



The Libertarian Party of Arkansas

Rules of Order for the 2018 Convention of the Libertarian Party of Arkansas, February 24-25, 2018

RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS AND TIMETABLE

1. As specified in the LPAR bylaws, Section IV.4., the standing order of business for the 2018 Convention (omitting unnecessary items) shall be as follows:
 - a. Call to order by the State Chair;
 - b. Opening Ceremonies;
 - c. Secretary report on actions taken by the State Executive Committee;
 - d. Treasurer report of money collected, money spent, and money remaining;
 - e. Report of the Bylaws Committee and action on its report;
 - f. Nomination of candidates for public office;
 - g. Nomination and election of delegates and alternates to the national convention;
 - h. Other business;
 - i. Adjournment.
2. Scheduled business shall take place along the following timetable:
 - a. Session 1: February 24, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Agenda items a. through e., including consideration of proposed amendments to Bylaws. Any unfinished business from Session 1 will be tabled until after Other Business (agenda item h.) has been addressed.
 - b. Session 2: February 24, 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM - Nomination of Candidates for Public Office
 - c. Session 3: February 25, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM –
 - i. Nomination of Candidates for Public Office (Cont).
 - ii. Nom nation and election of delegates and alternates to the national convention;
 - iii. Other Business
 - d. Session 4: February 25, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Other Business (Cont.)
 - e. Adjournment

RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS

1. Except as otherwise specified herein, voting will be by either voice vote or show of hands. If any Member objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a show of hands shall be conducted.
2. On matters that require a two-thirds vote, including the suspension of these rules, voting will be by show of hands or rising vote. If any Member objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a show of hands, a rising vote shall be conducted.
3. The Chair may require any motion offered from the Convention floor to be in writing, signed by the mover and submitted to the Secretary.

RULE 3: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

1. The Chair of the Bylaws Committee shall report each recommendation of the Committee to the Convention separately and shall have two minutes to explain the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment. Each recommendation shall be considered and adopted separately, with a maximum of ten minutes discussion on any recommendation.
2. The recommendations of the Bylaws Committee shall be taken up in the order in which they have been presented in the Bylaws Committee Report, except
 - a. Either the Convention Chair or the Bylaws Committee Chair may, without objection by a simple majority of the Convention delegates present and voting, change the order to bring any specific recommendation up for immediate consideration.
 - b. A motion to change the order in which the recommendations are considered, bringing any specific recommendation up for immediate consideration, will be sustained by a simple majority vote of the Convention delegates present and voting.
3. Motions to amend any recommendation of the Bylaws Committee shall require a two-thirds vote for consideration by the Convention.
4. When the allocated time in Session 1 (see Rule 2) is expired, any further consideration of bylaws amendments will be deferred until after Other Business has been completed, if time remains, or until the next Convention of the LPAR (at the discretion of the incoming Bylaws Committee).

RULE 4: PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

1. Order of voting:
 - a. Nominations will be considered in the following order:
 - i. Federal Offices (U.S. Senate, House of Representatives)
 - ii. State Constitutional Offices (Governor, Lt. Gov., etc.)
 - iii. State Senate
 - iv. State House
 - v. County Offices
 - b. Nominations for the state General Assembly (Senate then House) will be taken up in order of district numbers. Nominations for county offices will be considered in alphabetical order by county, and by district number (if relevant) within counties.
 - c. At the discretion of the Chair, or by a majority of the Convention Delegates present and voting, nominations for previously-considered offices that were left vacant may be reconsidered at any time during the nomination process.
2. Discussion:
 - a. Each candidate will be allocated up to 9 minutes to present his or her case for nomination, with opening comments limited to no more than 3 minutes and with up to 6 minutes reserved for questions from the floor.
 - b. When two or more candidates have been nominated for the same office, their 9 minute allocations will be combined to create time for a debate. The debate will be structured as follows:
 - i. Each candidate will be allocated up to 2 minutes for an opening statement.
 - ii. Questions from the floor will be directed to each candidate in turn, but all candidates will have an opportunity to answer each question.
 - iii. Each candidate will be allocated up to 1 minute for a closing statement.
 - c. After candidates have completed their presentation/debate, the floor will be open to brief comments in support of a candidate or "None Of The Above" (NOTA).
2. Voting procedures
 - a. Contested nominations: In the case of nominations for which more than one person has been presented as a candidate, voting will take place by secret ballot. Convention delegates may vote for any individual or for "None Of The Above" (NOTA).
 - i. Any candidate (including NOTA) who receives a majority of the votes cast will be declared the party's nominee for that office.

- ii. If no candidate receives a majority, the person with the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the list of candidates and another round of voting will take place. (Note: NOTA is always on the ballot).
 - iii. The process described in sections (i.) and (ii.) will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.
- b. Uncontested nominations: If only one person is being considered for nomination, voting by secret ballot will be suspended by unanimous consent: Convention delegates may vote for the named candidate or for NOTA by a show of hands. Any Member may call for a secret ballot at any time (and does not need to have the floor to do so).
 - c. Election of NOTA: If NOTA receives a majority of votes for any office, the office shall be considered vacant and the Chair will proceed to consideration of the next office as specified in Section (A.).

RULE 5: PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

For the 2018 national LP convention, the LPAR has been allocated seven (7) delegates.

1. First round of voting:
 - a. Ballots including the names of all delegate nominees, along with None Of The Above (NOTA), will be distributed to all voting Members in attendance at the time of election. The candidates in the first round of voting will consist of only those Members who indicated their desire to serve as delegates at least 30 days prior to the State Convention, as specified in the LPAR Bylaws section IV.6.b.
 - b. Prior to the election, the Chair will ask if there are any other Members present who desire to serve as delegates or alternates, but the names of such Members will not be printed on the ballots for the first round of voting.
 - c. Members may vote for as few as one (1) or as many as seven (7) candidates from among the names presented on the first ballot. Write-in votes are permitted. Any candidate who receives a majority of votes cast will be elected as a delegate.
 - d. If any candidate fails to receive a majority of votes cast, then a seat on the delegation will be considered vacant. The candidate will remain eligible for election as a delegate or alternate in the second round of voting.
2. Second round of voting:
 - a. Remaining vacancies in the delegation (if any) will be filled by a second ballot in which Members who were not elected in the first round, along with Members who indicated a willingness to serve, per section 1.b. of this convention rule, will be on the ballot. NOTA will also be on the ballot.
 - b. Members may vote for as few as one (1) or as many as the number of positions that remain vacant in the allocated LPAR delegation.
 - c. The second-round candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to fill vacant delegate positions.
 - d. After all delegate positions have been filled, remaining candidates will be designated as alternates.