

Bylaws of the DuPage County Libertarian Central Committee

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Article I

Organization Name and Purpose

The name of the organization shall be "**DuPage County Libertarian Central Committee**" (also referred to in this document as "DCLCC") as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois, and shall be recognized as the primary Libertarian organization in DuPage County. The DCLCC is also known as, or doing business as, the DuPage County Libertarian Party.

The DuPage County Libertarian Central Committee exists for the following reasons.

- a) To promote the understanding of Libertarian Philosophy; through activism, workshops, and outreach programs.
- b) To support candidates for public office who subscribe, in general, to Libertarian principles.
- c) To act as the official representative organization of the Libertarian Party of Illinois and the national Libertarian Party within the boundaries of DuPage County.
- d) To fill vacancies, or recommend such appointments, that may occur of an elected Libertarian within DuPage County.

Article II

Membership

Section 1: Establishing a Membership

There are three levels of membership: voluntary, dues-paying, and Precinct Committeemen. To become a voluntary member of the Libertarian Party of DuPage County, a person must fulfill the following qualifications:

1. Making Application.
2. Explicit agreement with the statement, "I hereby certify that I do not advocate the initiation of force or fraud to achieve political goals".
3. A member may not run as a candidate for another Party against a Libertarian candidate for the same office.

Voluntary members will be able to vote for any day-to-day business. Upon payment of dues, a voluntary member will become a dues-paying member and will become eligible to vote for officers and changes to the bylaws.

Section 2: Dues

Amount of dues shall be decided by the board of directors and shall not exceed the lowest level of membership as defined by the Libertarian Party (national).

Section 3: Precinct Committeemen

Libertarian Precinct Committeemen in Dupage County shall be members of the DCLCC. For the purposes of these bylaws, Precinct Committeeman shall refer to any man or woman elected or appointed to represent their precinct, pursuant to Illinois law (10 ILCS 5/7-8b). Each duly elected or appointed Libertarian Precinct Committeeman shall be a member of the DCLCC. Election or appointment of Precinct Committeemen shall be determined by one of the two following methods:

a) If the Libertarian Party of Illinois achieves statewide Established Party status, or the DCLCC achieves countywide Established Party status, or if the Libertarian Party or any affiliate committee, chapter or organization achieves Established Party status in any district that lies wholly within DuPage County, or contains DuPage County in whole or in part as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois (10 ILCS 5/7-8), Precinct Committeemen will be elected at biennial primary elections beginning with the primary election of 2016.

b) If there is no district that lies wholly within DuPage County, or contains DuPage County in whole or in part in which the Libertarian Party or any affiliate committee, chapter or organization, including the DCLCC, is Established, as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois (10 ILCS 5/7-8), one Precinct Committeemen in each precinct will be determined as follows:

1) Libertarian Precinct Committeemen in DuPage County shall be chosen every two years, starting at the time of the primary election of 2016. Selection of Precinct Committeemen shall be made compliant with the rules and policies of the Libertarian Party of Illinois. If no one has been chosen by the end of the convention following any biennial primary, one may be appointed by the Chair of the DCLCC.

2) If more than one person applies to be Precinct Committeeman, and a consensus cannot be reached, the sitting Chair of the DCLCC shall cast the deciding vote.

3) Additional members who are not elected or appointed Precinct Committeemen may be appointed by the Executive Committee under subsection b only.

Article III **Party Officials**

Section 1: Chair

The Chair shall preside at all County Party meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He or she shall be the chief executive officer of the Libertarian Party of DuPage County.

Section 2: Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair. He or she shall fulfill responsibilities of the Chair in the event of the Chair's absence. He or she shall also serve as representative to the State Organizing Committee.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall take and keep minutes of all Party meetings and all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall maintain a current list of members of the Party.

Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of the funds of the Party. The Treasurer shall not allow the obligations of the Party to be in excess of the available funds. The Treasurer must be informed before any obligations for the party are made by any officer or member.

Section 5: Township Chairs

Township Chairs shall be responsible for keeping the Executive Committee apprised of any events of note occurring in their respective townships, e.g. fairs, parades, rallies, etc, and shall function as a primary point of contact for any new members in their respective townships. Party members residing in each township may nominate and elect their respective Township Chair. If nomination/election is not made by the township members, the Executive Committee may fill this vacancy by a two-thirds vote.

Section 6: Proper Representation and Removal

All Precinct Committeemen, officers and members of the DCLCC are representatives of this County Central Committee, the Libertarian Party of Illinois, the national Libertarian Party and the cause of Liberty. As such, all are expected to maintain standards of action and appearance that reflect favorably.

a) Any DCLCC member or officer may be removed by a seventy-five percent vote of the Executive Committee, or a seventy-five percent vote of the membership at a County Party meeting. A notice of suspension must be given, in writing, to the member or officer being removed one month before voting occurs.

b) A candidate running for office may be denied support if any complaint is upheld by the Executive Committee. Any member of the DCLCC or its Executive Committee, based upon his or her own opinion, or at the request of the State Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, or one of its officers, who feels that the candidate does not properly represent the Party because of moral, ethical or extremist views or because that candidate supports policies in contradiction to the established platform of the Libertarian Party may make such complaint in writing to the Chair. Such a complaint may be made at any time after an individual publicly declares, by statement or by circulating nominating petitions, his or her candidacy for the Libertarian nomination for any office. The Chair shall appoint an ad hoc Committee, and name a Chairman of same, to investigate the complaint, consisting, at a minimum, of two (2) members of the Executive Committee and three (3) Precinct Committeemen not serving on the Executive Committee. The ad hoc Committee shall investigate the claims and, within 14 days, submit recommendations to the Executive Committee, said report to be mailed to all members of the Executive Committee at least seven (7) days before the next scheduled DCLCC meeting. If the Executive Committee concurs with the ad hoc committee's recommendations by a two-thirds (2/3) vote that, because of moral, ethical, or extremist views, or because that candidate is not representing the Libertarian Party appropriately, the Chair shall make it publicly known that the Party does not support the candidate in question.

Section 7: Appeal

Upon written appeal by the removed member or officer, the Executive Committee shall set the date of a hearing. Following the hearing, the Board of Directors shall rule within seven days either to uphold the removal or to restore the membership of a member or the officer with full authority of office. Should the Executive Committee fail to rule, the officer shall be restored to full authority.

Section 8: Vacancies

The Executive Committee and/or membership shall nominate a new officer if vacancies or suspensions occur. The Membership shall vote on the nominee to complete the term of the vacated office. A majority vote shall award the nominee the authority of office.

Article IV **Executive Committee**

Section 1: Composition

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Libertarian Party of DuPage County. Elected officers will include a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: Meeting Notifications

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per month outside of the monthly Party meeting, as well as at such time and place as may be determined by a call of the Chair, or by the request of one-third or more of the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Quorum

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be three-quarters of the officers or a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Committees

The Executive Committee shall appoint committees to conduct necessary functions of the Party. The duties, composition, and reporting requirements shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Article V **Meetings**

Section 1: Arrangements

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to set the time, place, and schedule of events of membership meetings. At least one week's notice must be provided to the membership concerning these arrangements.

Article VI **County Convention**

Section 1:

The DCLCC shall hold a County Convention and Business Meeting every two (2) years, as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois (10 ILCS 5 7-9a). Such election is required to be twenty-nine (29) days after the Primary Election at which the Precinct Committeemen are elected.

Section 2:

The officers of the DCLCC shall be elected at the County Convention in the following manner:

- a) Each duly-elected Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman, who were elected at the most recent primary election, shall have one vote for each ballot voted for all candidates for Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman in his precinct by Libertarian voters at the primary election at which he was elected. If appointed, the Precinct Committeeman shall have one vote.
- b) First, a temporary county Chair is elected by the duly elected Precinct Committeemen. This temporary Chair then asks for nominations for the permanent Chair.
- c) The permanent Chair is elected. The temporary Chair should then commence elections of the remaining Executive Committee.
- d) The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for two years. The Chair and Vice-Chair must be duly elected Precinct Committeemen; the other officers may be duly elected or appointed Precinct Committeemen, who may accept said position upon satisfying any eligibility requirements (if appointed).

Section 3:

The newly-elected Central Committee officers shall take office once all said officers have been elected and qualified.

Section 4:

If the Libertarian Party is established as provided by the laws of the State of Illinois (10 ILCS 5/7-8), and following the installation of new Executive Officers, the State Central Committee representative will be elected (a State Central Committee member does not have to be a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman). Voting takes place in the same way as it did for County Chair. The Chair shall report the results of the election to the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall

certify the candidate receiving the highest number of votes elected State central committeeman for that congressional district.

Section 5:

The next order of business, the Chair for each statutorily mandated committee shall be elected or appointed. Subsequent to the County Convention, any appointed Precinct Committeemen shall, by virtue of their appointment, become a voting members of the particular committee or committees of which he or she would have automatically joined by virtue of district boundaries.

Section 6:

The Chair of the county central committee shall, within ten (10) days after the County Convention, forward to the State Board of Elections the names and addresses of all elected Officers required by the laws of the State of Illinois.

Article VII
Amending the Bylaws

Section 1: Proposal

Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any dues-paying member by contacting any member of the Executive Committee. Upon proposal, the Executive Committee shall notify the full membership of the proposal within seven days, and set the time and place for a "Bylaw Convention", which may or may not be the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, and may not be more than one month from the date of proposal, where debate shall occur and a vote shall be taken on the new bylaws.

Section 2: Amendment

Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of dues-paying members in attendance at the Bylaw Convention.

Article VIII
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of **Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised** shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable. In which they are consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

Article IX
Ownership of Property

In the event that the DCLCC at any point in the future ceases to be organized in any form, any property of the DCLCC will be distributed as follows:

a) If a new or survivor organization is to be created as an affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Illinois or as an affiliate of the national Libertarian Party, then all property may be transferred to the new group upon the majority vote of the DCLCC. If a majority vote is not achieved, then all property will be disposed of according to paragraph b.

b) In the absence of a majority vote as described in ARTICLE 8 Section 1 paragraph a, all assets of the DuPage County LP shall become property of the Libertarian Party of Illinois or its successor if any. If DuPage County LP shall cease to be organized at a time when no affiliating group exists, the final Executive Board may distribute any assets to a non-profit organization consistent with the organizational purpose.