

Cape Fear Libertarian Party Bylaws

Revision History

Date of Change	Description of Change
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial bylaws ratified by initial CFLP convention
2021-01-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add Duplin County to CFLPAdd Onslow County to CFLPEC at large members elected by respective county delegatesAt-large members reduced from two to one
2022-02-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Added "Libertarian or unaffiliated" in Article IIAdded \$20 membershipUpdate Secretary dutiesRemove "state" from convention definitionRemove LPNC delegate selection from convention business

Article I. Name and Purpose

The name of this organization will be the Cape Fear Libertarian Party, hereinafter referred to as the CFLP. The purpose of the CFLP is to serve as an affiliate of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina (LPNC). This affiliate will engage and better the Cape Fear region and the surrounding areas by hosting community outreach projects, identifying and running Libertarian candidates, and participating in community events.

Article II. Membership

Any Libertarian or unaffiliated resident of Pender, New Hanover, Brunswick, Duplin, or Onslow counties may be a member of the CFLP upon their request, and upon their agreement to adhere to the Non-Initiation of Force Principle (NIOF). In addition, residents too young to vote and individuals in neighboring counties may become members of the CFLP upon application to and approval by the Executive Committee.

There shall be an annual membership fee of \$20 to maintain membership status with the CFLP provided they are not already a registered Libertarian.

Article III. Officers

The officers of the CFLP will be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each officer will be elected every year at the annual convention.

Section 1. Chair

The Chair shall be Chief Executive Officer of the affiliate and shall preside at all CFLP meetings and conventions.

Section 2. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and shall preside at all CFLP meetings and conventions at which the Chair is unable to attend. Should the Chair become indisposed, for whatever reason, the Vice Chair shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Chair.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the CFLP and shall keep records of all meetings, conventions, and maintain an official CLFP membership list.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse, and account for the funds of the CFLP under the supervision and direction of the Chair. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the timely filing of all documents required by the NC State Board of Elections.

Article IV. Executive Committee

The CFLP Executive Committee shall consist of the CFLP officers and one at-large member representing each official CFLP county. At-large members shall be elected (every one year) by delegates from their respective counties at the annual CFLP Convention. Elected Officers may not also be elected to At-large positions. In the event of a vacancy in an officer or at-large position, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement to serve until the next annual convention.

The Executive Committee will have the option of appointing a Parliamentarian, which is not an Executive Committee position, but who will not be excluded from holding an officer position.

Section 1. Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee will hold a business meeting quarterly at a time and place designated by the Chair. Business meetings may be called more frequently by the Chair, or upon written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the Executive Committee members. The Secretary will send written notification, either electronically or by surface mail, of the time and place of all meetings to each member of the Executive Committee not less than ten (10) days prior to the quarterly business meeting.

Section 2. Quorum

A majority of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings, provided at least one officer is present.

Section 3. Transaction of Official Business

1. The Executive Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by electronic mail, by surface mail, or by phone. Impromptu virtual meetings may be held as long as there is a quorum present.
2. Executive Committee Members may abstain from voting, either affirmatively or by inaction. Motions shall be decided by majority vote. The Secretary must preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, at which meeting the Chair shall order the disposition of the votes.

Section 4. Committees and Additional Affiliate Positions

The Executive Committee may establish or disestablish committees and create or terminate additional affiliate offices to serve supplemental purposes or perform delegated tasks. CFLP members appointed by the Executive Committee to additional offices serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Removal of Officers and At-large Executive Committee Members

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

Article V. Annual Convention

Section 1. Scheduling

The CFLP shall hold an annual convention. The Executive Committee shall set the time, place, and schedule of events for the CFLP Convention. The time and place of the CFLP Convention shall be announced to the membership by all the means by which the affiliate regularly communicates with the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention. This announcement timeframe will apply to all conventions but the first.

Section 2. Delegates

All members of the CFLP shall be entitled to serve as delegates to the convention. The Secretary shall establish procedures for credentialing delegates. Any delegate may seek recognition from the presiding officer and be recognized to speak at the discretion of said officer.

Section 3. Convention Business

The business of the annual convention shall be to elect officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee, elect or endorse candidates, amend these bylaws, approve resolutions, adopt a platform, and conduct whatever other business it deems necessary.

Article VI. Parliamentary Authority

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 only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates present and voting at the CFLP Convention.

Article VIII. Elections

Elections will be held by written ballot. A winner will be elected by simple majority. If a simple majority is not reached the candidate with the lowest percentage of the votes will be removed from the ballot and a vote will be held again. None of the Above (NOTA) cannot be removed from the ballot and will be an option in each vote.