

# Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Franklin and Granville Counties

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## Article I. Name and Purpose

The name of this organization will be the "Libertarian Party of Franklin and Granville Counties," hereinafter referred to as the "Party" (LPFG).

The purpose of the Party is to promote and implement Libertarian principles by:

1. Functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements;
2. Electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction.

## Article II. Membership

A resident of Franklin or Granville Counties shall become a member by meeting any of the following requirements, provided they are not a registered voter affiliated with another political party;

1. Maintaining membership with the the Libertarian Party of North Carolina;
2. Maintaining voter registration as a Libertarian, as long as the party is recognized by the State of North Carolina; or
3. Submitting a written or electronic affirmation to the Party Secretary that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

## Article III. Officers

The officers of the Party shall be Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers may hold more than one officer position concurrently but shall only be entitled one vote. Officers must be members of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.

### 1. Chair

Each county in the Party requires a Chair. The Chair must live in the county of which they chair. The Chairs shall be Chief Executive Officers of the affiliate and shall preside at all Party meetings and conventions. The Chair shall assist other officers and cover the responsibilities of unfilled positions.

## **2. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and Executive Committee. They are primarily responsible for the timely and accurate filing of county finance reports as required by the North Carolina Board of Elections. They will maintain records of the party's money in a bank account as needed. The Treasurer is not subject to the residency requirements of these bylaws and shall not be entitled a vote if they are not a resident of a county in this regional affiliate.

## **3. Secretary**

The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party. They shall keep and maintain all minutes of Executive Committee meetings and the county's Convention. They shall keep the records of the party.

## **4. Vice Chair (Optional)**

The Vice Chair shall take on the duties of The Chair should a vacancy exist, either temporary or permanent.

## **5. At-Large Member (Optional)**

Is a member of the Executive Committee whose duties and responsibilities are not fixed, but will vary depending on the needs of the LPNC and as directed by the Chair.

# **Article IV. Executive Committee**

The Party Executive Committee shall consist of the officers elected in convention. In the event of a vacancy, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement to serve until the next convention.

## **Section 1. Executive Committee Meetings**

The Executive Committee shall hold business meetings, at least quarterly, with the time, place, and manner determined by the Committee. The Secretary shall send notice of the time, place, and manner of all meetings to each member of the Executive Committee.

## **Section 2. Quorum**

A majority of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **Section 3. Removal of Officers and At-large Executive Committee Members**

The Executive Committee may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, remove any member of the Executive Committee for any reason they deem appropriate.

## **Article V. Annual Convention**

### **Section 1. Scheduling**

The Party shall hold an annual convention. The Executive Committee shall set the time, place, and agenda for the convention. Notice of the time and place of the convention shall be sent to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the convention.

### **Section 2. Delegates**

All residents of the affiliated county, who meet the requirements to be a member, shall be entitled to serve as delegates to the county convention. The Secretary shall establish procedures for credentialing delegates.

### **Section 3. Convention Business**

The business of the convention shall be to elect members of the Executive Committee, select county delegates to the LPNC Convention, amend these bylaws, approve resolutions, adopt a platform, and conduct other business it deems necessary.

## **Article VI. Parliamentary Authority**

The latest version of Democratic Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates present and voting at the Party Convention.

## **Article VIII. Elections**

Elections for Party office shall be held by counted vote. The winner will be elected by a majority vote. If any candidate does not attain a majority of the votes, the candidate with the lowest percentage of the votes will be removed from consideration and votes will be held until there is a winner. Election of delegates to the LPNC Convention shall be done by approval voting. The Chairs may submit additional delegates to the LPNC

Convention, following the Party convention, if there are Primary or Alternate Delegate Positions available. All elections may be done by acclamation.