



# The Libertarian Party of Arkansas

## Rules of Order

### 2019 Convention of the Libertarian Party of Arkansas

April 13, 2019

#### **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 State Party officers;
  - g. District Caucuses
  - h. Report of the Platform Committee and action on its report;
  - i. Other business;
  - j. Adjournment.
2. Scheduled business shall take place along the following timetable:
  - a. Session 1: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM - Agenda items a. through f.
  - b. Session 2: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM – Agenda items f. (cont.) through j.
  - c. Session 3: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (If needed)
  - d. 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: PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICERS**

1. Order of voting: Election of Party Officers will be considered in the following order :
  - a. Chair
  - b. Vice-Chair
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. District Caucuses
  - f. Election of At-Large representative
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). Prior to any vote, candidates and/or their advocates will each be given up to 10 minutes to present their case to the convention.
  - b. Any candidate (including NOTA) who receives a majority of the votes cast will be declared elected for that office.
  - c. 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).
  - d. The process described in sections (a.) through (c.) will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.
3. 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 such a request will be considered a privileged motion.
4. 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 (1.) – (3.).