



# 2024 Libertarian National Convention

LPTexas Delegate/Alternate Training



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# Overview

- The 2024 Libertarian National Convention will take place at the [Washington Hilton](#) in Washington, D.C. from May 23 - May 26. The schedule can be viewed [here](#).
  - Washington Hilton
  - 1919 Connecticut Ave NW
  - Washington, DC 20009
- Texas is allocated 76 delegate spots which were filled (elected) at our State Convention in Corpus Christi last month
- Each state affiliate will have a Delegation Chair
  - The LPTexas Delegation Chair is **Jessi Cowart** (Vice Chair of LPTexas)
  - **Kyle Russell** will serve as Deputy Delegation Chair to assist and/or in the event Jessi must step away
- The Delegation Chair is responsible for:
  - Credentialing / Delegation Management
  - Vote Coordination/Reporting
  - Sign Off on Region Formation Agreement



# Preparing for Convention

Aside from the obvious things like arranging your airfare and lodging, you'll want to consider the following to help prepare yourself:

- Research candidates for position for which you'll be expected to vote:
  - [Presidential Candidates](#)
  - Vice President Candidates (so far, I'm aware that Clint Russell and Larry Sharpe are running)
  - [LNC Candidates](#) (including Officers and At-Large positions)
  - Region Representatives
    - Texas is part of Region 7
    - LPTexas members Jacob Bradley and Paul Darr have been announced their runs for Region 7 Representative
- Review the [Platform Committee Report](#)
- Review the [Bylaws and Rules Committee Report](#)
- Consider bringing a tablet or laptop for use on convention floor with an extra external power supply (these are not necessary but nice to have)
- Bring a sweater/jacket for in case it's cold in the convention hall



# When You Arrive

**Credentialing and registration are two different things, and you will need to make sure that you do both.**

- **Registration (Thu: 9 am -7:30 pm and Fri/Sat: 8 am-1:30 pm):** Registration is the process by which you check-in with the convention planners to let them know you are in attendance.
  - If you have bought a convention package, you will receive your literature, swag bag, printed name tag, and other benefits at this time. If you have not purchased a convention package, your attendance still needs to be noted, and there typically is a station to hand-write a name badge for identification if printed badges are not provided for those who are only attending the free business portions.
- **Credentialing (Thu: 2 pm -7:30 pm and Fri: 8am - 1:30 pm):** Credentialing is only for delegates and alternates.
  - Right after registration, you must get credentialed upon arrival though if there are long lines at registration, you can do this first.
- **Check-In with Jessi via text at (832) 661-2425**
  - A simple, “Hey Jessi, this is <FirstName LastName>. I’m confirming I’ve arrived” will suffice. This is also a good opportunity for me to validate that I have the correct phone number on file for you.
  - In addition, we will have a private National Convention channel in the LPTexas Discord where we can coordinate.



# Difference Between Delegates and Alternates

- Delegates: Have full convention business rights (including debating, voting, and being present on the main convention floor).
- Alternates: Only have these rights when you are seated in the place of an absent delegate.

Your Delegation Chair (Jessi) will handle notification to the Credentials Committee regarding substitute of delegates and alternates as needed.

**Delegates must let Jessi know if they're leaving the floor (not necessary you're just running to the restroom and coming right back!)**



# How Will Alternates Be Seated?

Our [LPTexas Bylaws](#) dictate how alternates will be seated:

**V.d.10.iii. National Alternates for National Delegates.**

At the national convention alternates shall serve in the same order of precedence as their vote ranking in the absence of delegates, except as may be provided otherwise by the rules of the national Party.

- In other words, Alternate #1, if present, would be seated first and so on.
- As of 5/14/2024, 6 delegates and 5 alternates have indicated that they will not be attending National Convention.
- Jessi will text alternates in the event that they can be seated.
- **Alternates cannot sit with the delegation unless/until they are formally seated by Jessi/Kyle.**



# Order of Business

## From Rule 1 of Convention Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party

The standing order of business for a regular convention shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee report
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Treasurer's report
5. Audit Committee report
6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
7. Election of Judicial Committee (N/A for 2024)
8. Election of Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee
9. Platform Committee report
10. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (Applicable for 2024)
11. Resolutions
12. Other business

**Note:** There is talk of amending this to move LNC Elections (#10) up to Friday and Nominations for POTUS/VP up to Saturday. This would push Bylaws/Platform to Sunday. **This would require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.**

# Nominations and Balloted Voting

- When the time comes for balloted voting, the Delegation Chair shall go to the tellers' table up at the front of the convention floor to pick up a delegation tally sheet for the delegation.
- Your Delegation Chair will give you sheets of paper, usually index cards, in which to cast ballot votes that they will tally on a Delegation Tally sheet and turn into the vote tellers. ***You need to write legibly and clearly on your ballots in order to counted.***
- Also: See the ['NOTA'](#) slide in the Appendix.

Ballot	Added to total ballots cast?	Credited to candidate?
Any ballot that indicates an intelligible preference for an eligible candidate (preferences <i>against</i> a candidate are not a clear preference <i>for</i> any other candidate)	Y	Y
Unintelligible ballots	Y	N
Ballot for ineligible candidate	Y	N
Ballot for too many candidates (only applicable in "vote for any one" elections at Convention unless a rule is adopted limiting choices in other races)	Y	N
Technical errors such as misspelling if meaning is clear	Y	Y
Technical errors like misspelling or incomplete name if meaning is unclear	Y	Submitted to delegation to determine how it should be counted without revealing
Two or more ballots folder together if both filled out	Y, but as only one	N
Two or more ballots folder together if only one filled out	Y, but one the one filled out	Y

# Robert's Rules (RONR)

LISTED IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE   MOTION CAN BE MADE IF HIGHER ON CHART THAN PENDING MOTION						
YOU WANT TO	YOU SAY	I	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D	A	V
Close meeting	I move to <b>adjourn</b>	N	Y	N	N	M
Take break	I move to <b>recess</b>	N	Y	N	Y	M
Deal with urgent situation	I rise to a <b>question of privilege</b>	Y	N	N	N	C
Go back to agenda	I call for <b>orders of the day</b>	Y	N	N	N	C
Lay aside temporarily	I move to <b>lay the question on the table</b>	N	Y	N	N	M
Close debate	I move the <b>previous question</b>	N	Y	N	N	2/3
Limit/extend debate	I move that debate be limited (extended) to	N	Y	N	Y	2/3
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to	N	Y	Y	Y	M
Modify wording of motion	I move to <b>amend</b> the motion by	N	Y	Y	Y	M
Kill main motion	I move that the motion be <b>postponed indefinitely</b>	N	Y	Y	N	M
Bring business before assembly	I move that [to]	N	Y	Y	Y	M
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS-NO ORDER OF PRECEDENCE   ARISE INCIDENTALLY AND DECIDED IMMEDIATELY						
YOU WANT TO	YOU SAY	I	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D	A	V
Enforce rules	<b>Point of Order</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Challenge ruling	I <b>appeal</b> from the decision of the chair	Y	Y	?	N	M
Suspend Rules	I move to <b>suspend the rules</b>	N	Y	N	N	2/3
Avoid motion	I <b>object to consideration</b> of the question	Y	N	N	N	2/3
Divide motion	I move to <b>divide the question</b>	N	Y	N	Y	M
Demand rising vote	I call for a <b>division</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Parliamentary question	<b>Point of parliamentary inquiry</b>	U	N	N	N	N/A
Request Information	<b>Request for information</b>	U	N	N	N	N/A
BRING BACK MOTIONS-NO ORDER OF PRECEDENCE   BRING WHEN NOTHING ELSE IS PENDING						
YOU WANT TO	YOU SAY	I	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D	A	V
Take from table	I move to <b>take from the table</b>	N	Y	N	N	M
Change/cancel previous action	I move to <b>rescind/ amend something previously adopted</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	2/3 <sup>^</sup>
Reconsider decision	I move to <b>reconsider</b>	N	Y	?	N	M

I = interrupt | S = second | D = debatable | A = amendable | V = vote threshold | M = majority vote | 2/3 = 2/3 vote | 2/3<sup>^</sup> = 2/3 or majority vote with notice | C = chair rules | ? = varies | U = yes if urgent

Item of Business	Threshold	Bylaws/Rule/RONR reference
Amend Bylaws and Convention Rules	2/3 vote (Rules have one limited exception)	Bylaws Article 17.1, RONR 59:36
Amend Statement of Principles	7/8 of all registered delegates	Bylaws Article 1.1
Delete Platform Plank	Majority vote	Bylaws Article 3.3
Amend Platform Plank	2/3 vote	Bylaws Article 3.3
Suspend the Rules	Typically 2/3 vote	RONR 25.2(7)
Extend, Limit, or Close Debate	2/3 vote	RONR 44:4
Challenges to adopted planks or resolutions to Judicial Committee	10% of delegates	Rule 5.7, Rule 6.2
Re-instate plank or resolution overturned by Judicial Committee	3/4 vote	Rule 5.7, Rule 6.2
Convention Quorum	40% of total delegates registered in attendance*	Article 10.8
Add delegates not submitted prior to convention	7/8 vote	Article 10.4(e)
Election to any Party Office	Majority	Rule 8.1(a)
Nomination as Presidential or Vice Presidential Candidate	Majority	Rule 7.2

# Appendix

- [Convention Website \(www.Inc2024.com\)](http://www.Inc2024.com)
- [Delegate Manual](#)
- [National Bylaws](#)
- Platform Tokens
  - When you Credentialing, delegates will be issued 5 tokens.
  - After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. (However, this token count does not take place until one hour prior to the schedule start of the Platform Report, and we'll be given notice to deliver them to the Secretary.)
  - Each delegate may cast each token as a recommendation for deletion of one plank by noting on the token the plank to be deleted and signing the token.
  - A delegate may cumulate recommendations by casting any number of tokens for deletion of the same plank
  - As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.

**2022 Libertarian Party Platform Plank Signature Token**

<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0 Personal Liberty	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.2 Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.13 Health Care
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1 Self-Ownership	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.3 Energy and Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.14 Retirement and Income Security
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.2 Expression and Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.4 Government Finance and Spending	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 Securing Liberty
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.3 Privacy	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 Government Debt	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.1 National Defense
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.4 Personal Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.6 Government Employees	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.2 Internal Security and Individual Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 Abortion	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.7 Money and Financial Markets	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.3 International Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.6 Parental Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.8 Marketplace Freedom	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.4 Free Trade and Migration
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.7 Crime and Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.9 Licensing	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 Rights and Discrimination
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.8 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.10 Sex Work	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.6 Representative Government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.9 Self-Defense	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.11 Labor Markets	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.7 Self-Determination
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.0 Economic Liberty	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.12 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.0 Omissions
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.1 Property and Contract		

DELEGATE (SIGNATURE REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

**Sample of 2022 Platform Token**



## Appendix (cont.)

- NOTA - "None of the Above" (NOTA) is always an option and is never dropped. Since delegates can only vote for one option, NOTA is treated the same as a vote for a candidate, and a delegate cannot vote for BOTH a candidate and NOTA

### **ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS**

7. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for President and Vice President, the Party officers, and at-large members of the National Committee, shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in the Presidential or Vice-Presidential balloting, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.

Questions?