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Welcome from the OKLP Chair

Dear Guests and Fellow Members of the OKLP,

As Chair of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2022 OKLP State Convention! On behalf of the Executive and Convention Committees, we are excited for you to join us for our 50th Anniversary as we continue the fight to ensure true "Liberty In Our Lifetime."

In this weekend's gathering, I would like to first thank all our members for making this possible. You have all chosen to be a part of our party due to a mutual passion for Liberty. It is your passion that helps to unite us all and the energy we create is what will allow us to achieve our goal. As Spike Cohen has said, "You are the Power!" Without <u>YOU</u>, none of this is possible. <u>Thank</u> you, sincerely.

I would like to also take a moment to give appreciation for the immense amount of work the Convention Committee has done to make this weekend possible. They have worked tirelessly since our last Convention, overcoming many hurdles our current economy and Covid have placed in their path.

We have many great things planned for this weekend including nationally known guest speakers Hannah Cox, Matt and Terry Kibbe, and Oklahoma's own Dr. Keith Smith of Surgery Center of Oklahoma. The 2022 OKLP State Convention Keynote Speaker will be our very own D. Frank Robinson, Co-Founder of the national Libertarian Party, candidate, activist, and all-around OG. This year's convention also includes a Friday night reception, the annual business meeting, Sunday morning panel discussions, and our 50th Anniversary celebration on Saturday night at the Founders Dinner and fundraising gala.

Enjoy your weekend!

In Liberty,

James Beau Thouvenel, Chair Oklahoma Libertarian Party

Housekeeping Notes

- All attendees are required to wear the name tags or lanyards and badges issued to them by the Credentials Committee upon registration in order to be admitted to the ballroom or to any ticketed event.
- During the annual business meeting, only credentialed delegates are permitted in the delegate seating area. Non-delegate attendees should be seated in the area designated as "Guest Seating."
- The hotel prohibits outside food and beverages in the ballrooms. Coffee or other drinks purchased at The Canteen or from the Cash Bar are permitted.
- Tickets are required for all meals and Guest Speaker events. Those who do not hold tickets for these events must exit the ballroom promptly upon lunch recess and adjournment.
- Please enjoy Saturday evening's Cocktail Hour in the Upper Terrace, just outside the ballroom doors. The ballroom must be clear for dinner set-up.
- Restrooms are located outside the ballroom. The closest ones are to the left as you exit, just across the hall. Others are located in the hallway across from The Canteen.
- Smoking is prohibited inside the building. Outdoor smoking areas may be accessed through the door on the north side of the building by turning right as you exit the ballroom and walking straight out the exterior doors ahead, or on the west side of the building by turning left as you exit the ballroom, walking to the first hallway, and turning right to exit the exterior door there. Please note that the exterior doors will lock upon being closed and plan accordingly so you may re-enter, and be sure the doors are fully closed when the last person comes inside.
- The Wyndham Garden's quiet hours begin at 10:00pm. Please be mindful of this after exiting the ballroom.

Current OKLP State Committee Members

State Executive Committee

- James Beau Thouvenel, *Chair** (*Interim*) chair@oklp.org
- Kalon Wiggins, *Vice Chair (Interim)* vice-chair@oklp.org
- Cherise Norton, Secretary secretary@oklp.org
- Todd Hagopian, *Treasurer* treasurer@oklp.org
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- Dalton Matthews, *Southwest Region Representative* chair@southwest.oklahomalp.org

^{*}the OKLP State Chair is an *ex officio* member of all state level committees except for the Judicial Committee

Judicial Committee (judicial@oklp.org)

Rex Lawhorn. Committee Chair

Robert Lorrah, Recording Secretary

Robert Murphy

Chris Powell

D. Frank Robinson

Bylaws & Platform Committee (bylaws@oklp.org)

Jay Norton, Committee Chair

Kaitlin Garcia

Kalon Wiggins

Chad Williams

Convention Committee

Kalon Wiggins, Committee Chair

Will Daugherty

Kaleb England

Kaitlin Garcia

David Green

Todd Hagopian

Robbi Matthews

Cherise Norton

Special Rules Committee

Dillon Feazel

Credentials Committee

Danny Chabino

Kaitlin Garcia Tim Fick

Todd Hagopian David Greer

Cherise Norton

Chad Williams

Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, 25 February

6:00pm Early Registration*

Meet & Greet, Cash Bar (Upper Terrace)

7:00pm Guest Speaker: Dr. Keith Smith**

8:00pm Guest Speaker: Matt Kibbe**

Saturday, 26 February

8:00am Registration

8:30am Annual Business Meeting: Call to Order

12:30pm Lunch**

12:50pm Guest Speaker: Terry Kibbe**

1:20pm Guest Speaker: Hannah Cox**

2:00pm Annual Business Meeting: Resumes

5:30pm Annual Business Meeting: Adjournment *sine die*

Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar (Upper Terrace)

6:30pm Founders Dinner and Fundraising Gala**

7:00pm Keynote Address: D. Frank Robinson**

7:30pm Award Presentations, Lifetime Membership Pinning

Music, Merriment, Silent Auction, and 50/50 Raffle

9:00pm Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle end

9:30pm Gala ends

Sunday, 27 February

9:00am Oklahoma Libertarian Politician Roundtable
 10:00am Panel Discussion: Drug Decriminalization
 11:00am Panel Discussion: Criminal Justice Reform
 12:00pm 2022 OKLP State Convention ends

1:00pm State Executive Committee Meeting 1.2.4***

^{*} Available for High Roller, All-Inclusive, or Friday Speaker tickets only.

^{**} Ticket required for admission.

^{***} All current and newly-elected State Executive Committee members are asked to attend.

Friday Night Kickoff

Dr. Keith Smith

Co-Founder of the Free Market Medical Association. Co-Founder and Managing Partner of the Surgery Center of Oklahoma, a fee-for-service, consumermedical facility that delivers top-rate care at a fraction of what conventional hospitals charge. Dr. Smith's revolutionary approach to healthcare has earned the endorsement of legislators and policymakers across the country and captured the attention of many media outlets including CNBC, Reason, Forbes, ABC News, and the New York Times.



https://surgerycenterok.com/specialist/keith-smith-m-d/

Matt Kibbe

Austrian economist Matt Kibbe is President and Chief Community Organizer of Free the People. non-profit organization dedicated promoting libertarian ideas using video storytelling to make the values of liberty entertaining, accessible, and human. He is the best-selling author of Don't Hurt People and Don't Take Their Stuff: A Libertarian Manifesto, and of Hostile Takeover: Resisting Centralized Government's Stranglehold on America. Kibbe hosts BlazeTV's Kibbe on Liberty. a popular podcast that insists that you think for yourself.



https://freethepeople.org/author/mkibbe/

Special Convention Rules

- 1. All primary amendments to the Platform or Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary. All such primary amendments must be legible and: contain the names of the author and co-sponsor(s); contain the full language of the proposed amendment; specify the Article and Section of any current bylaw, or the platform plank, that would be impacted.
 - Substitute motions to proposals from the Bylaws & Platform Committee shall be submitted prior to those recommendations being taken up by the assembly.
 - Motions unrelated to proposals from the Bylaws & Platform Committee shall be submitted prior to New Business, when such motions may be considered.
- 2. All resolutions, any motion to appeal a decision of the Judicial Committee, or any other action to be considered by the assembly not previously addressed on the agenda must be submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary prior to New Business, when such proposals may be considered. All proposals must be legible, contain the full language of the motion or resolution, and include the name of the author.
- 3. Debate on any motion or amendment is limited to two minutes per speaker and each Delegate is allowed to speak only twice to their argument. Discussion on any particular motion shall be a maximum of twenty (20) minutes.
- 4. Nominees will have opportunity to speak to their nominations after the close thereof. Nomination speeches shall be limited to one (1) minute per candidate. The Chair shall have discretion to limit speeches further as necessary.



Annual Business Meeting Agenda

8:00am	Registration	
8:30am	Call to Order; Welcoming Address	
8:35am	Credentials Report; Adoption of Special Convention	
	Rules; Approval of the Agenda	
8:50am	Chair Report	
9:00am	OKLP Committee Elections	
	State Executive Committee	
	 Bylaws & Platform Committee 	
	Judicial Committee Members	
	 Judicial Committee Alternates 	
11:00am	Break	
11:15am	Credentials Report; LNC Convention Delegate Elections	
12:15pm	Presentation of Nominees for Activist of the Year	
12:30pm	Lunch**	
	12:50 Guest Speaker Terry Kibbe**	
	1:20 Guest Speaker Hannah Cox**	
2:00pm	Call to Order; Credentials Report	
2:10pm	Judicial Committee Report	
2:15pm	Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Platform	
2:45pm	Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Bylaws	
4:15pm	Break	
4:30pm	Credentials Report; New Business	
	 Submitted Primary Floor Amendments (in order received) 	
	 Other Submitted New Business 	
	 Other New Business 	
5:20pm	Announcements	
	 National Delegate Election Results 	
	 Other Announcements 	
5:30pm	Adjournment sine die	

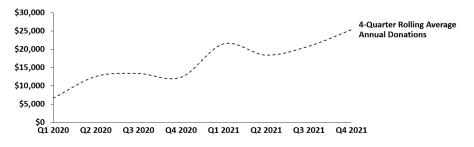
^{**}Tickets required for admission.

Treasurer Report

OKLP CHECKING ACCOUNT	2020	2021	Change
January 1 Balance	\$8,327	\$14,244	71%
Revenue	\$8,617	\$24,872	189%
Expenses	\$2,700	\$7,879	192%
December 31 Balance	\$14,244	\$31,237	119%
Excess/(Deficit)	\$5,917	\$16,993	187%

Year Over Year Comparisons

- > Raised almost \$25,000, up 189%, in 2021
- > Spent 192% more money in 2021
- Checking Account up almost \$17,000 vs 2020



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OKLP Elections

State Executive Committee (OKLP Bylaws Article VII)

- Controls and manages all affairs and properties of the OKLP between State Conventions
- Two-year terms beginning in odd-numbered years
- Elections during this convention for vacant seats will be for the remainder of the current term, which ends in 2023
- Members must meet all OKLP Membership criteria and not hold more than one elected State Party office or seat on the State Executive Committee

Judicial Committee (OKLP Bylaws Article VIII)

- Appellate authority for the OKLP
- Five members elected to two-year terms beginning in even-numbered years
- Members shall have been OKLP Members for at least two years, have attended at least two State Conventions, and not be members of the State Executive Committee
- Three alternates are elected to fill any vacancies which may occur

Bylaws & Platform Committee (OKLP Bylaws Article XII)

- Responsible for preparing and submitting recommendations for amendments to the existing OKLP Bylaws and Platform
- Elected at each State Convention and serve until adjournment of the subsequent State Convention
- Members may not have been elected to the State Executive Committee for the same term

2022 Libertarian National Convention Delegates (OKLP Bylaws Article XV)

- Twelve seats allocated to Oklahoma by the Libertarian National Committee for 2022
- Qualified candidates must be residents of Oklahoma for at least ninety days prior to the State Convention, Members of the OKLP for at least ninety days prior to the State Convention, and a sustaining member of the national Libertarian Party on the day the delegation allocation counts were calculated (October 31, 2021)
- National Convention Delegates will represent the OKLP at the 2022 LNC Convention taking place May 26 - 29th in Reno, Nevada
- Delegates from Oklahoma bear responsibility for their own tickets, travel, meal, accommodation, and other arrangements and expenses related to attendance at the national convention

Saturday Lunch

Terry Kibbe

Co-Founder and CEO of Free the educational foundation People. an reaching young people with stories about liberty. Free the People engages upstream of politics through pop-culture, video, comedy, and art. Kibbe Co-Founder and Partner at Fight the Power Productions. strategic а communications firm focused on video production, social media branding and distribution, and compelling storytelling. She is a member of The Mont Pelerin Society and serves on the board of the Friends of the Austrian Economic Center.



https://freethepeople.org/author/tkibbe/

Hannah Cox

Libertarian-conservative writer, activist, and commentator, Cox is the Content Manager and Brand Ambassador for the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), the nation's oldest libertarian think tank. She is host and producer of the popular vodcast, *BASED with Hannah Cox*, and a contributor to The Washington Examiner and Newsmax. Cox's work revolves around the defense of individual liberty, free markets, and limited government. Her work opposing the death penalty contributed to the repeal of capital punishment in three states.



https://www.based-politics.com/hannah-cox/

Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Platform

Proposal 1: Property Rights Plank

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

5.0 Property Rights

We recognize the individual's right to own property as natural and self-evident, and advocate private property rights for all. We condemn all fraud and initiatory violence toward a person's life, liberty, or property. We contend that private property is the best way to reduce and reconcile conflict between individuals. We categorically reject socialism, defined as the state-controlled seizure and collectivization of resources.

Strike "Individuals have an inalienable right to own property," from Plank 1, as adding this amendment makes that sentence redundant.

Proposal 2: Secession Plank

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6.0 Right of Secession We agree with the sentiment expressed in the Declaration of Independence that whenever a government becomes destructive of the inalienable rights with which its people are endowed, "it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it." As such, we believe in the unequivocal right to political self-determination through the peaceful act of secession.

Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Bylaws

Recommendation 1: Judicial Committee Voting Records

REASON

The delegate body expects transparency in all state committee proceedings whenever possible. Currently there is no requirement that the Judicial Committee voting records be made public and attributable (roll call vote).

IMPACT

This amendment will require Judicial Committee votes to be made public record.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article VIII: Section 9. Final votes on all matters shall be made public including attribution by using a roll call vote.

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw As Amended
Article VIII	Article VIII
{Adding section 9}	Section 9. Final votes on all matters shall be made public including attribution by using a roll call vote.

Recommendation 2: Advanced Notice

REASON

Delegates need advance notice of substantial amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure that will be presented at convention.

<u>IMPACT</u>

This amendment requires any proposed substantive changes to the Rules of Appellate Procedure, to be submitted to the State Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Current Bylaw

Article VIII Section 6: The Judicial Committee shall use the <u>most recent edition of the 2021</u>–OKLP Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure unless and until it submits to the State Convention new proposed rules to be adopted by the delegates at which are adopted by a fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) majority approval of that State Convention. <u>Such proposed rules shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than forty-five (45) days prior to convention for publication.</u>

Proposed Bylaw As Amended

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Article VIII	Article VIII
Section 6. The Judicial Committee shall use the 2021 OKLP Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure unless and until it submits to the State Convention new proposed rules which are adopted by a fifty-percent-plus-one (50% + 1) majority approval of that State Convention.	Section 6: The Judicial Committee shall use the most recent edition of the OKLP Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure until it submits new proposed rules to be adopted by the delegates at State Convention. Such proposed rules shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than forty-five (45) days prior to convention for publication.

Recommendation 3: Amendment of Bylaws

REASON

Delegates need advance notice of substantial amendments to the Bylaws that will be presented at convention.

IMPACT

This amendment requires any proposed substantive changes to the Bylaws to be submitted to the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article IV, Section 1: H. <u>Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, substantive</u> amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than thirty (30) days prior to convention for publication.

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw As Amended
Article IV	Article IV
{Adding paragraph H to Section 1}	Section 1: H. Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, substantive Amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the State Secretary no less than thirty (30) days prior to convention for publication.





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Recommendation 4: Removal of Certain Requirements

REASON

Certain reporting requirements found in the Bylaws affect only the operation of the State Executive Committee and are better codified in Standing Rules or a "Policy & Procedures Manual"

IMPACT

This amendment gives the State Executive Committee the ability to change its own reporting requirements for certain members of the committee rather than burden the Bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article VII Section 5: At-Large Representatives, in addition to being available to all Members, shall under the direction of and in coordination with the Chair and Vice Chair assist in the achievement of the Party's Purpose as stated in Article II of these Bylaws, Each At-Large Representative shall submit to the Secretary seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting a written report of all activities related to the responsibilities with which the person has been charged in accordance with one of the following roles:

Section 6. Each Regional Representative shall submit to the Secretary a written report of all activities within that person's region seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting.

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw As Amended
Article VII	Article VII
Section 5. At-Large Representatives, in addition to being available to all Members, shall under the direction of and in coordination with the Chair and Vice Chair assist in the achievement of the Party's Purpose as stated in Article II of these Bylaws. Each At-Large Representative shall submit to the Secretary seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting a written report of all activities related to the responsibilities with which the person has been charged in accordance with one of the following roles:	Section 5. At-Large Representatives, in addition to being available to all Members, shall under the direction of and in coordination with the Chair and Vice Chair assist in the achievement of the Party's Purpose as stated in Article II of these Bylaws, related to the responsibilities with which the person has been charged in accordance with one of the following roles:
{End of Section 5}	{Unchanged to end of Section 5}
Section 6. Each Regional Representative shall submit to the Secretary a written report of all activities within that person's region seven (7) days prior to each regular meeting.	Strike Section 6 in its entirety and renumber}

Recommendation 5: Other Committees

REASON

The Bylaws and Platform Committee (formerly "Rules Committee") was moved last term under Permanent Organization and given its own article. For clarification and proper formatting, we intend to simplify the bylaws by moving the Bylaws and Platform Committee into the Other Committees section, where it was listed prior to the 2021 convention.

IMPACT

Moving Bylaws/Platform back under "Other Committees" simply puts it back to the old structure from 2020. No functional changes are being made.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article <u>VI</u> Section 4: The permanent organization of the OKLP shall consist of an at-large governing body known as the State Executive Committee, a Judicial Committee, a Bylaws & Platform Committee, and County Affiliates represented by seven (7) Regional Committees

Article XII: Bylaws and Platform Committee (Strike entire section)

Article XIII: Other Committees

Section 4. The Bylaws and Platform Committee will be composed of the State Chair and four (4) Members elected by the Delegates at the State Convention to serve until adjournment of the subsequent State Convention and who have not been elected to the State Executive Committee for the same term. The State Chair shall have the option to appoint a Member who has served on at least two (2) previous OKLP Bylaws Committees (formerly "Rules") to serve as the Chair's designee. Neither the State Chair nor that person's designee may vote except in the case of a tie. The committee shall choose its own chair from the four (4) elected members. Vacancies on this committee occurring after the State Convention shall be appointed by the State Chair with the approval of the State Executive Committee. The Bylaws and Platform Committee shall prepare and present to the State Executive Committee, no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the subsequent State Convention, a document for publication containing any proposed amendments to the existing Bylaws and Platform. Such document shall contain any proposed changes, related existing wording in the Bylaws, the effect of the proposed changes, and any committee opinions in support or opposition.

Current Bylaw

Proposed Bylaw As Amended

Article VI: Permanent Organization

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Article XII

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{Strike the entirety of Article XII and move the previous Article XII section 1 to Section 4 under current Article XIII (Other committees) and renumber as needed.}



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Recommendation 6: Article VII: State Executive Committee

PUBLICATION NOTE: The appearance of Recommendation 6 in this booklet differs from that of the Bylaw & Platform Committee's submitted report (available for viewing using the QR code on Page 2 of this booklet) in order to present the Proposed Amendments to each section of Article VII along with the boxed information showing the Current Bylaw side-by-side with the Proposed Bylaw As Amended.

REASON

In light of the issues surrounding the vacancies of our own board and those of the Libertarian National Committee, the members of the Platform and Bylaws Committee felt it best to tighten up the language in our own bylaws to give guidance for matters concerning the State Executive Committee. The current bylaws do not allow for the suspension or removal from office of elected members within the OKLP with or without cause. The language concerning vacancies in regards to the Chair is also not very clear. We also propose taking out redundant and extraneous language in Section 8.

IMPACT

Sections 9 and 10 are being added to address any scenario whereby an elected Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or other Member elected to a position within the OKLP is suspended and recommended for removal from office. This also clarifies how vacancies are handled in most cases. There are also a few minor changes for ease of reading and one grammatical oversight that is corrected. Titles were added back to each section for searching purposes. The non-substantive changes are not reflected in the synopsis below but are in the amended language in the following table.

Section 3. <u>Elections.</u> <u>During odd-numbered years</u>, Officers and At-Large Representatives shall be elected at the State Convention <u>held in odd numbered years</u>. Officers and At-Large Representatives so elected shall take office upon final adjournment of the State Convention at which they are elected and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next State Convention held in an odd-numbered year shall assume office at the close of the convention held in an odd-numbered year and until their respective successor is elected.

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw As Amended

Article VII

Section 3. During odd-numbered years, Officers and At-Large Representatives shall be elected at the State Convention. Officers and At-Large Representatives so elected shall take office final nogu adjournment of the State Convention at which they are elected and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next State Convention held in an odd-numbered year.

Article VII

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Check out the Silent Auction Table, and get details on Page 36.

Section 4. A. 10. Shall assign and perform and/or delegate the various duties of the Vice Chair in the absence of that Officer until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as per Article VII, Section 7C of these Bylaws;

Section 4. B. 1. Shall assign and perform and/or delegate the various duties of the State Chair in the absence of the Chair and/or until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as per Article VII, Section 7C of these Bylaws;

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw As Amended
Article VII	Article VII
Section 4. {unchanged}	Section 4. {unchanged}
A. {1-9 unchanged}	A. {1-9 unchanged}
10. Shall assign and perform the duties of the Vice Chair in the absence of that Officer until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as (per Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;	10. Shall perform and/or delegate the various duties of the Vice Chair in the absence of that Officer until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as (per Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;
B. {unchanged}	B. {unchanged}
1. Shall assume 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 or State Convention as per (Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;	1. Shall perform and/or delegate the various duties of the State Chair in the absence of the Chair and/or until a successor is chosen by the State Executive Committee or State Convention as per (Article VII, Section 7C) of these Bylaws;

Section 7. Vacancies

- B. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the duties of that office, said duties shall fall upon the Vice Chair. Should an At-Large Representative or Officer other than the Chair be temporarily unable or fail to fulfill their duties or fail to attend two or more consecutive meetings, that office or position may be vacated for a period of no more than ninety (90) days or until the next State Convention, whichever is sooner.
- C. If an Officer, including the Chair, or At-Large Representative resigns or cannot act or serve (except for a temporary period), or abandons their office or seat by refusing to serve, or shall have been suspended for cause per these Bylaws, the State Executive Committee may by a two-thirds (%) vote appoint a Member to serve in that position and fulfill the duties required of that position in accordance with these Bylaws. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of the office or seat vacated unless a Convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled. Appointments to fill State Executive Committee vacancies shall take effect upon the close of the State Executive Committee or meeting wherein the appointment is confirmed. The State Executive Committee may defer to the will of those Delegates duly credentialed at the previous State Convention by issuing a poll for the election of another Member to serve in the vacated role.



Current Bylaw

Proposed Bylaw As Amended

Article VII

Section 7. Vacancies

B. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the duties of that office, said duties shall fall upon the Vice Chair. Should an At-Large Representative or Officer other than the Chair be unable or fail to fulfill their duties or to attend two or more consecutive meetings, that office or position may be vacated for a period of no more than ninety (90) days or until the next State Convention, whichever is sooner.

C. If an Officer or At-Large Representative resigns or cannot act or serve (except for a temporary period), abandons their office or seat by refusing to serve, or shall have been suspended for cause per these Bylaws, the State Executive Committee may by a two-thirds (%) vote appoint a Member to serve in that position and fulfill the duties required of that position in accordance with these Bylaws. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of the office or seat vacated unless a Convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled. Appointments to fill Executive Committee vacancies shall take effect upon the close of the State Executive Committee or meeting wherein the appointment is confirmed. The State Executive Committee may defer to the will of those Delegates duly credentialed at the previous State Convention by issuing a poll for the election of another Member to serve in the vacated role.

Article VII

Section 7. Vacancies

B. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the duties of that office, said duties shall fall upon the Vice Chair. Should an At-Large Representative or Officer other than the Chair be temporarily unable to fulfill their duties or fail to attend two or more consecutive meetings, that office or position may be vacated for a period of no more than ninety (90) days or until the next State Convention, whichever is sooner.

C. If an Officer, including the Chair, or Representative At-Large resigns cannot act or serve (except for temporary period), or abandons their office or seat by refusing to serve, the State Executive Committee may by a two-thirds (3) vote appoint a Member to serve in that position and fulfill the duties required of that position in accordance with these Bylaws. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of the office or seat vacated unless a Convention meets sooner, in which case a new election shall be held for any position so filled. Appointments to fill State Executive Committee vacancies shall take effect upon the close of the State Executive Committee or meeting wherein appointment is confirmed.

Section 8. <u>Voting Requirements.</u> A two-thirds (%) <u>majority vote of the eligible positions on the State Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:</u>

A. Suspension, censure, or removal from office any Party Officer, State Executive Committee member, Libertarian National Committee representative, ad hoc or other non-elected committee member, or any County Committee member;

B. Reinstatement of a County Committee member;

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw As Amended
Article VII	Article VII
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B. Reinstatement of a County Committee member;	
C. Endorsing or rescinding its endorsement of any candidate for public office;	B.Endorsing or rescinding its endorsement of any candidate for public office;
D. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion;	C. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion;
E. The annual budget or any financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months; and	D. The annual budget or any financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months; and
F. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals or to candidates for public office not endorsed by the Party.	E. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals or to candidates for public office not endorsed by the Party.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Section 9. Suspension

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Section 9. Suspension. Any Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or any Member elected to serve on any committee within the OKLP may be suspended by a two-thirds (%) vote of the entire State Executive Committee for any of the following causes:

- A. <u>Continued, gross, or willful neglect of the duties of the office, which, in part include duties of care, loyalty, and diligence, in addition to fiduciary duty.</u>
- B. Actions that intentionally violate the Bylaws or Standing Rules of the Party.
- C. <u>Failure to comply with the proper direction given by the body or the State</u> Executive Committee.
- D. <u>Failure or refusal to disclose necessary information on matters of OKLP</u> business.
- E. Unauthorized expenditures, signing of checks, or misuse of OKLP funds.
- F. <u>Misrepresentation of the OKLP and its officers to outside persons.</u>
- G. <u>Actions that directly violate the Statement of Principles or the Non-Aggression Principle.</u>



PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Section 10. Removal From Office

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Section 10. Removal From Office. In the event an Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or any elected committee member within the OKLP is suspended, the Executive Committee shall within ten (10) days of a suspension hold a Special Meeting to appoint an Investigative Committee.

A. The Investigative Committee

- 1. <u>The Investigative Committee shall consist of no less than three Members, who shall have been a Member of the OKLP for at least two years, attended at least two conventions, and are not current members of either the Executive Committee or Judicial Committee.</u>
- 2. <u>The Investigative Committee shall report its findings to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days of being appointed.</u>
- 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the Investigative Committee from seeking outside expertise not to exceed a cost specified by the State Executive Committee in the annual budget.
- B. <u>The suspended Officer, At-Large Representative, Regional Representative, or elected committee member may seek an appeal to the suspension in a separate proceeding.</u>
- C. <u>If upon review of the Investigative Committee's petition, the Executive Committee rules there is not sufficient cause for removal, the suspension will be lifted.</u>

Recommendation 7: Article V: Membership

REASON

Every year there is inevitably an instance where a Member comes to convention and for one reason or another their voter registration information is not found in the voter database by the Credentials Committee. Until this past year we have not had an official mechanism by which to allow these Members to be seated as delegates though they meet all other criteria to be a delegate. In the past we have mistakenly "suspended the bylaw" to allow those Members to be seated. This past year we corrected that mistake, but inadvertently created a loophole which would allow people who do not qualify under any terms to be seated if approved by a simple majority. This amendment seeks to remedy that.

IMPACT

This language clarifies who may be eligible for a waiver of the membership terms to be a delegate at the State Convention. This amendment also clarifies that Members are not required to have any further financial outlays in order to participate in Party business.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 1. D. Have either paid dues as established by the State Executive Committee—such dues being current no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the State Convention—no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the State Convention or hold a Lifetime membership in the OKLP. 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.

Section 2. A waiver may be granted by a two-thirds (%) vote of the State Executive Committee, or by a majority of the credentialed Delegates at the State Convention if the Oklahoma resident submits a registration change to Libertarian with their respective County Election Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention, and their registration is not accepted at that time through no fault of their own; the burden of proof shall be on the resident to prove timely submittal.

Section 6. A Member shall have the right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the Party in accordance with these Bylaws. without any additional monetary encumbrance beyond Dues, as defined in these Bylaws. Such right shall be sacred and inviolate and the willful disregard or abridgment of such right by an Officer or Member shall be deemed sufficient cause for the suspension of such Officer or Member as provided by these Bylaws.

Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw As Amended
Article V: Membership	Article V: Membership
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{Section 2, 3 and 4. Renumbered}	{Section 2, 3, and 4 have been renumbered to Section 3, 4, and 5 respectively}
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and 7 respectively}

OKLP Resolution Re: Affiliate Membership Purges

OKLP RESOLUTION 2022.01(SEC) LP STATE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP PURGES

(Adopted 30 January 2022)

WHEREAS, leaders of the Libertarian Party of Delaware and Libertarian Association of Massachusetts disenfranchised political opponents primarily for internal political reasons, rather than individual behavior warranting discipline, depriving such individuals of their rights to participate and vote on party affairs; and

WHEREAS, these membership purges raise serious doubt that the National delegates of the aforementioned affiliates will be legitimately selected and representative of the respective affiliate's entire membership;

WHEREAS, the LNC has declared multiple times that the only remedy they have to an alleged purge is to disaffiliate a State Libertarian Party;

WHEREAS, National Libertarian Party rules dictate that no State Party can be disaffiliated within six months of a National Convention which means that no such remedy exists at this point, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Libertarian Party State Executive Committee hereby urges its elected National delegates to challenge the seating of the Massachusetts and the Delaware delegations at the 2022 National Convention in Reno; and Further

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Libertarian Party State Executive Committee is hereby empowered to rescind some or all of this motion, in the event that the aforementioned affiliates restore the membership rights of the disenfranchised members in enough time that the delegations can be representative of the respective state affiliates.

We, the undersigned, being members of the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Libertarian Party consent and agree to this resolution made on January 30, 2022 at 2:27pm during a regularly scheduled State Executive Meeting.

James Beau Thouvenel, Chair Cherise Norton, Secretary Will Daugherty, At Large Representative Clint Rapp, At Large Representative Drew Cook, Central Region Chair David Greer, Southeast Region Chair

Kalon Wiggins, Vice Chair
Todd Hagopian, Treasurer
Jeff Fortune, At Large Representative
Jake Spann, At Large Representative
Fletcher Daniels, Northeast Region Chair
Dalton Matthews, Southwest Region Chair

Founders Dinner Keynote Speaker

D. Frank Robinson

Oklahoma native D. Frank Robinson was "in the room where it happened" in 1972, co-founding the national Libertarian Party with David Nolan and others. He chaired the Bylaws at the first national Committee convention and was chosen as an At Large Member of the first Libertarian Robinson National Committee. the first Chair of the became Oklahoma Libertarian Party at its founding in 1972.



In 1984, Robinson was ticketed for

trespassing at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds while gathering signatures to get the OKLP back on the ballot. The result of the subsequent lawsuit was that the right to petition on public property was upheld by the federal court. A separate lawsuit challenging the state's ballot access law cited that harassment and resulted in the party being recognized for elections that year due to a court order as well as a permanent expansion of the time period to gather signatures for party recognition from 90 days to a year. Robinson was one of the candidates nominated by convention that year, receiving 4,470 votes (2.5%) in the 5th Congressional District.

Robinson continues to this day to pursue two main ideas. One is that electing Libertarians to Congress is the goal that best combines the priorities of achievability and effectiveness in order to advance the party's agenda. The other and more critical notion is that the state monopolies of printed ballots which require dispensation from the state for candidates to be listed benefits the two establishment parties. Both as a matter of principle and as a means to create the basis for legal action, Robinson has attempted to file as a candidate for Congress in 2016, 2018, and 2020 without submitting either signatures or a filing fee. He declines to file with official support of the LNC as a co-plaintiff. The decision of the LNC is still pending.

Recognition Awards

Founders Award

The OKLP Founders Award is presented during the State Convention biennially in recognition of years of dedication and service to our Party and to the liberty movement.

The OKLP is proud to present the 2022 OKLP Founders Award to Roger and Mary Woodward.



Coalition Partner of the Year Award

The OKLP Coalition Partner of the Year Award recognizes an individual outside of the OKLP membership who has worked with us, supported our efforts, and exhibited passion for our causes. Any OKLP Member may nominate a non-Member for this award, and the recipient is chosen by the State Executive Committee from among those nominees.

The OKLP is proud to present the 2022 OKLP Coalition Partner of the Year Award to Mr. Michael Washington of the Oklahoma Coalition Against People Abuse.

Activist of the Year Award

The OKLP Activist of the Year Award recognizes an OKLP member who has done an exemplary job of supporting the mission of our Party in their community. Any OKLP Member may nominate any other Member(s) for this award, and the State Executive Committee then selects a maximum of five finalists from among the nominees. The recipient is chosen using secret ballots by the delegates during the State Convention.

The 2022 Activist of the Year Award finalists are:

- Natalie Bruno
- Will Daugherty
- Drew Cook
- Kaitlin Garcia
- James Beau Thouvenel

Fundraisers

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Sunday Panel Discussions

Moderated by Will Daugherty, OKLP At Large Representative and Legislative Director

Oklahoma Libertarian Political Roundtable, 9:00am

Natalie Bruno, 2022 Oklahoma Gubernatorial Candidate Dillon Feazel, Altus City Councilman Kaitlin Garcia, 2022 Oklahoma House District 11 Candidate Robert Murphy, 2022 Oklahoma Attorney General Candidate Chris Powell, Bethany City Councilman Chad Williams, Choctaw City Councilman

Drug Decriminalization Panel Discussion, 10:00am

Drew Cook, The Clean Libertarian Podcast, Founder of the LP Sober Caucus Jed Green, Oklahomans for Responsible Cannabis Action (ORCA) Robbi Matthews, Cannabis activist, nurse, and former MMJ business owner Tracy Morrill, Tokelahoma

Norma Sapp, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) Tiffany Stuhr, Sacred Pillars Church

Criminal Justice Reform Panel Discussion, 11:00am

Natalie Bruno, 2022 Oklahoma Gubernatorial Candidate
Emily Shelton, Ignite Justice
Michael Washington, Oklahoma Coalition Against People Abuse (OCAPA)
Lynda Slater, A Child's Worth



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Notes

Robert's Rules of Order Quick Reference

A motion is the topic under discussion (e.g., "I move that we add a coffee break to this meeting"). After being recognized by the Chair, any delegate can introduce a motion when no other motion is on the table. A motion requires a second to be considered. If there is no second, the matter is not considered. Each motion must be disposed of (passed, defeated, tabled, referred to committee, or postponed indefinitely).

HOW TO DO THINGS:

You want to bring up a new idea before the group.

After recognition by the Chair, present your motion. A second is required for the motion to go to the floor for discussion or consideration.

You want to change some of the wording in a motion under discussion. After recognition by the Chair, move to amend by adding words, striking words, or striking and inserting words.

You like the idea of a motion being discussed, but you need to reword it beyond simple word changes.

Move to substitute your motion for the original motion. If it is seconded, discussion will continue on both motions and eventually the body will vote on which motion they prefer.

You have heard enough discussion.

Move to close the debate (also referred to as calling the question). Requires a 2/3rds vote. If passed, this cuts off discussion and brings the assembly to a vote on the pending question only.

You believe the discussion has drifted away from the agenda and want to bring it back. "Call for orders of the day."

You are unsure whether the Chair announced the results of a vote correctly.

Without being recognized, call for a "division of the house." A roll call vote will then be taken.

You are confused about a procedure being used and want clarification. Without recognition, call for "Point of Information" or "Point of Parliamentary Inquiry." The Chair will ask you to state your question and will attempt to clarify the situation.

You have changed your mind about something that was voted on earlier in the meeting for which you were on the winning side.

Move to reconsider. If the majority agrees, the motion comes back on the floor as though the vote had not occurred.

You want to take a short break.

Move to recess for a set period of time.

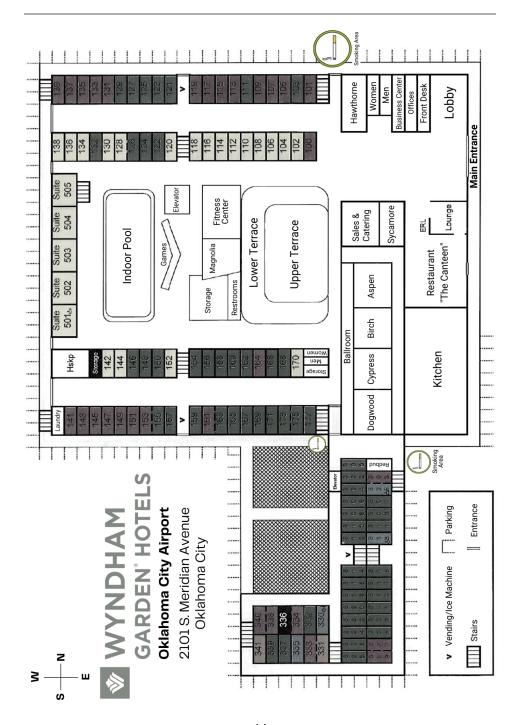
You want to end the meeting.

Move to adjourn.

You may INTERRUPT A SPEAKER for these reasons only:

- to get information about business: point of information
- to get information about rules: parliamentary inquiry
- if you can't hear, safety reasons, comfort, etc.: question of privilege
- if you see a breach of the rules: point of order
- if you disagree with the president of the board's ruling: appeal
- if you disagree with a call for Unanimous Consent: object

[Reference: https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts_rules_simplified.pdf]



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Libertarians are practical. We know that we can't make the world perfect, but it can be better. We want a system that allows all people to choose what they want from life; living, working, playing, and dreaming in our own ways.

Thank you for being part of the 2022 OKLP State Convention and 50th Anniversary celebration! We hope you'll continue to be involved as we endeavor to bring about...

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