

# **Bylaws of the DuPage Libertarians**

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## **Article 1: Purpose**

The purpose of the DuPage Libertarians is to conduct the following activities consistent with the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party:

- To promote the understanding of libertarian philosophy.
- To support candidates for public office who subscribe to a libertarian political philosophy.
- To defend the principles of individual liberty within DuPage County.

The organization shall operate as an authorized chapter of the Libertarian Party of Illinois (LP Illinois) and shall meet such standards as LP Illinois bylaws require.

## **Article 2: Membership**

### **Section 1: Establishing a Membership**

There are two levels of membership: voluntary and dues-paying.

To become a voluntary member of the DuPage Libertarians, a person must fulfill the following qualifications:

1. Making Application.
2. Explicit agreement with the statement, "I hereby certify that I do not advocate the initiation of force or fraud to achieve political or social goals".
3. A member may not run as a candidate for another political party against a Libertarian candidate for the same office.

Voluntary members will be eligible to vote for any day-to-day business. Upon payment of dues, a voluntary member will become a dues-paying member and will become eligible to run in elections for officers, to vote for changes to the officers, and to vote for changes to the bylaws. Members may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of all members of the organization.

### **Section 2: Dues**

Dues shall be \$24.00 per calendar year, prorated for new members. Dues for a student with a valid student ID shall be \$12.00 per calendar year, prorated for new members.

## **Article 3: Officers of the Organization**

### **Section 1: Chair**

The organization shall have a Chair who shall preside at all organization meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He or she shall be the chief executive officer of the DuPage Libertarians.

### **Section 2: Vice-Chair**

The organization shall have a Vice-Chair who shall act as assistant to the Chair. He or she shall fulfill responsibilities of the Chair in the event of the Chair's absence. He or she shall also serve as representative to the State Organizing Committee (SOC).

### Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall take and keep minutes of all Organization meetings and all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall maintain a current list of members of the organization. He or she shall also keep and maintain bylaws and all other official documents of the organization.

### Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of the receipt, disbursement, and accounting of the funds of the Organization. The Treasurer shall not allow the obligations of the Organization to be in excess of the available funds. The Treasurer must be informed before any obligations for the organization are made by any officer or member.

### Section 5: Township Chairs

Township Chairs shall be responsible for keeping the Executive Committee apprised of any events of note occurring in their respective townships, e.g. fairs, parades, rallies, etc, and shall function as a primary point of contact for any new members in their respective townships. Members residing in each township may nominate and elect their respective Township Chair. If nomination/election is not made by the township members, the Executive Committee may fill this vacancy by a two-thirds vote.

### Section 6: Vacancies

In the event of the resignation of an officer, the Executive Committee shall inform the membership, and the office shall be filled by election at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the officers have so informed the membership.

Any organization member may call for the removal from office of any officer at any regularly scheduled organization meeting. If a majority at that meeting approves, the Executive Committee shall communicate the proposed removal to the entire membership, and it shall be part of the order of business of the next regularly scheduled meeting. If a majority of the members attending the second meeting approve, the officer shall be removed from office, and a new officer shall be nominated and elected by majority vote at that meeting.

### Section 7: Representatives to the LP Illinois State Organizing Committee (SOC)

In the event the Vice-Chair is unable to attend a SOC meeting, he/she shall select an alternate representative from the membership, who shall have full voting rights at the SOC meeting.

If the organization passes a resolution on a matter of LP Illinois business, the organization's representative to the SOC must present that resolution to the SOC, and is bound to cast his or her vote in accordance with the spirit of the resolution.

## **Article 4: Executive Committee**

### Section 1: Composition

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the DuPage Libertarians as well as the respective Township Chairs.

### Section 2: Meeting Notifications

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per month outside of the monthly organization meeting, as well as at such time and place as may be determined by a call of the Chair, or by the request of one-third or more of the members of the Executive Committee.

### Section 3: Quorum

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be three-quarters of the officers or a majority of the Executive Committee.

### Section 4: Committees

The Executive Committee and/or membership shall appoint committees to conduct necessary functions of the Organization. The duties, composition, and reporting requirements shall be determined as needed.

### Section 5: Elections

Elections for the Executive Committee shall take place at the January organization meeting each year. Members may make a motion to nominate any qualified dues-paying member of the organization. The membership shall vote on the nominee. A majority vote grants the power of office to the nominee upon the close of that meeting.

## **Article 5: Meetings**

### Section 1: Arrangements

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to set the time, place and schedule of events of membership meetings. At least one week's notice must be provided to the membership concerning these arrangements.

## **Article 6: Amending the Bylaws**

### Section 1: Proposal

Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any dues-paying member by contacting any member of the Executive Committee or by making a motion at an organization meeting. Upon proposal, the Executive Committee shall notify the full membership of the proposal within seven days, and set the time and place for a vote at the next monthly meeting, where debate shall occur and a vote shall be taken on the new bylaws.

### Section 2: Amendment

Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of dues-paying members in attendance at the time of the vote.