

Bylaws of the Weber County Libertarian Party

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Chapter One: Membership

Membership in the Weber County Libertarian Party, hereafter as “WCLP” or “the Party” is qualified. A member is qualified in good standing if they:

- Have signed the UTLP Statement of Principles;
- Are a current resident of Weber County, Utah; and
- Are not subject to revocation of membership proceedings as outlined in Article Six Section 4 of the Party Constitution.

Membership in the WCLP shall not require dues.

Membership in the WCLP may be revoked by the Executive Committee (hereafter, EC) for:

- Activities inconsistent with the Statement of Principles;
- Harassment of members of the Party;
- Activities which undermine the party's efforts or candidates
- Other actions which may be determined by the EC to be detrimental to the Party.

Decisions of the EC may be referred to the state party Judicial Committee by the subject of the revocation for their consideration.

Chapter Two: Convention Procedures

1. Nominating Conventions

On or before (Adoption Date) 1 of each even-numbered year, the Party will hold a county Nominating convention.

The Party certifies candidates for partisan offices only by nominating convention. This does not exclude candidates from running in primaries, but certification of the nomination can only be confirmed by convention.

The WCLP nominates only those candidates whose district or other jurisdiction fall entirely within Weber County. Candidates for offices in jurisdictions which include parts of two or more counties are nominated only at the state party convention.

Everyone who is a member of the WCLP in good standing 30 days prior the convention, and who attends the convention, is eligible to vote. The Convention delegates may suspend the 30-day limit requirement by a 2/3 majority vote with a minimum 24-hour notice.

At the time and place set for the nominating conventions, the name of each person who has filed a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate state or county political entity may be placed in nomination for the office for which his/her declaration was filed.

To be certified by the Party, all candidates must be members in good standing, sign the Candidate's Pledge, and stand for election at the appropriate nominating convention. A candidate who files for state or local office as a Libertarian with the appropriate political entity but whose candidacy is not affirmed in convention is not a candidate of the Party.

Candidate's Pledge: "I promise that if elected I will vote in favor of all matters that lead to a reduction in taxes and government, and expansion of personal freedoms and against all matters causing higher taxes, bigger government, and restrictions on personal freedoms. If I ever act contrary to this pledge, I will publicly apologize and offer to resign."

Eligible members will vote immediately following the nominating and seconding speeches made on behalf of all candidates for office; except that, the EC may determine whether voting is after each candidate's speeches, or after all candidates' speeches.

The Chair (or the Chair's designee) is responsible for credentialing members as convention delegates. Each member present may cast one vote in each ballot for each office to be filled.

Proxy voting is allowed. Delegates must notify the secretary via email no later than 15 days prior to the Nominating Convention of their desire to designate a proxy and name the proxy at that time. A form to perform this action is to be provided on the party website no less than 30 days prior to the convention. The proxy voter must be a member in good standing of the party.

If three or more candidates are nominated for the same office, the convention will use multiple ballots. In the case of multiple ballots, the first ballot will be used to reduce the number of candidates to four if more than four candidates participate or by one if four or fewer than four participate. Each following ballot will drop the lowest vote-getter until two candidates remain. The two top candidates will continue the balloting until one achieves a two-thirds majority. If no candidate prevails after the third such ballot, the Party has no candidate for that office unless at least one candidate chooses to participate in the primary election.

No later than 12:00 noon of the fifth calendar day following the nominating convention, the Party Secretary will report candidate nominations to the state party secretary, who will report the nominations to the Lieutenant Governor's office.

2. Organizing Conventions

On or before (Adoption Month) 1 of each odd-numbered year an organizing convention will be held at a time and place designated by the EC.

The Party will provide notice of the organizing convention to every member in good standing according to member preferred contact method as noted in the party roster. Notification via the party newsletter or email will be considered acceptable notice.

The organizing convention will elect officers.

The convention may also pass on whatever business comes before it.

3. Candidate Vacancies

If a Party candidate dies or becomes incapacitated before the election, the candidate may be replaced by the county Executive Committee.

4. Resolutions

All resolutions brought before the convention must be submitted in writing complete with mover and seconder signatures and provided in sufficient quantities to distribute to all convention delegates in attendance.

Chapter Three: Bylaws Revision

In case any part of these bylaws is, or becomes inconsistent with Utah law, the EC is empowered to revise them into compliance for use at the next scheduled convention, with use beyond that convention to be subject to a vote of the members in good standing in attendance.

Refer to Article 10, paragraph C. of the UTLP Bylaws, if membership does not ratify legally required bylaw changes.

Chapter Four: Executive Committee

Meetings

General Party members are allowed and encouraged to make and discuss motions and amendments concerning the actions and governance of the Party.

The EC shall vote on motions and amendments with a simple majority needed to pass. In the case of a tie vote among the EC, general members in attendance shall cast votes to break the tie.