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To:
Federal Elections Commission
Office of General Counsel
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RE: Advisory Opinion Request -
Libertarian Party of Ohio
FEC Identification Number: C00461244

To Whom It May Concern:

AOR 2009-16

This letter is a request to the Federal Election Commission Office of General Counsel for an Advisory Opinion (AO) that the Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) be recognized as a state party committee.

Upon reading AO 2008-16 of the Libertarian Party of Colorado and the referenced AO 2007-06 (Libertarian Party of Indiana), 2007-02 (Arizona Libertarian Party), and 1975-129 (Libertarian National Committee), it appears that the Commission's criteria for state committee status are:

1. Be a political party that gained access for at least one federal candidate who has qualified as a candidate under the Act;
2. Have bylaws or a similar document that "delineates activities commensurate with the day-to-day operation" of a party at a state level;
3. Be part of the official party structure.

We believe that the LPO satisfies all of these criteria for status as a state committee of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC).

With regard to the first criterion:

A list of candidates for the 2008 election and their results can be found at the Ohio Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.oh.us) under the heading "Elections & Ballot Issues", under the subheading "Election Results", in the file titled "2008 Election Results", and by reviewing "President/Vice President - Official Amended Results" and "U.S. Congress - Official Amended Results". The President page lists our 2008 Presidential candidate, Bob Barr (<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/electResultsMain/2008ElectionResults/pres110408.aspx>). A copy is attached for your reference. The U.S. Congress page includes Congressional candidates appearing on the ballot as Libertarians in 2008: Paul Coffey (L-10); Steve Linnabary (L-12), David Macko (L-14), and Mark Noble (L-15).

<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/electResultsMain/2008ElectionResults/congress110408.aspx>

With regard to the second criterion:

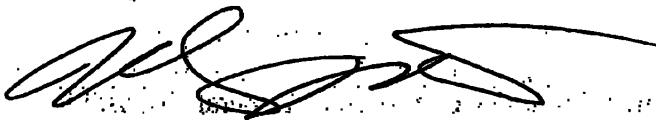
The current LPO Constitution and Bylaws documents the responsibilities of the LPO to conduct the day-to-day operations of the Party at the state level. These may be found on our website (<http://www.LPO.org>) under the "About" button. Copies of each document have been attached for your reference.

With regard to the third criterion:

The attached letter from the LNC Director of Operations, Robert Kraus confirms that the LNC recognizes the LPO as the sole affiliate in the state of Ohio.

If you have any additional questions regarding this Advisory Opinion Request, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,



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To: Whom It May Concern
Fr: Robert S. Kraus - Acting Executive Director
Re: LP Affiliate

Please note:

Per our Bylaws, the Libertarian National Committee (FEC Committee ID: C000255695) recognizes the following as our sole affiliate for the State of Ohio:

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This affiliate has been recognized by our Secretary as our sole qualifying organization in Ohio. Our Secretary has certified that they have adopted the Statement of Principles and filed a copy of their Constitution and Bylaws with our National Office.

The LPOH is qualified and authorized per our Party Bylaws to determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular National Libertarian Party Conventions representing their state.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the status of the LPOH within the LNC.

Thank you in advance,

Robert S. Kraus
Acting Executive Director/Director of Operations

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Official Amended Results

* Denotes candidate elected. (W) denotes write-in.

County	Donald Allen (W)	Jonathan Allen (W)	Chuck Baldwin	Bob Barr	Richard Dupon	James Gormally (W)	Alan Keyes (W)	John McCain	Cynthia McKinney	Brian Moore	Ralph Nader
	Independent	Independent	Constitution	Libertarian	Independent	Independent	Independent	Republican	Green	Socialist	Indepar
Adams	0	0	51	38	30	0	0	6,914	29	25	
Allen	0	0	123	198	26	0	0	29,940	75	19	
Ashtabula	0	0	248	117	81	0	0	15,168	78	17	
Ashland	0	0	129	174	42	0	0	19,949	71	25	
Athens	0	0	109	140	19	0	0	9,742	69	16	
Augusta	0	0	53	87	17	0	0	18,414	31	7	
Belmont	0	0	70	104	32	0	1	15,422	52	25	
Brown	0	0	50	84	26	0	0	12,192	32	6	
Butler	0	0	327	842	104	0	6	105,341	222	66	
Carroll	0	0	73	64	25	0	0	7,097	45	13	
Champaign	0	0	33	70	18	0	0	11,141	35	9	
Clark	0	0	190	217	35	0	0	33,634	110	25	
Clermont	0	0	169	302	44	0	1	62,569	122	13	
Clinton	0	0	94	67	11	0	0	12,409	21	8	
Columbiana	7	0	185	143	84	0	2	25,585	94	30	
Coshocton	0	0	74	65	33	0	0	5,575	35	20	
Crawford	0	0	50	105	37	0	0	12,316	71	34	
Cuyahoga	3	0	820	1,477	216	1	41	199,980	711	144	
Darke	0	0	59	87	25	0	0	17,280	39	15	
DeLaware	0	0	91	81	14	0	2	10,407	37	12	
Delaware	3	0	183	339	36	0	3	54,778	77	16	
Erie	0	0	70	125	39	0	0	17,432	56	10	
Fairfield	0	0	160	267	51	0	1	41,580	109	34	
Fayette	0	0	13	44	9	0	0	7,102	19	8	
Franklin	0	0	900	2,128	233	0	22	218,495	689	167	
Fulton	0	0	73	72	17	0	2	11,589	38	15	
Gallia	0	0	37	64	12	0	0	5,247	36	13	
Geauga	0	0	68	180	29	0	3	29,095	59	7	
Greene	0	0	141	268	36	0	0	48,938	110	26	
Guernsey	0	0	79	85	40	0	1	9,197	48	22	
Hamilton	3	2	571	1,267	98	0	20	195,530	367	78	
Hancock	0	0	120	162	27	0	0	22,420	62	21	
Hardin	0	0	55	78	14	0	1	7,749	51	16	
Harrison	0	0	38	27	19	0	0	3,572	24	20	
Henry	0	0	45	68	10	0	0	3,239	32	12	
Highland	0	0	58	76	25	0	0	11,907	42	18	
Hooking	0	0	50	58	18	0	1	6,364	36	19	

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Libertarian Party of Ohio Constitution

Preamble

We the members of the Libertarian Party in Ohio, in order to nominate, endorse, support, and elect candidates, and to support issues best representative of the ideals of libertarianism, do ordain and establish this Constitution and hereby establish the Libertarian Party of Ohio ("the Party") in perpetuity.

Article I - Constitution and Laws

Section 1. Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the laws of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 2. Any matter which is determined to conflict with Section 1 shall be of no force and effect. All constitutional provisions and laws of the United States of America and of the State of Ohio are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof, particularly those elements of Ohio Revised Code Title 35 that apply to major political parties.

Section 3. Each clause of this Constitution and associated Bylaws shall be considered separately and the illegality or enforceability of any one clause shall not effect any other clause.

Article II - Membership

Section 1. No person may be denied membership in the Party unless that individual cannot affirm the following pledge "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Article III - Internal Officer and Delegate Qualifications

Section 1. No person may receive endorsement or vote on any motion, resolution, nomination, or internal election at any caucus, convention, meeting, or conference of the Party who does not affirm the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guiding Principles of the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

Section 2. No person may be eligible for elected office within the Party who is an active officer, candidate, or elected official of another political party within the 30 days prior to such an election.

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Article IV - Central Committee

Section 1. The controlling Committee of the Party shall be called the State Central Committee of the Party (hereafter referred to as the Central Committee).

A. The Central Committee shall be elected in accordance with the Party Bylaws.

Section 2. The Central Committee shall meet at the time and place determined by the Chair of the Central Committee.

Section 3. The Central Committee shall retain the following powers:

A. Creation of an Audit Committee, with oversight by the Committee treasurer.

B. Establish all compensation to staff and officers of the Party.

Article V - Executive Committee

Section 1. A State Executive Committee (herein referred to as Executive Committee) shall be elected from Party members by each newly elected Central Committee as specified by Party Bylaws and the Ohio Revised Code. This election shall be held by secret ballot.

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members of the Central Committee elected at large.

B. The Central Committee shall confer upon the Executive Committee all duties and responsibilities of the Central Committee, save those enumerated in Article IV Section 3.

Section 2. The officers of the Executive Committee shall:

A. be, and remain throughout their term of office, members of the Party.

B. be prepared, with reasonable notice, to turn over all equipment and records of the Party to their successor.

C. be able, with reasonable notice, to account for all equipment and records of the Party.

D. be removed from office in the manner as specified in the Bylaws.

E. select such individuals as required for positions with the Libertarian National Committee.

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Section 3. No member may hold an office for more than 8 consecutive years.

Section 4. The Chair of the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint such committees and positions as deemed necessary, at a minimum those required by the Party Bylaws. All appointment terms shall end with the election of a new Executive Committee Chair.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall maintain a balanced budget for the Party.

A. The Party may not incur a debt with a term of longer than 4 years, except with the direction from the Central Committee for capital expenditures and to acquire ownership of real property.

Article VI - Local Organizations

Section 1. The Party shall only recognize and be affiliated with those county Central Committees which are Ohio Revised Code compliant for major political parties.

Article VII - Conventions

Section 1. The Party may hold regular Conventions in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Party Bylaws.

Section 2. A special Convention may be held upon petition of 33% of the members of the Party or 75% of the Central Committee. Such a petition shall state the business of the special Convention, and no other business shall be considered at such a Convention. The Central Committee shall provide advance notice of all Conventions according to Party Bylaws.

Section 3. The number of delegates and alternates to a state or national convention and the procedure for their selection shall be determined by the Executive Committee in accordance with section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Bylaws of the Party.

Section 4. The Central Committee shall have the power to select delegates for those counties which are not affiliated with the Party.

Section 5. Each delegate shall be permitted one and only one vote at any Convention. No voting may be done by proxy, unit rule, or slate selection.

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Article VIII - Miscellaneous

Section 1. There shall be a set of Bylaws, in conformity with this Constitution, which may be adopted, changed, and repealed by:

A. A majority vote of the Central Committee. Bylaw changes to be considered for adoption by the Central Committee shall be communicated to those eligible to vote upon them by reasonable and common methods no less than two weeks prior to a vote.

B. A majority of the delegates at Convention. Bylaw changes to be considered in Convention must be communicated to those delegates eligible to vote upon them by reasonable and common methods no less than thirty days prior to the date of the Convention.

C. Failure to follow this change procedure will be grounds for invalidation of any resulting changes.

Section 2. The Party is now, and shall seek to retain its status as, the only officially affiliated party of the Libertarian Party of the United States of America operating in Ohio in accordance with the Libertarian Party bylaws.

Section 3. All Party meetings shall be open to the public and the press. Any Committee of the Party may go into executive session to consider and vote upon matters of budget, personnel, legal affairs, and any other matter that is not required by law to be discussed and voted upon in an open meeting, upon a majority vote of those members voting.

Section 4. On all Party ballots, all proposals shall provide the alternative: "None of the above."

Section 5. Neither the Party nor its' affiliates shall endorse for any partisan race a member of another Party when there is a member of the Party running for the same office. The Party and its' affiliates reserve the right to endorse no candidate for any race.

Section 6. The Party and its' affiliates shall not create any Bylaws or rules which attempt to limit participation by any individual based upon race, gender, national origin, language(s) spoken, sexual preference, gender identification, religious preference(s), military background, physical capabilities or characteristics, mental capabilities or characteristics, age, prior political affiliation or any other individual trait.

Section 7. The Libertarian Party of Ohio shall provide easy access and frequent opportunity for qualified residents of the State of Ohio to become members of the Libertarian Party of Ohio and to participate in the elective process and shall support any legislation which so provides.

Section 8. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings not specifically covered by this Constitution or the associated Bylaws.

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Article IX - Amendments

Section 1. The Central Committee may, by unanimous vote, make non-substantive changes in order to correct errors in standard American usage, numbering, or references to the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by 60% of all delegates to a Convention.

Section 3. Amendments to this Constitution may be made only at Conventions.

Section 4. All amendments to this Constitution must be made available to all members by reasonable and common methods no less than 30 days before a Convention.

Section 5. Any amendment to this Constitution must be sponsored by at least three delegates at the Convention to be eligible for a vote.

Section 6. An amendment adopted shall take effect upon the close of the Convention at which it was approved, otherwise it shall require a 75% vote for passage.

Article X - Adoption

Section 1. This Constitution shall take effect 48 hours after the close of the Convention at which it is adopted. The governing body of the previous Constitution shall have the authority to implement this Constitution and shall automatically be dissolved upon the election of the first Central Committee as described by this Constitution and associated Bylaws.

Section 2. This Constitution supersedes any and all other Constitutions of the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

Jeremiah Arn, Acting Secretary of the LPO, April 05, 2008

Libertarian Party of Ohio Bylaws

Bylaw A - Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Party shall consist of registered voters who participate in the Libertarian Primary.

Section 2. In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, membership in the Party shall consist of residents of Ohio who demonstrate an interest in the state or national party, and have affirmed the pledge as "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Bylaw B - Central Committee

Section 1. Two representatives shall be elected from each U.S. Congressional district in the state to serve on the Central Committee for a term of one year.

B. All committee members must reside in the district from which they are elected.

Section 2. In the event the Secretary of State denies ballot access as a recognized party, Central Committee elections shall take place in each U.S. Congressional District, at a time and place agreed upon by the outgoing representatives of the district and certified to the Central Committee.

A. Elections shall be held in even-numbered years in the same month as the official state primary election.

B. The date of the election shall be set no later than 75 days prior to the official primary election of the State of Ohio. Announcement of each District election date, time, and location shall be communicated to the members of the Party by reasonable and common methods no later than 60 days prior to the election.

C. Nominations or declarations of intent to run for office shall be received by the Central Committee Secretary no later than 45 days prior to election. The candidates' names and addresses shall be communicated to the members of the Party by reasonable and common methods no later than 30 days prior to the election.

D. Only members who live in the District shall be eligible to vote for Central Committee members for that District.

E. Elections for Central Committee shall be conducted by secret ballot. The use of mail-in or absentee ballots shall not be denied, provided any such ballots are postmarked no later than the day of the election.

F. Election results shall be communicated and forwarded to the Executive Committee Secretary no later than five business days after the last day of the month of the official primary election. Included with the results shall be a list of members who voted at each election. The Executive Committee Secretary shall certify and communicate the results to the members of the Party by reasonable and common methods by the 10th day of the month following the election.

Section 3. Each newly elected Central Committee shall, within fifteen days of certification of the elections, meet and organize itself by the election of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary in accordance with section 3517.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Section 4. Each newly elected Central Committee shall, at their organizational meeting, elect from the Party membership such officers to the Executive Committee as are provided for in Article V, Section 1. Then it shall elect from its own number three at-large members to the Executive Committee

A. The Central Committee shall confer upon the Executive Committee all its duties and responsibilities as permitted in the Party Constitution. The Executive Committee shall have responsibility for and shall be authorized to act for the Central Committee in all things pertaining to the operation, organization, business, and well-being of the Party.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy on the Central Committee caused by death, resignation, failure to elect, or removal from the district from which a committee member was chosen, the vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Central Committee without regard to gender. (3517.05 of the Ohio Revised Code)

Section 6. Quorum shall consist of a majority of the filled positions of the Central Committee. Special quorums may conduct business not requiring a vote.

Section 7. The Central Committee shall meet at least twice each year.

A. Special meetings may be called by the Committee Chair or upon petition of one-third of Central Committee members.

B. Save in an emergency, all members of the Central Committee shall be given not less than two weeks' notice of each meeting and its agenda of business.

Section 8. A member of any Committee may, at the discretion of the chair, fully participate in the proceedings of a meeting via telephone conference call, video conference, or other means of remote participation. A member so participating shall be counted as part of quorum and shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as if present, with the exception of elections for officers and replacement of statewide candidates after a primary election as required by section 3513.31 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Bylaw C - Executive Committee

Section 1. The Chair of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

A. Maintain and direct the operation of a party headquarters within 50 miles of the state capitol building.

B. At the discretion of the Chair, issues not affecting financial transactions may be decided by electronic voting or email. Any such decisions may be overturned at the next meeting.

C. Create committees and appoint individuals as may be necessary.

D. Establishing the date, time, location, and agenda of all Executive Committee meetings. The agenda shall be distributed at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

E. Perform all other duties prescribed by statute or usually exercised by the Chair and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.

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Section 2. The Vice Chair of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

- A. Perform the duties of the Chair in the event of Chair's absence, death, removal from office, resignation, removal from the State of Ohio, or inability to act, until a new Chair is elected and qualified.**
- B. Learn the duties of and assist the Chair as designated by the Chair.**

Section 3. The Secretary of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

- A. Be in charge of maintaining all official documents of the Executive Committee.**
- B. Prepare all necessary notes, minutes, and other documents.**
- C. Make available to all members the minutes of all meetings within ten days of the meeting.**
- D. Keep and be the custodian of the permanent books and records of the Party, except financial records.**
- E. Keep and maintain the standing rules of the Party, as adopted by a majority of the Executive Committee.**
- F. File with the Ohio Secretary of State a copy of the Party Constitution and Bylaws within thirty days of adoption or amendment as required by section 3517.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.**
- G. File with the Ohio Secretary of State a list of members of the Central Committee and Executive Committee within thirty days of their election or appointment as required by section 3517.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.**
- H. Perform all other duties prescribed by statute or usually exercised by the Secretary and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.**
- I. The Secretary may appoint a deputy Secretary and assistant Secretaries who shall assist with such duties as assigned by the Secretary.**
- J. The deputy Secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary, except voting on the Executive Committee, in the event of Secretary's absence, death, removal from office, resignation, removal from the State of Ohio, or inability to act, until a new Secretary is elected and qualified.**

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and restrictions:

- A. Receive all funds belonging to the Party and keep proper books of account on all monies.**
- B. Expend such funds belonging to the Party as have been approved in accordance with Party Bylaws.**
- C. Establish such funds as may be necessary to ensure proper accounting and treatment of all monies, based upon the laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio.**
- D. Maintain proper financial reporting status and frequency as determined by applicable regulatory agencies at the federal and state level.**
- E. File the proper forms to all applicable regulatory agencies at the federal and state level within two weeks of succeeding a previous Treasurer to be identified as the new Treasurer.**

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F. File the proper forms to all applicable regulatory agencies at the federal and state level within two weeks of appointing a Deputy Treasurer to allow the Deputy Treasurer to be identified as an authorized person of account.

G. Expend funds only through check, electronic transfer, or other common methods which allow for a detailed audit trail. Cash is not an acceptable method of expenditure.

H. Provide all financial records to the Audit Committee following each filing period with the Ohio Secretary of State.

I. Perform all other duties prescribed by statute or usually exercised by the Treasurer and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party.

J. The Treasurer may appoint a deputy Treasurer and assistant Treasurers to assist with such duties as assigned by the Treasurer.

K. The deputy Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Treasurer, except voting on the Executive Committee, in the event of Treasurer's absence, death, removal from office, resignation, removal from the State of Ohio, or inability to act, until a new Treasurer is elected and qualified.

L. The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall not be permitted to serve on the Audit Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may hire paid staff, subject to approval of the Central Committee.

A. The Executive Committee shall set job descriptions and oversee any staff.

B. Officers shall retain their vote on the Executive Committee and be counted towards quorum, regardless of compensation.

Section 6. Quorum shall consist of 60% of the Executive Committee. Special quorum shall not be allowed.

Bylaw D - Budgets and Expenses

Section 1. The Party shall have an annual budget, fixed to the calendar year, which shall be approved by the Executive Committee and available to any member who requests.

Section 2. All expenses must be approved by the Executive Committee.

A. Expenses outlined in an annual budget and approved by the Executive Committee shall be considered approved expenses, provided that actual costs are at or lower than the budgeted amount.

B. All expenses not outlined in the budget or expenses in excess of the budgeted amount shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee for approval.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may incur debt with term of no more than 4 years pursuant to Article V, Section 5A of the Party Constitution.

A. Exception can be made for debt incurred for the purchase of real property.

B. Any debt incurred must have a pre-defined rate of interest and terms of payment.

C. The total non-mortgage debt for the Party may not exceed \$5,000 at any one time, including interest and past salary obligations.

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Bylaw E - Removal of Internal Officer

Section 1. An internal officer of the Executive Committee or Central Committee or appointee may be removed from their position by a three-fourths vote of the Central Committee.

A. The member shall be notified in writing or electronic form with at least two weeks notice that the action by the Central Committee is being contemplated, of the reasons for it, and be given a reasonable opportunity to appear and produce evidence and witness in his own favor before any vote on removal may be taken.

B. Three members of the Central Committee must state their reasons and recommend in writing or in electronic form to begin removal proceedings. These recommendations must be received within a reasonable time frame from one another; no complaint older than thirty days shall count towards this number.

C. A special meeting of the Central Committee may be called to deal with a removal issue, provided that all members of the Central Committee are made aware of the meeting no less than two weeks in advance.

D. Once removed, a member may not hold office (including appointments) within the Party for a period of not less than two years, or for a duration set by the Central Committee at the time of the removal.

E. The majority of delegates at a Convention may reduce the time period an officer has been prohibited from serving, provided that the removal period be shortened to no less than three months.

Bylaw F - Conventions

Section 1. The Party shall hold a regular Convention in even-numbered years, the date and site selected by the Central Committee.

A. The Convention shall be held after the primary election and before July 1st.

B. At such Convention, the Platform of the Party shall be formulated and adopted. The Convention may also consider such other business as the delegates may deem appropriate.

C. The Central Committee shall appoint from the delegates the Convention Chair.

1. The Convention Chair shall appoint from the delegates the various Convention committees as necessary, including but not limited to Credentials, Platform, and National Convention Committees. These Committees shall have such functions and duties as prescribed by the Standing Rules of the Party and by the Convention Chair.

Section 2. Delegates to the regular Convention will be as follows pursuant to Revised Code section 3513.11:

A. Candidates for election to state offices, except judicial offices

B. Candidate for election to the United States Senate

C. Candidates for election to the United States House of Representatives

D. Candidates to the Ohio General Assembly

E. Incumbent Libertarians for any of the above offices in years when there is no election for a successor to be held

E. Members of the State Central Committee

F. Members of the State Executive Committee

G. Chairs of affiliated County Central Committees

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H. Chairs of affiliated County Executive Committees

I. Up to 500 additional delegates, apportioned among the several counties in proportion to the most recent vote for the Party's governor candidate

Section 3 - The Executive Committee shall inform the Central Committee and the several County Central Committees of the number of delegates apportioned to each county pursuant to section 3513.11 of the Ohio Revised Code and Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution.

A. County committees may certify their apportioned delegates to the Central Committee Secretary no later than 20 days prior to Convention.

Section 4. A notice of no less than thirty days shall be given for all conventions by reasonable and common methods.

Section 5. The Central Committee Chair and the Convention Chair may establish, with guidance from the Executive Committee, such registration and attendance fees as may be required. These fees shall be established no later than 120 days prior to a Regular Convention and no later than 30 days prior to a Special Convention.

Bylaw G - Party Logo and Brand

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Party shall approve the use of a Party logo and brand. The official logo and its' variations will be kept by the state Secretary as pursuant to Bylaw C, Section 3D of these Bylaws.

A. The Libertarian National Committee shall be consulted and given opportunity to review the Party logo before final approval by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The approved Party logo, and brand, shall be used on all Party, Party subdivision, and Party affiliated organization communications and other materials where deemed appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to websites, advertising, letterhead, outreach materials, communication, and by individuals acting on behalf of the Party.

A. Previously approved Party logos may continue to be used, until supplies are exhausted.

B. Electronic logos and branding must be updated within thirty days of the approval of a new logo and brand.

Section 3. Affiliated County Central Committees may freely adopt the Party logo and brand.

A. Variations of the Party logo must be approved by the state Executive Committee.

B. Use of a county logo, similar in design and content to the Party's logo, must be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

Section 4. Nonaffiliated counties attempting to organize must use the approved Party logo and brand.

Section 5. Outside organizations, groups, candidates, and individuals must receive

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written permission from the Executive Committee prior to using the Party logo or any variation thereof.

Section 6. County logos approved after August 2007 and prior to the adoption of these Bylaws may continue to be used in unaffiliated counties.

Bylaw H - Election of Candidates

Section 1. For all internal elections, the winning candidate shall be selected from among the several candidates and "None of the Above" using instant runoff voting methods.

Bylaw I - County Development

Section 1. In each nonaffiliated county, the Executive Committee may charter a County Development Group.

A. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the Party shall nominate a member or group of members in each nonaffiliated county. These members shall be approved by the Executive Committee and shall serve as the County Development Group of that County.

B. The Executive Committee shall appoint one member of the County Development Group to serve as the County Coordinator and primary contact within the county.

C. The County Coordinator shall work with direction from the Executive Committee and shall, from time to time, provide an update to that body as requested.

D. The members of each County Development Group shall work to connect with other Libertarians within their county through outreach events, membership development, and election activities. Each County Development Group shall work towards developing into an affiliated county.

Section 2. Upon becoming an affiliated county, all County Development Group and County Coordinator appointments in a county shall automatically be ended.

Bylaw J - Endorsements

Section 1. No committee, officer, or appointee of the Party shall endorse any candidate running in opposition to a candidate endorsed or nominated by the Party or the Libertarian Party of the United States of America.

Section 2. The Party shall not endorse a nominee for the Libertarian Party presidential race prior to the Regular Convention held in presidential years.

A. The delegates to such a Convention may endorse a nominee for the Libertarian Party presidential race.

Bylaw K - Campaign Funding

Section 1. Funding and other assistance provided by the Party to a candidate for office shall not be used to attack any Libertarian candidate in a primary election.