



WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: ARTICLES TO GOVERN ASSOCIATION

These articles shall govern the association known as the "Washington County Libertarian Party," hereinafter referred to as "Party" or "WCLP".

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The WCLP is organized to promote individual liberty and eliminate intervention of government in moral, social, and economic affairs by functioning as a county level libertarian political entity in association with the Oklahoma Libertarian Party.

ARTICLE 3: ELIGIBILITY

A person is eligible to become a Member (or "Voting Member") of WCLP if they:

- A. are a resident of Washington County, State of Oklahoma; and
- B. are eighteen (18) years of age or older

ARTICLE 4: MEMBER VOTING RIGHTS

Members have voting rights at all meetings of the Governing Body and at the annual convention.

ARTICLE 5: MEMBER RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEES

Members shall have the right to participate in official affairs and governance of WCLP in accordance with these Bylaws. Such right shall be inviolate and the willful abridgment of such right by an officer or member of any committee shall be sufficient cause for removal of such officer or committee member.

ARTICLE 6: ENROLLED MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR OFFICE IN COMMITTEES

Enrolled Members shall have the right to be members of Standing Committees and may be appointed and serve as Director of said committees at the discretion of the Chair.

ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

The officers of WCLP shall be the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 8: ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

To be eligible to become an officer of WCLP, a person must:

- A. meet all membership requirements as defined in Section 4.1 of these bylaws; and
- B. be a qualified Oklahoma voter;
- C. be registered as a Libertarian to vote in Washington County;
- D. not be affiliated with any other political party.

ARTICLE 9: TERMS OF OFFICERS

Officers shall take office upon close of the Convention and shall serve thereafter for a period of two (2) years, concluding upon the adjournment of the second Regular County Convention to which they were elected.

Officers elected due to vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE 10: OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

The three (3) elected positions of WCLP shall be elected at the annual County Convention by a majority vote of the duly credentialed and qualified Voting Members registered and in attendance at the County Convention; provided, however, that the Governing Body has the right and authority to fill any vacant position, pursuant to these bylaws, in the event of unanticipated vacancy.

ARTICLE 11: NO PROXY VOTING PERMITTED

No proxy voting is permitted.

ARTICLE 12: OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS

Elections for Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be held in odd numbered years, provided there is not a vacancy.

ARTICLE 13: PREFERENCES FOR MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers shall be conducted by voice vote, or if the result of voice vote is unclear, by hand vote, or if neither voice or hand vote is deemed appropriate at the time, a secret ballot will be used.

ARTICLE 14: VENUE AND PROCEDURE FOR REPLACING OFFICERS

Nominations and elections may be held at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Body to replace an officer unwilling or unable to complete their term of office, or one who was removed for cause. The voting procedure used to elect officers at the Annual Convention as defined by ARTICLE 13 shall be followed.

ARTICLE 15: DUTIES OF CHAIR

The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Party and shall coordinate the activities of the Governing Body and Party members in achieving the objectives and goals of the Party.

The Chair shall be responsible for the enforcement of these Bylaws and the carrying out of the directions and resolutions of the Governing Body and the County Convention in accordance with these Bylaws.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Body and may, at their discretion, preside at Party Conventions.

The Chair shall be the primary spokesperson and representative, but may delegate this function to any other Party member in good standing.

The Chair shall ensure that all state and federal laws pertaining to political parties are complied with and make provisions for legal services for the Party.

The Chair may oversee the development of new district or precinct organizations.

ARTICLE 16: DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Governing Body and the Party and shall disburse the same in accordance with decisions to spend such funds by the Governing Body or otherwise set forth by these Bylaws.

The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, and internal and external reporting.

The Treasurer shall:

- A. from time to time, report to the Governing Body and the County Convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities; and
- B. make any and all financial reports required by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission through the Guardian Reporting System and/or other reports required by state law; and
- C. perform other duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer or as directed by the Chair.

ARTICLE 17: DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The duties of the Secretary are to keep and maintain accurate minutes and records of all meetings and conventions.

The Secretary shall:

- A. maintain other records including mailing lists and a roster of WCLP Voting Members.
- B. perform other duties usually pertaining to the office of secretary.

The Secretary shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, and shall perform such duties as the Chair prescribes, and hold such executive powers as the Chair delegates.

The Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

The Secretary will serve as liaison and coordinator for all standing committees; and

Prior to any election, the Secretary shall notify the membership of any members who may be subject to censure and the grounds therefore.

ARTICLE 18: MEETINGS TO BE OPEN TO PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR DISRUPTION

All regularly scheduled meetings, annual conventions, and special conventions of WCLP are to be open to the public, unless and until such a time as disruptions to the proceedings by non-members may necessitate the closing of proceedings to some or all of the public. Provided that disruption from non-members may result in the closing of proceedings to allow for conduct of business.

ARTICLE 19: PARTY TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Party shall meet every year in a County Convention held during the months of February, March, or April. The County Convention shall be scheduled to comply with Oklahoma Libertarian Party deadlines for the election of delegates for the State Convention, or any other Oklahoma Libertarian Party. Officers and members of the Governing Body shall be elected at this time in accordance with the requirements of these Bylaws. Amendments to the Platform and Bylaws of the Party may be

considered at any convention. The Governing Body at any time in the interests of the Party, may direct the Secretary, or if that person be not available or if said office is vacant, the Treasurer, to issue a Call for special meetings or Conventions and shall fix the times and places thereof. The procedure for calling regular County Conventions shall apply to the calling of special meetings and conventions so far as applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 20: TIMELY NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE GIVEN

All members will be given timely notice of the WCLP Annual Convention date, location, and approved video/telephonic means of remote access in a manner and time as determined by the Chair.

ARTICLE 21: CHAIR TO CALL ANNUAL CONVENTION TO ORDER

The Chair or the Chair's designee shall call the annual convention to order. The Secretary or the Treasurer will immediately be asked for a report on the attendance at the time the convention was called to order.

ARTICLE 22: ANNUAL CONVENTION THRESHOLD FOR QUORUM

A quorum for the annual convention shall consist of a number of members equal to a majority of the number of current Voting Members present. As individuals are free to come and go during a convention, a quorum may be represented by different individuals throughout the convention.

ARTICLE 23: REGULAR MEETINGS TO BE HELD

Regular meetings of the WCLP shall be held not less frequently than annually at such place as the Governing Body shall from time to time determine

ARTICLE 24: NOTICE OF MEETINGS TO BE MADE BY APPROPRIATE MEANS

Notice of annual convention and any other county special meeting shall be made to members via electronic and/or telephonic means, or by mail if necessary.

ARTICLE 25: BYLAWS MAY BE AMENDED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present, following timely notice of proposed amendments.

ARTICLE 26: CAUSE FOR REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Officers can be removed for cause, either resulting from regular absence from meetings, general criminality, or actions inconsistent with the general intent of the purpose of the WCLP.

ACCEPTANCE AND ADOPTION

The officers do hereby accept and adopt these Bylaws, and covenant to undertake to hold, manage, and administer the Washington County Libertarian Party in accordance with their terms or as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands:

Kaitlin Garcia
Chairman

3/11/2021
Date

[Signature]
Secretary

3/11/2021
Date

[Signature]
Treasurer

3-11-2021
Date