



Libertarian Party of New Mexico

Provisional Charter

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

This charter is provisional until approved and adopted by a majority vote of the Central Committee.

I. Purpose

The LPNM Constitution and Bylaws Committee is an ad hoc committee that is appointed and charged with responsibilities associated with the development of the organization's constitution and bylaws.

The Committee shall review and analyze the organization's constitution and bylaws to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, ensure clarity of language for application, and ensure the documents evolve to meet the changing needs of the organization.

II. Membership

The Committee shall consist of one (1) member from the Executive Committee, one (1) Cabinet Officer appointed by the LPNM chair with the advice and consent of the Central Committee, and at least two (2) volunteers. The volunteer members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's Cabinet Officer. Should more than two (2) individuals volunteer to serve on the Committee, members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Central Committee at their next usual meeting. Each member shall serve a two year term. At the expiration of the Cabinet Officer's term, a new Cabinet Officer shall be appointed by the LPNM chair, with the advice and consent of the Central Committee. Should a member of the Committee resign or end their position on the Committee prior to the completion of the term, the vacancy will be appointed by the Cabinet Officer (or by the LPNM chair, should the Cabinet Officer vacate) with the advice and consent of the Central Committee.

III. Decision Rights

The Committee is designed to serve in an advisory capacity. The Committee shall have the authority to develop proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws (including additions, revisions, and repeals) and to present such policies or procedures for a vote in accordance with Article VII of the constitution. The Committee also may recommend the Central Committee call a constitutional convention.

IV. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least twice annually, and more frequently if required. Meetings may be conducted in person or via conference call or web meeting. The meeting schedule shall be determined by the Committee and published to the Central Committee.
2. Meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.
3. The Committee shall maintain minutes of the meeting and report regularly to the Central Committee.

V. Time Commitment

1. The members of the Committee should plan on a minimum of one one-hour conference call twice per year.
2. The members of the Committee should also plan on spending an undetermined number of additional hours annually on follow up tasks associated with the Committee.

VI. 2017 Priorities

1. Refine this Committee's provisional charter as necessary or desirable to accomplish the stated objectives and present to the Central Committee for debate and adoption by two-thirds (2/3) vote
2. Review the current constitution and bylaws vis a vis their compliance with all applicable federal and state laws
3. Review the current LPNM Constitution and Bylaws to develop proposed changes to better meet the needs of the LPNM body.
4. Develop a Committee budget to include any administrative needs, such as office supplies