

Libertarian Party of Oregon Convention Rules

Article I – Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order as newly revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters not specifically covered by these rules.

Article II – Delegates

Delegates must register prior to the convention call to order. Delegates shall be certified by the Secretary, and a list posted or read to the assembly as part of the Secretary's report. All delegates in good standing shall be eligible to vote on all matters, provided that, on any given matter, the delegate is on the floor when the vote is taken. Delegates may be added or deleted prior to each session of the convention.

Article III – Agenda

Convention activities shall be conducted in the following order: call to order; officers' reports, staff reports and other reports; Constitution and Bylaws; elections -- LPO positions, national convention delegates; nominations for candidates to public office; endorsements for public office; platform; resolutions and other business. [March 5 2005]

Article IV – Debate and Discussions

During discussion of any one issue, each delegate shall be limited to one three-minute speech. Candidates for elective LPO positions, for delegate to the national LP convention, or for endorsement for public office may have up to five minutes to speak to the assembly.

Article V – Constitution and Bylaws

Each proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be debated and voted on separately. Amendments shall be considered in the order in which they were presented to the Secretary, except that the State Committee may specify the order of consideration of amendments it has approved prior to the convention.

Article VI – Platform and Resolutions

- A. The platform committee chairperson shall report the committee's recommendations to the floor plank by plank, and each recommendation shall be debated and voted on separately. After all these recommendations have been considered, if time permits, any delegate may propose amendments or additions to the platform.
- B. Resolutions shall be submitted to the platform committee chairperson, who shall organize and submit them to the assembly, where they will be debated and voted upon separately. After all these resolutions have been considered, if time permits, any delegate may propose resolutions from the floor.

Article VII – Voting Procedures in Elections

- A. Voting in elections shall be by written ballot, and the following shall be counted as valid votes cast: the name of any qualified LPO member nominated or not; "none of the above" is acceptable; and "I vote to abolish this office." Proxy votes shall not be permitted. "I vote to abolish this office" applies to Party offices only.
- B. Ballots shall be collected and counted by two persons chosen by the LPO Chairperson from Volunteers in the following order: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson, and registered delegate.
- C. For LPO offices and directorships, a majority of all valid votes cast shall prevail, except that where the results of any election would require a change in the Constitution, a two thirds vote is required for a decision. If there is no decision on the first ballot, successive ballots shall be taken until a decision is reached. On each ballot, the person

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or sentiment receiving the fewest votes cast shall be dropped and shall no longer be counted as a valid vote cast on the next ballot. After the first ballot, votes for new write-in candidates shall not count as valid votes cast. [6/8/97]

- D. In the election of Judicial Committee members and national convention delegates, each registered delegate shall be entitled to vote for a number of different individuals equal to the total number of committee members or delegates to be elected. [6/8/97]
- E. In the election of Judicial committee members and national convention delegates, the first ballot shall prevail, and the individuals receiving the most votes shall be considered elected. In the election of national convention delegates, those individuals not elected as delegates shall be listed as alternates in order of the number of votes received.
- F. Tie votes shall be resolved by the toss of a coin.
- G. In any election where the number of persons nominated is less than or equal to the number of positions to be filled, the convention may decide by simple majority to conduct the election by voice vote or other procedure, but such procedure shall preserve the right of each delegate to cast any vote that would be valid on a written ballot.

Articles VIII – Nominations and Endorsements For Public Office

Voting rules for nomination or endorsement for public office shall be the same as for election to LPO offices, except that "I vote to abolish this office" shall not count as a valid vote cast. Nominations for candidacy or endorsement shall be from the floor.

Article IX – Amendments

These rules may be amended at any convention. Any amendment intended to take effect at the close of the convention in which that amendment is adopted may be adopted by a majority vote. Amendments intended to take effect immediately upon passage require a two-thirds vote. Amendments shall be introduced from the floor.