

Northampton County Libertarian Party

BYLAWS

Article 1

Name & Purposes

Section 1. Name: The name of this organization shall be "Northampton County Libertarian Party" and may also be referred to as "NCLP". The NCLP is a chartered affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania.

Section 2. Purposes: The NCLP shall be responsible for the nomination and campaign of Libertarian Party candidates for county or local office, shall educate the citizens of Northampton County regarding libertarian philosophy, and shall liaison and co-sponsor freedom-oriented events with other pro-liberty organizations active within Northampton County.

Article 2

Membership & General Membership Meetings

Section 1. Membership: There will be two classes of membership in the NCLP:

- **Voting Members:** Voting Members must maintain a membership in the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania and reside in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Voting Members are entitled to vote in elections for the Executive Committee members. Voting Members may be elected to the Executive Committee, or appointed to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee by the remaining Executive Committee members.
- **Associate Members** are any other resident of Pennsylvania this is an advocate for Libertarianism, freedom and individual self-determination

Section 2. Dues: No dues may be collected from current or prospective members of the NCLP.

Section 3. General Membership Meetings: Regular Meetings of the membership of the Libertarian Party of Northampton County must be held at least once every calendar quarter in person, on-line or by teleconference. Said meetings shall be called by the County Chair, or by a majority of the Executive Committee members.

Article 3

Executive Committee & Candidate Nominations

Section 1. Officers: The NCLP Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers: County Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Each person serving on the NCLP Executive Committee shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. Board of Directors Representative: The Executive Committee shall elect the Board of Directors Representative (also known as State Representative). If the Board of Directors Representative is unable to make a State Board of Directors Meeting, the Executive Committee may designate another Executive Committee officer or NCLP member to attend and vote at the meeting.

Section 3. Authority: The NCLP Executive Committee shall govern the NCLP and shall make all decisions regarding its operation.

Section 4. Quorum: Quorum for meetings of the NCLP Executive Committee (held in person, on-line or by teleconference) shall be a majority of the number of individuals actually serving on the NCLP Executive Committee.

Section 5. Meetings: Meetings of the NCLP Executive Committee shall be called by the County Chair, or by a majority of the Executive Committee members.

Section 6. Vacancies: If a vacancy in an officer position occurs between annual meetings of the membership, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, fill that vacancy with an NCLP Voting Member who shall serve until the election of a new officer takes place at the Annual Meeting.

Section 7. Candidate Nominations: The nomination of candidates for public office shall be made by a majority vote of Voting Members of NCLP at a general membership meeting.

Article 4

Standing Committees & Leadership Positions

Section 1. Standing Committees: The four standing committees of the NCLP shall be:

- Membership Committee
- Campaign Committee
- Community Outreach Committee
- Technology & Social Media Committee

A majority of the Executive Committee members shall vote to approve the Chairs to each of these committees, who in turn may then appoint members of the NCLP to serve on their committees. Committee Chairs may petition to have individuals removed from their committee by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Committee Chair shall be Voting Members of the NCLP. Committee Members can be either Voting or Associate Members of the NCLP.

Section 2. Working Committees: The Executive Committee may create Working Committees as deemed necessary and appoint NCLP Voting Members to Chair those Committees.

Article 5

Parliamentary Authority & Reports

Section 1. Parliamentary Procedure: The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority referred to by the County Chair with respect to issues not covered by these bylaws.

Section 2. Reports: The Executive Committee of the Northampton County Libertarian Party must file quarterly reports with the LPPA Secretary in each calendar year documenting any meetings or activity of the NCLP, which must include annually the identity and contact information of NCLP officers.

Article 6

Elections

Section 1. Annual Meeting: An Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Libertarian Party of Northampton County shall be called by the majority of County Executive Committee sometime between January 1st and March 31st of each calendar year. Said meetings may take place in person, on-line or by teleconference. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the NCLP Voting Members must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting for quorum to be achieved.

Section 2. Election of Officers: The election of the County Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer shall take place at the Annual Meeting.

Article 7

Bylaw Amendments

Section 1. Adoption: Amendments to these bylaws may be made by a 2/3 vote of

the total Voting Members at any meeting of the NCLP or via proxy ballots send via the USPS.