

Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of El Paso County, Colorado (proposed)

Article I. Name and Address

1.1. The name of this organization is the Libertarian Party of El Paso County, or "LPEPC." The LPEPC is a Political Party Committee under the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. 1-45, duly registered with the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's office. The legal address of the LPEPC is:

Libertarian Party of El Paso County
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80###

Article II. Affiliation

2.1. The LPEPC is affiliated with and chartered by the Libertarian Party of Colorado, referred hereinafter as the "State Party."

Article III. Purpose

- 3.1. To promote the election of Libertarian Party candidates.
- 3.2. To promote the passage of ballot initiatives that embody the precepts of libertarianism.
- 3.3. To oppose the passage of ballot initiatives that do not embody the precepts of libertarianism.
- 3.4. To provide forums for dissemination and discussion of libertarian ideals.
- 3.5. To provide an environment in which members will be able to grow in their ability to understand, express, and lead others to libertarian ideals.

Article IV. Membership

- 4.1. There are three types of memberships in the LPEPC:
 - 4.1.1. A Contributing Member is any Regular Member who pays dues. Contributing Members are entitled to hold Board positions, vote at all meetings and at the State Convention, and receive the LPEPC newsletter.
 - 4.1.2. A Regular Member is anyone registered with the County Clerk and Recorder as affiliated with the Libertarian Party. Regular Members are entitled to vote at the Annual Convention and attend any Board meetings, vote at the State Convention, and receive the LPEPC newsletter.
 - 4.1.3. An Associate Member is anyone registered with the County Clerk and Recorder as "unaffiliated", and who pays LPEPC dues. Associate Members are entitled to attend all LPEPC meetings and receive LPEPC newsletters. They are not entitled to vote at

LPEPC meetings, hold a Board position, be a Libertarian candidate, or vote at the State Convention.

Article V. Board of Directors

5.1. The Board of Directors of the LPEPC is composed of the following Officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to six other positions, for a total of no more than nine members. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined out of necessity as determined by the Board. A quorum will be a majority of sitting Board members.

5.2. The Board shall meet at least once during each quarter in a public location at a time and place announced at least two weeks in advance. Board meetings shall be open to all Members. More frequent meetings may be scheduled, so long as they are announced at least two weeks in advance to the members. This can be done via email, the print media press, the LPEPC website, or the official newsletter.

5.3. The Party shall hold an Annual Convention in the month of _____, for the purposes of electing Board members and conducting any other business.

5.4. The Board shall have full powers to conduct all business of the LPEPC, including authorizing dues and other fundraising programs, creating, appointing, and dissolving committees as needed, and the expenditure of funds belonging to the LPEPC. No expenditure of funds or official action of the LPEPC may be undertaken except under any of the subsection provisions of this section.

5.4.1. Expenditure of funds or official action of the LPEPC may be undertaken by passage of a resolution by majority vote introduced at a scheduled Board meeting or Annual Convention at which a quorum is present.

5.4.2. Expenditure of funds or official action of the LPEPC may be undertaken by a vote of Board members taken by e-mail, where the votes are formally collected by the Chair and saved for a period of one year and made available to any Contributing or Regular Member on request. E-mail votes are only permissible if:

- A. The matter being voted on requires an expenditure of \$100 or less, or
- B. There is a time deadline involved that makes it impractical to wait until the next scheduled Board meeting.

5.5. Election of Officers

5.5.1. Officers are elected at the Annual Convention, using the standard balloting process, by Contributing and Regular Members, for terms beginning at the close of the Annual Convention and expiring at the close of the following Annual Convention.

5.5.2. All terms of office expire at the end of the Annual Convention.

5.6. A Board member may be removed from office by a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum at the discretion of the Board if the officer meets any of the following grounds:

- A. The Board member has ceased to be a Contributing Member..
- B. The Board member has substantially and consistently failed to fulfill the responsibilities of their office.
- C. The Board member has been shown to have committed aggressive force or fraud upon another person.

5.7. A vacant Board position may be filled by an appointee approved by a majority of sitting Board members, using the standard balloting process.

5.8. All Board members must be Contributing Members.

Article VI. Duties of Officers

6.1. General Duties

6.1.1. All Officers of the LPEPC shall carry out their duties in a libertarian manner with as much personal responsibility as possible.

6.1.2. An officer may delegate their duties; however, such delegation shall be subject to oversight by the Board.

6.2. Chair

6.2.1. The Chair shall take a leading role in determining the goals, direction, and plans for the LPEPC.

6.2.2. The Chair shall ensure that the regular activities of the LPEPC are announced and reported prior to the next scheduled meeting, and are conducted in a timely, responsible manner that brings credit to the LPEPC.

6.2.3. The Chair shall conduct all Board meetings and the Annual Convention.

6.2.4. The Chair shall prepare and submit a "From the Chair" column in each Newsletter edition or web page update.

6.2.5. The Chair shall prepare an agenda for Board meetings and distribute copies to all Board members.

6.2.6. The Chair shall act as a point of contact for interfacing to other Libertarian Party organizations, affiliates, and political campaigns, or other non-partisan political groups and organizations.

6.2.7. The Chair shall arrange for compliance with all State Party requirements, to maintain State Party affiliation.

6.2.8. The Chair shall maintain a libertarian presence in El Paso County.

6.2.9. The Chair shall act as spokesperson for the LPEPC.

6.3. Secretary

6.3.1. The Secretary shall prepare a written record of all meetings, which is to be published.

6.3.2. The Secretary shall arrange for each monthly & annual meeting places.

6.3.3. The Secretary shall maintain all official records, including Bylaws and Minutes.

6.4. Treasurer

6.4.1. The Treasurer shall keep a record of expenditures and incomes.

6.4.2. The Treasurer shall prepare the Financial Reports required by the State.

Article VII. Candidates and Initiatives

7.1. The LPEPC may nominate candidates for public office, and urge the passage or rejection of ballot initiatives and referendums, that will or may appear on ballots in a given election anywhere in the County. Such positions are to be made public by means of a press release arranged by the Chair or the Chair's designee, and identified as being solely a LPEPC endorsement, rejection, or no opinion.

7.2. Nominations of candidates, and endorsements of or oppositions to ballot initiatives, will be performed by majority vote of the Contributing Members present at any Board meeting, or by majority vote of the Contributing and Regular Members present at the Annual Convention, Nominations of candidates shall be made using the standard balloting process.

7.3 Any ballot initiative or referendum may either be endorsed or opposed by a vote of the LPEPC. If neither endorsed or opposed, the LPEPC will have "no opinion" on that particular initiative or referendum.

Article VIII. Prohibited Actions

8.1. This organization shall not take any action that would result in an overdraft of the LPEPC bank account.

8.2. This organization shall not engage in the borrowing of money at interest, from any source whatsoever. LPEPC members may donate money, items, or services for which the Board may vote to reimburse them at original face value at a later date. Receipts for all reimbursed expenses must be submitted to the Secretary or Treasurer.

8.3. This organization shall not take any action that is inconsistent with the Bylaws of the State Party or the national Libertarian Party.

8.4. No other actions are expressly forbidden; however, responsible libertarianism is expected to guide all Party actions and positions..

Article IX. Amendments to Bylaws

9.1. These Bylaws may be amended by a resolution at any regular Board meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of Contributing Members present, or at the Annual Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of Contributing and Regular Members present.. Any such amendments must previously have presented at a Board meeting at least one month prior to the Board meeting at which the amendment is to be approved.

9.2. Ratification of these Bylaws shall be by three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Regular Members present at the meeting. Upon charter approval by the State Party, this section shall be deleted from these Bylaws.

Article X. Parliamentary Authority

10.1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (then current edition) shall guide the LPEPC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the

State Party Constitution, State Party or LPEPC Bylaws, and any standing rules and any special rules of order the LPEPC or its Board of Directors may adopt, as far as those documents and rules are intended to apply to LPEPC.

Article XI. Standard Balloting Process

11.1. Approval Voting shall be the standard balloting process for all votes regarding elections, nominations, or appointments..

11.2. Other methods may be used if authorized by the existing Board at any Board meeting or the Contributing and Regular Members at the Annual Convention.

11.3. "None of the above" or "NOTA" is recognized as a legitimate candidate for every vote regarding elections, nominations, or appointments. If NOTA should win the ballot, the balloting must be repeated with all previous candidates for that vote (except NOTA) being ineligible.

Cheat Sheets

Membership Levels

Type	Voter Registration	Pays Dues	Votes at Board meeting	Votes at State Convention	Board Member
Associate	Unaffiliated	Yes	No	No	No
Regular	Libertarian	No	No	Yes	No
Contributing	Libertarian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Votes (of quorum)

Majority Vote:

- pass a resolution/motion
- spend money
- endorse or oppose a ballot initiative/referendum

Majority Vote, approval voting:

- nominate candidates
- elect Board members
- fill Board vacancies

2/3 Vote:

- remove a Board member
- amend the Bylaws

3/4 Vote

- ratify the Bylaws