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Presentation of Awards:

Communications Director Rob Yates presented the following awards at 9:11am:
Civil Disobedience Award - Bryce Acer
Donald Reid Deal Liberty Warrior Award - Brad Hessel

Opening Remarks by Christine Villaverde:

Guest Speaker Christine Villaverde opening remarks at 9:14.

Business Call to Order:

Chair Mr. Ryan Brown (Granville) called the business meeting to order at 9:41 AM.

The Chair called for the secretary's report. Secretary James Higgins (Mecklenburg) gave the secretary's report:

43 county delegates were checked in, meaning a majority vote would require 22, a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote would need 29 and a $\frac{7}{8}$ vote would require 38 to pass.

At 9:42, Brad Hessel (Wake) moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Mac Browder (Mecklenburg), this was passed without objection.

The chair covered the ground rules of the convention.

Treasury Report:

Treasurer Barbara Howe (Granville) read the following treasurer's report at 9:43am:

LPNC had 38 unique donors in April, for a total of \$705.56 with an average pledge amount of \$18.57. Our current balance is \$47,052.32 but we have some bills for convention that will come out of that, so it will come down a little. We've made it insanely easy for you to pledge to the Libertarian Party this year. Look on the back of your nametag, look around at the back there in the other room, barcodes they come to me. I've already got three or four this morning. I know who you are and I know where you live. If you're a current pledger to the party, raise your hand. Okay, there are a lot of you who aren't. I would encourage you to pledge 5, 10, \$25, whatever amount you want to. I do appreciate it being

more than 5, because it's a lot of paperwork. Please support the party. The pledges, consistent income make it easier for us to plan, so do it. Thank you, and support the silent auction out there, I donated 181 books. Some of them are signed.

State of the State Report:

The Chair gave the following State of the State report at 9:46am:

We are growing the party's reach in the media and on the ground. Financial support has remained strong despite the political climate and economic climate and ongoing libertarian fighting that always seems to happen. Our donors have stayed committed and the volunteers have been active and so we're able to keep the operations going and we're ready for growth. We're set in a good spot for growth. I'll have Barbara come up here and just give the specifics on the finances if that's good, yep. Barbara Howe is the current LPNC Treasurer.

The chair picked back up on the state of the state:

We have had some internal disagreements, but we're Libertarians, and the people in this room are the people who are actually doing the work. They're not the ones having all the noise on social media and trying to start fights and whatnot.

The group in here is the core group, and that's the people I'm proud of. That's the people that are doing all the work. Our donor base is strong enough that we can do what the people of this party want us to do. We just need more volunteers and more people to do it. So going forward, I want to focus on actually getting the work done and losing some of the noise and focus on this strong core group that we've got because this core group can make a lot of waves in the next two years.

Looking back a little bit in 2024, our candidates got over one million votes across the state. That was because of multiple strong counties running multiple candidates and a very successful slate of Council of State races. That vote milestone is proof that our message actually resonates with the people. The message is that our ideas are popular. The Libertarian vote can swing an election in statewide races, and in council of State and in federal races.

We can take that into the local elections this year. People see us as a legitimate party running legitimate candidates.

In 2025, local elections are the priority. Period.

This is a very unique opportunity in the four-year election cycle. It's just after a big presidential election, people are focused on what the president's doing. They're not necessarily focused on being active in the state party, Democrat or

Republican level. And there are a lot of local races. Just in my city alone, the city of Creedmoor, there's three city council and a mayor slot, and those races are won by less than 200 votes. So those are the elections that we need to win. We have to run local candidates, we have to know our city councils, we have to know our county boards. We have to run in those specific elections.

The presidential elections are fun, you get to see presidential candidates, senate candidates, but the local elections are where we can make our biggest difference, and that's this year.

We can't waste this year, we have to be active, and if your affiliate is active in the boarding, awesome. If you don't have a county affiliate, the state party would love to help. Look to register for a local election this year. I believe filing is in the middle of July, and there's probably a local election where you live.

With that being said, there're plenty of people inside and outside the Libertarian Party who want our mission to fail. But our mission is simple.

Elect Local Libertarians by spreading the Libertarian message to the people we know and making a difference in our cities. When we make that effort to reach out to people in our cities, we're going to build the personal connections and personal connections are what's going to allow us to get elected locally. From there we can run from city to county, from county to general assembly, and once we have people elected there, we'll be a much greater force to reckon with.

Now obviously, that's not something that's going to happen in two years, but that's what we have to strive for over the coming five or six, eight years. We've got local elected libertarians in the last, I think, three election cycles, so it's possible to win in the state, we just have to find the people and we have to do the work ourselves and we have to get these people elected. And the people in this room are the best people to make that happen. This is our core group, and we're a strong core group. I won't sit here and lie and tell you that this is the strongest the party has ever been and there's lots of reasons for that. National politics is just kind of wild again, it's crazy. The Libertarian National Committee, there's issues there, statewide, there's issues, but this core group is focused on doing the work and that's something I want to focus on, just do the work and getting it done. Going forward to 2025 and 2026, the Libertarian Party is the only third party recognized in North Carolina. It's Democrat, Republica, Libertarian and Unaffiliated. We were the only party to maintain our ballot access this year outside the major parties. And that is just from the people who are doing the work.

We had a strong Council of State. We had a strong Governor candidate. We had just great candidates, and that's why we were able to maintain it. We have to

show why going forward, so let's get active in our local affiliates. Let's get active at our local elections and let's show them. We have what we need. We have our core group. We have our tech. We have enough money to do what we need to do. We have the data to know when the elections are going to be and how we can win them. We need more candidates to run, more volunteers and more wins. But if we do that, we can make a difference this year specifically in elections and over the next couple of years in general. So the LPNC is in a strong position, let's work to keep it that way. Thank you guys.

Presentation of LPNC Senator Badges:

13 people earned LPNC Senator status this year.

Mike Ross

Tom Bailey

Shannon Bray

George Cormos

Bob Drach

Scott Mueller

Sean Haugh

Steve Feldman

Ryan Brown

Angela Humphries

Nick Taylor

Christina Aragues

Mac Browder

Reading of Resolutions:

No resolutions were presented.

General Business:

At 9:53am Mac Browder (Mecklenburg) moved to accept all LPNC members present to be delegates, seconded by Trevor Miles (Chowan). This motion was approved without discussion or objection.

Bylaws Report:

The Chair read the bylaws report as prepared by the Bylaws Committee (Addendum A) at 9:55am.

Phil read the first proposal: abolishing rule 9, NOTA

Susan Hogarth - Wake, moved to remove rule 9, section 3 ONLY, Ace Fogerson seconded

The convention voted to start deliberations on Susan's motion - 10:02

Mac Browder wants to look at only modifying it for national delegates

Brad POI - This may not be applicable for National Art12, sec 8

Sean Haugh spoke against the amendment - Would like to strike the entire NOTA option.

Voice vote failed, went to a standing vote, 17 in favor, 18 opposed - Susan's amendment failed.

Bryce moved to move this proposal to the end of report - seconded by Mac - Voice vote, Nays have it.

Ace argued that NOTA is an essential right, Sean advised he believes NOTA has never been used successfully, Phil advised we did inadvertently.

Mac moved to extend debate by 5 minutes at 10:17, it was seconded, $\frac{2}{3}$ voice vote failed.

Voice vote failed to adopt Abolishing NOTA.

10:20: Ace Fogerson (Franklin) asked a Point Of Order: he wanted clarification if we can approve the rules 2-8 without further discussion, then moved to approve rules 2-8 in one vote. It was seconded. Bryce Acer asked and Ace accepted a friendly amendment to drop 4, 5 and 8 from the motion.

We require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to accept, voice vote passed at 10:26.

10:28: Generalization of the Affiliate Regions - Sean presented the bylaws change, this speaks to Cape Fear, Cherokee Nation Regions, and other non-county regional affiliates.

Mike Davis asked if this overrides the county delegates, chair advised this does not change the delegate counts due to that being covered under different bylaws.

Nick Taylor / Matt Clements POI - Both clarified that delegate counts are still tied to the counties.

Sean: Advised that the real impact would be more counties or areas could gain recognition.

Bryce proposed amendment at 10:36 - Moved to amend by replacing precinct or county with just "affiliate". Mac proposed "organization" and Bryce accepted

Final vote on Bryce amendment: 10:46am - Voice vote passed

Lucas moved to extend the discussion period, seconded, several objections, vote failed.

10:49 - Voted to move to final vote, voice vote passed.

$\frac{2}{3}$ vote passed to adopt Bryce's amended version of bylaw change to generalize affiliate regions.

10:53 - Rob moved to amend to full EC vote to withdraw recognition of an affiliate Matt Clements asked for a friendly amendment to make it $\frac{7}{8}$ but the EC is 7 people. Math didn't exactly work, so Rob accepted a friendly amendment to $\frac{6}{7}$, Barbara POI asking how this works if the EC is not complete, Ace called it out as well, the chair asked Rob for clarification if he wants to have the wording exactly 6 out of 7 votes or $\frac{6}{7}$ ths of the EC. Amendment was voted down.

Brad asked a POI for whether this affects existing affiliates, or whether they would need to go through an approval process, it does not. All existing affiliates that are recognized will remain recognized.

11:04 - Bryce moved to add the word "new" to the proposal to solidify that point - Unanimously passed at 11:05 by voice vote.

11:06 voice vote adopted the modified recognition and bylaws submission for affiliates.

11:08 Matt Clements called to question to vote to accept the amendment to remove redundant wording on membership - Mac seconded, $\frac{2}{3}$ vote voice passed, Matt kordon requested a standing vote, the chair advised that that would require 10 or more members to request and we did not have more. Voice vote to accept the amended bylaw failed.

11:14 - Modernize article X meetings amendment was read - Barbara POI - this was put in due to deal with votes between in person meetings.

11:23 - Voice vote adopted to modernize article X meetings.

11:25 - Brad read off his proposal

11:29 - Ace POI - asked if we need a motion to vote on this, the chair has ruled that it is in order as part the bylaws report.

11:30 - numerous points of information and order were made.

11:36 - Voice vote to adopt the updated article III membership pledge passed.

11:37 - Mac browder moved to change wording to this:

Rule 9. None of the Above

1. Attending delegates to the Convention may vote for "None of the Above"

(NOTA) for any position on the Executive Committee, or Judicial Committee. Should NOTA be selected for any Party positions, that position shall be declared vacant, and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.

2. "None of the Above" (NOTA) will be considered a candidate on the ballot.
3. In any elections mentioned in rule 9, section 1, with multiple winners, delegates can vote for NOTA1, NOTA2, NOTA3 ... up to the number of positions in the election. Delegates should prioritize voting NOTA on the lowest suffix.

Ace fogerson spoke on behalf of keeping NOTA, Several members spoke for and against. There were some historical situations discussed including a reading of the minutes of how NOTA worked against us last year.

11:49 Discussion had died down, the chair called a voice vote on Mac's proposed amendment which passed. Needed recap due to misunderstandings of the vote.

11:53 Voice vote to adopt the amended NOTA bylaw - voice vote passed

11:54 Lucas moved to reconsider the motion on redundant wording on membership even though it failed to pass earlier, it was seconded. Mathew moved to suspend the rules to reconsider this, voice vote failed.

11:56am motion to adjourn for lunch, no objections.

LUNCH BREAK

1:44pm The chair called business back to order. Thomas Hill did announcements for Liberty International/Mary Ruart. Angela Humphries made an announcement about the silent auction, book donation table and overall party donations. There were no resolutions.

Executive and Judicial Committees Elections:

1:52 The chair delegated to the Vice Chair, Sean Haugh (Durham) to run the election of the chair. Mike Ross (Gaston) nominated Ryan Brown (Granville). Hand vote between Ryan and NOTA, Ryan won.

1:56 Ryan nominated Bob Drach (New Hanover). Lucas Jones (Wake) nominates Sean Haugh, but Sean respectfully declines his nomination. Show of hands vote
42:2 Bob was elected to Vice Chair.

1:59 James Higgins (Mecklenburg) nominated Kate Shawhan (Carteret) for Secretary. No one else was nominated. Hand count vote 39:1 over NOTA.

2:01 Sean Haugh nominated Mac Browder (Mecklenburg) for at-large, Rob Yates (Mecklenburg) nominated Nick Taylor (Nash) and Bryce Acer (Pender).

2:03 Ryan Brown nominated Angela Humphries (Craven).
Mac Browder moved to accept all 4 via a slate, motion was seconded.

37 voted in favor of the slate, 1 voted NOTA, so all 4 nominees were elected.

2:07 The chair introduced the Judicial Committee elections
Daniel Cavender (Davidson) nominated David Speight (Davidson)
David Ulmer (Wake) nominated Sean Haugh (Durham)

Bob Drach nominated Stephen Sumner (Duplin)

Rob Yates nominated Phil Jacobsen (Wake)

Sarah Brady/Johnson (Harnett) nominated herself.

Voted by show of hands at 2:12 to accept all of the nominees, 40:2 slate vs NOTA, the slate was elected.

Other Business:

At 2:14pm Matt Clements spoke about Sean Haugh and his senate run in announcing his retirement. Sean injected a Point of Information that the group that ran dark money campaign ads against him spent \$420,000.

2:17pm Movement to adjourn sine die, seconded, and the convention business closed.

Addendum A, Bylaws Report:

2025 LPNC Bylaws Committee Report

Committee Members

Ryan Brown, Granville County, Chair

James Higgins, Mecklenburg County

Phil Jacobson, Wake County

Sean Haugh, Durham County
Stephen Sumner, Duplin County
Former Members
Dee Watson, Wake County
John Wise, Mecklenburg County

This is the report of the LPNC 2025 Bylaws Committee. Throughout late 2024 and early 2025 the committee met regularly to propose and consider changes to the LPNC Bylaws. The committee has listened to feedback from the members of the LPNC throughout the process. The committee is proposing a total of 8 changes to the bylaws. We have also included a complete proposal from a member outside the committee. Thank you for your careful consideration of each proposal.

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Abolish NOTA

Current	Proposed
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<p>Until the last LPNC State Convention (2024), None of the Above (NOTA) had no practical impact on LPNC business. It was, at most, an amusing quirk which some delegates used to indicate that they opposed unanimous decisions. Most delegates didn’t use it and didn’t really understand it. To make NOTA clearer and more efficient a proposal to reform NOTA was crafted by a committee assembled specifically to make NOTA an effective option. The proposal consolidated references to NOTA into Rule 9. The proposed change was adopted at the last convention. But while the change got overwhelming support from the delegates, few actually understood how it would work. As a result, for the very first time, the convention actually voted to drop delegates to the National LP convention, reducing LPNC’s representation. This result was neither intended nor desired by anyone, and it required extra time during the business portion of the convention to fully reverse this impact of NOTA. The novelty which is NOTA is counterproductive and should simply be removed from the Convention Rules.</p>	
<p>The convention REJECTED this proposal as written, but APPROVED a version which kept NOTA intact but modified the wording on section 3 of rule.</p>	

Exempt non-voting Executive Committee Members from Attendance

Current	Proposed
Any member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend at least three (3) meetings and has attended less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the meetings held in the term is automatically considered to have resigned from the Committee, and the position shall be declared vacant unless the committee votes before the end of that meeting to reject that member's resignation.	Any <u>voting</u> member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend at least three (3) meetings and has attended less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the meetings held in the term is automatically considered to have resigned from the Committee, and the position shall be declared vacant unless the committee votes before the end of that meeting to reject that member's resignation.
This would exempt non-voting EC members from the attendance criteria. Non-voting members do not contribute to quorum, none of their duties involve voting, and their primary duties are outside the EC meeting. They are not elected and are appointed by the chair or EC, who determine if they are doing their duties adequately. Typically the only non-voting EC member is the treasurer and their primary duties are filing with the state and a quarterly report presented to the EC. Those criteria not attendance at a meeting where they cannot vote should be the criteria for involuntary resignation.	
The convention APPROVED this proposal.	

Remove redundant section on Qualifications of Executive Committee Members

Current	Proposed
Section 4. Qualifications Each member of the Executive Committee must maintain membership with the Party as defined in Article III. Executive Committee members must not be registered with the State of North Carolina with any political party other than the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.	Section 4. Qualifications Each member of the Executive Committee must maintain membership with the Party as defined in Article III. Executive Committee members must not be registered with the State of North Carolina with any political party other than the Libertarian Party of North Carolina.
The section is a repeat of a previous section and adds no new requirements to qualifications.	
The convention APPROVED this proposal.	

Generalize Affiliate Regions

Current	Proposed
<p>Section 1. Organizing For any precinct or county not yet recognized, any Party member(s) may organize for the Libertarian Party of North Carolina as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be recognized by the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, an affiliate must have a Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. There must be at least one person who has held a meeting to form an affiliate and one person may hold one or more offices. 2. Public notice must be posted no less than ten (10) days before holding a precinct or county organizational meeting. 3. A precinct organizational meeting must be held no less than thirty (30) days before the County Conventions and County Conventions must be held no less than thirty (30) days before the LPNC State Convention. 4. To hold an organizational meeting, to be elected for an office, or to serve as a delegate, a person must have been a member of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina for at least thirty (30) days. 	<p>Section 1. Organizing For any precinct, or county, <u>or region</u> not yet recognized, any Party member(s) may organize <u>an affiliate of</u> for the Libertarian Party of North Carolina <u>LPNC</u> as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be recognized by the Libertarian Party of North Carolina <u>LPNC</u>, an affiliate must have a Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. There must be at least one person who has held a meeting to form an affiliate. <u>One and one</u> person may hold one or more offices. 2. Public notice must be posted no less than ten (10) days before holding <u>an</u> a precinct or county organizational meeting. 3. A precinct organizational meeting must be held no less than thirty (30) days before the County Conventions, <u>and</u> County Conventions must be held no less than thirty (30) days before the LPNC State Convention. 4. To hold an organizational meeting, to be elected for an office, or to serve as a delegate, a person must have been a member of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina <u>LPNC</u> for at least thirty (30) days.
<p>Changes to make affiliates more general. The previous structure indicates precincts and counties, but if we win a partisan race, we need an affiliate formed around the corresponding district. There has been a rise of regional affiliates in more sparsely populated areas. This more general framework takes into account regional and district affiliates.</p>	
<p>The convention APPROVED this proposal after several amendments to the wording.</p>	

Add Recognition and Bylaws Submission for Affiliates

Current	Proposed
7. An affiliate may adopt its own plan of organization so long as there are no violations of the Bylaws and Convention Rules of the LPNC.	<p>7. An affiliate may adopt its own plan of organization <u>or bylaws</u> so long as there are no violations of the Bylaws and Convention Rules of the LPNC. <u>Affiliates without published bylaws or plan of organization will defer to the bylaws of the LPNC.</u></p> <p>8. <u>Recognition of all local organizations must be approved by a majority vote of the LPNC Executive Committee. Withdrawal of recognition requires a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the LPNC Executive Committee.</u></p>
This revision would leave the wording alone for the first line and call out that new affiliates are held to the published LPNC bylaws if they have not adopted their own and must submit their bylaws or plan of organization should they create one.	
The convention APPROVED this proposal.	

Add Affiliate Convention Requirement

Current	Proposed
	<u>To maintain the status of an organized affiliate, the affiliate must have a convention where officers are elected at least every two (2) years. Public notice must be posted no less than ten (10) days before holding a local convention.</u>
Clarify what an affiliate must do in order to maintain the status of affiliated. Previously many members believed the bylaws stated that affiliates must have conventions once a year. This was not the case, however, this change would protect member rights to ensure that they were given the opportunity to select the affiliate leadership at least every other year.	
The convention APPROVED this proposal.	

Removal of Affiliate Officers

Current	Proposed
<p>Section 4. Removal of officers The Executive Committee may, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, remove the officers of county or other local organizations, for reasons of public behavior that brings discredit to the name of the Libertarian Party. Local officers who are removed in this manner may appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the Judiciary Committee. An affiliate removed by a vote of the Executive Committee may challenge the removal by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within thirty (30) days shall confirm the removal and bar any later challenge or appeal.</p>	<p>Section 4. Removal of officers The Executive Committee may, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, remove the officers of county or other local organizations, for reasons of <u>bylaws violations, plan of organization violations, Board of Elections violations</u> or public behavior that brings discredit to the name of the Libertarian Party. Local officers who are removed in this manner may appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the Judiciary Committee. An affiliate removed by a vote of the Executive Committee may challenge the removal by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within thirty (30) days shall confirm the removal and bar any later challenge or appeal.</p>
<p>The LPNC needs the ability to remove affiliate officers for violations that can cast their parent organization in a bad light or put the state party in a legal bind. In the current bylaws the only reason to remove an officer is “public behavior that brings discredit to the name of the Libertarian Party.”</p>	
<p>The convention APPROVED this proposal.</p>	

Remove redundant wording on Membership

Current	Proposed
<p>1. A resident of North Carolina may become a member of the LPNC provided they are not a registered voter affiliated with another political party, and by fulfilling at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintaining voter registration as a Libertarian, as long as the party is recognized by the State of North Carolina, or; b. Maintaining current membership dues with the Libertarian National Committee, or; c. Maintaining current membership dues with the LPNC established by the state Executive Committee, or; d. Maintaining current membership dues in a recognized affiliate of the LPNC, or; e. Submitting a written or electronic affirmation to the Secretary that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals. 	<p>1. A resident of North Carolina may become a member of the LPNC provided they are not a registered voter affiliated with another political party, and by fulfilling at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintaining voter registration as a Libertarian, as long as the party is recognized by the State of North Carolina, or; b. Maintaining current membership dues with the Libertarian National Committee, or; c. Maintaining current membership dues with the LPNC established by the state Executive Committee, or; d. Maintaining current membership dues in a recognized affiliate of the LPNC, or; e. Submitting a written or electronic affirmation to the Secretary that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.
<p>The wording “at least” is redundant. The next section has similar wording and already does not have this wording. There is a list of items to reach to meet membership and residents only require any one from the list to meet membership.</p>	
<p>The convention REJECTED this proposal.</p>	

Modernize Article X. Meetings

Current	Proposed
1. The Executive Committee may transact business by electronic mail, or other electronic means, or postal mail. Once a motion is recognized by the Chair, and seconded by another member, the motion can be discussed and voted on electronically, or by mail. The Chair shall establish procedures for taking the votes. The Secretary shall record the votes.	1. The Executive Committee may transact business by electronic mail, or other electronic means, or postal mail , <u>by other methods approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee</u> . Once a motion is recognized by the Chair, and seconded by another member, the motion can be discussed and voted on electronically, or by mail . The Chair shall establish procedures for taking the votes. The Secretary shall record the votes
Mail voting would be unrealistically cumbersome to maintain, but the new wording allows the EC to decide whatever methodology is best to take votes, as this wording is agnostic of technology used. Therefore, postal mail is technically an option to conduct business, but it is not required to be available as an option for all business transactions.	
The convention APPROVED this proposal.	

Update Article III Membership pledge

(This proposal did not originate in the Bylaws Committee and has not been approved by the committee, though it was presented in whole to the committee before the deadline to submit our report had passed. In the interest of facilitating orderly debate on this proposal, it has been included in the report. This proposal was submitted by Brad Hessel, Wake County.)

Current	Proposed
e. Submitting a written or electronic affirmation to the Secretary that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.	e. Submitting a written or electronic affirmation to the Secretary that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social, or political , <u>or economic</u> goals. (<u>Note: having submitted the previous version of the NIOF pledge—which omitted “economic”—prior to 19 May 2025 will still be considered a valid criterion for LPNC membership.</u>)
A central tenet of Marxism is that violence in pursuit of economic goals—viz., expropriation of the means of production—is justified. By explicitly eschewing only violence to achieve political	

and social goals, we are giving Marxism a free pass, if not implicitly endorsing it. This is not congruent with libertarian precepts and we should stop doing it.

The convention APPROVED this proposal.

Addendum B, LPNC Convention Rule Changes as Adopted at LPNC Convention in 2025:

Rule 9. None of the Above

1. Attending delegates to the Convention may vote for “None of the Above” (NOTA) for any position on the Executive Committee, or Judicial Committee. Should NOTA be selected for any Party positions, that position shall be declared vacant, and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.
2. “None of the Above” (NOTA) will be considered a candidate on the ballot.
3. In any election mentioned in Rule 9, section 1 with multiple winners, delegates can vote for NOTA1, NOTA2, NOTA3... up to the number of positions in the election. Delegates should prioritize voting NOTA on the lowest suffix.

Addendum C, LPNC Bylaws Changes as Adopted at LPNC Convention in 2025:

Article III, Section 1, Part 1e. Membership - Member

e. Submitting a written or electronic affirmation to the Secretary that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social, political, or economic goals. (Note: having submitted the previous version of the NIOF pledge—which omitted “economic”—prior to 19 May 2025 will still be considered a valid criterion for LPNC membership.)

Article V, Section 4. Executive Committee - Qualification

REMOVED, subsequent sections moved up

Article V, Section 5. Executive Committee - Resignation

Any voting member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend at least three (3) meetings and has attended less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the meetings held in

the term is automatically considered to have resigned from the Committee, and the position shall be declared vacant unless the committee votes before the end of that meeting to reject that member's resignation.

Article X, Section 2, Part 1. Meetings - Transaction of Official Business

1. The Executive Committee may transact business by electronic mail, or other electronic means, or by other methods approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Once a motion is recognized by the Chair, and seconded by another member, the motion can be discussed and voted on. The Chair shall establish procedures for taking the votes. The Secretary shall record the votes

Article XI, Section 1. Local Organization - Organizing

For any organization not yet recognized, any Party member(s) may organize an affiliate of the LPNC as follows:

1. To be recognized by the LPNC, an affiliate must have a Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. There must be at least one person who has held a meeting to form an affiliate. One person may hold one or more offices.
2. Public notice must be posted no less than ten (10) days before holding an organizational meeting.
3. A precinct organizational meeting must be held no less than thirty (30) days before the County Conventions. County Conventions must be held no less than thirty (30) days before the LPNC State Convention.
4. To hold an organizational meeting, to be elected for an office, or to serve as a delegate, a person must have been a member of the LPNC for at least thirty (30) days.
5. Financing for the state and affiliate organizations is maintained separately.
6. In order to be recognized by the LPNC, an affiliate must identify their Chairperson and treasurer to the LPNC Executive Committee and certify to the Executive Committee that all procedures of the Bylaws were followed.
7. An affiliate may adopt its own plan of organization or bylaws so long as there are no violations of the Bylaws and Convention Rules of the LPNC. Affiliates without published bylaws or plan of organization will defer to the bylaws of the LPNC.
8. Recognition of all new local organizations must be approved by a majority vote of the LPNC Executive Committee. Withdrawal of recognition requires a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the LPNC Executive Committee.

Article XI, Section 4. Local Organization - Removal of Officers

The Executive Committee may, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, remove the officers of county or other local organizations, for reasons of bylaws violations, plan of organization violations, Board of Elections violations or public behavior that brings discredit to the name of the Libertarian Party. Local officers who are removed in this manner may appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the Judiciary Committee. An affiliate removed by a vote of the Executive Committee may challenge the removal by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within thirty (30) days shall confirm the removal and bar any later challenge or appeal.

Article XII, Section 2. Convention & Platform - Continuing Affiliation

To maintain the status of an organized affiliate, the affiliate must have a convention where officers are elected at least every two (2) years. Public notice must be posted no less than ten (10) days before holding a local convention.