

Tulsa Libertarian Party Bylaws

ADOPTED AT TULSA LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION AUGUST 25TH, 2018

Article I. Party Name

Section 1.01 The name of this organization shall be the Tulsa Libertarian Party, or TLP.

Article II. Affiliation

Section 2.01 The TLP shall seek to be affiliated with the Oklahoma Libertarian Party and the North Eastern Oklahoma Libertarian Party.

Article III. Purpose/Objectives

Section 3.01 The objectives of the TLP is to enable people of Tulsa County and surrounding areas to organize into a political party to:

- A. Promote Libertarianism to the people of Tulsa County and surrounding areas.
- B. Seek out, develop, nominate, and campaign for the election of Libertarian candidates to public office.
- C. Promote Libertarian legislation.
- D. Promote Libertarian ballot measures.
- E. Form committees as practical to achieve the above goals.

Article IV. Membership

Section 4.01 Membership shall consist of voters registered as Libertarian in Tulsa County and surrounding areas.

Section 4.02 Membership shall also consist of those people approved for membership by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.03 Members shall have the right to participate in the official affairs and governance of the TLP.

Section 4.04 Members may be delegates to any convention of the TLP.

Section 4.05 Members may be elected to TLP offices or appointed to non-elective offices by the Board of Directors.

Article V. Officers of the Party

Section 5.01 The officers of the TLP shall be a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. Election of such officers shall be in Convention and will take office upon adjournment of the Convention and serve until adjournment of the next Biennial Convention wherein their successors have been elected. The Secretary and Treasurer position may be combined out of necessity as determined by the electing Convention.

Section 5.02 The Chairperson

- A. The Chairperson is the chief executive officer of the TLP and shall coordinate the activities of the Board of Directors and Party members in achieving the objectives and goals of the TLP.
- B. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the enforcement of these Bylaws and carrying out the directions and resolutions of the Board of Directors and the Convention in accordance with these Bylaws.
- C. The Chairperson shall serve as a member of all standing committees.
- D. The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- E. The Chairperson shall be the primary spokesperson for the TLP, but may delegate this function to any other member in good standing.
- F. The Chairperson shall insure that all Federal, State, and Local laws pertaining to political parties are complied with.
- G. The Chairperson shall represent the TLP in any Affiliated Organization from Article II. The Chairperson can appoint any member to represent the TLP in their place.

Section 5.03 The Vice Chairperson

- A. The Vice Chairperson shall act as assistant to the Chairperson and shall perform such duties as the Chairperson shall assign, and perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and/or until a successor is chosen by the Board of Directors in case of a vacancy.
- B. The Vice Chairperson shall oversee the planning and facilitation of the Convention.

Section 5.04 The Secretary

- A. The Secretary shall be the recording officer at all Board of Directors meetings and Conventions.
- B. The Secretary shall maintain such records for future use.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Board of Directors.

- D. The Secretary shall maintain all meeting minutes
- E. The Secretary shall bring previous meeting minutes to every board meeting.
- F. At the end of the Secretary's term of office, the Secretary shall deliver to that person's successor all property, books, and records of the Board of Directors and TLP maintained by that person or in that person's possession.

Section 5.05 The Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Board of Directors and the TLP and shall disburse the same in accordance with the decisions to spend such funds by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Treasurer shall keep strict account of all receipts and disbursements, with the date thereof, from who received and to whom disbursed, and the purpose thereof.
- C. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be accessible to any member of the Board of Directors, or to any Member in good standing if given reasonable notice.
- D. The Treasurer shall report at such time or times as requested by the Board of Directors 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 all monies, property, books, and records of the Board of Directors and TLP maintained by that person or in that person's possession.

Section 5.06 Officer successors

It is the duty of each officer of the TLP Board of Directors to seek out and train their successor.

Section 5.06 Vacant Officer Positions

In the event that one of the Officer positions becomes vacant, that position can be filled by an At-Large member of the Board with a simple majority vote of the remainder of the Board.

Section 5.07 The Caretaker

In the event that the party diminishes to just one acting member on the Board of Directors, the remaining member of the Board will become the Caretaker of the Party

and have authority to maintain the Party by being the custodian of any accounts and calling a convention when appropriate.

Article VI. Board of Directors

Section 6.01 The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following: (a) the four elected officers of the TLP; (b) the immediate past Chairperson; (c) a number of At-Large members of the Board of Directors at the discretion of the Convention Body so that the total membership of the Board will be an odd number not more than nine (9).

Section 6.02 Any member of the Board of Directors who shall be absent from (2) successive regularly scheduled meetings specified in 6.04, may be removed from office for cause following a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 6.03 Subordinate only to the authority of a duly called and convened Convention of the TLP, the Board of Directors is the supreme authority of the TLP under these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have the authority, by majority vote, except as otherwise provided herein, to perform all functions which the biennial Convention might perform under these Bylaws except the Board of Directors shall have no authority to amend, alter, or repeal any part of the Bylaws.

Section 6.04 There shall be regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Board. These meetings will be held with adequate notice given to members of the TLP. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of any member of the Board of Directors. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors, excluding any vacancies.

Section 6.05 Any duly elected officer or member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for cause, gross negligence of duties, or financial misconduct with TLP funds. Removal from office shall require a hearing before a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors. The cause must be set forth in writing or electronically and the removal must be approved by a 3/5 vote of the Board of Directors. No person shall vote at a hearing for his/her own removal. If the charge is against the Chairperson, the hearing shall be conducted by a member of the Board of Directors; such member shall be selected by the majority vote of the Board of Directors for that purpose.

Article VII. Conventions

Section 7.01 The Party will meet in a Convention at least once every two years scheduled to comply with any requirements of TLP Affiliates. Officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at this time. Amendments to the Bylaws of the TLP may be considered at any convention. The Board of Directors at any time in the interests of the TLP may issue a Call for special meetings or Conventions and shall fix the times and places thereof. The procedure for calling regular Conventions shall apply to the calling of special meetings and conventions so far as applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Section 7.02 The Board of Directors shall fix the times and places for holding Conventions of the TLP. The Board of Directors at the time a Call to Convention is issued shall fix such delegate registration fees, if any, as it deems appropriate, so long as such fees are equal for all delegates; and, may at any time designate such officials as may be necessary to arrange for a Convention. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately preceding any State Convention for the purpose of establishing the organization of the Convention and thereafter make its report and recommendations to the Convention.

Section 7.03 Any member of the TLP under the guidelines set forth in Article IV and who registers and pays Convention dues (as determined by the Board of Directors) may participate in the Convention and shall be recognized as a delegate. Guests of the Convention need not pay the Convention dues.

Section 7.04 Prior to the Convention, the Board of Directors may designate such Convention officials, assistants, and committees as may be necessary to arrange for the Convention.

Section 7.05 The order of reports to the Convention shall be Credentials, Rules, and lastly any other reports in such order as the Board of Directors shall designate at the time of their selection.

Section 7.06 All nominations for candidates for Party offices shall be from the floor and no nominations by committee shall be permitted.

Section 7.07 The order of business at conventions shall be established by the Board of Directors in the Call to Convention; however, a petition by twenty (20) percent of the delegate-members shall be sufficient to place any item on the agenda for consideration by the Convention.

Section 7.08 A quorum at a Convention shall be a majority of those delegate-members registered as attending the Convention.

Section 7.09 There shall be no proxy voting in Convention.

Article VII. Open Party Meetings

Section 8.01 All conventions and meetings of the TLP, its Board of Directors, and any committees shall be open to the attendance of both the general public and any representative of the press. This shall not be construed to give any person the right to

participate, unless they have fulfilled all other requirements for participation as set forth herein as members or delegates of the TLP.

Article IX. Public Statements

Section 9.01 Party officials asked to comment on issues or events shall not be restrained or restricted from speaking their opinion with the disclaimer that their statements may not reflect the official opinion of the TLP.

Article X. Financial and Fiscal Affairs

Section 10.01 The Board of Directors shall conduct the financial and fiscal affairs of the Party as it deems necessary or as required by law.

Section 10.02 No person acting in his capacity as a member, official, or employee of the TLP shall accept any money contribution or any other thing of value, except for labor services voluntarily donated, without tendering a receipt for the contribution showing the source and date of transfer. However, money received by the TLP from mass collections of cash, or from anonymous sources, shall be accepted, provided the person taking possession of such monies shall execute an affidavit declaring that he has no knowledge of the identity of the contributor. Any member, official, or employee of the TLP who shall be convicted of executing a false affidavit in this regard shall be immediately expelled from office by the Board of Directors or their employment terminated. Any person expelled or terminated under this provision shall be barred from participation in TLP affairs for a period set by the Board of Directors, not to exceed seven (7) years.

Article XI. Administration

Section 11.01 The Board of Directors shall perform the administration of the TLP as needed or as required by state law.

Section 11.02 Neither the Board of Directors nor any subordinate organ or officer of the TLP shall have the authority to bind the TLP in any contract, lease, or agreement for a period which exceeds thirty-seven (37) months, except in matters relating to suits at law in which the TLP is itself a party.

Article XII. Amendments

Section 12.01 These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the member-delegates at any duly called Convention.

Section 12.02 Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon adoption by a Convention. The Board of Directors shall make these Bylaws available on the digitally or in a printed version upon request to any Member.

Section 12.03 These Bylaws may only be amended by vote of the delegates at a Convention.

Section 12.04 In addition to amendments proposed by the Rules Committee of any Convention, proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be considered at any Convention only by either of the following methods: (a) members of the Board of Directors may submit proposed amendments directly to the convention. (b) delegates of a Convention may submit proposed amendments which shall be included in the report of the Rules Committee, with or without recommendation by that committee.

Section 12.05 No amendment to these Bylaws shall change the status of any person at a Convention, for the duration of that Convention. Also, no amendment, in any event, shall invalidate action properly taken under previous Bylaws.

Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 13.01 The Rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED, shall govern parliamentary procedure in all conventions, caucuses, meetings, and convention committees in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these Bylaws and any special rules or order the TLP may adopt.

Article XIV. Adoption

Section 14.01 These Bylaws shall go into effect upon being adopted by simple majority vote of the registered participants present and voting at the First Annual Convention.