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Delegation Chairs And Delegates***

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RAMP UP QUICKLY ON [BYLAWS AND CONVENTION SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER](#)

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Introduction

This booklet is presented as a means of helping ensure the 2010 Convention in St. Louis proceeds smoothly for you and your delegation, as well as for the speakers, candidates, officers, volunteers and assistants. It attempts to convey:

- Delegation and delegation chairs responsibilities
- Convention structure and organization
- Special convention procedures

It is important we convey the best image possible to the country through the assembled media. As one long-time Party member recently noted, “If we can’t get our own act together, how can we expect to persuade others to support us?”

Accordingly, please ensure you and your delegation understand the main points and procedures presented within this document.

Although every effort has been made to accurately reflect the Bylaws and its adjunct Convention Special Rules of Order, **the Bylaws remain the official and final document to resolve issues and questions that may arise.**

However, while Bylaws cannot be overridden, the Party’s Convention Special Rules of Order (formerly Convention Rules) can be suspended and sometimes are for expediency or other purposes with a 2/3 vote.

Responsibilities of the Delegation Chair

- Submit delegation list to the Credentials Committee by the deadline, at the latest one month before the convention, which starts Saturday, May 29 (deadline April 29, 2010).¹
- Ensure your delegation understands and abides by the Party Bylaws and Convention Special Rules of Order
- Ensure your delegation submits written votes to the Secretary whenever written votes are requested and ensure your delegates are familiar with any e-voting methodologies in place for the Convention
- Ensure your delegation abides by Convention Special Rules of Order for voting including:
 - one-person-one-vote
 - no unit voting
 - being on the convention floor to cast a vote and
 - limiting vote totals to your delegation’s allocation or registration, whichever is lower

¹ Article 11 CONVENTIONS, Section 5

- Ensure you and your delegation use the forms provided by the Secretary, particularly for convention motions and region formation. Using these forms ensures convention business is recorded faithfully and efficiently conducted.
- **Ensure your delegation puts motions legibly in writing and submits them to the Secretary before addressing the convention at large**
- Participate in roll call votes

Several volunteers working an off-stage table will be resources to broach questions, concerns or comments.

Convention Structure

The business conducted at this convention derives from the party Bylaws. Article 11, Section 9. That section enables the adjunct Convention Special Rules of Order to define convention procedures. The first of these rules establishes the order of business for the convention:

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Treasurer's report
5. Bylaws and Rules Committee reports
6. Platform Committee report
7. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
8. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the national committee
9. Election of Judicial Committee
10. Resolutions
11. Other business

Convention Special Rules of Order also stipulate that delegate counts will be updated and reported at the beginning of each session. In 2010 we will again ask delegates when they plan on leaving the convention and adjust delegate counts in the convention sessions accordingly.

There will be many votes along the way, and most will be voice votes. Several will be recorded, and this is where you as delegation chair come in.

Before we discuss voting, let's take a moment to list the process improvements for 2010.

New for 2010

Two significant technical initiatives are underway to improve operations at the 2010 Convention including e-Voting and credentialing.

e-Voting

Alicia Mattson (TN) is developing an electronic voting application that she demoed at the 2009 LSLA conference in Charleston. The application seemed to work quite well. There is some concern that the Bylaws might not allow an e-Voting methodology. An e-Voting solution would collect ballots on a delegate-by-delegate basis while the Bylaws talk about a state-by-state methodology. Other issues that remain before implementation include:

- Finish the programming
- Plan a network
- Determine how to configure ballots
- Determine how to secure and display results
- Complete the logistics and determine how many ballot workstations we need
- Test the operation at a 2010 state convention
- Assess overall feasibility for time and resource constraints
- The Bylaws Committee is crafting language that would permit e-Voting for the convention, and hope for acceptance

Credentialing

The Credentials Committee used a Microsoft Access database in 2004, 2006 and 2008 to manage delegates and credentialing. The database and process was well documented and served as the basis for 2010 Ben Bachrach (MI) to develop a web-based solution. Credentials Committee members are reviewing the solution.

Ultimately the tool will allow state chairs to update their delegate lists independently. No Bylaws restrictions interfere with the adoption of this tool.

Other

Delegates at the Denver, CO 2008 National Convention approved several changes to the Bylaws. Many of those changes had the effect of clarifying ambiguities in the Bylaws, removing possible inconsistencies and ensuring the Bylaws dovetail proper Roberts Rules terminology and practices. Effectively, the Denver Convention approved only one change that has a direct bearing on the 2010 Convention:

- The delegate allocation basis again recognizes ‘sustaining members’ as of the last day of the seventh month prior to the Convention. This had been December 31. In 2010 that date was October 31, 2009.

Meanwhile, the 2006 Portland Convention had approved a host of changes adopted for 2008 that affect 2010 as well. These include:

- The delegate allocation provides for (approximately) 1051 delegates rather than 1451
- The platform plank balloting once again provides for a means of recalling platform planks.

DELEGATE ALLOCATIONS

As established in Portland in 2006, each affiliate is awarded one delegate for:

- Each 0.35% of the 2008 vote for Libertarian Party presidential nominee Bob Barr or fractions thereof. Previously this had been 0.25%.
- Each 0.14% of the October 31, 2009 ‘sustaining’ membership, or fractions thereof. Previously this had been 0.10%. The term ‘sustaining’ membership includes those who have given \$25 to the party in the prior 12 months, roughly equivalent to the dues-based membership in place in years past.

See the section below *Your Delegation’s Representation* and the Delegate Allocation Table at the end of this document for more details.

PLATFORM PLANK RECALL BALLOTING

In 2010 each delegate will again receive from the Credentials Committee five ballot tokens which may be used to indicate a delegate’s displeasure with one or more platform planks. Each ballot represents one vote against one platform plank.

Delegates may allocate ballots in whatever manner they see fit. It is acceptable to cast more than one ballot against the same plank. Delegates do not have to cast any ballots.

Delegates may begin voting immediately upon receiving their ballot tokens as they are credentialed. Any platform plank that receives a number of ballots equal to 20% of the delegates shall be held to a strict (amendment not allowed) up/down vote of the entire Convention at the beginning of the Platform Committee report, Order of Business Item six.

Bearing Repeating

Several items, while not new for 2010, are worth repeating.

PLEASE USE THE AMENDMENT FORM AND WRITE LEGIBLY

Convention Rule 3.2 authorizes the Chair to require “any motion offered from the Convention floor to be in writing, signed by the mover and submitted to the Secretary.” This will be enacted for 2010. In particular, this applies to motions that must be displayed on the overhead. Trivial motions (e.g., move to adjourn) are exempt.

The point is to ensure the Convention does not have to wait while the Secretary keys in text. Additionally, this ensures we have the exact text for the Convention minutes.

The Convention will provide a standard form for recording motions which is shown in the appendix.

PLEASE USE THE REGION FORMATION FORM AND WRITE LEGIBLY

Another form provided in the appendix is for the convenience of state chairs. Chairs will enter into agreements with other states to form LNC regions and name representatives and alternates.

Regions may be formed between 90 days in advance of the Convention the second day of the Convention. In 2010, this interval runs from February 28, 2010 through the end of convention business on May 30, 2010.

States or groups of states whose membership totals 10% or more are entitled to one LNC seat for each 10% of membership they encompass. The membership percentages to use are the ones used in the determination of delegate allocation. These numbers are provided in the appendix.

SECRETARY'S TABLE

We will again use an area off stage to:

- Distribute Delegation Chair's Manuals
- Get extra Amendment and other forms
- Submit forms for amendments, region formation
- Create ballots with delegate counts, candidates
- Get written messages to the people on stage.

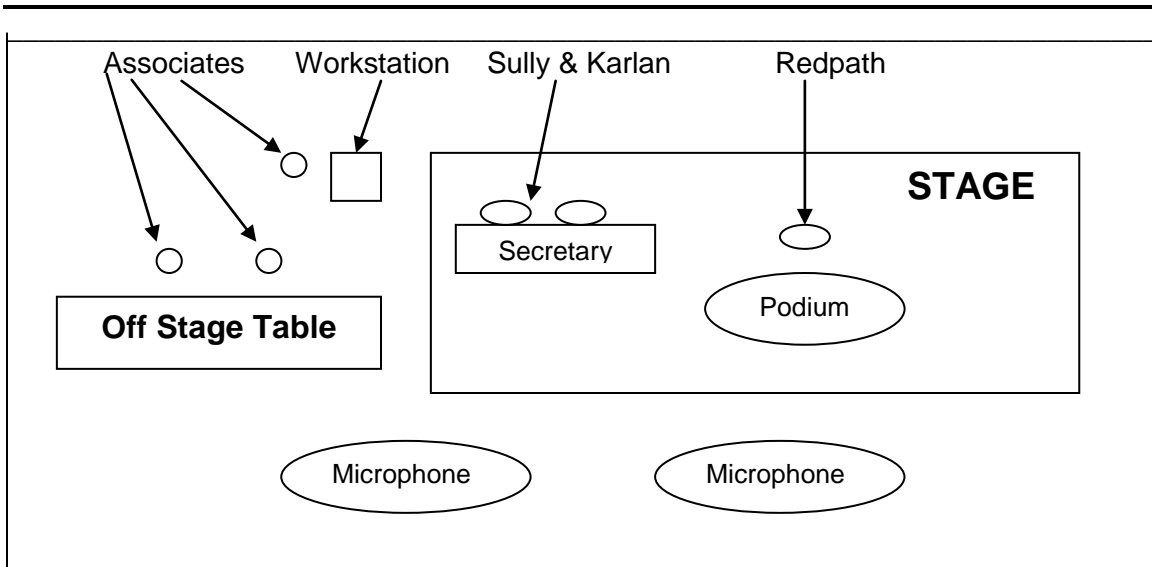
Please see the diagram below.

In addition, we will again issue a request for volunteers to help with the convention business. Dan Karlan, Alexa Lamoureux and Marc Goddard helped with the Secretary's work at the 2008 Convention and were honored at the Torch Club breakfast on Monday morning. This is a unique opportunity for state chairs to reward qualified activists by recommending them for this position. Contact Bob Sullentrup at rwsully@att.net.

Prospective helpers should have the following experience:

- Be familiar with the Bylaws
- Be familiar with the Delegation Chair's Manual
- Be proficient with MS Word (Mail Merge) and MS Excel
- Be a reliable and worthy party member.

Being such a volunteer will not preclude the opportunity to be a voting, credentialed delegate.



REGISTERING DELEGATES BY SESSION

The Bylaws in Article 11, *Conventions*, Section 8 states:

- 8. QUORUM:
A QUORUM SHALL CONSIST OF 40% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES REGISTERED IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION.

Once again we will ask delegates to indicate when they plan on leaving the convention and adjust delegate registration and thus quorum accordingly.

Who Can Be a Delegate?

Bylaws Article 11, *Conventions*, Section 3.a specifies who can be a delegate:

DELEGATES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE MEMBERS OF EITHER THE PARTY OR AN AFFILIATE PARTY.

Article 5, *Membership*, section 1 states:

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY SHALL BE THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE CERTIFIED IN WRITING THAT THEY OPPOSE THE INITIATION OF FORCE TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL OR SOCIAL GOALS.

In other words, national members are those who have signed the pledge. Members of affiliates need not be national members. Therefore, affiliate members may or may not have signed the pledge, depending upon the requirements of the particular affiliate. Finally, there is no requirement for an individual to be a member of the affiliate of his or her residence.

How Are Delegates Chosen?

Article 11, *Conventions*, section 3.b, specifies how delegates are chosen:

ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, DELEGATES TO A REGULAR CONVENTION SHALL BE SELECTED BY A METHOD ADOPTED BY EACH AFFILIATE PARTY; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT ONLY MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AS DEFINED IN THESE BYLAWS, OR MEMBERS OF THE AFFILIATE PARTY AS DEFINED IN THE CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS OF SUCH AFFILIATE PARTY, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO A REGULAR CONVENTION.

In other words, affiliates choose their delegates provided that Libertarians, national or affiliate members, do the choosing.

Who is counted in Delegate Apportionment?

Article 5, *Membership*, section 3, defines a sustaining member:

“SUSTAINING MEMBER” IS ANY PARTY MEMBER WHO HAS GIVEN AT LEAST \$25 TO THE PARTY IN THE PRIOR TWELVE MONTHS, OR WHO IS A LIFE MEMBER.

Article 5, *Membership*, section 5, directs us to include other members:

HIGHER LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTION BY OR ON BEHALF OF A PARTY MEMBER QUALIFY AS A SUSTAINING MEMBER STATUS FOR ANY PROVISION OF THESE BYLAWS.

Article 5, *Membership*, section 6, directs us to count sustaining members for delegate allocation:

ONLY SUSTAINING MEMBERS SHALL BE COUNTED FOR DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION.

“Sustaining members” in the era of zero-dues is analogous to “dues-paying” members that had been used in past years as the basis of delegate allocation.

Delegation Voting

Convention votes may either be voice votes or they may be written. If e-voting is adopted in 2010, votes may be recorded as well.

When written votes are required, the Secretary will make available forms for your delegation. When a vote pertains to candidates running for nomination or LNC office, the form will list the candidates plus “None of the above”. The form will have a place for you to total the votes from your delegation and will have a place for your delegation chair to sign and date.

The form will show your delegation allocation and your current count of delegates in attendance. A delegation allocation is the maximum number of delegates your affiliate is entitled to.

Seating Delegates and Alternates

Before the convention your delegation will have submitted rosters to the Credentials Committee. At the convention you may alter this list only through the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee reports to the Convention at the beginning of

each session any proposed changes to the delegate lists. Changes must then be approved by the Convention.

Within your delegation you may identify alternate delegates. The idea is to specify an individual to replace a given delegate should that delegate not be on the convention floor to cast a vote. Your delegation would typically do this when your delegation has more convention attendees than allocated delegate slots.

The use of alternates to either fill empty spots in the delegation or to substitute for delegates being temporarily away from the floor is managed by each delegation according to its affiliate rules. Changing a voter's status from alternate to delegate does not require Credential Committee or Convention approval.

Voting (subject to the implementation of e-Voting)

If e-Voting is not implemented, we will use the customary procedure of having written votes. In any case, please abide by a fundamental rule of delegation voting:

Do not submit ballot forms that reflect more votes than your delegation's allocation or more than your current count of delegates and alternates as validated through the Credentials Committee and displayed on the form.

If we end up using written ballots (see sample summary ballot attached), please take note of the delegate allocation and current delegate authorizations on the forms distributed to affiliates for recording ballots.

When recording your delegation's votes, do not differentiate between votes cast by delegates versus votes cast by alternates.

We will conduct elections for:

- National Committee Officers
- National Committee Members-at-Large (five elected)
- Judicial Committee (seven elected)
- (in 2012) President and Vice-President

Voting Rules

Please keep in mind rules established through the Bylaws and Convention Special Rules of Order. In particular, see Convention Rule 2, *Voting Eligibility*.

- One person, one vote.
- If your delegation is allocated 20 delegates but only 10 people show up and are credentialed, you may only record 10 votes.
- No unit or block voting. To increase your affiliate's impact, you may wish to cast all of your votes according to the majority of the delegation. Not allowed.
- Delegates may vote for up to five different LNC At-Large representatives.
- Delegates may vote for up to seven different Judicial Committee members.

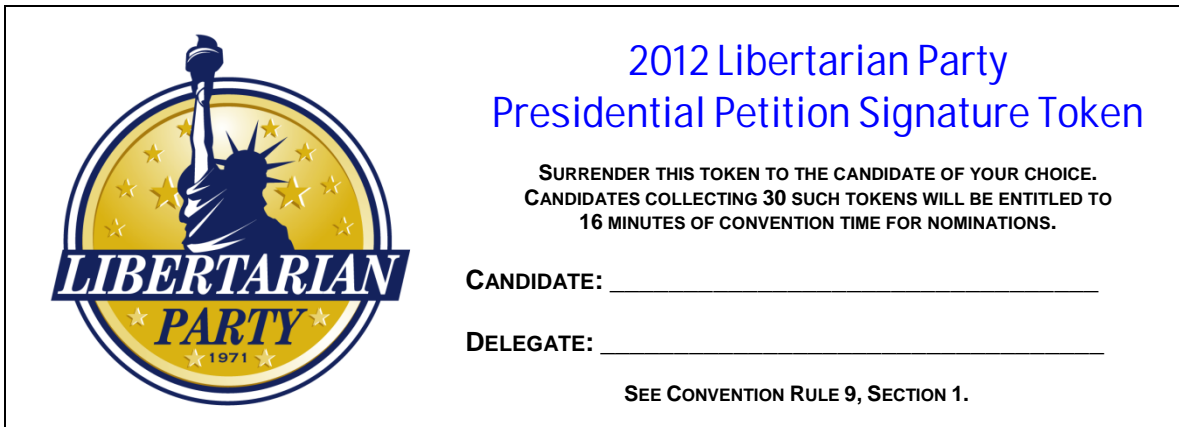
Signature Tokens for Presidential or Vice-Presidential Nominations (2012)

While 2010 is not a presidential nominating year, the Denver Convention changed the methodology for presidential and vice-presidential nominations that will be employed in 2012. Convention Rule 9: *Nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates* lays out the methodology for nominating and selecting the Libertarian Party presidential ticket. Section 1 states:

NO PERSON SHALL BE NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT OR VICE-PRESIDENT UNLESS AT LEAST 30 REGISTERED DELEGATES JOIN IN THE NOMINATION IN WRITING SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIR. NO DELEGATE MAY JOIN IN NOMINATING MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE. THE AFFIXING OF SIGNATURES TO A NOMINATING PETITION PER THIS REQUIREMENT SHALL BE EFFECTED BY A TRANSFER OF SIGNATURE TOKENS ISSUED BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Accordingly, delegates will receive two signature tokens as they are credentialed which they may sign and surrender to the presidential and vice-presidential campaigns of their choice. A candidate who collects 30 such tokens will be granted 16 minutes (president) or 11 (vice-president) of convention time for nominating and seconding speeches.

The signature token for the presidential petition looks like the image below. Delegates will receive one of these for president and a similar one for vice president.



Presidential Debate Inclusion (2012)

In 2008 Denver LPCon, the group that ran the LP Convention, agreed to invite candidates into the Convention's presidential debate who manage to collect presidential petition signature tokens from 10% or more of the credentialed delegates announced at the Saturday, May 24 morning session. That number turned out to be 57. The Saturday evening presidential debate is typically broadcast nationally on C-SPAN.

This put the responsibility for deciding who participates in the C-SPAN debates into the hands of delegates.

ACCORDINGLY, SIGNATURE TOKENS ARE VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT. MAKE SURE YOU 'SPEND' YOURS WISELY AND ARE SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED BEFOREHAND. DO THE

REQUISITE HOMEWORK. GO TO LP.COM AND FOLLOW THE LINKS TO THE CANDIDATES. IN SOME SMALL WAY, THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICS DEPENDS UPON IT.

Delegate Voting for Platform Plank Recall Vote

Again in 2010 delegates will vote on platform planks in accordance with the provisions of Convention. Convention Rule 7: *Debating and Voting – Platform*, Section 2.

The ballot will look like the image below. Delegates will receive five of them.

2010 Libertarian Party Platform Plank Signature Token and Ballot		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0 Personal Liberty	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2 Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 Security Liberty
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1 Expression & Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.3 Energy and Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.1 National Defense
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.2 Personal Privacy	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.4 Government Finance & Spending	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.2 Internal Security & Individual Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.3 Personal Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 Money & Financial Markets	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.3 International Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.4 Abortion	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.6 Monopolies & Corporations	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.4 Free trade & Migration
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 Crime and Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.7 Labor Markets	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 Rights and Discrimination
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.6 Self-Defense	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.8 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.6 Representative Government
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.0 Economic Liberty	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.9 Health Care	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.7 Self-Determination
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.1 Property and Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.10 Retirement & Income Security	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.0 Omissions
DELEGATE (SIGNATURE REQUIRED): _____		.1

Any platform plank that reaches the threshold – a number of votes equivalent to 20% of registered delegates – will be brought before the Convention to a straight up/down vote at the beginning of the Platform Committee report, order of business item six.

Delegates will receive their five ballot tokens upon becoming credentialed. At that point delegates may cast their ballots against any of the planks that emerged from the Denver Convention. Balloting ends one hour before the start of the Platform Committee Report.

Also note that each delegate has five ballot tokens and that the threshold to recall a platform plank for an up/down vote is 20%. Thus it follows no more than 25 of the 27 platform planks could be recalled for up/down votes.

However, a delegate could move to suspend the Convention Special Rules of Order to allow a voice vote should any planks be brought before the Convention for this purpose.

Roll Calls

Votes the first round of for National Committee Chair and LNC At-Large members will include announcements by delegation chairs of their respective vote totals in addition to written submissions. Convention Special Rules of Order 9.3, 10.1.c and 10.2.c state that the order shall be alphabetical by state starting with a randomly selected delegation. In presidential election years, votes for president and vice-president are also included.

For 2010, those initial delegations were determined using random numbers from line ten of the random number table listed in the 20th Edition of *Standard Mathematical Tables*, page 599, considering successive pairs of digits and recognizing only combinations between 01 and 51 inclusive (don't forget the DC affiliate), to produce the following:

	LNC Chair	LNC At-Large
First Ballot	47 Virginia	43 Tennessee

Subsequent Ballots

If no candidate attains a majority on the first ballot for National Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, the candidate with the fewest votes on the latest ballot shall be struck from subsequent ballots.²

In the case of ties affecting the outcome of elections of five At-Large members and seven Judicial Committee members, another ballot for the remaining offices shall be held with each delegate allowed to cast as many votes as there are remaining offices to fill.
³Majorities are not required in At-Large members or Judicial Committee members. Only the top finishers are considered.

In 2012 if no candidate attains a majority on the first ballot for President or Vice-President, Convention Rule 9.2 prescribes that the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated from the subsequent ballot. In addition, any candidate polling less than 5% shall also be eliminated from the ballot.

If “None of the above” wins a majority, then the position is considered vacant and none of the contestants get to fulfill the role this term.

Delegation Seating

In 2008 the Convention Oversight Committee including Admiral Michael C. Colley, Julie Fox and chair Bob Sullentrup decided to use convention-to-convention membership growth rates as the metric to determine where delegations are seated at the Convention. Delegations with the highest growth rates will be seated nearest to the front.

If the same methodology were applied to 2010 and using membership data through May 31, 2009 rather than December 31, 2009, the following ordering would apply:

		Members As of 5/31/2009	Members As of 12/31/2007	Ranked Year-Year Growth %
1	DC	55	33	66.7
2	North Dakota	31	20	55.0
3	Arkansas	107	72	48.6

² Convention rule 10.1.d

³ Convention rule 10.2.d

		Members As of 5/31/2009	Members As of 12/31/2007	Ranked Year-Year Growth %
4	Alabama	249	180	38.3
5	Rhode Island	41	30	36.7
6	Kentucky	138	104	32.7
7	Mississippi	63	48	31.3
8	Hawaii	70	54	29.6
9	Wisconsin	267	206	29.6
10	Minnesota	266	206	29.1
11	Texas	1018	797	27.7
12	Virginia	667	523	27.5
13	Nebraska	80	64	25.0
14	Oklahoma	135	108	25.0
15	Tennessee	329	265	24.2
16	Ohio	702	569	23.4
17	New York	681	554	22.9
18	Indiana	396	333	18.9
19	Massachusetts	329	277	18.8
20	Idaho	76	64	18.8
21	Illinois	605	510	18.6
22	Missouri	308	261	18.0
23	North Carolina	416	355	17.2
24	Florida	1001	861	16.3
25	Georgia	580	507	14.4
26	Louisiana	130	114	14.0
27	New Jersey	347	308	12.7
28	Connecticut	222	198	12.1
29	Iowa	124	112	10.7
30	Michigan	563	511	10.2
31	Montana	59	54	9.3
32	Maryland	303	285	6.3
33	West Virginia	58	55	5.5
34	Pennsylvania	602	574	4.9
35	Colorado	484	462	4.8
36	Wyoming	40	39	2.6
37	New Mexico	133	135	-1.5
38	New Hampshire	159	163	-2.5
39	Nevada	211	218	-3.2
40	California	2005	2075	-3.4
41	Arizona	338	350	-3.4
42	Utah	100	104	-3.8
43	Oregon	209	222	-5.9
44	Washington	409	435	-6.0
45	Maine	67	72	-6.9
46	Alaska	67	74	-9.5
47	Vermont	35	39	-10.3
48	Kansas	157	177	-11.3
49	South Dakota	29	35	-17.1
50	Delaware	35	48	-27.1
51	South Carolina	183	265	-30.9

Convention Committees

There are three convention committees to be formed according to the Bylaws, Article 11, *Conventions*, Section 7. These committees include the Bylaws and Rules, Platform and Credentials Committees.

Bylaws and Rules Committee

The Bylaws (Article 11, Section 7, Item A) indicate the Bylaws Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the LNC no later than three months before a regular convention. No more than five of these members can be members of the current LNC.

The LNC selected the Bylaws Committee for 2010 at its September 6-7, 2008 meeting in Washington, DC. The Committee consisted of:

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| 1. Rob Latham (UT) | freeutahns@yahoo.com |
| 2. Dan Karlan (NJ) | dankarlan@earthlink.net |
| 3. Chuck Moulton (CA) | chuck@moulton.org |
| 4. Heather Scott (TN) | HeatherScott01@hotmail.com |
| 5. Bill Redpath (VA) | wredpath@his.com |
| 6. Nick Sarwark (MD) | nsarwark@gmail.com |
| 7. Rob Oates (ID) | roboates@yahoo.com |
| 8. Aaron Starr (CA) | starrcpa@pacbell.net |
| 9. Ruth Bennett (WA) | RuthBylaws@comcast.net |
| 10. Gene Hawkridge (WA) | EPdelHalcon@gmail.com |

Alternates include:

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| 10. Frank Manske | fjmanske@value.net |
| 11. Vicki Kirkland | vickilp12@gmail.com |
| 12. M Carling | mcarling@gmail.com |
| 13. Starchild | sfdreamer@earthlink.net |

See <http://www.lp.org/bylawssurvey/> for *Bylaws Committee proposals for 2010*.

Platform Committee

The LP Platform is online at: <http://www.lp.org/platform>.

Article 11, Section 7, Item B indicates the Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:

- One member by each of the ten affiliate parties having the largest memberships as determined for delegate allocations. These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Convention (December 31).

- Ten members appointed by the National Committee, including no less than five members from states other than the ten having the largest Party memberships. These members shall be appointed no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Convention (December 31, 2009).

At its December 6-7, 2008 meeting in San Diego, the LNC named the following members to the 2010 Platform Committee:

1. Adam Mayer	adasmayer@gmail.com
2. Rebecca Sink-Burris	rebecca.sinkburris@gmail.com
3. Richard Randall	rRANDALL@richardrandall.com
4. Brian Holtz	brian@holtz.org
5. Alicia Mattson, Chair	agmattson@gmail.com
6. Stephen Gordon ⁴	Stephen@gordonemail.com
6a. Chris Barber	chris@advancedhandlingltd.com
7. Jon Roland	jon@jonroland.org
8. Rob Power	robpower@robpower.com
9. Joe Hauptman	joeh46250@yahoo.com
10. Susan Hogarth	hogarth@gmail.com

Alternates

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Aaron Starr ⁶	starrcpa@pacbell.net

The top 10 states, based on 10-31-2009 membership, are given below.

	State	Members As Of 10/31/2009	2010 Representative	E-mail
1	California	1691	Bruce Dovner	bdovner@artnet.net
2	Texas	879	Guy McLendon	guy@meclendon.net
3	Florida	823	Geoff Scott	Geoff@baylp.org
4	Ohio	631	Paul Campbell	Campbell.paul.f@gmail.com Paul.campbell@lpo.org
5	New York	613	M Carling	mcarling@gmail.com
6	Virginia	578	Dr. James Lark	jwlarkiii@gmail.com
7	Illinois	540	Damon Dillon	Dzd_plat@hotmail.cm
8	Pennsylvania	536	Berlie Etzel	berlie@etzel.us
9	Colorado	502	Debbie Schum	schmudgesticks@juno.com
10	Georgia	489	Jason Pye	jason@jasonpye.com

Contact Alicia Mattson for more information on the Platform Committee.

⁴ Stephen Gordon resigned from the Platform Committee November 12, 2009.

⁵ Chris Barber replaced Stephen Gordon November 12.

⁶ Aaron Starr was selected by the LNC as second alternate via mail ballot on November 2, 2009.

See <http://Applatform.blogspot.com/> for Platform Committee proposals for 2010.

Credentials Committee

The credentials Committee is responsible for compiling and managing the list of eligible convention voters. The Committee works before the convention to verify delegate lists sent in by the states.

It will meet in St. Louis the day before the convention opens, and its work continues throughout the convention until the beginning of the last session.

Article 11, Section 7, Item C indicates the Credentials Committee shall consist of 10 members selected as follows:

- Five members chosen by the National Committee.
- One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Convention.

The LNC in St. Louis at the July 18th meeting selected Credentials Committee members:

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| 1. Jeff Dimit, Interim Chair | jldimit@aol.com |
| 2. Emily Salvette | Salvette@ameritech.net |
| 3. Christiana Mayer | christianamayher@gmail.com |
| 4. Scott Lieberman | scott73@earthlink.net |
| 5. Mark Bodenhausen | markbodenhausen@yahoo.com |

Alternates included:

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| 1 st Michael Houze | michael_houze@yahoo.com |
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The top five states are based on 10-31-2009 membership numbers.

State	Members As Of 10/31/2009	Representative	e-mail
1 California	1691	M Carling	mcarling@gmail.com
2 Texas	879	Gary Johnson	garyjohnson@compuserve.com
3 Florida	823	Sean Concannon	seanc642@yahoo.com
4 Ohio	631	Michael Johnston	mjohn99519@aol.com
5 New York	613	tbd	tbd

Contact interim chair Jeff Dimit for more information on the Credentials Committee.

Your Delegation's Representation

Article 11, *Conventions*, Section 4 establishes the methodology for calculating the number of delegates your affiliate is entitled to. It is the sum of:

- Your affiliate's percentage of nationwide party membership, one delegate for each 0.14% that you have
- Your affiliate's percentage of votes cast nationwide for the last Libertarian Party presidential candidate, one delegate for each 0.35% that you have.

Since there are approximately 714 slices of a whole at 0.14% each and 286 at 0.35% each, a Libertarian Party convention will have slots for at least 1000 delegates. Since states are credited for 'fractions thereof', roughly half the states benefit with an additional delegate in each category. The other half would have been rounded up as they were, resulting in approximately 1051 possible delegates.

The table in the appendix displays the delegate allocations for each affiliate.

Regions of the National Committee

Your affiliate party can band together with others to form a 'representative region' of the National Committee. Your representative region will be entitled to one National Committee representative for every 10% of the total national party membership your region encompasses. The membership numbers used for this purpose are the same as used for delegate allocation. See the table at the end of this document.

One LNC representative is authorized for each 10% of total party membership. Regions may be formed or dissolved every two years during a period from 90 days prior to the start of the convention until the second day of the convention.

For 2010, this period begins 90 days before the start of the convention, February 28, and ends the second day of the convention, May 30. (Bylaws, Article 8, *National Committee*, Section 2.c.)

Report changes to the Secretary (and please use the form provided in the Appendix).

Time Allotments

The Convention Special Rules of Order stipulate the number of minutes allowed for certain events at the convention. The following tables summarize those allotments. While some years are not presidential nominating conventions, the tables are listed here for completeness.

President and Vice-President

16	Total time for nominating and seconding speeches for presidential candidate (Convention Rule 9.4)
11	Total time for nominating and seconding speeches for a vice-presidential candidates (Convention Rule 9.4)
5	Time allowed for presidential nominee to address the convention for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees (Convention Rule 9.3)

Party Platform

180	For delegates to mark ballots whether to retain planks (Convention Rule 7.2)
2	When no minority position on a Platform Committee recommendation exists on an item, the committee chair or designee presents and explains a recommendation (Convention Rule 7.4.a)
2, 2	When a minority position on a platform plank exists, both spokespersons have two minutes to present and explain their positions (Convention Rule 7.5.a)
5	When a minority position on a platform plank exists, delegates have a total of five minutes to express views without offering amendments (Convention Rule 7.5.b)
15	Open discussion of a platform plank (Convention Rule 7.4.b)
2	Delegate to present and explain a platform amendment (Convention Rule 7.6)
180	For delegates to mark ballots on planks (if any) identified for inclusion on the “Final retention list” (Convention Rule 7.8 and Order of Business Item 8)

National Committee

5, 3, 3	For National Committee Chair, one five minute nominating speech, and two three minute seconding speeches.
2, 1, 1	For National Committee Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, At-Large members, Judicial Committee members, one two minute nominating speech and two one minute seconding speeches.

Passage Requirements

The Bylaws and Convention Special Rules of Order state the percentages and fractions required for passage of measures or to otherwise take certain actions:

Candidates

President, Vice-President, LNC Officers	Majority
LNC At-Large Representatives and Judicial Committee members (Convention Special Rules of Order 10.2.d and 10.3)	Top Vote Getters

Resolutions

Required to pass a resolution (Convention Rule 8.1)	2/3
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Amendments

Required to amend the Convention Special Rules of Order (Convention Rule 12)	2/3
Required for additional platform planks, or additions to platform planks (Convention Rule 7.1)	2/3
Required to amend Bylaws (Bylaws Article 14.1)	2/3
Amend Statement of Principles (Article 14.2); applies to the total of registered delegates	7/8

Deletions and Retentions

Delete a platform plank (Convention Rule 7.1)	Majority
Retain a plank of the platform, assuming quorum participation (Convention Rule 7.2); if no quorum, retained by default (ibid)	Majority
Remove a plank of the platform, assuming quorum participation (Convention Rule 7.2); if no quorum, retained by default (ibid)	Majority

Challenges

Percentage of delegates needed to challenge an adopted platform plank or resolution believing it to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles (Convention Special Rules of Order 7.9 and 8.2)	10%
Number of delegates needed to object to the chair's determination of a voice vote in order to bring about a counted vote	20

Reinstatements

Fraction needed to reinstate a platform plank or resolution which the Judicial Committee has vetoed, upholding a challenge by 10% or more of	3/4
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the delegates that the platform plank as adopted did not conform to the Statement of Principles (Convention Special Rules of Order 7.9 and 8.2)	
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Procedures

After 15 minute discussion of Platform Committee recommendation, move to a vote (immediate consideration) on the recommendation, as amended. Otherwise, the item is tabled to be reconsidered after other Platform Committee recommendations are considered.	Majority
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Quorums

Convention quorum (Bylaws Article 11.8)	40%
Convention Committee quorum (Convention Rule 5.4)	> 50%

Signatures

Number of signature tokens of registered delegates needed for a candidate to be nominated for President or Vice-President (Convention Rule 9.4)	30
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Delegate Allocations

The following table lists number of delegates each affiliate is entitled to at the 2010 convention (blue column). See the Bylaws, Article 11, *Conventions*, Sections 4 and 5 for the allocation methodology.

Use the 'Percent of Members' column (yellow) of this table to form representative regions for the Libertarian National Committee. One LNC representative is authorized for each 10% of total party membership.

State	2010 Delegate Allocation	Membership			Presidential Vote		
		As of 10/31/2009	LNC Region Formation -- Percent of Members	Estimated Delegates Based on Members	Barr 2008 Vote	Percent of 2008 Vote	Delegates Based on 2008 Vote
AL	15	219	1.605%	12	4,991	0.953%	3
AK	4	53	0.388%	3	1,589	0.303%	1
AZ	24	307	2.250%	17	12,555	2.397%	7
AR	9	98	0.718%	6	4,776	0.912%	3
CA	126	1,691	12.392%	89	67,582	12.905%	37
CO	33	502	3.679%	27	10,897	2.081%	6
CT	11	195	1.429%	11	-	0.000%	0
DE	4	51	0.374%	3	1,109	0.212%	1
DC	3	34	0.249%	2	1	0.000%	1
FL	54	823	6.032%	44	17,218	3.288%	10
GA	42	489	3.584%	26	28,812	5.502%	16
HI	4	56	0.410%	3	1,314	0.251%	1
ID	6	61	0.447%	4	3,658	0.699%	2
IL	40	540	3.957%	29	19,645	3.751%	11
IN	34	341	2.499%	18	29,257	5.587%	16
IA	10	116	0.850%	7	4,590	0.876%	3
KS	12	151	1.107%	8	6,706	1.281%	4
KY	10	105	0.770%	6	5,989	1.144%	4
LA	7	116	0.850%	7	-	0.000%	0
ME	5	61	0.447%	4	251	0.048%	1
MD	20	252	1.847%	14	9,842	1.879%	6
MA	22	261	1.913%	14	13,189	2.518%	8
MI	39	484	3.547%	26	23,716	4.529%	13
MN	18	227	1.664%	12	9,174	1.752%	6
MS	6	62	0.454%	4	2,529	0.483%	2
MO	21	260	1.905%	14	11,386	2.174%	7
MT	4	51	0.374%	3	1,355	0.259%	1
NE	6	61	0.447%	4	2,740	0.523%	2
NV	14	192	1.407%	11	4,263	0.814%	3
NH	10	145	1.063%	8	2,217	0.423%	2
NJ	21	304	2.228%	16	8,441	1.612%	5
NM	8	108	0.791%	6	2,428	0.464%	2
NY	44	613	4.492%	33	19,513	3.726%	11
NC	34	360	2.638%	19	25,722	4.912%	15
ND	3	21	0.154%	2	1,354	0.259%	1

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State	2010 Delegate Allocation	Membership			Presidential Vote		
		As of 10/31/2009	LNC Region Formation -- Percent of Members	Estimated Delegates Based on Members	Barr 2008 Vote	Percent of 2008 Vote	Delegates Based on 2008 Vote
OH	45	631 ⁷	4.624%	34	19,888	3.798%	11
OK	7	113	0.828%	6	1	0.000%	1
OR	14	166	1.217%	9	7,635	1.458%	5
PA	40	536	3.928%	29	19,912	3.802%	11
RI	3	30	0.220%	2	1,382	0.264%	1
SC	13	167	1.224%	9	7,283	1.391%	4
SD	4	33	0.242%	2	1,835	0.350%	2
TN	20	277	2.030%	15	8,547	1.632%	5
TX	78	879	6.442%	47	56,116	10.716%	31
UT	9	90	0.660%	5	6,966	1.330%	4
VT	3	27	0.198%	2	1,067	0.204%	1
VA	38	578	4.236%	31	11,067	2.113%	7
WA	28	390	2.858%	21	12,728	2.430%	7
WV	3	47	0.344%	3	-	0.000%	0
WI	18	231	1.693%	13	8,858	1.691%	5
WY	4	41	0.300%	3	1,594	0.304%	1
Total	1050	13,646	100.000%	743	523,688	100.000%	307

Notes:

- The Secretary has not received any affidavits from the chairs of CT, LA, or WV attesting that they voted for Bob Barr as a write-in presidential candidate in a state in which the LP did not gain ballot access. The chair of the Sooner State has submitted such an affidavit (e-mail) that he wrote-in Bob Barr as well as the DC affiliate. Accordingly, OK and DC receive one delegate as a positive fraction of 0.35% of the total vote.

Source for Presidential Vote:

<http://www.fec.gov/pubrec/fe2008/2008presgeresults.pdf>

⁷ On the night of November 11, 2009, the Secretary published to state chairs the delegate allocations for the upcoming convention. On November 12, Ohio chair Kevin Knedler asked Robert Kraus to check the status of member Paul Conroy of Lakewood. Sure enough, Mr. Conroy's membership had been miscoded as 'anonymous'. The extra member for Ohio resulted in another delegate for the Buckeyes. At the same time, the larger denominator may have removed a delegate from any number of other states. It did not. While Ohio's percentage of membership increased by 0.007%, seven states dropped by 0.001% including CA, GA, FL, KY, MN, OR and TX.



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Delegate Motion

Motion pertains to:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws:	Article _____	Section _____	And is a (an)
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Rule:	Number _____	Section _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Addition (new)
<input type="checkbox"/> Platform	Section _____	Plank _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Deletion
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution		<input type="checkbox"/> Attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement

New Text (additions and replacements)

Old Text (deletions and replacements)

Delegate: _____ Delegation _____

(Print): _____ Date: _____

Seconder (print): _____ Delegation _____

(not required, but strongly encouraged and much appreciated)



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Sample Ballot

Delegation: [MyState](#)

First Ballot for: [ThisOffice](#)

JUSTIN TYME	_____
PETE ZERRIA	_____
BEN DOVER	_____
NONE OF THE ABOVE	_____
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TOTAL	_____

Total ballots cast from this delegation shall not exceed either:

[MyState](#) Delegation Allocation: 24

[MyState](#) Currently Credentialed Delegates: 19

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Delegation Chair

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Note: This style of ballot will be used when we are voting for Presidential or Vice-Presidential nominees or LNC candidates.

A different ballot will be used when individual delegates vote to retain or remove individual platform planks. There will be one, perhaps two such ballots. See Convention Rules 7.2, 7.8.



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Region Formation

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Pursuant to the Libertarian Party National Bylaws, the delegation chairs of the following affiliates convey to the Secretary their intention to constitute a Single/Multiple Region.

Signatures below:

Printed Name and State:

Five horizontal lines for signatures.

Five horizontal lines for printed names and states.

In addition, the delegates from this region select the following as their Regional Representative(s) and Alternate(s):

Three horizontal lines for regional representatives and alternates.

Three horizontal lines for regional representatives and alternates.

Due: May 30, 2010, 5pm to Bob Sullentrup, Convention Secretary

Robert's Rules of Order

www.robertsrules.org

Robert's Rules of Order - Summary Version

For Fair and Orderly Meetings & Conventions

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Robert's Rules provides common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership - the right of the deliberate majority to decide. Complementary is the right of at least a strong minority to require the majority to be deliberate - to act according to its considered judgment AFTER a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved. Robert's Rules provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. Under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation.

The fundamental right of deliberative assemblies requires all questions to be thoroughly discussed before taking action!

The assembly rules - they have the final say on everything! Silence means consent!

- Obtain the floor (the right to speak) by being the first to stand when the person speaking has finished; state Mr./Madam Chairman. Raising your hand means nothing, and standing while another has the floor is out of order! Must be recognized by the Chair before speaking!
- Debate can not begin until the Chair has stated the motion or resolution and asked "are you ready for the question?" If no one rises, the chair calls for the vote!
- Before the motion is stated by the Chair (the question) members may suggest modification of the motion; the mover can modify as he pleases, or even withdraw the motion without consent of the seconder; if mover modifies, the seconder can withdraw the second.
- The "immediately pending question" is the last question stated by the Chair! Motion/Resolution - Amendment - Motion to Postpone
- The member moving the "immediately pending question" is entitled to preference to the floor!
- No member can speak twice to the same issue until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken to it once!
- All remarks must be directed to the Chair. Remarks must be courteous in language and deportment - avoid all personalities, never allude to others by name or to motives!

- The agenda and all committee reports are merely recommendations! When presented to the assembly and the question is stated, debate begins and changes occur!

The Rules

- **Point of Privilege:** Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary!
- **Parliamentary Inquiry:** Inquire as to the correct motion - to accomplish a desired result, or raise a point of order
- **Point of Information:** Generally applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the (speaker) a question."
- **Orders of the Day (Agenda):** A call to adhere to the agenda (a deviation from the agenda requires Suspending the Rules)
- **Point of Order:** Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made
- **Main Motion:** Brings new business (the next item on the agenda) before the assembly
- **Divide the Question:** Divides a motion into two or more separate motions (must be able to stand on their own)
- **Consider by Paragraph:** Adoption of paper is held until all paragraphs are debated and amended and entire paper is satisfactory; after all paragraphs are considered, the entire paper is then open to amendment, and paragraphs may be further amended. Any Preamble can not be considered until debate on the body of the paper has ceased.
- **Amend:** Inserting or striking out words or paragraphs, or substituting whole paragraphs or resolutions
- **Withdraw/Modify Motion:** Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor
- **Commit /Refer/Recommit to Committee:** State the committee to receive the question or resolution; if no committee exists include size of committee desired and method of selecting the members (election or appointment).
- **Extend Debate:** Applies only to the immediately pending question; extends until a certain time or for a certain period of time
- **Limit Debate:** Closing debate at a certain time, or limiting to a certain period of time
- **Postpone to a Certain Time:** State the time the motion or agenda item will be resumed

- **Object to Consideration:** Objection must be stated before discussion or another motion is stated
- **Lay on the Table:** Temporarily suspends further consideration/action on pending question; may be made after motion to close debate has carried or is pending
- **Take from the Table:** Resumes consideration of item previously "laid on the table" - state the motion to take from the table
- **Reconsider:** Can be made only by one on the prevailing side who has changed position or view
- **Postpone Indefinitely:** Kills the question/resolution for this session - exception: the motion to reconsider can be made this session
- **Previous Question:** Closes debate if successful - may be moved to "**Close Debate**" if preferred
- **Informal Consideration:** Move that the assembly go into "**Committee of the Whole**" - informal debate as if in committee; this committee may limit number or length of speeches or close debate by other means by a 2/3 vote. All votes, however, are formal.
- **Appeal Decision of the Chair:** Appeal for the assembly to decide - must be made before other business is resumed; NOT debatable if relates to decorum, violation of rules or order of business
- **Suspend the Rules:** Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules (except Constitution); the object of the suspension must be specified

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Roberts's Rules of Order Motions Chart

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

Part 1, Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Part 2, Incidental Motions. No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly.

No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority