mental capabilities or characteristics, age, prior political affiliation or any other individual trait.

Section 7. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings not specifically covered by this Constitution or the Standard Operating Procedures.

Article V - Amendments

Section 1. The Executive Committee may, by two-thirds vote of the seated members, make non-substantive changes to correct errors in standard American usage or numbering.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by 60% of all delegates to a Convention.

Section 3. Amendments to this Constitution may be made only at Conventions.

Section 4. All amendments to this Constitution must be made available to all members by reasonable and common methods no less than 30 days before a Convention. Proposed amendments may be amended without separate notice to all members if such amendments are deemed germane to the proposed published amendment and separately approved by 60% of all delegates to a Convention.

Article VI - Adoption

Section 1. This Constitution shall take effect 48 hours after the close of the Convention at which it is adopted. The governing body of the previous Constitution shall have the authority to implement this Constitution and shall automatically be dissolved upon the election of the first Executive Committee as described by this Constitution.

Section 2. This Constitution supersedes all other Constitutions of the Warren County Libertarian Party of Ohio.