

Libertarian Party of New Mexico

Provisional Charter

Politics Committee

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

I. Purpose

The LPNM Politics Committee is a standing committee that is appointed and charged with responsibilities associated with the development of candidates for office at the municipal, county, state and federal levels, development of policies, processes and procedures related to candidates, public polling and any other matters related to candidates and campaigning.

The Committee shall perform needs assessments, plan, develop, guide implementation, and evaluate candidate programs, to include (but is not limited to) benefits, services and/or programs consistent with the LPNM mission, strategic plan, and/or direction provided the LPNM Steering Committee, Central Committee or Executive Committee. The Politics Committee should work closely with the Communication Committee, Policy Committee, Outreach Committee, Affiliate Committee and county affiliate organizations on mutual goals and initiatives.

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 Politics 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.

The Committee is designed to serve in both an advisory and administrative role regarding matters relating to candidate development. The Committee shall have the authority to develop proposed policies, procedures, programs and initiatives related to the candidate development and to present such policies or procedures to the Central Committee for adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

When such policies, procedures, programs or initiatives have been approved by the Central Committee, then the Politics Committee may implement them, except that the Politics Committee may not spend any organizational funds other than in accordance with the procedures and regulations set forth by the Finance Committee.

IV. Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least monthly, and more frequently if required due to the urgency of any issues at hand. 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 per month.
2. The members of the Committee should also plan on spending an additional 1-2 hours monthly 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. Identify key New Mexico races and potential candidates at the federal, state and local level for the November 2018 general election.

3. Develop strategy to increase Libertarian voter registration to at least 0.66% - double the registration for major party strategy, with a goal of increasing registration to 1% of all registered voters by the time of the Governor' proclamation in January 2018.
4. Assist in establishment of College Libertarian chapters at New Mexico Universities.
5. Assist candidates in qualifying for the 2018 primary ballot by submitting the required declarations of candidacy, petition signatures and financial disclosure reports in February and March 2018, in compliance with the New Mexico Election Code, NMSA 1978, §1-1-1, *et seq.*
6. Address the development of qualifying criteria for a candidates to receive an LPNM endorsement.
7. Develop a fundraising and general election strategy to assist candidates who are either unopposed in the LPNM primary election, or who secure the LPNM nomination for the general election, after a contested primary.
8. Develop a Politics Committee budget.