

Bylaws
of the
Texas Liberty Campaign

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ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the “Texas Liberty Campaign”, hereinafter TLC.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Our mission is to restore our Republic as intended by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States through the exercise of all our inherent individual rights as a free people in Texas.

ARTICLE III: Members

Section 1. Individual Voting Membership.

Definition: The Term “Member” herein these bylaws or in any official document of TLC refers to Individual Voting Members only, unless the context unambiguously means all classes of membership or it is expressly stated otherwise.

The individual voting membership of the TLC shall be those residents of Texas who:

- A. Are at least 16 years of age, provided that for members less than 18 years of age, all other contractual membership obligations shall be cosigned by a parent or legal guardian;
- B. Affirm their support for the above purpose of the TLC by means of a signed statement submitted to the Secretary and approved by the Standing Membership Committee as described in Article VII.

PROVISIO: Initial Membership: All delegates and alternates registered as attending the 2009 Texas Liberty Movement Organizational Mass Meetings at either the Senate District or the State Convention level shall be considered members on adoption of these bylaws and shall retain the rights of members provided they fulfill the above requirements no later than six (6) months after the adoption of these bylaws.

Section 2. Regional Organization Membership.

A. Formation of Regions:

Individual TLC members in each county in Texas may caucus together and choose by majority vote of a majority of members in that county, individually or in association with individuals from multiple counties, to form a single Region. All counties in a Region must share a geographic border with at least one other county in their Region, and each county may be associated with only one Region. Requests for exceptions to this clause may be approved by the Executive Board on a case-by-case basis if the request originates in the county or Region in question. A vote to reconsider a county's participation with a Region shall be ordered on written demand of 20% of the TLC members in the affected county, except that such a vote may not be ordered more than once every two years, unless the count of TLC members in the affected area has increased or decreased by more than 50%.

B. Formation of Regional Organizations:

Individual TLC members in each Region may caucus together and choose by majority vote of a majority

of members in that Region to form a Texas Liberty Campaign Regional Organization. Only one Regional Organization may exist at any one time in a given region; however multiple geographically connected Regions may choose, by majority vote of a majority of members in each affected Region, to form a single Regional Organization. A vote to reconsider the formation of a Regional Organization or a Region's participation in a Regional Organization shall be ordered on written demand of 20% of the TLC members in the affected Region(s), except that such a vote may not be ordered more than once every two years, unless the count of TLC members in the affected area has increased or decreased by more than 50%.

C. Voting Methods and Ratification

All votes related to the formation of a Region or Regional Organization shall be administered by the Standing Membership Committee and certified by the same to the TLC, who shall have sole authority to recognize same. The method for recording and counting the vote shall be determined by the Standing Membership Committee, provided such method produces a discrete paper record of each vote.

The current Region or Regional Organization formed by vote of the TLC members in the affected area as described above shall be recognized by the first Executive Board meeting or State Convention following such vote.

D. Powers of Regional Organizations:

Texas Liberty Campaign Regional Organizations shall have explicit authority to utilize the Texas Liberty Campaign name and any related trademarks, logos, or other related styles or artwork for any purpose, provided such use references the specific region in place of the statewide TLC (e.g., "Dallas Texas Liberty Campaign" in place of "Texas Liberty Campaign").

Section 3. Affiliate Membership

A. Requirements: Affiliate members of the TLC must:

- 1) Be an organization of natural persons;
- 2) Have organization and operation in Texas; and
- 3) Be approved by the Executive Board or State Convention as holding values and goals congruent with the TLC.

B. Rights: Affiliate members shall appoint between 1 and 3 designees who shall have the right to:

- 1) Receive all correspondences from TLC;
- 2) Attend all meetings of the Executive Board and Standing Committees of the TLC with the rights of a TLC member;
- 3) Attend all TLC conventions with floor rights including the right to make motions and speak in debate, but not to vote.

C. Affiliate Advisory Board: Affiliate members shall each appoint 1 member to the Affiliate Advisory Board.

Section 4. Rights and Powers of Members

Individual and Affiliate Members and Regional Organizations of the TLC shall retain all rights and powers not denied to them under these bylaws or reserved by them for the Executive Board. These rights and powers shall include, but not be limited to, the powers to raise and disburse funds for other purposes, endorse candidates, conduct political campaigns, provide education and training opportunities, determine their own

organizational structure, set strategic goals and pursue them, etc.

Section 5. Removal

- A. Any member may be disciplined or expelled from the TLC by a 3/4 vote of the Executive Board or a 2/3 vote of the members present at a State Convention in accordance with the parliamentary authority adopted by the TLC; or
- B. Members residing in counties participating in Regional Organizations may be disciplined or expelled from the TLC by their Regional Organization in accordance with the parliamentary authority adopted by the TLC.
- C. Members disciplined or expelled by their Regional Organization may appeal such decision to the Executive Board; a majority vote shall uphold the Regional Organization's ruling. Members disciplined or expelled by the Executive Board may appeal such decision to a State Convention; a majority vote shall uphold the Executive Board's ruling. Subject to the members' right to reconsider, votes of the members present at a State Convention regarding discipline or expulsion are final.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1. Officers.

The voting officers of the TLC shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Affiliate Liaison, and no more than ten Directors-at-Large, all of whom shall be voting members of the TLC. In addition, the appointed Texas State Coordinator of the National Campaign for Liberty shall be a non-voting officer.

Section 2. Term of Office, Office-Holding Limitations

The election of officers of the TLC shall occur at each Biennial State Convention. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Affiliate Liaison's term of office shall be four years, or until their successors are elected; the Directors at Large's term of office shall be for two years, or until their successors are elected. Terms shall begin at the close of the State Convention at which an officer is elected.

No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

PROVISO: Establishment of staggering – Initially Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall have their term reduced by two years. Thereafter, staggering or lack thereof will be a consequence of elections.

Section 3. Method of Nomination and Election

- A. Non-Directors
 - 1) The Chair, Vice-Chair, Affiliate Liaison, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be nominated from the floor and elected by Roll Call Vote. A majority shall elect; run-offs shall drop the lowest vote-getter each round of voting.
 - 2) The Texas State Coordinator of the National Campaign for Liberty shall be appointed by the National Campaign for Liberty.
- B. Directors-at-Large

Directors shall be selected as follows:

1) Delegates shall caucus freely into groups of their own determination until each caucus represents at least 10% of the total proportional voting strength of the convention.

2) When each caucus represents at least 10% of the total proportional voting strength of the convention, the Chair shall announce the caucuses are finalized, and delegates shall become pledged to remain with their caucus.

3) Each caucus shall select, by any method chosen by vote of that caucus, one Director from among its members for each 10% of the total proportional voting strength of all caucuses combined that it represents.

C. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Affiliate Liaison, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected in that order and shall be elected before the selection of the Directors-at-Large.

Section 4. Rescinding an Election

The election of an officer of the TLC may be rescinded in accordance with the parliamentary authority adopted by the TLC. For such purposes, the body that elected a Director-at-Large shall be the caucus that selected him. If a caucus fails to act in refilling a position, then a vacancy shall exist.

Section 5. Vacancy

If a voting officer position becomes vacant (by resignation, removal from membership, rescission of an election, or otherwise) then the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy with a member who will finish out the term. Vacancy in non-voting positions shall be filled by the electing or appointing body.

Section 6. Duties of Officers

A. Chair: The Chair shall:

1) Be the presiding officer of the Executive Board.

2) Be the temporary presiding officer of any properly called State Convention or State meeting of the TLC whereby such duties are limited to:

a) Ruling on all pre-convention controversy, automatically subject to appeal before the next meeting of the Executive Board;

b) Call the Convention to Order at the time designated in the call;

c) Preside over opening ceremonies;

d) Preside over the initial report of the credentials committee, limited to stating the number initially registered as attending and not under challenge; and

e) Preside over the election of the permanent Chair of the Convention.

3) Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all standing committees.

4) Assure the safekeeping of all records of the TLC and deliver a method of directly accessing same to his successor at the time the latter takes office.

B. Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall:

1) Assist the Chair as requested in the performance of the duties of that office; and in the event of a vacancy or refusal, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair until a new Chair is

elected.

2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chair, call a meeting of the Executive Board, to be held within thirty (30) days, with notice, for the purpose of electing a new Chair. This notice provision for the meeting to elect a new Chair shall be superior to and govern any and all other notice provisions contained in these Bylaws.

3) Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all other standing committees.

4) Be the voting Chair of the standing Membership Committee and in that capacity shall seek to increase the individual membership of the TLC.

C. Affiliate Liaison: The Affiliate Liaison shall:

1) Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all other standing committees.

2) Be the voting Chair of the standing Affiliate Organization Committee and in that capacity shall seek to increase the affiliate membership of the TLC.

D. Secretary: The Secretary shall:

1) Act as recording officer of the Executive Board, keeping the minutes and attendance records for all Executive Board meetings, such records to be retained by the Secretary in compliance with Standing Rules adopted by the Executive Board.

2) Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all standing committees.

E. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall:

1) Be custodian of all funds belonging to the TLC.

2) Submit a quarterly report of disbursements and receipts to the Executive Board.

3) Supervise a system of bookkeeping in which the accounts correspond to identical categories in the budget, such records to be retained by the Treasurer in compliance with Standing Rules adopted by the Executive Board, and made available for inspection by any member of the Executive Board. They would also be available for inspection by any TLC member upon written request and be provided within 14 days.

4) Assure the safekeeping of all funds, books, and other financial records of the TLC and deliver a method of directly accessing same to his successor at the time the latter takes office.

5) Prepare a recommended Biennial budget.

Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all other standing committees.

Be a voting ex-officio member of the Finance & Fund raising standing committee.

F. Campaign for Liberty Texas State Coordinator: The Campaign for Liberty Texas State Coordinator shall:

1) Act as liaison between the TLC and the Campaign for Liberty.

2) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Campaign for Liberty that are not in conflict with these bylaws.

Be a non-voting ex-officio member of all other standing committees.
Be a voting member of the Affiliate Organization committee.

G. Non-voting officers:

1) A Parliamentarian and General Counsel may be appointed by the Chair, subject to ratification by the Executive Board, and serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

2) Non-voting officers shall be non-voting ex-officio members of all standing committees.

Individually and together, these officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the TLC.

ARTICLE V – Meetings.

Section 1. Biennial State Convention

The Biennial State Convention shall begin no earlier than January 15th and no later than March 7th of each odd-numbered year. The Convention shall begin no earlier than Friday and shall end no later than the immediately following Sunday. The primary purpose shall be election of officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and such other business as may arise.

Section 2. Special Convention.

A special Convention may be called by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board and shall be called upon the written request of 10% of the members of the TLC, provided that if fewer than 30% of the members of the TLC participate in the request, no more than one-quarter of the calling members may be from a single county. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least thirty days' notice shall be given.

Section 3. Convention Committees.

The Executive Board shall appoint Convention Arrangements, Registration, Agenda, Credentials, Rules, Organization, and Resolutions Committees with the duties prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the TLC. The Chair of the Executive Board shall appoint each committee Chair, and each Director-at-Large shall appoint one additional voting member to each committee. The Chairs of the Arrangements and Registration Committees may appoint additional non-voting members as required to carry out the work of their committees.

Section 4. Place

All State Conventions shall be held within a 100 mile radius of Austin, Texas.

Section 5. Quorum.

The greater of: 1) a majority of members registered present and attending a State Convention, or 2) five percent (5%) of the voting membership of the TLC shall constitute a quorum at any properly called State Convention.

Section 6. Voting and Roll Call

At any meeting of the TLC, a roll call vote shall be taken upon the demand of 20% of the voting members present.

Section 7. Open Meetings and Right to Testify.

All meetings of any conventions, boards, committees, or sub-committees of the TLC (hereinafter "body"), whether permanent or temporary in nature, shall be open to any TLC member. Members shall have the right to appear before any such meeting to testify to any matter under the body's consideration. Bodies shall not be allowed to go into executive session, but may by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the body impose a duty of confidentiality on all attending TLC members.

Any TLC member may introduce and speak in debate to a motion to allow a non-member to be recognized by any body

A body may limit the total time available for testimony from individuals who are not members of the body, provided a minimum of 25% of the body's scheduled meeting time is available for testimony and opportunity is provided for an equal number of non-members speaking for and against any given issue.

Any individual with a right to testify before a body has a right to raise points of order or personal privilege related to the exercise of that right.

Meeting Notice: Except in case of emergencies, the time and place of all meetings of any conventions, board, committees, or sub-committees of the TLC shall be announced either before the adjournment of the relevant body's preceding meeting or posted on the TLC website at least fourteen (14) days ahead of the meeting's scheduled call to order. The time and place of all past and future meetings shall be posted on the TLC website in an area accessible to all members no later than 48 hours after such time and place are determined.

The minutes of any meeting shall be posted to the TLC website in an area accessible to all members on the following schedule:

by default, 10 days

for any State Convention, 14 days

for any emergency meeting, 48 hours

Section 8. Regional Organization Convention Authorized.

Each recognized Regional Organization or individual county, whether in a Regional Organization or not, is authorized to hold a sub-unit Convention preceding any Biennial or Special State Convention for the purpose of electing delegates to represent the TLC members in the Regions affiliated with that Organization. Delegations from Regional Organization Conventions shall carry the full weight of the total number of delegates registered as attending their Convention, allocated as prescribed by the Regional Organization Convention.

The practice of binding instructions to delegates or the use of the Unit Rule in any form shall be prohibited.

ARTICLE VI – The Executive Board.

Section 1. Executive Board Composition.

The officers of the TLC, including the Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. Executive Board's Duties and Powers.

The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the TLC between its State Conventions, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the TLC membership and conventions and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the TLC voting membership, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the TLC voting membership.

The Executive Board shall have the exclusive power and responsibility to act on behalf of the TLC membership to:

- A. Accept new members and maintain the register of members.
- B. Recognize properly formed Regions and Regional Organizations based on the vote of TLC members in that region.
- C. Call and Organize a Biennial State Convention.
- D. Create temporary special committees for the purpose of preparing and delivering reports and recommendations to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall also have the authority to implement the activities specified as primary duties of the Committees listed in Article VII.

The Executive Board shall have no other authority to act unless such action is explicitly authorized by a resolution adopted by the TLC.

The Executive Board may solicit, accept, and spend donations from individuals and groups as needed in the discharging of the above duties ONLY.

Section 3. Executive Board Meetings.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the Chair and shall be called upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Executive Board.

Phone and electronic meetings are authorized, subject to the conditions of Article V, Section 6.

Section 4. Executive Board Proxies.

Written proxies for the Executive Board members shall be recognized at any general or executive meeting of the Executive Board, except proxies shall not be recognized for the same member two months in a row or in more than three months in one year. Proxies are considered valid if the proxy giver's signature is notarized or confirmation is provided to the Secretary. No person can hold more than one proxy.

Section 5. Executive Board Quorum.

A quorum for all regular and special meetings of the Executive Board shall be a majority of the members of the Executive Board, in person or represented by proxy.

Section 6. Executive Board Voting.

Each member of the Executive Board, including the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, in person or represented by proxy, shall have the right to cast his individual vote. The method of voting shall be by roll call. The “ayes” and “nays” of any vote shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII – Committees.

Unless otherwise stated, the TLC Executive Chair appoints committee chairmen. Each Director-at-Large may appoint one member to each committee; members serve at the pleasure of and may be replaced by the officer who appointed them. Committee Chairs may appoint additional non-voting members to assist with implementing tasks. Members may be appointed to multiple committees at once.

A. Membership

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- validate new members
- hold the register of members
- administer elections to create/reconsider regions and regional organizations

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

B. Communications & Technology

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- administer and maintain statewide communications network
- administer and maintain website
- facilitate electronic voting

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

C. Bylaws & Standing Rules

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- recommend bylaws changes to the Executive Board
- provide a method for bylaw change proposals from the membership
- develop standing rules

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

D. Strategy

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- stay abreast of state-wide issues and events of interest to the TLC membership
- make recommendations to the Executive Board for non-binding state-wide strategy and activity in support of the TLC purpose

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

E. Finance & Fundraising

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- fundraising
- assist the Treasurer in creating a recommended budget
- periodically review the TLC financial records and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding same

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

F. Advocacy Coordination

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- stay abreast of state-wide issues and events of interest to the TLC membership
- prepare and maintain a library of issue documentation and press releases for use by the TLC membership
- prepare a regular newsletter, as approved by the Executive Board, for the TLC membership

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

G. Training and Lectures

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- develop and deliver training materials and lectures to the TLC membership and guests consistent with resolutions adopted by the TLC
- develop and deliver candidate training materials to the TLC membership and guests

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

H. Elections Committee:

Under the direction of the Board, the primary duties of this committee shall include:

- compile information on local and state races and candidates for use by the TLC membership
- provide links to external existing voting history of Texas registered voters
- host candidate forums
- support regional organizations in finding and supporting candidates for office

This committee shall also perform other related tasks delegated by the Board, within the powers of the Board.

I. Affiliate Organization Committee:

A. Composition

The affiliated organizations committee:

- shall include one member appointed by each affiliated organization; and
- shall include one member appointed by each regional organization; and
- be chaired by the affiliate liaison.

B. Powers:

The affiliated organization committee:

- shall meet at least every even numbered month to discuss pertinent successes and lessons learned and to foster a spirit of collaboration between member organizations; and
- may prepare and submit reports to the Executive Board, standing committees, and biennial conventions.

ARTICLE VIII – Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the TLC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the TLC may adopt.

ARTICLE IX – Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. Ratification

These bylaws shall take effect upon adoption by a State Convention and shall continue provided 100 Individual Members join the TLC within 6 months of their adoption.

Section 2. Amendments

From the time of initial adoption of these bylaws and continuing for a period of three years, these bylaws may be amended at any State Convention of the TLC by a majority vote, provided that the purport of the amendment has been submitted in writing with the call of the State Convention. All amendments can be referred to via a web link, and any amendments posted to said link 30 days prior to State Convention shall be deemed to satisfy this notice requirement. Thereafter; the vote requirement is raised to a two-thirds vote with or without notice at a State Convention.

Any properly Noticed Main Motion Bylaws Amendment once stated may be amended as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the TLC, except that such amendments must be germane and in keeping with the purport of the notice.

