

Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Washington County  
Amended February 19, 2005

**I. Purpose.** To build the Libertarian party in Washington County, facilitating electoral and policy success. Toward these ends, the Libertarian Party of Washington County (LPWC) is hereby established and incorporated under this constitution and associated bylaws.

**II. Membership.** All LPO members in good standing, whose primary residence is within Washington County, are eligible for membership in the LPWC. All Libertarian electors registered to vote in Washington County are also eligible. Only LPWC members who are LPO members and are registered as Libertarian voters are eligible to hold official positions of responsibility in the LPWC.

**III. Organization.** The Libertarian Party of Washington County Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Central Committee," is the sole policy making body of the LPWC.

**IV. Parliamentary Authority.** Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters of order not specifically covered in this Constitution and its' By-laws. The Central Committee shall adopt a specific version of Robert's Rules of Order to work under within 90 days of the adoption of this constitution.

**V. Conventions.**

- a. **Annual Convention.** The Annual Convention must take place between January 1 and May 31 of each year. Time and location to be set by the Central Committee.
- b. **Candidate Nominating Conventions.** The Central Committee may hold candidate nominating conventions as provided for in the LPO governing documents and state laws during election years. All qualified Libertarian electors must be allowed to participate in nominating conventions, regardless of their LPWC membership status.

**VI. Bylaws.**

- a. **Authority of.** The attached Bylaws are subordinate to this Constitution.
- b. **Amendments.** The Bylaws may be amended, by a two-thirds majority of delegates to the Annual Convention. All amendments to the By-laws shall be noted and dated, as to the date of acceptance by Central Committee or ratification at Convention.

**VII. Constitutional Amendments.** This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at annual convention. Amendments shall be noted and dated as to ratification at convention.

Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Washington County  
Amended on March 25, 2008

**Article I – Organization**

- a. Composition of the LPWC Central Committee.** All officers, directors and Precinct Committee Chairpersons shall be considered members of the Central Committee and may each cast one vote, subject to these Bylaws. LPWC members may hold more than one position on the Central Committee, but may cast no more than one vote each. No votes by proxy will be permitted. Other officers and directors may be appointed by the Central Committee as provided for in these bylaws.
- b. Election of Precinct committee Chairpersons (PCP's).** Shall be elected at the annual convention. In order to be elected as a PCP at the convention you must be supported by two other people that either live in your precinct or an adjoining one. All PCP's shall be eligible to vote on LPWC provided that they are LPWC members and registered libertarians living in Washington County.
- c. Appointment of Precinct Committee Chairperson (PCP's).** The central committee has the option of not appointing someone as a PCP if they do not have the support of two people that either live in their precinct or an adjoining one. All PCP's shall be eligible to vote on LPWC business provided that they are LPWC members and registered libertarians living in Washington County. Any appointed PCP's shall serve till the next annual convention.
- d. Election of Officers and directors.** Shall be elected by majority ballot of all eligible LPWC members who attend the annual convention. Officers and directors may be appointed at any regularly scheduled meeting and will serve till the next annual convention.
- e. Enactment.** Upon adoption these amendments will take effect immediately.

**I. Officers.**

- a. Chair.** Shall preside over all conventions and Central Committee meetings. The Chair is the chief executive of the LPWC. The Chair is the primary representative of the LPWC, unless the Central Committee selects another LPWC member who is registered as a Libertarian elector. The Chair may vote in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.
- b. Vice Chair.** Shall perform the duties of the Chair, should the Chair be absent. Shall perform other duties as assigned by the LPWC Central Committee. Shall become the Chair if the Chair resigns or if the Central Committee determines by a two-thirds vote that the Chair is unable or unwilling to perform competently as Chair.
- c. Secretary.** Shall keep the minutes of each meeting and all conventions in addition to any other records required by the Central Committee. The secretary shall file documents with government entities as required by law. Shall keep and make available electronic and/or printed copies of official LPWC documents.
- d. Treasurer.** Shall set up and maintain an accounting system and will receive and disburse funds. The Treasurer shall issue written reports at each Central Committee meeting and at Annual Convention. Shall file documents with governmental agencies required by law.

**II Directors.**

- a. Fundraising Director.** Shall initiate and coordinate fundraising efforts.
- b. Membership Director.** Shall keep current membership information and report membership information to the Libertarian Party of Oregon as required. Shall initiate and coordinate membership recruitment efforts.
- c. Communication Director.** Shall be responsible for issuing press releases and publishing a newsletter as directed by the Central Committee. Shall provide notices to LPWC members and registered Libertarian electors as required by the Central Committee and these bylaws, using information provided by the LPWC secretary.
- d. Campaign Director.** Shall initiate campaign recruitment efforts and watch for opportunities to get Libertarians elected or appointed to public offices in Washington County. Where practical, shall coordinate support for political campaigns.
- e. Precinct Development Director.** Responsible for the organization and coordination of political activity at the precinct level within Washington County.

**E. Meetings.** The Central Committee will meet no less frequently than once every ninety days. Electronic and/or written notice to each Central Committee member shall be provided no less than ten days before the meeting at issue is to take place.

**F. State Committee Delegation**

- a. Delegates shall be elected at the annual county convention by a majority vote.
- b. Alternates equal to the number of delegates shall be elected at the Annual Convention by a majority vote. Alternates will be elected in order of position. First alternates will be the first to fill vacancies
- c. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the County Central committee at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- d. All delegates to the Libertarian Party of Oregon State Committee from Washington County must be members of the LPWC Steering Committee.

**Article II – CONVENTIONS**

- a. **Eligibility to participate in LPWC Annual Conventions.** All LPWC members who hold continuous membership during the thirty days prior to an Annual Convention will be eligible to participate as delegates in LPWC Annual Conventions.
- b. **Frequency.** LPWC Annual Conventions shall be held between Jan. 1 and May 31 of each year.
- c. **Credentials Committee.** The Central Committee will appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of three LPWC members no later than thirty days before each convention. Individual committee members will serve until the close of the next Annual Convention, but may be replaced at any time by the Central Committee. Within ten days of their appointment, members of the Credentials Committee will select a Chair.
- d. **Credentials Committee Functions.** The Credentials Committee will be empowered to submit a report to each convention determining delegate eligibility. Eligibility will be determined by Oregon election law, LPO governing documents and LPWC governing documents. The Credentials Committee report, in its original or amended form, becomes official once adopted by the convention.
- e. **Notice.** Electronic and/or written notice to LPWC members of any convention shall be provided no less than thirty days in advance. In the case of Candidate Nominating Conventions, Oregon election laws relating to prior notice will also be observed and shall take precedence over this section.

**Article III - GOVERNMENT AFFILIATIONS**

- a. **Makes the LPWC an officially recognized PAC.** The Libertarian Party of Washington County (LPWC) shall become an officially recognized political action committee (PAC). The LPWC Chair shall complete the appropriate forms and file them with the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division within sixty days after this document is adopted by an organizational meeting.
- b. **Interaction with Government Entities.** Provided there is no conflict with state law governing the functions of minor political parties, which require interaction with government entities shall not apply until the Libertarian Party qualifies as a "major political party" under state law.

**Article IV - OTHER ISSUES**

- a. **Date of Notice.** The date on which mailed notices are said to have been provided by the LPWC Secretary shall be the postmarked date on received notices. In the case of electronic notices, the date shown on the receiving software shall be used to determine when the notice was sent. If notices were marked sent on dates before and after any given deadline, the LPWC Chair will determine if the notice is valid.
- b. **Dispute Resolution.** The LPO Judicial Committee shall be the final authority regarding the resolution of any disagreements regarding the interpretation or implementation of any LPWC governing document.