

Bylaws (Proposed)

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

Article I	Name and Address
Section 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 Fair Campaign Practices Act, duly registered with the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's office. The legal address of the LPEPC is: 1450 Old North Gate Rd. Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921.
Article II	Affiliation
Section 2.1	The LPEPC is affiliated with the Libertarian Party of Colorado.
Article III	Purpose
Section 3.1	To promote the election of Libertarian Party candidates and the passage of ballot initiatives that embody the precepts of the libertarianism.
Section 3.2	To provide forums for dissemination and discussion of libertarian ideals.
Section 3.3	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
Section 4.1	There are three types of memberships in the LPEPC. A Regular Member is anyone registered with the County Clerk and Recorder as affiliated with the Libertarian Party. A Contributing Member is any Regular Member who pays dues. An Associate Member is anyone registered with the County Clerk and Recorder as "unaffiliated", and who pays LPEPC dues.
Section 4.2	Regular Members are entitled to vote at the annual meetings and attend any Board meetings.
Section 4.3	Contributing Members are entitled to hold Board positions, vote at all meetings and receive the LPEPC newsletter.
Section 4.4	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 State Convention.
Article V	Board of Directors
Section 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 position may be combined out of necessity as determined by the Board. A quorum will be a majority of sitting directors.
Section 5.2	The Board shall meet at least once during every Quarter in a public location at a time and place announced at least two weeks before. Board meetings shall be open to all members. More frequent meetings may be scheduled, so long as they are publicized in advance to the members.

	This can be done via email, the print media press, the LPEPC website, or the official newsletter.
Section 5.3	The Party shall hold an Annual Meeting in July, for the purposes of selecting Board members.
Section 5.4	The Board shall have full powers to conduct all business of the LPEPC, including authorizing dues and other fund raising programs as well as the spending of funds belonging to the LPEPC. No spending of funds or official action of the LPEPC may be undertaken except under any of the subsection provisions of this section.
Section 5.4.1	Spending of funds or official action of the LPEPC may be undertaken by passage of a resolution introduced at a scheduled meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present.
Section 5.4.2	Spending of funds or official action of the LPEPC may be undertaken by a vote of Board officers 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 Voting member on request. E-mail votes are only permissible if:
	 The matter being voted on requires an expenditure of \$100 or less and does not involve any changes to the by-laws, or There is a time deadline involved that makes it impractical to wait until the next scheduled board meeting.
Section 5.5	Election of Officers of the Board
Section 5.5.1	Officers are elected at the Annual Meeting, by the members of the LPEPC for terms of one year, beginning at the monthly Board meeting held in July and expiring at the meeting held in July of the year following. Officers must be Contributing Members.
Section 5.5.2	"None of the above" (NOTA) is recognized as a legitimate candidate for every office, and if NOTA should win, the balloting must be repeated with the lowest vote candidate ineligible.
Section 5.5.3	Elected candidates take office immediately.
Section 5.5.4	A vacant Board position may be filled by an appointee approved by a majority of sitting Board members.
Section 5.6	An Officer may be removed from office by a resolution passed by 2/3 vote of a quorum at the discretion of the Board if the officer meets either of the subsection requirements of this section.
Section 5.6.1	The Officer has ceased to be a member of the LPEPC.
Section 5.6.2	The Officer has substantially and consistently failed to fulfill the responsibilities of their office.
Article VI	Duties of Officers
Section 6.1	Chairman
Section 6.1.1	The Chairman shall take a leading role in determining the goals, direction, and plans for the LPEPC, including formation of the Board of Directors.
Section 6.1.2	The Chairman 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.
Section 6.1.3	The Chairman shall Chair all meetings of the Board.
Section 6.1.4	The Chairman shall prepare and submit a □From the Chair□ in each Newsletter edition or web page update.
Section 6.1.5	The Chairman shall prepare an agenda for Board meetings and distribute copies to all Officers.
Section 6.1.6	The Chairman shall act as a contact point for interfacing to other Libertarian Party organizations, affiliates, and political campaigns.
Section 6.1.7	The Chairman shall arrange for compliance with all state requirements, to maintain Party status.
Section 6.1.8	The Chairman shall maintain a libertarian presence in El Paso County.
Section 6.2	Secretary
Section 6.2.1	The Secretary shall prepare a written record of all meetings, which is to be published.
Section 6.2.2	The Secretary shall arrange for each months meeting place.
Section 6.2.3	The Secretary shall maintain official records, including Bylaws and Minutes.
Section 6.3	Treasurer
Section 6.3.1	The Treasurer shall keep a record of expenditures and incomes.
Section 6.3.2	The Treasurer shall prepare the Financial Reports required by the State.
Section 6.4	All Officers of the LPEPC shall carry out their duties in a libertarian manner with as much personal responsibility as possible.
Article VII	Endorsements and Nominations of Candidates and Initiatives
Section 7.1	The LPEPC may nominate candidates for public office and urge the passage of ballot initiatives and referendums that will or may appear on ballots in a given election anywhere in the County. Such endorsements 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.
Section 7.2	Nominations of candidates and endorsement of ballot initiatives will be performed by simple majority vote of the Regular members present at any Board meeting.
Article VIII	Actions Prohibited to the LPEPC
Section 8.1	The subsection actions of this section may not be taken by this organization, irrespective of majoritarian support.
Section 8.1.1	This organization shall not take any action that would result in the overdrafts of the LPEPC bank account.
Section 8.1.2	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.
Section 8.2	No other actions are expressly forbidden. Responsible libertarianism is expected to guide all Party actions.
Article IX	Amendments to By-Laws
Section 9.1	These By-Laws may be amended by a resolution at any regular monthly meeting, by a two thirds majority vote of the Contributing Members present. Any such amendments must previously have presented at a meeting at least one month prior to the Board meeting at which the amendment is to be approved.
Section 9.2	Initial ratification of these By-Laws shall be by three quarters vote of the members present at the April, 2009 Board meeting.