

OKLAHOMA LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNING BYLAWS

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Article I: Name

These articles shall govern the association known as the “Oklahoma Libertarian Party”, “Libertarian Party of Oklahoma”, hereafter referred to as the OKLP.

Article II: Purpose

The OKLP is organized to promote individual liberty and eliminate intervention of government in moral, social, and economic affairs by: functioning as a state level libertarian political entity in association with the Libertarian Party, moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office; chartering affiliates throughout Oklahoma and promoting their growth and activities; and entering into public information and education activities.

Article III: Statement of Principles

Section 1. The OKLP affirms the following principles:

- A) That all people possess certain unalienable natural rights, and that among these are the rights to life, liberty, justly acquired property, and self-governance.
- B) That the only moral basis for government is the preservation and protection of unalienable natural rights.
- C) That no person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of physical force or fraud against another person, and that all people are bound, without contract, to abstain from infringing upon the natural rights of other people.
- D) That all people are entitled to choose their own lifestyles as long as they do not forcibly impose those values on others.
- E) That the voluntary and unrestricted exchange of goods and services is fundamental to a peaceful and harmonious society.

Section 2. The OKLP does not believe in or advocate the initiation of force in order to achieve political or social goals.

Article IV: Rules, Terms, and Conditions

Section 1. Interpretation and application of Bylaws

- A) All records and lists required by the Bylaws shall be in writing.
- B) The spirit and not the letter of each Bylaw shall be controlling subject to ratification of a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the entire State Executive Committee.
- C) Should any conflict exist or develop between any of these Bylaws and Oklahoma statutory election law, the latter shall govern except as to those laws which have been judicially held to be constitutionally unenforceable, or which are patently unconstitutional in the judgment of the State Executive Committee.

- D) Whenever, by reason of changes in the governing law, either by way of legislative enactment or judicial decree by a court of competent jurisdiction, it becomes impossible to comply with any provision of these Bylaws, the State Executive Committee is authorized to promulgate such alternate or additional rules, procedures and guidelines as may be necessary and appropriate.
- E) The proceedings of all business, organizational, re-organizational, committee meetings and all county, regional, and state conventions not covered by these Bylaws or by enforceable provisions of Oklahoma law shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- F) All elections to a party office at all levels of organization shall be decided by a majority vote unless otherwise directed by these Bylaws.
- G) These Bylaws may be amended only by the Delegates to the State Convention by a majority vote of the total number of Delegates present, registered, and approved for that convention or reconvened convention.
- H) The State Executive Committee, each County or Regional Central Committee, and each County or Regional Convention may adopt, for its own purposes, such rules as it may deem necessary or advisable and which are not in conflict with these Bylaws or with applicable and enforceable state law.
- I) Where used in these Bylaws, any gender used shall be inclusive of all genders, and the singular shall include the plural, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- J) Citations herein to specific sections of the Oklahoma Statutes refer to the statute as it exists as of the date of adoption of these Bylaws, and shall be deemed to refer to any relevant successor or substitute sections of the statutes in the event the same shall be amended or modified at any later date or dates.

Section 2. Definitions

- A) "Party" shall mean the Oklahoma Libertarian Party (Libertarian Party of Oklahoma) at the state, regional, county, or precinct level as the context shall require.
- B) "Recognized County" shall mean any organized county which has been awarded and retains a charter of affiliation to the Oklahoma Libertarian Party.
- C) "Organized County" shall mean any county having at least a County Chair as defined by these Bylaws and in the process of becoming a County Affiliate.
- D) "Unorganized County" shall mean any county which is not an Organized County.
- E) "Quorum" shall mean a majority of all the members of a committee or body, unless otherwise specified by these Bylaws.
- F) "State Convention" shall refer to the annual Convention of state Delegates in any given year. Rules and Platform Committee members shall be elected at each State Convention.
- G) "County Chair" shall mean any member appointed by the State Chair for the purposes of chartering a new County Affiliate, or the member elected by the body of the county organization.
- H) "Officer" shall mean any person duly elected or appointed to the office of State Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.
- I) "Registered Libertarian" shall mean any person registered to vote in the State of Oklahoma, who has declared party affiliation to the Libertarian Party as defined by the Oklahoma State Election Board.

- J) “Lapsed Member” shall mean any Member who otherwise would be considered a member in good standing.

Section 3. Duplication and Distribution

- A) The Bylaws may be reproduced and distributed as the State Executive Committee may direct, and shall be published and maintained on the Party’s official website.

Section 4. Notices

- A) For the purposes of these Bylaws, unless otherwise specified, “written notice” shall be defined as any of the following: mail by the United States Postal Service with first class postage prepaid; electronic mail; facsimile transmission; personal delivery; or delivery by private courier service.

Article V: Membership

Section 1. All Members of the State Party (“Party Members”) must indicate that they oppose the initiation of force in order to achieve political or social goals.

Section 2. Member in Good Standing

- A) A Member in Good Standing shall be a person who:
 - 1. Has complied with the membership requirement in Section 1 of this Article;
 - 2. Is a resident of Oklahoma;
 - 3. Is a Registered Libertarian;
 - 4. Has paid dues and maintained current annual membership dues, and that such dues are remitted no later than ten (10) days prior to the start of the State Convention. Unless otherwise provided, the body of a duly called convention may suspend this rule to allow other Members who may not qualify under this provision to be seated as Delegates at that Convention.
- B) A Member in Good Standing shall have the right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the Party in accordance with these Bylaws as set forth herein. Such right shall be sacred and inviolate, and the willful disregard or abridgment of such right by an Officer or State Party Member shall be deemed sufficient cause for the removal of such Officer or State Party Member as provided by these Bylaws.
- C) The State Executive Committee shall determine the dues required for membership.
- D) Dues for the State Party are annual and expire on the three hundred sixty-sixth (366th) day following the date on which they are received, allowing for a thirty-day grace period following the expiration of the regular membership.
- E) The State Executive Committee is empowered to waive, by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote, the voter registration requirement for any individual who is a resident of Oklahoma but not legally qualified to vote in the state of Oklahoma, and who requests such a waiver in writing.

Section 3. Lifetime Membership

- A) A Lifetime Member shall be a person who:
 - 1. Has complied with the membership requirement in Section 1 of this Article;
 - 2. Has made a one-time Lifetime Membership payment of at least \$250 to the State Party or has donated fifty (50) hours of volunteer time to the OKLP as defined by the OKLP Policy Manual.
- B) A Lifetime Member in Good Standing:
 - 1. Meets Lifetime Member requirements as defined in this Section;
 - 2. Maintains uninterrupted residency in Oklahoma;
 - 3. Maintains status as a Registered Libertarian.
- C) Lifetime Members in Good Standing shall be considered Members in Good Standing for any other purpose under these Bylaws and the Rules of the State Party, and enjoy the same rights and privileges thereof.

Section 4. Membership Suspension

- A) The State Executive Committee shall have the authority to suspend, terminate, or refuse any membership in the OKLP by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote.
- B) The State Executive Committee shall immediately notify the individual by certified mail of the suspension, termination, or refusal, and the reasons for such, affording the individual the right to appeal to the Judicial Committee or to appeal to the delegation-at-large during the Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention.
 - 1. Upon such appeal, the Judicial Committee or the Annual Business Meeting, as the case may be, may by majority vote to reverse the suspension, termination, or refusal of membership. Otherwise, the membership shall remain voided for a period of one (1) year from the original three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote, after which time the individual may re-apply for membership in the OKLP.

Section 5. Member Expulsion

- A) A Member may be expelled from the Party only by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the Delegates at an Annual Business Meeting in accordance with these Bylaws.
 - 1. Expulsion of a Member may be recommended:
 - a. By action of a County Affiliate;
 - b. By a written petition signed by three (3) Party Members, in each case showing cause for such expulsion;
 - c. By the State Chair; or
 - d. By initiation of the Delegates assembled in Convention *sua sponte*.
 - 2. Grounds for expulsion shall include taking any action which:
 - a. Is deleterious to the Party or which seriously damages its reputation and public esteem;

- b. Imperils its continued legal existence, its status as a registered political party in the State of Oklahoma, its recognition by the National Party as a state affiliate, or its federal or state tax exempt status; or
 - c. In the judgment of the State Executive Committee is otherwise sufficiently serious that the Party desires to permanently and publicly disassociate itself from the affected Member.
- B) If expulsion is decreed it shall be effective immediately and there shall be no appeal. Any expelled person shall not be considered for readmission to the OKLP.
- C) If expulsion is rejected, no subsequent petition for expulsion against that same Member based on the same or related charges shall be entertained by Delegates.
- D) In the event a Member is expelled, the State Executive Committee and/or the State Chair may, at its or their discretion, notify the National Party and any other state party of such expulsion, and may issue public notice thereof in such manner as it or they may determine.

Article VI: Permanent Organization

Section 1. The permanent organization of the OKLP shall consist of an at-large governing body known as the State Executive Committee, a Judicial Committee, and County Affiliates represented by seven (7) Regional Committees and four (4) At-Large Representatives elected at State Convention in every odd-numbered year.

Section 2. The State Executive Committee may appoint the four (4) At-Large Representatives in case of a vacancy by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote.

Section 3. Libertarian Regional Committees

- A) Purpose. The purpose of a Regional Committee is to promote Libertarian policy, activities, voter registration, campaigns, and to help form and encourage maintenance of County Committees, and to control and manage the affairs and properties of the Libertarian Regional Committee between Regional Conventions.
- B) Organization Structure. Regional Committees shall have the liberty to organize their own Regional Committee structures that are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, subject to the approval of the State Executive Committee through the chartering process.
- C) State Executive Committee Member. Each Regional Committee shall designate a person to represent the Regional Committee on the State Executive Committee.
- D) Regions of the OKLP shall be as follows:
 1. Northwest Region: Beaver, Blaine, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills, Texas, Woods, and Woodward counties.
 2. North Central Region: Alfalfa, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Logan, Major, Noble, Payne, and Pawnee counties.
 3. Northeast Region: Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties.

4. East Central Region: Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, Hughes, Latimer, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, and Sequoyah counties.
 5. Southeast Region: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Garvin, Johnston, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Murray, Pontotoc, and Pushmataha counties.
 6. Southwest Region: Beckham, Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Stephens, Tillman, and Washita counties.
 7. Central Region: Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Lincoln, McClain, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie, and Seminole counties.
- E) Temporary Regional Committee Officers. To secure a contact person around whom a Regional Committee may be formed, the State Executive Committee may appoint one Member of the OKLP inhabiting a Region which does not have Regional Committee to take the position of Temporary Regional Chair of the region. The State Executive Committee may appoint, replace, or dismiss any Temporary Regional Chair by majority vote. The Temporary Regional Chair will organize and conduct an organizing convention as allowed by these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Article VII: State Executive Committee

Section 1. Purpose

- A) The purpose of the State Executive Committee is to control and manage all of the affairs and properties of the OKLP between State Conventions, consistent with these Bylaws and the policies established at the State Convention. The State Executive Committee shall have the authority, by a majority vote, except as otherwise provided herein, to perform all functions which the State Convention might perform under these Bylaws except:
1. The State Executive Committee shall have no authority to amend, alter, or repeal any substantive part of the Bylaws.

Section 2. Composition

- A) The State Executive Committee shall comprise of four (4) elected State Officers; each Regional Representative or their Alternate as designated by their respective Regional Committee, and four (4) At-Large Representatives.

Section 3. Responsibility

- A) The State Executive Committee shall have the sole responsibility for:
1. Chartering County and Regional Committees;
 2. Approving applications for membership in the OKLP;
 3. Arranging, promoting, and producing an annual State Convention;
 4. Resolving matters of succession of Officers in cases of vacancy;
 5. Taking appropriate punitive action against Members, OKLP Committees, and Affiliates as provided in these Bylaws; and

6. Producing and approving an annual budget, fixed to the fiscal year beginning July 1, and made available to any Member upon request.
- B) Subordinated only to the authority of a duly called and convened Convention of the State Party, the State Executive Committee is the supreme authority of the OKLP under these Bylaws.

Section 4. Election of Officers and At-Large Representatives

- A) During odd-numbered years, the Officers of the State Executive Committee and At-Large Representatives shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting at the State Convention. Officers and At-Large Representatives shall be selected by secret ballot unless there is only one nomination for the office, in which case election may be made by acclamation. Officers and At-Large Representatives shall take office upon the close of the State Convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next State Convention held in an odd-numbered year.

Section 5. Officers

- A) The Officers of the OKLP shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. No offices shall be combined, except the office of Secretary may be combined as necessary.
1. State Chair: The State Chair is the chief executive officer of the OKLP and shall coordinate the activities of the OKLP and Party Members in achieving the objectives and goals of the OKLP.
 - a. Duties of the State Chair include, but are not limited to, that such person:
 - i. shall be responsible for the enforcement of these Bylaws and carrying out the directions and resolutions of the State Executive Committee and the State Convention in accordance with these Bylaws;
 - ii. shall preside over all meetings of the State Executive Committee;
 - iii. shall be the primary spokesperson for the State Party, but may delegate this function to any other Member(s) in Good Standing;
 - iv. shall ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to political parties;
 - v. shall serve as an *ex officio* on all standing and *ad hoc* committees;
 - vi. shall convene State Executive Committee meetings as necessary to carry out Party business at the state level;
 - vii. shall oversee party projects throughout the state, in coordination with County Committees, in order to promote the Party;
 - viii. shall be responsible for recruiting Libertarian candidates for public office, with the help of the County Chairs as well as the State Vice Chair;
 - ix. shall maintain communication with the National Libertarian Party in order to Coordinate national and state party business;
 - x. may require specific forms to be used for administrative purposes at all levels of the Party;
 - xi. may make other regulations regarding administrative practices at all levels of the Party.
 2. State Vice Chair
 - a. The Vice Chair shall act as assistant to the State Chair and shall perform such duties as the Chair directs.
 - b. The Vice Chair shall assign and perform the duties of the State Chair in the absence of the Chair and/or until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee in case of a vacancy.

- c. The Vice Chair shall oversee the planning and facilitation of the State Convention.
 - d. The Vice Chair shall arrange facilities and equipment for State Executive Committee Meetings.
3. State Secretary
- a. The Secretary shall be the recording officer at all State Executive Committee meetings and State Conventions.
 - b. The Secretary shall maintain all written records for future use and be responsible for all correspondence of the State Executive Committee.
 - c. At the end of the Secretary's term of office, the Secretary shall deliver to that person's successor within ten (10) business days all property, books, and records of the State Executive Committee and State Party maintained by that person or in that person's possession.
4. State Treasurer
- a. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all State Party funds and shall oversee the disbursement of the same by authorized persons in accordance with the decisions and direction of the State Executive Committee.
 - b. The Treasurer shall keep account of all receipts and disbursements, with appropriate information regarding from whom received, and to whom disbursed, and the purpose thereof.
 - c. The State Party accounts shall be accessible to any member of the State Executive Committee or to any County Committee Member in Good Standing with reasonable notice, usually at least two (2) days advance notice.
 - d. The Treasurer shall report at such time or times as requested by the State Executive Committee in such form as will provide all necessary information relative to the amount of receipts, disbursements, and cash balance, together with expenditures charged to each item of the budget and unexpended balance of the budget items.
 - e. At the end of the Treasurer's term of office, the Treasurer shall deliver to that person's successor within ten (10) business days all monies, property, books, and records of the State Executive Committee and State Party maintained by that person or in that person's possession.
 - i. At the end of the Treasurer's term of office, the Treasurer shall within seven (7) days amend the statement of Organization with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission and the Federal Ethics Commission as required by applicable law.
 - f. The State Party authorizes the duly elected Treasurer to be a signatory on all accounts.
 - i. The Treasurer shall follow the rules and standards set by the institution where signatory authorization is required including, but not limited, to the transfer of custody and withdrawal of assets.
 - g. The Treasurer shall keep account of all quarterly financial statements and other related documents submitted by Affiliates.

Section 6. Vacancies

A) Resignation

1. A member of the State Executive Committee may resign their position with or without cause.
2. Resignation by an Officer shall be made in writing to the State Chair and State Secretary.
3. In the event that the Officer resigning is the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Secretary shall be notified in writing.

B) Temporary Vacancy

1. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the Chair's duties, said duties shall fall upon the Vice Chair.
2. Should an Officer other than the Chair be unable or fail to fulfill their duties or attend two or more consecutive meetings, that office may be vacated for a period of no more than ninety (90) days or until the next annual business meeting, whichever is sooner.
3. No elected Officer may hold more than one elected Party office. Should the need arise that an elected Party Officer must perform the duties of another elected office for a period of time, they shall have only one (1) vote on the State Executive Committee.

C) Permanent Vacancy

1. If an elected Officer resigns or cannot act or serve (except for a temporary period), abandons their office by refusing to serve, or shall have been removed for cause per these Bylaws, the State Executive Committee may by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote appoint a Member to serve in that position and fulfill the duties required of that position in accordance with these Bylaws.
 - a. The State Executive Committee may defer to the will of the Delegates by issuing a poll to those Delegates duly credentialed at the previous Annual Business Meeting.
 - b. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of office vacated unless a convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled.
 - c. No members appointed to the State Executive Committee shall have the authority to vote on matters that concern the budget, executive session action items, appointments to *ad hoc* or other committees, or on regional or county affiliate charters.

D) In any case, any Member appointed to the State Executive Committee must meet eligibility and qualification requirements for that office as outlined in these Bylaws.

E) Appointments to fill State Executive Committee vacancies shall take effect upon the close of the State Executive Committee meeting wherein the appointment is confirmed.

Section 7. Voting, Rules of Conduct, and Standing Rules

- A) A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the eligible position on the State Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

1. Suspension, censure, or removal from office any Party Officer, State Executive Committee member, Libertarian National Committee representative, *ad hoc* or other committee member, or any County Central Committee member;
2. Reinstatement of a County Central Committee member;
3. Endorsing or rescinding its endorsement of any candidate for public office;
4. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion;
5. The annual budget, or any financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months;
6. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals, or to candidates for public office not endorsed by the Party.

Article VIII: Judicial Committee

Section 1. Purpose

- A) The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:
 1. Suspension of affiliate parties;
 2. Suspension of Officers by a vote of the State Executive Committee;
 3. Suspension of Regional or County Chairs;
 4. Voiding of State Executive Committee decisions and actions;
 5. Disputes involving access to Party records;
 6. Challenges to Platform planks;
 7. Challenges to Resolutions;
 8. Interpretation of the OKLP Bylaws and Convention Rules;
 9. Offering an advisory opinion to the State Executive Committee; and
 10. Suspension or expulsion of Members.
- B) Decisions of the Judicial Committee shall be by at least a three-fifths ($\frac{3}{5}$) affirmative vote. Each member may submit in writing to the Secretary of the Party for preservation their reasons for their vote in the affirmative or negative on any matter brought before the committee.
- C) Decision of the Judicial Committee on Platform planks and resolutions may be overridden by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote at future State Convention.

- D) Within ninety (90) days following the State Convention at which elected, the Judicial Committee shall establish Rules of Appellate Procedure to govern its consideration of matters within the scope of its jurisdiction.
1. The existing Rules shall remain in effect until and unless the Judicial Committee submits new proposed rules for the fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) majority approval of the Convention body or presents them by a survey of the Delegates from the most recent seated convention for approval.
 2. A copy of the current Rules of Appellate Procedure shall be maintained by the Recording Secretary and shall be available to any Member at cost.
- E) No member of the Judicial Committee may sit in judgment of an appeal of a ruling or action of the State Executive Committee or a County Central Committee which occurred while that member served on either committee.
- F) The Judicial Committee shall, when required by its duties, have access to all written records of the Party and Party committees concerned.

Section 2. Petition of Judicial Committee

- A) The Judicial Committee must be petitioned in writing.
- B) Upon petition, members of the committee will make contact with both the State Executive Committee and all individuals involved in order to schedule a hearing (either in person or electronic) no later than thirty (30) days from the time they receive the petition.
1. Any individual tied to the hearing may petition for an additional thirty (30) day extension which will be voted on by the Judicial Committee.

Section 3. Appeals

- A) The Judicial Committee shall act as the primary appeals authority in matters involving punitive action against a Member, an Officer, a candidate, or an affiliate.
- B) The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing an appeal between twenty (20) and forty (40) days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument.
- C) At the hearing, the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant.
- D) The Judicial Committee shall issue a ruling within thirty (30) days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within thirty (30) days shall constitute a ruling favor of the appellee.

Section 4. Judicial Committee

- A) The OKLP shall vest its appellate authority into a Judicial Committee.
- B) Election and Composition
1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of five (5) Party Members elected at each Annual Business Meeting in even-numbered years, and any four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.
 2. No member of the State Executive Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee.

3. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee and a Recording Secretary.
 4. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the State Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next State Convention in an even-numbered year.
- C) Qualifications
1. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least two (2) years and have attended at least two (2) State Conventions at the time of their selection.
- D) Vacancies
1. In the case of a vacancy, the remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Annual Business Meeting.
 - a. If a vacancy occurs after a newly elected Judicial Committee is seated, the appointee shall serve for a period until the next Annual Business Meeting, at which time a Special Election shall be held to fill such vacancy.
 - b. If a vacancy occurs in an odd-numbered year, the appointee shall serve the remainder of the term.

Article IX: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the OKLP

- A) The OKLP shall hold an annual State Convention where the Party may make amendments to these Bylaws, propose changes to the Platform, and perform other functions as outlined in these Bylaws.
- B) Meetings of the State Executive Committee shall be held in sessions.
 1. A Session shall consist of all meetings of the State Executive Committee held between State Conventions.
 2. The first meeting of the State Executive Committee immediately following the close of a State Convention held in an odd-numbered year shall be known as the 1st Meeting of the 1st Session of the *Xth* State Executive Committee.
 3. The first meeting of the State Executive Committee immediately following the close of the State Convention held in an even-numbered year shall be known as the 1st Meeting of the 2nd Session of the *Xth* State Executive Committee.
- C) All meetings of the State Executive Committee shall be open to observation by Members of the OKLP.
- D) All meetings of the State Executive Committee shall be recorded in an undoctored format with the time read at Call to Order and Adjournment. Said recordings, as well as approved minutes of the meeting, shall be made available to the general membership upon written request to the State Secretary.
- E) No meeting of the State Executive Committee shall be held outside the state of Oklahoma.

F) All State Executive Committee meetings may be conducted as electronic meetings as outlined in Section 3 of this Article.

1. In-person should be the preferred method of conducting meetings, if feasible.

Section 2. Meetings of the State Executive Committee

A) Regular Meetings

1. The State Executive Committee shall meet immediately following the State Convention and at least once each quarter.
2. Each Regular Meeting shall be scheduled prior to the close of the preceding Regular Meeting.
3. Notice of Regular Meeting dates, times, and locations shall be posted on the official OKLP webpage and emailed to all Regional Representatives, State Executive Committee Officers, and At-Large Representatives no less than thirty (30) days prior to each quarterly meeting date.
4. A majority of the filled positions of the State Executive Committee, with at least two (2) of those present being Officers, shall constitute quorum.

B) Special Meetings

1. The State Executive Committee may meet from time to time as directed by the Chair or by request of one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the members of the State Executive Committee.
2. Any meeting called in between Regular Meetings shall be known as a Special Meeting.
3. Notice of Special Meeting shall be given no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, utilizing the same methods of written notification as outlined above.
4. A majority of the filled positions of the State Executive Committee, with at least two (2) of those present being Officers, shall constitute quorum.

C) Emergency Meetings

1. Any member of the State Executive Committee may call for an Emergency Meeting for the following purposes:
 - a. Response to a major media event;
 - b. Resolving a time-sensitive financial concern; or
 - c. Mitigating any situation with the implications of an ethical violation.
2. Notice should be given at least four (4) hours in advance.
3. The number of members present at the meeting shall constitute quorum.
4. No other business or procedures may be conducted outside of the parameters listed in this paragraph.

Section 3. Electronic Meetings

- A) For the purposes of this article, an electronic meeting shall be defined as any means by which members of the State Executive Committee, Regional Representatives, Regional Alternates, County Chairs, and/or Members of the OKLP, or members or any committee herein may simultaneously communicate via an audio-visual device.
- B) Asynchronous voting procedures, such as via email ballot, are strictly prohibited for official business of any recognized body of the Party, including the State Executive Committee. This does not prohibit other synchronous form of communication and voting, such as a conference call or a video-conferencing interface, to be used for official business.
 - 1. This rule may be suspended by a unanimous vote of all State Executive Committee members having taken place during any Regular Meeting wherein proper quorum has been established.
 - 2. This rule does not apply in cases where the State Executive Committee calls upon the Delegates of the Party from the most recent State Convention.

Section 4. Stand-In Proxy

- A) The Regional Alternate serving as a Stand-In Proxy for the Regional Representative may attend, participate, and vote on such Regional Member's behalf at a State Executive Committee meeting, provided that the Chair is given advance notice that the Alternate will be standing in proxy prior to the meeting's Call to Order, and provided that such Stand-In Proxy is an OKLP Member who has been selected by the several Chairs of that Region's respective counties, and who is not a member of the State Executive Committee.
- B) No Officer nor appointed committee member of the State Executive Committee shall vote by proxy.

Section 5. Majority Vote

- A) The State Executive Committee shall have authority to make any decision by a majority vote of the members present and voting, except those items requiring a higher threshold. The State Chair shall not vote except in cases of a tie or in the case that the Chair's vote could cause a tie.
- B) Members may abstain from voting, either affirmatively or by inaction. Affirmative abstentions count toward the required quorum as defined in Section 2 above; abstentions via inaction do not.

Section 6. Executive Session

- A) The Executive Committee shall have the power to enter into Executive Session with a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the committee members present at a Regular or Special Meeting. No prior notice is required to enter Executive Session during a Regular Meeting.
- B) If the need for an Executive Session is required between Regular Meetings, a Special Meeting shall be called by a simple majority of all of the State Executive Committee members according to the rules of decisions between Meetings as defined in the OKLP Bylaws.
- C) The Executive Session will exclude all persons who are not members of the State Executive Committee unless otherwise stated in the motion for Executive Session or upon the completion of discussions within the Executive Session.
- D) The reason(s) for the Executive Session must be stated as part of the motion voted on by the State Executive Committee and must be limited to any or all of the following:
 - 1. Legal matters involving potential liability of the OKLP;

2. Any matter involving the OKLP that has been referred to government authorities;
 3. Matters involving disciplining a Member or employee of the OKLP;
 4. Any reason that is advised by legal counsel for the OKLP.
- E) While in Executive Session, the committee may only discuss the cause of the reason(s) for calling the Executive Session, potential action as a result of that reason, and readiness to end the Executive Session. No vote on an action may be made during the Executive Session other than to end that Executive session by majority vote.
- F) All votes by the State Executive Committee must be made according to the open meetings provision found in these Bylaws.

Section 7. Participation

- A) All Party Members are encouraged to attend State Executive Committee meetings and participate in discussion, but not to make motions or vote. Guests of Party Members are welcome to attend and may be provided an opportunity to speak. Guests should be identified to the Vice Chair prior to the Call to Order.

Article X: Standing Rules

Section 1. Applicability

- A) The Standing Rules of the OKLP shall be in harmony with these Bylaws, shall be documented in the Procedures Manual, and shall be made available for general use.
- B) Standing Rules shall be limited to matters of policy and shall define the operating procedures of the State Executive Committee.

Section 2. Procedure

- A) Standing Rules may be adopted by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the State Executive Committee or by majority vote of the Delegates at State Convention.
- B) Standing Rules may be repealed by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the State Executive Committee or by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Delegates at State Convention.
- C) This article shall not prevent the State Executive Committee from performing normal business.

Article XI: Standing Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees of the OKLP shall include the following:

- A) Platform Committee;
- B) Rules Committee;
- C) Convention Committee.

Section 2. Committee Chairs of the Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Chair of the OKLP with the approval of the State Executive Committee unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Each committee shall consist of at least three Members of the Party (disregarding *ex officio* members) of which a majority must not be

current State Executive Committee members. Appointment terms shall be the lesser of one year or until the committee member is removed or replaced, unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

- A) Removal of persons on a committee shall need the approval of the State Executive Committee.
- B) Actions of all committees shall be reported to the State Executive Committee at regular intervals.
- C) Special committees created by the State Executive Committee shall also follow these requirements unless otherwise provided upon their creation.

Section 3. Platform Committee

- A) The Platform Committee shall present a combined document of any proposed changes or additions to the Party Platform at each Annual Business meeting.

Section 4. Rules Committee

- A) The Rules Committee will be composed of the State Chair, State Secretary, and three (3) other Members of the Party not on the State Executive Committee, elected by the Delegates at the Annual Business Meeting to serve a one-year term. The Member elected with the highest vote total shall become Chair of the Rules Committee. Vacancies on this committee occurring after the Annual Business Meeting shall be appointed by the State Chair with the approval of the State Executive Committee. The Rules Committee shall be responsible for interpreting the OKLP Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules based on current Oklahoma statutes and may prepare and submit amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws for a vote by the Delegates at the Annual Business Meeting.
- B) The Rules Committee shall be responsible for the codification of all Standing Rules.

Section 5. Convention Committee

- A) The Vice Chair shall appoint a Convention Committee for the purposes of planning the State Convention no later than the second Regular State Executive Committee Meeting in a given year.

Article XII: Budgets and Expenses

Section 1. Budget

- A) The Party shall have an annual budget, fixed to the fiscal year beginning July 1, which shall be approved by the State Executive Committee and available to any Party Member upon request.

Section 2. Expenses

- A) All expenses must be approved by the State Executive Committee.
 - 1. Expenses outlined in an annual budget and approved by the State Executive Committee shall be considered approved expenses, provided that actual costs are at or lower than the budgeted amount.
 - 2. All expenses not outlined in the budget, or expenses in excess of the budgeted amount, shall require a majority vote of the State Executive Committee for approval.

Article XIII: Election of the Delegates to National Convention

Section 1. The Delegates from Oklahoma to the Libertarian National Convention shall be chosen at the State Convention held in even-numbered years.

Section 2. Number of Delegates

- A) The total number of Delegates to the National Convention shall be that number assigned by the National Executive Committee in their Call to the Convention.

Section 3. Eligibility

- A) Qualified National Delegates must be:
 1. Residents of Oklahoma for at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention;
 2. Members in Good Standing of the OKLP for at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention;
 3. A sustaining member of the national Libertarian Party on the day the delegation allocation counts are calculated.

Section 4. Election of Delegates

- A) Candidates for Elected Delegate to the National Convention shall make a written request to the State Secretary at least seven (7) but no more than ninety (90) days prior to the State Convention.
- B) Delegate requests submitted after the deadline shall be clearly published at the State Convention.
- C) This process shall not prohibit the nomination of Delegates from a call of the floor during the Annual Business Meeting.
- D) Voting for Delegates
 1. Each qualified Delegate to the State Convention shall cast votes for no more than the number of available seats allotted the OKLP to the national convention.
 2. The candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes will fill the first available seats, those receiving the next highest number of votes will fill the next available seat(s), and so on until all available seats are filled, in descending order of the number of votes cast for each.
 3. Should all seats be filled and unseated candidates remain, those not assigned a seat will be placed on the Alternate list in the order of the number of votes cast for each, with the person(s) receiving the most votes at the top of the list.
 4. In the absence of duly elected Delegates at the national Convention, Alternates shall serve in the same order of precedence as their vote ranking except as may be provided otherwise by the rules of the national Libertarian Party.

Section 5. Selection by Alternate Means

- A) Requests received after voting has concluded must be made in writing to the State Secretary. Qualified candidates, upon being approved by the seated Delegates, will be placed on the Delegate or Alternate list subsequent to the Delegates and Alternates who were chosen during the State Convention, in the order they are received.

- B) Out-of-state delegates may be seated as Delegates representing Oklahoma during the National Convention for unfilled seats with a majority vote of duly elected National Delegates, and may be removed at any time by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the duly elected Delegates.

Article XIV: Election of Presidential Electors

Section 1. The State Convention in a Presidential election year shall elect a number of Presidential Elector candidates equal to the total number of United States Senators and Representatives to which the state is at that time entitled under law.

Section 2. Any Member in Good Standing of the Party who does not hold any office of profit or trust under the United States shall be eligible to be a Presidential Elector candidate.

Section 3. If for any reason the State Convention cannot or does not select Presidential Elector candidates, Presidential Elector candidates shall be chosen by the State Executive Committee.

Article XV: State Convention

Section 1. Notice

- A) The State Executive Committee shall publish the dates of the State Convention no later than the Regular Meeting that is held in the third quarter of the preceding year, and the times, location, and proposed agenda of the State Convention at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the State Convention, and shall be responsible to plan and produce the State Convention.

Section 2. Special Committees

A) Credentials Committee

- 1. The Vice Chair shall appoint a Credentials Committee to verify the qualifications as Delegates to the State Convention of all Members in attendance.

B) Special Rules Committee

- 1. The Vice Chair may appoint a Special Rules Committee to help facilitate the State Convention.
- 2. Such Committee shall propose the Rules of Order governing business at the State Convention.
 - a. Rules of Order may include by are not limited to:
 - i. Rules governing how amendments are presented;
 - ii. Length of speeches; and
 - iii. Duration of debate.

Article XVI: Authority of Contract

Section 1. No one shall have the authority to contract for goods or services on behalf of the OKLP without prior written approval of the State Executive Committee.

Section 2. No person, group, or organization may use the name "Oklahoma Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.