

Bylaws of the Libertarian Youth Caucus

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Article I: Organizational Name

- a) These articles shall govern the organization known as the "Libertarian Youth Caucus" (hereinafter referred to as the "Caucus").

Article II: Purpose

- a) The Caucus shall be organized for the sole purpose of advancing partisan Libertarian action by engaging young Americans.
 - i) Where "partisan Libertarian action" is defined as the movement of social, economic, and political advocacy advanced by the Libertarian Party of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the "Libertarian Party") and affiliated organizations.
 - ii) Where "young Americans" are defined as persons who are thirty years of age or younger and reside in or have citizenship of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the "United States").
- b) The Caucus shall accomplish its purpose by:
 - i) Chartering, managing, and expanding affiliate organizations (hereinafter referred to as the "Affiliates", or, in the singular, "Affiliate") either at or in service of Affiliates at educational institutions in order to recruit, train, and mobilize young Americans.
 - ii) Providing fiscal, directional, and on-the-ground support to Affiliates to enable them to accomplish the Caucus's goals.
 - iii) Organizing programs to recruit, train, and mobilize young Americans, separate from Affiliates.
 - iv) Lobbying inside the Libertarian Party to assist the Caucus in its mission.

Article III: Membership

- a) Members of the Caucus (hereinafter referred to as "Members", or, in the singular, "Member") shall be those persons who meet all of the following conditions:
 - i) Members shall be less than thirty years of age.
 - ii) Members shall reside in or have citizenship of America.
 - iii) Members shall not be registered to vote as any party besides the Libertarian Party except in states where they cannot register as a Libertarian.
 - iv) Members shall have completed a membership process created by the Caucus's National Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") that does not impose substantive requirements or requirements unrelated to information needed for the operation of the Caucus or Affiliates.
 - v) Members shall meet all requirements created by the Board that do not impose requirements unrelated to activity in or contact with leaders of the Caucus.
- b) The Board may grant membership to persons who do not fulfill all of the conditions of membership or remove membership from persons who fulfill all of the conditions by a two-thirds vote.
 - i) Persons granted membership in this manner shall remain Members regardless of whether they start to meet or stop meeting any conditions of membership not granted by the Board.
 - ii) Persons whose membership has been removed in this manner shall remain not Members regardless of whether they start to meet or stop meeting any conditions of membership not granted by the Board.

Article IV: Affiliate Organizations

- a) No person, group, or organization shall use the name "Libertarian Youth Caucus" or any confusingly similar designation except the Caucus or Affiliates.
- b) The Board may create Affiliates to oversee the operations of the Caucus in states of the United States or the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as "State Affiliates", or, in the singular, "State Affiliate") by a majority vote.
 - i) There shall only be one State Affiliate for each state of the United States or the District of Columbia.
 - ii) Any Member or group of Members may file an application to form a State Affiliate if the application includes a cover letter that contains all of the initial appointments to offices in the State Affiliate and a set of Bylaws (that will serve as the organization's central governing document) if the State Affiliate is being formed by more than one Member.

- iii) The Board may only create a State Affiliate if an application that meets all of the conditions of an application is first sent to the Secretary of the Caucus (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") and is not withdrawn before the vote by any Member who filed the application.
- c) The Chair of the Caucus (hereinafter referred to as the "Chair") and the Board may create and remove affiliation from Local Affiliates only in states where no state affiliate exists by the same process as creating and removing affiliation from State Affiliates.
- d) The Chair may create an Affiliate in the same manner as the Board if fourteen days have elapsed since the filing of the application and none of the Members filing the application filed an application previously rejected by the Board.
- e) The Board may remove officers of state Affiliates and of local Affiliates operating in states without existing state affiliates, as well as affiliation from a State Affiliate by a two-thirds vote for cause.
- f) The Chair may remove affiliation from an Affiliate.
- g) The Board may prevent the Chair from removing affiliation from an Affiliate by a majority vote.
- h) If sixty days have elapsed since the filing of any application for an Affiliate, it shall be considered automatically denied for all purposes except for the prohibition on the Chair creating an Affiliate if any of the Members filing the application filed an application previously rejected by the Board.
- i) The Chair shall, within fourteen days of any denial of an application for an Affiliate, provide a written explanation to all Members who filed the application.

Article V: National Board

- a) The Board shall be the sole executive organization of the Caucus.
- b) The Board shall be formed of four officers and up to five At-Large Representatives of the Caucus (hereinafter referred to as the "At-Large Officers"):
 - i) The Chair, who shall be directly responsible to the Board for:
 - 1) Coordinating the goals of the organization and making these goals known with the release of an annual strategic planning document.
 - 2) Managing members of the Board and ensuring execution of their respective duties.
 - 3) Performing any other duties as deemed necessary by the Board.
 - ii) The Vice-Chair of the Caucus (hereinafter referred to as the "Vice-Chair"), who shall be directly responsible to the Chair for:

- 1) Assisting the Chair in the execution of their duties.
- 2) Performing any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.
- iii) The Secretary, who shall be directly responsible to the Chair for:
 - 1) Coordinating parliamentary procedure for the Board.
 - 2) Curating an accurate timeline of Board meetings, including a record of all members present, votes, and other events or factors relevant to the needs of the memory and conduct of the Board.
 - 3) Ensuring all members of the Board, and any other persons or entities with access to sensitive information related to the Caucus have signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement and maintain a database with this information.
 - 4) Coordinating applications to create an Affiliate.
 - 5) Performing any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.
- iv) The Treasurer of the Caucus (hereinafter referred to as the "Treasurer"), who shall be directly responsible to the Chair for:
 - 1) Managing all financial activities of the Caucus.
 - 2) Keeping accurate records of all financial transactions and providing quarterly reports to the Board.
 - 3) Performing any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.
- v) The At-Large Officers who shall be directly responsible to the Chair for:
 - 1) Overseeing and coordinating with Affiliates as assigned by the Chair.
 - 2) Assisting other members of the Board in the execution of their duties.
 - 3) Performing any other duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.
- c) A meeting shall be called when the Chair notifies all members of the Board four days in advance of the proposed opening of the meeting and a majority of the members of the Board except for those that have not attended the majority of any meeting in the last ninety days assert in writing that they will be present one day in advance of the proposed opening of the meeting. Meetings may also be called by written request signed or endorsed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of members of the Boards.
- d) Board meetings shall be open to observation by state and local affiliate officers, except for portions conducted in executive session. No votes may be taken during any executive session, except to leave and return to open session.
- e) The Board shall exercise all functions, unless otherwise specified, by a majority vote of members at a meeting.
- f) The Chair may exercise all functions of the Caucus, unless otherwise specified or otherwise exercised by the Board.
- g) The Board and the Chair may delegate their authority in any manner it deems necessary.
- h) The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to preside over all Board meetings unless contradicted by these articles.
- i) Vacancies on the Board may be filled by any Member following a majority vote of the Board.

- j) The Board may remove a member of the Board by a two-thirds vote.

Article VI: Amendments and Revisions

- a) The Board may amend these articles by a two-thirds vote at any meeting where two-thirds of members of the Board are present, provided that a copy of the amendment was provided to each officer a week ahead of the vote.
- b) The Chair may make grammatical or spelling corrections to these articles, provided that they do not change the meaning of any provision. These changes must be communicated to the Board within 24 hours of occurring.
- c) The Chair shall bear sole responsibility for interpreting these articles.
- d) The Board may overturn an interpretation of these articles by the Chair by a two-thirds vote.