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# Foreword

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In 1811, Shawnee Chief Tecumseh met in council with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, urging them to unite against white oppressors. He warned that their tribal homes, country, lives, and everything they held dear would be taken from them if they did not join in common cause against the intruders who continually threatened their independence and freedom. Tecumseh cautioned that the tribes must not think they could “remain passive and indifferent to the common danger, and thus escape the common fate.”

“Sleep not longer, O Choctaws and Chickasaws, Tecumseh warned, “in false security and delusive hopes. Our broad domains are fast escaping from our grasp.”

Today, the liberty of all people is diminished daily by a government which does not respect individual rights, supported by a sleeping electorate more concerned with political victories for their chosen parties than with securing freedom. In echoing the words of Tecumseh, our 2023 State Convention theme honors his expression of the urgent need for people to take action against aggressors who threaten others and their way of life. While we do not call for the taking up of arms as Tecumseh did, we do call on every person to be aware of the dangers of complacency, to be jealous of liberty, and to push back against the encroachment of government into our lives and freedom.

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# Welcome from the OKLP Chair

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Liberty Warriors,

Welcome to the 2023 Oklahoma Libertarian Party Annual Convention! We are lucky to have the company of so many incredible advocates for the greatest political philosophy ever imagined. I have been amazed by the immense effort and creativity you have given to our cause this past year. While I regret that I cannot be with you this weekend, I am confident your flames will be bolstered and your hearts inspired by this weekend's activities. Listen, learn, debate, and prepare yourselves for another year of fighting to set the world free.

The enormous value of your commitment to this cause cannot be overstated. Just like those of the Choctaws and Chickasaws, our oppressors continue to become more greedy and overbearing. Sleep not longer, Libertarians, in false security and delusive hopes. Now is the time to take a stand.

In liberty,



Will Daugherty, Chair  
Oklahoma Libertarian Party

## The OKLP extends its thanks to the **SEVEN LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES** who ran statewide races in 2022:



- **Kenneth Blevins, U.S. Senator**
- **Robert Murphy, U.S. Senator**
- **Natalie Bruno, Governor**
- **Chris Powell, Lieutenant Governor**
- **Lynda Steele, Attorney General**
- **Greg Sadler, Treasurer**
- **Will Daugherty, Labor Commissioner**

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# Weekend Schedule of Events

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## **Friday, 3 March**

6:00 - 9:00pm Early Registration\*  
Meet & Greet, Cash Bar (*Hotel Lounge*)

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## **Saturday, 4 March**

8:30am Registration  
9:00am Annual Business Meeting: Call to Order  
12:30pm Lunch\*\*  
12:50pm Keynote Address: Mike ter Maat\*\*  
2:00pm Annual Business Meeting: Resumes  
5:30pm Annual Business Meeting: Adjournment to Time Certain  
Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar (*Hotel Lounge*)  
6:30pm Founders Dinner and Fundraising Gala\*\*  
7:00pm Dinner Speaker: Drew Cook\*\*  
7:30pm Award Presentations, Lifetime Membership Pinning,  
Appearance by Chase Oliver, Music, Merriment, Auctions and  
Raffles  
9:00pm Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle End  
9:30pm Gala Ends

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## **Sunday, 5 March**

8:30am Registration  
9:00am Annual Business Meeting: Resumes  
12:30pm Business Meeting Adjournment *sine die*  
1:00pm State Executive Committee Meeting 1.1.5\*\*\*

\* Available for Basic, Premium (Patron) and Platinum (Benefactor) packages only.

\*\* Ticket required for admission.

\*\*\* Start time is approximate. All current and newly-elected State Executive Committee members attend.

## Saturday Lunch Keynote Speaker

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### Mike ter Maat

Mike ter Maat is currently seeking the 2024 Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States.

In 2002, he started a professional education business for bank executives which he ran until 2009, including conferences, webcasting, and strategic consulting. Mike's prior career in finance and economics included work with banks, the White House Office of Management and Budget, international development agencies, federal agencies, and trade associations. He served as a police officer in Broward County from 2010



through 2021. Mike campaigned in 2021-22 as the Libertarian Party candidate in the January special Congressional election in Florida's District 20.

He has traveled in thirty-five countries, taught economics at three universities and substituted at dozens of Broward public schools. As his website explains, Mike "has one wife, two kids and two stepdaughters, two dogs and one truck, a BS in Aeronautical Engineering and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and MS and PhD degrees in Economics from The George Washington University."

Learn more about Mike ter Maat, his campaign, and positions on the issues by visiting <https://miketermaat.com/>.



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# Founders Dinner Speaker

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## Drew Cook

Drew Cook is a Libertarian activist from Yukon, Oklahoma. After years of searching for his place in local politics, Drew found his home and his sense of community with the Oklahoma Libertarian Party, where he is a Lifetime Member.

Drew began his Libertarian journey by becoming a founding member and Chair of the Canadian County Libertarian Party, and later served as Chair of the Central Region. His efforts in growing the Party led to his appointment in 2020 as the OKLP's very first Membership Director. Currently, Drew chairs the Judicial Committee, a distinction won by unanimous committee vote in his freshman term. At the 2022 OKLP State Convention, Drew was honored as the OKLP's "Activist of the Year."



Having himself been a victim of the criminal justice system, Drew's main political focus lies in drug policy. Known as "The Clean Libertarian," Drew used his platform as host of the The Clean Libertarian podcast to shine a light on all types of recovery and to ensure that no one struggling with substance abuse issues need suffer alone. After identifying the need for a sober space and accountability within the LP, Drew co-founded and chaired the Libertarian Party Sober Caucus. Following an introduction to the principles of harm reduction, he launched SHRED the Stigma, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving those who use drugs in and around the OKC metro by providing safe use kits, with the goal of reducing health and safety issues. As of January 2023, at only eight months old, SHRED has distributed over 2500 harm reduction kits – which include Narcan, fentanyl test strips, condoms, and other sanitary supplies – resulting in more than 200 reported overdose reversals. Drew is an advocate for those who have been ostracized by society, and he provides resources for anyone who seeks to find their way out of active addiction.

Learn more about SHRED the Stigma at <https://shredthestigmaok.org/>.

# Housekeeping Notes

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- 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."
- Tickets are required for all meals and speaker events. Those who do not hold tickets for these events must exit the ballroom promptly upon lunch recess and Saturday's adjournment.
- The ballroom must be cleared for dinner set-up following Saturday's adjournment. Please enjoy Cocktail Hour in the hotel Lounge, which will remain open throughout the Founders Dinner.
- Restrooms are located near the Lobby.
- Smoking is prohibited inside the ballroom but permitted outside anywhere on the property.

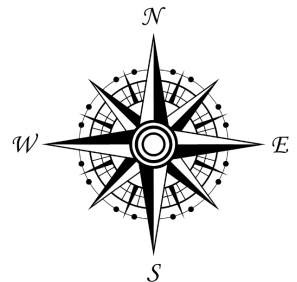
## S BER CAUCUS

*"Our purpose as the Sober Caucus is to empower individuals using Libertarian principles and policies to encourage a sober lifestyle while striving to provide a principled, nuanced voice within the LP regarding the end of drug prohibition."*



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*Sobriety is Freedom*



*The path to Freedom  
starts here.*

# Special Convention Rules

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1. All primary amendments to the Platform for Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the A/V Coordinator. All such primary amendments must be legible and: contain the names of the motioner and seconder; 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 declared to the Convention Secretary and submitted in writing to the A/V Coordinator 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 shall be limited to 2 minutes per person. Debate on the pending question is limited to 20 minutes, notwithstanding accommodation for an equal number of speakers on each side (if available).

Members wishing to obtain the floor will proceed to the appropriate microphone. One will be designated for those in favor and the other will be for those opposed to the motion.

The member who made the motion may speak to the motion first.

No member who has already had the floor in debate on the immediately pending question is entitled to the floor again so long as another member who has not spoken on that question is in line to speak to the question. If no other member is in line to speak to the question, the member may speak a second time to the pending motion. The chair will alternate the floor between those in favor and those opposed to the pending motion.

Once the chair is no longer able to alternate between those in favor and those opposed, and two members have spoken on the same side (in favor or opposition), debate shall cease and the question will be put to a vote.

4. Nominees will have the 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 - Saturday

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## Saturday, March 4th

- 8:30am Registration
- 9:00am Call to Order  
Welcoming Address
- 9:05am Credentials Report  
Adoption of Special Convention Rules  
Approval of the Agenda
- 9:20am Reports
- Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Judicial Committee
    - Rules of Appellate Procedure, Second Edition
- 9:40am Decision: Open or Closed Primaries in the Upcoming Election Cycle
- 10:00am Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Bylaws
- 11:00am Break
- 11:10am Credentials Report  
Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Bylaws, continued
- 12:15pm Presentation of Nominees for Activist of the Year
- 12:30pm Recess for Lunch  
Keynote Address by Mike ter Maat
- 2:00pm Annual Business Meeting Resumes  
Credentials Report  
Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Bylaws, continued
- 4:00pm Break
- 4:15pm Credentials Report  
Bylaws & Platform Committee Report: Bylaws, continued
- 5:30pm Annual Business Meeting: Adjournment to Time Certain (9:00am Sunday)  
Voting for Activist of the Year ends

# Annual Business Meeting Agenda - Sunday

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- 8:30am Registration
- 9:00am Call to Order
- Credentials Report
- OKLP Committee Elections
- State Executive Committee
    - Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer)
    - At-Large Representatives (Political, Legislative, Field Development, and Development)
  - Judicial Committee (Members and Alternates as needed)
  - Bylaws & Platform Committee
- 11:30am Break
- 11:40am Credentials Report
- New Business
- Submitted Primary Floor Amendments (in order received)
  - Other Submitted New Business
  - Unsubmitted New Business
- 12:00pm Unfinished Business
- 12:15pm Announcements
- 12:30pm Annual Business Meeting: Adjournment *sine die*

## **Post-Convention Meeting**

- 1:00pm\* State Executive Committee Meeting
- \*Start time is approximate. All current and newly-elected State Executive Committee members attend.*

## Q2 OKLP Financial Review – 12-31-2022

	Q2 Budget	Q2 Actual	Difference	FY Budget	FY Actual	Remaining Budget
Annual Memberships	\$ 300	\$ 48	\$ (252)	\$ 1,300	\$ 272	\$ 1,028
Monthly Donors	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,570	\$ 520	\$ 4,600	\$ 2,644	\$ 1,956
Lifetime Memberships	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ (600)	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ 2,100
Fundraising Revenue	\$ 500	\$ 96	\$ (404)	\$ 4,000	\$ 297	\$ 3,703
Directed Donation - Political	\$ -	\$ 925	\$ 925	\$ 1,110	\$ 1,110	\$ -
Convention Revenue	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 8,000	\$ 500	\$ 7,500
Convention Revenue - OKLP Vice-Chair	\$ -	\$ 3,139	\$ 689	\$ 21,110	\$ 4,823	\$ 16,287
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,450</b>	<b>\$ 3,139</b>	<b>\$ 689</b>	<b>\$ 21,110</b>	<b>\$ 4,823</b>	<b>\$ 16,287</b>
Expenses						
Political						
Political At-Large	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,197	\$ 103
Political At-Large	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,110	\$ 1,110	\$ -
Directed Donation - Political						
Legislative	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ (300)	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Field Development	\$ 750	\$ 1,300	\$ 550	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,923	\$ 1,077
Field Development At-Large	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 3,200
Development	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ (600)	\$ 600	\$ 150	\$ 450
IT	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ (150)	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600
Legal	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ (150)	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Convention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
State Fairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Fundraising Backstop	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ (250)	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 700
Stationary	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ (150)	\$ 400	\$ 301	\$ 99
Incidentals	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ (150)	\$ 21,110	\$ 4,682	\$ 16,428
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,600</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (3,600)</b>	<b>\$ 21,110</b>	<b>\$ 4,682</b>	<b>\$ 16,428</b>

Bank Account	
Starting Balance	\$29,567.84
Revenue	\$3,096.72
Expenses	\$1,314.93
Ending Balance	\$31,349.63

\*\*Does not perfectly match the budget due to stripe payment timing

<b>Monthly Memberships</b>
\$572/month = \$6,864/yr
Membership Budget: \$5,900
Setting up a strong next year

- Total Annual/Monthly Memberships are at \$2,916 vs. \$2,500 budget powered by monthly membership growth
- Lifetime Memberships have been a big miss so far this year, \$0 vs. \$600 budget
- Fundraising Revenue has been a big miss, totaling \$297 vs. \$2,000 budget
- Budgeted Revenue is at \$3,213 vs \$5,100 budget, not including directed donations or convention revenue
- Total Expenses are at \$4,497 vs. \$6,500, due to much lower spending than planned
- Total Profit/(Loss) is (\$1,400), showing good financial management as we approach convention

# Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure, Second Edition

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*Approved for use by the State Executive Committee on 14 August 2022, subject to ratification by the 2023 OKLP State Convention Delegates.*

Section 1. The Judicial Committee shall take action only when its Chair receives a written request for a ruling on a matter identified in the Party's Bylaws as being within the Committee's jurisdiction ("petition"). Such petition(s) shall identify:

- (a) the basis for the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee;
- (b) the ruling requested;
- (c) the verifiable identity of the person or persons, affiliate, or Party committee petitioning for the requested ruling ("petitioner(s)"); and
- (d) the identity by individual name of any person, affiliate, or Party committee that would be directly affected by the requested ruling. Such a person, affiliate, or committee directly affected by the requested ruling, together with any other person, affiliate, or committee identified by the Judicial Committee members as likely to be so affected, will be considered a "respondent." The petition(s) should be supported by such written and other evidence as the petitioner(s) believes supports the grant of the ruling requested.

Section 2. If the Committee is called into action during a State Convention, the Chair shall convene the Committee as soon as is reasonably possible, and the Committee shall consider written petition(s), response(s), and evidence provided by petitioner(s) and respondent(s) in a meeting open to Convention delegates, who may observe, but not participate in, the proceedings and deliberations of voiding platform planks or resolutions. Upon request of either petitioner(s) or respondent(s), and/or at the Committee's direction, the Committee may hear arguments from petitioner(s) and respondent(s) in person.

Section 3. When such petition(s) is received at any time other than during a State Convention, the Chair shall promptly forward the petition to the other Committee members by electronic means, for which the member(s) shall acknowledge receipt.

Section 4. Within seven days following receipt of such petition(s) (or promptly, if the request is received during a State Convention), the Committee Chair shall provide a copy of the petition(s) to each prospective respondent, along with any supporting

# Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure, Second Edition, continued

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material the Chair has been sent, and notice that if the prospective respondent(s) desires to respond to the petition(s) the prospective respondent(s) must do so in writing within seven days following receipt (or promptly, if the request is received during a State Convention) ("response").

Section 5. The Chair shall promptly forward a copy of any response(s) received to each of the other Committee members by electronic means (or postal mail address, if explicitly requested), along with any supporting material and counter-arguments he or she has been sent.

Section 6. A copy of the petition(s) and any response(s) shall be made available electronically to any sustaining member upon request. The Committee may by a majority vote redact portions of the petition(s) and response(s) so made available.

Section 7. After the time period for responses has passed, and the Chair has been advised by at least three other Committee members that they have reviewed the petition(s) and response(s) provided, he or she shall set a time for a meeting of the Committee to decide the matter at hand and notify the Committee in writing of such time. Unless all of the Committee members request a physical gathering, the meeting shall take place by telephone conference or videoconference. Any meeting shall be open to sustaining members, who may observe (but not participate in) the proceedings. The Committee may by a 2/3 vote deliberate in open session; otherwise, deliberations shall be in executive session. However, any oral arguments may be in open session and any decision shall be rendered in writing, which written decision shall be public. The Committee may in its discretion offer to the petitioner(s) and respondent(s) an equal opportunity to make their arguments orally via a telephone conference, videoconference, or physical meeting, under such rules as the Committee shall specify.

Section 8. When the Committee reaches a decision, the Chair shall notify the petitioner(s) who requested the ruling, any respondent(s) to the petition(s), the State Party Chair and the State Party Secretary. Preliminary notification may be made orally, either in person or by telephone; official notification shall be made in writing. The final decision and submitted opinions shall be sent to the OKLP secretary no later than 30 days after the last testimony and/or evidence is presented.

Section 9. Nothing in these rules of appellate procedure should be construed to or limit the ability of the Judicial Committee to carry out its bylaws mandated responsibilities.



# Bylaws & Platform Committee Report

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## Bylaws Recommendation 1: Open/Closed Primary Standing Rule

### REASON

Currently, this is a Standing Rule of the Executive Committee. Standing Rules may be suspended, but bylaws may not.

### IMPACT

This rule will be a bylaw and no longer something suspendable.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

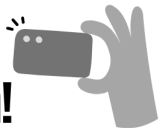
In Article IV, insert a new Section 5 which reads:

Section 5. During the OKLP State Convention immediately preceding such required notice – usually in odd-numbered years -- "Open or Closed Primaries" shall be included on the convention business meeting Agenda or Schedule, allowing time for the delegates at that convention to discuss and vote on a motion directing the Chair as to what notification shall be given to the Secretary of the State Election Board concerning this matter for the upcoming election cycle.

Should the delegates fail to arrive at a majority decision during such a convention, the State Executive Committee shall, in a duly-called meeting thereafter, vote on a motion directing the Chair as to what notification shall be given to the Secretary of the State Election Board concerning the matter for the upcoming election cycle, with the outcome decided by a simple majority of the full committee including the Chair. In the event that the State Executive Committee vote is tied, the Chair shall decide the matter and notify the Secretary of the State Election Board accordingly. Under no circumstances shall the Chair fail to act in accordance with a majority vote outlined above which decides this matter.



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# Bylaws & Platform Committee Report

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## Bylaws Recommendation 2: NOTA Codification

### REASON

Under OKLP's Rules of Orders (RONR), a vote not for an actual human being who has been nominated for a position is considered an illegal ballot. We may supersede RONR by adding something to our bylaws. This addition would make votes for NOTA "legal".

### IMPACT

Votes for NOTA will be considered legal votes within our organization and cannot be legally contested due to RONR.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In Article IV, insert a new Section 1(G) and renumber, which reads:

If nominated, None of the Above (NOTA) shall be treated as a candidate in any election. If not nominated, NOTA may be written on any ballot. Should NOTA win an election, a new election may be held at the delegates' discretion or if the position is legally required to be filled by applicable state or federal law, in which case a candidate who lost to NOTA may not be nominated again for the same position.

A black rectangular graphic with a white border. On the left, the text "50/50 Raffle" is written in a large, white, cursive font. To the right of the text are three white raffle tickets with black borders and perforated edges, each with the word "TICKET" printed in black. Below the tickets, the text "Get in on the 50/50 raffle and split the pot with the OKLP! \$10/ticket, 6 for \$50, or 15 for \$100. More info on Page 28." is written in a white, sans-serif font.

**50/50 Raffle**

**TICKET**

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Get in on the 50/50 raffle and split the pot with the OKLP!  
\$10/ticket, 6 for \$50, or 15 for \$100. More info on Page 28.

# Bylaws & Platform Committee Report

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## Bylaws Recommendation 3: At-Large Elections

### REASON

At-Large elections in the past were conducted simultaneously, which led to confusion as Party members would have to declare for which roles they were running while not knowing whether those roles may be impacted by the election results, i.e. members had to nominate for the roles they preferred and potentially win more than one seat, which had to be reconciled.

It is also advisable to vote for these very specific positions individually due to the nature of these officer's work. An At-Large who is perfectly qualified for one position may not be a good fit at all for another, but could be shoe-horned into a position they did not want or qualify for by merit of just being in the top four

### IMPACT

This change would transition the single mass election into 4 individual elections, one for each role as defined in Article VII, Section 5 of the Bylaws, making the process much cleaner.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In Article VII, Section (3)(B):

Strike "simultaneously" and insert "individually". Strike "Should a given candidate accept nominations for and win election to more than one role, the role which the candidate won with the highest number of votes shall be that person's assigned role, and the candidate(s) receiving the next highest number of votes in the discarded role(s) shall be declared the winner(s) thereof. Should such a candidate be elected to more than one role by the same number of votes, said candidate shall choose from among those a single role to accept and the candidate(s) with the next- highest number of votes in the discarded role(s) shall be declared the winner(s) thereof.

# Bylaws & Platform Committee Report

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## Bylaws Recommendation 4: Judicial Committee Elections

### REASON

Currently, JC elections are separate from the JC alternate elections. Alternates to the JC only serve until the next state convention, which is unnecessarily burdensome since it requires special elections for additional alternates at convention if an alternate is promoted. It also impacts continuity when an alternate only serves until the next convention. This amendment would simplify JC elections by consolidating them into one single multi-winner election using approval voting for two-year terms, top 5 are seated on the JC, and bottom 3 are considered elected alternates in order of most votes.

### IMPACT

This amendment does a strike-and-replace on Article VIII Section 1. JC elections are consolidated into a single multi-winner approval vote election with the top 5 being seated on the JC, and the next top 3 declared alternates in order of vote precedence. Alternates who move up to fill a JC vacancy serve the remainder of the JC term. If all alternates are exhausted in the middle of the JC term, then a special election is held at the next state convention to refill the "bucket" with 3 additional alternates. The amendment also clarifies the seasoning requirement per the expressed will of the 2022 convention body.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article VIII

Strike the entirety of Section 1 and replace with the following:

“Section 1.

The OKLP shall vest its appellate authority in a Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. Any four (4)

# Bylaws & Platform Committee Report

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## Bylaws Recommendation 4: Judicial Committee Elections, cont.

members shall constitute a quorum. No Judicial Committee member or alternate may be a member of the State Executive Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select a Committee Chair and a Recording Secretary.”

Insert Section 2 and 3:

“Section 2.

All candidates for Judicial Committee member or alternate shall have been Party Members for at least two (2) full years and delegates at two (2) OKLP State Conventions prior to the current one. Elections for Judicial Committee members and alternates shall be held in even-numbered years by multi-winner approval vote, with the top five candidates seated on the Judicial Committee, and the next three highest seated as alternates, ranked by vote total. Runoff elections may be held to determine ranking in the event of a tie. Judicial Committee members and alternates shall take office immediately upon the adjournment sine die of the State Convention at which they are elected and serve until the final adjournment of the next State Convention in an even-numbered year.

Section 3.

(a) Any member of the committee who fails to attend two consecutive meetings may be considered to have vacated their position pending a majority vote of the remaining members.

(b) A permanent vacancy on the Judicial Committee shall be filled by the alternate who was elected with the highest number of votes, and shall hold that seat for the remainder of the term. Should all alternates be exhausted, any subsequent vacancy on the Judicial Committee shall be filled by an election carried out in accordance with the provisions provided in Section VIII of these bylaws at the next annual Convention.”

Renumber the rest of Article VIII.

# Bylaws & Platform Committee Report

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## Bylaws Recommendation 5: Regional Caucusing

### REASON

The purpose of Regional Committees under the current bylaws reads: “promote Libertarian policy, activities, voter registration, campaigns, to help form and encourage maintenance of County Committees, and to control and manage the affairs and properties of the Regional Committee between Regional Conventions”. All of these functions can be performed without burdening the organization with an extra layer of bylaws, memberships, and meetings. Removing the Regional Committees (but not the Representatives) will provide the same representation on the Executive Committee without the additional burden of running a Regional Committee with mandatory meetings and separate bylaws. The proposal also contains provisions for alternates to be selected at the same time in case of vacancies.

### IMPACT

This proposal simply deletes Regional Committees and replaces them with Regional Caucuses at State Convention to select the Regional Representatives to the Executive Committee. Regional Representatives would still act as liaisons to their membership to the Executive Committee with the freedom to organize with individual members in their respective Regions.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In Art. IV, Section 1(E), strike” regional,”.

In Art IV, Section 1(H), throughout the Section, strike “or Regional”.

In Art IV, Section 2(C), strike “regional,”.

In Art IV, Insert a new Section 3 which reads as follows:

“Regions of the OKLP shall be as follows:

A) Northwest Region: Beaver, Blaine, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills, Texas, Woods, and Woodward counties.

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## **Bylaws Recommendation 5: Regional Caucusing, cont.**

B) North Central Region: Alfalfa, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Logan, Major, Noble, Payne, and Pawnee counties.

C) Northeast Region: Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties.

D) East Central Region: Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, Hughes, Latimer, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, and Sequoyah counties.

E) Southeast Region: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Garvin, Johnston, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Murray, Pontotoc, and Pushmataha counties.

F) Southwest Region: Beckham, Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Stephens, Tillman, and Washita counties.

G) Central Region: Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Lincoln, McClain, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie, and Seminole counties.”

and renumber Art IV accordingly.

In Art VI, Strike “Section 1.” Strike “Committees” at the end of the paragraph and insert “Representatives”.

In Art. VII Section 1(A), strike “and Regional”.

In Art VII Section 2, after “Regional” strike “Committee” and insert “Caucus”.

In Art VII, insert a new Section 4 which reads:  
“Section 4.

(A) Each region may elect one (1) Representative and one (1) Alternate annually during the state convention weekend by a caucus of the delegates from each region, provided there are a minimum of three (3) delegates or a number of delegates equal to ten (10) percent of the number of delegates checked in on the first day of business at the State convention rounded down, whichever is higher.

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## Bylaws Recommendation 5: Regional Caucusing, cont.

(B) Regions which fail to meet the caucus threshold, or those without a Member willing to serve as Regional Representative or Alternate may, with the approval of the majority of Members from each region so involved, form a regional compact with another region or regions in which all elect a shared Representative and Alternate.

In Art. VII, Section 5(C) after “Regional” insert “Representatives”.

In Art VII, Section 6(D), insert the following at the end of the paragraph: “ In the event of a permanent vacancy of a regional representative, the elected regional alternate shall serve until the next state convention. If there is no alternate available, the seat shall remain empty until the next election at state convention.”

In Art. VIII, Section 3, strike “a Regional Committee”.

Strike Art. IX in its entirety and renumber the Bylaws accordingly.

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## Bylaws Recommendation 5: Regional Caucusing - Minority Report

### REASON

While I do agree with the Bylaws & Platform Committee recommendation that the regional structures as a whole would benefit from not being forced into another committee type structure, I do not agree with the minimum which the committee has chosen to recommend. I think that asking three people is very reasonable, as it is the current minimum and how OKLP has been functioning for years. If anything, I believe we should make it more accessible to form regions.

### IMPACT

Adopting this report would amend the B&P recommendation in that the minimum number of delegates needed to form a region if the caucusing structure is adopted would become three people.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In the current Bylaws Committee Proposal, strike “or a number of delegates equal to ten (10) percent of the number of delegates checked in on the first day of business at the State convention rounded down, whichever is higher” from the Art VII Section 4(A) proposal.

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# Bylaws & Platform Committee Report

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## Bylaws Recommendation 6: Judicial Committee Jurisdiction

### REASON

There are two jurisdictional elements in Article XII Section 2 that are problematic. D is exploitable and legally vague (National JC appeal during the Secretary suspension case), and renders the other jurisdictional elements essentially moot. Merging H and I clarifies the advisory nature of requesting a JC opinion outside of the official appellate process.

### IMPACT

This amendment will clarify the role of the Judicial Committee as an appellate body with specific functions, in line with the original intent.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In Article VIII, Section 2:

Strike Section D in its entirety.

Strike Section H and I in their entireties and insert a new Section G which reads as follows:

“Offering an advisory opinion and/or interpretation of the OKLP Bylaws and Convention Rules to the State Executive Committee or Members upon request; and” renumber Section 2 accordingly.

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# OKLP Elections

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## 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 Officers and At-Large Representatives will be for a two-year term which ends in 2025
- Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
- At-Large Representatives: Political, Legislative, Field Development, and Development
- State Executive Committee 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
- Three alternates are elected to fill any vacancies which may occur
- Judicial Committee members and alternates shall have been OKLP Members for at least two years, have attended at least two State Conventions prior to this one, and not be members of the State Executive Committee

## 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 to serve until adjournment of the subsequent State Convention
- Bylaws & Platform Committee members may not have been elected to the State Executive Committee for the same term



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# Recognition Awards

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## Activist of the Year Award

The OKLP Activist of the Year Award may be presented annually and 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. ***Ballots for this Award must be turned in to the ballot box before the business meeting is adjourned on Saturday afternoon.***

The 2023 Activist of the Year Award finalists are (in the order nominated):

- Lynda Steele
  - Ashley Sowder
  - Drew Cook
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## Coalition Partner of the Year Award

The OKLP Coalition Partner of the Year Award may be presented annually and 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 2023 OKLP Coalition Partner of the Year Award to Mr. Abe Bonowitz of Death Penalty Action.***

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## Founders Award

The OKLP Founders Award may be presented during the State Convention in U.S. presidential election years. Nominations for the 2024 Founders Award recipient(s) have not yet opened.



# Fundraisers

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## **Silent Auction\***

The Silent Auction ends promptly at 9:00pm. The last person to complete a bid before the cut-off wins, so keep an eye on your favorite!

## **50/50 Cash Raffle**

It's back! This is a split-the-pot raffle: when ticket sales close and the total amount of the pot is determined, the winner takes half, and the OKLP gets the other half. It's win-win!

**1 ticket for \$10 • 6 tickets for \$50 • 15 tickets for \$100**

Tickets are BLUE, require cash for purchase, and available from David Greer. Buy yours early, and often, and watch the pot grow! The 50/50 Cash Raffle ends at 9:00pm.

## **Basket Raffle\***

See a basket item you like? Drop one ticket, two tickets, ten tickets... any number of tickets you like into that item's basket for a chance to win. The basket raffle ends at 9:00pm. Tickets are ORANGE and available from David Greer.

**1 ticket for \$10 • 6 tickets for \$50 • 15 tickets for \$100**

## **Live Auction\***

Love the thrill of beating the competition in a head-to-head battle of the bucks? Then our live auction is for you! Items will be offered throughout the convention activities Saturday, so be ready to bid at the drop of a hat. Winners must complete payment before claiming their item(s).

## **Polaroid Photo Fun\***

Go old school and get a fun, fundraising Polaroid photo taken! Pose alone or with as many people as you want to jam into the shot for just \$5. Limited quantity, so find David Greer to get yours before they run out!

*\*Winners must complete payment check-out prior to claiming their item(s).*



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# Current OKLP State-Level Committee Members

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## **State Executive Committee**

Will Daugherty, *Chair*

Jeff Fortune, *Vice Chair*

Cherise Norton, *Secretary*

Todd Hagopian, *Treasurer*

Jake Spann, *At- Large Representative / Political Director*

Lynda Steele, *At-Large Representative / Legislative Director*

Clint Rapp, *At-Large Representative / Field Development Director*

Natalie Bruno, *At-Large Representative / Development Director*

David Greer, *Southeast Region Representative*

Dalton Matthews, *Southwest Region Representative*

## **Judicial Committee**

Drew Cook, *Committee Chair*

Rex Lawhorn, *Recording Secretary*

Kaleb England

Chris Powell

D. Frank Robinson

## **Bylaws & Platform Committee**

Kaitlin Garcia, *Committee Chair*

Dillon Feazel

Jay Norton

Bill Roberts

# Current OKLP State Committee Members, cont.

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## Convention Committee

Jeff Fortune, *Committee Chair*

Cherise Norton, *Recording Secretary*

Kaleb England

Kaitlin Garcia

David Greer

## Credentials Committee

David Greer

Cherise Norton

Braxton Voorhies

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Debbie Hooper

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# Acknowledgements

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To all of our delegates and guests, thank you for being here, for your support of our Party, and for all you do to advance liberty in our lifetime. We look forward to your continued participation in the coming year and to seeing you at the 2024 OKLP State Convention.

The OKLP also extends our sincere thanks to the following individuals and organizations who share our goal of a world set free in our lifetime, and whose generous donations or participation have contributed to the success of this convention.



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# Robert's Rules of Order Quick Reference

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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](https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts_rules_simplified.pdf)]





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