

# **Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA**

(inclusive of Richmond, Columbia, and Burke Counties)

As adopted by the founders of the affiliate on March 31, 2019

## ***Article I -- Principles and Objectives***

As members of the Libertarian Party of Georgia (LPGa), we, the members of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA, support the principles and objectives of the LPGa, as declared in the bylaws of the LPGa.

## ***Article II -- Membership***

### **A. Requirements**

Membership in the Libertarian Party of The CSRA shall be open to any individual who:

1. subscribes to the principles and objectives of the Libertarian Party;  
AND
2. is a member of the LPGa or of the LPUSA residing within the counties designated as inclusive of the boundaries of this Affiliate; such members will be designated as Affiliate Members and will enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership; OR
3. requests admission and is approved by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of The CSRA; such members will be designated as Associate Members and will enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership except:
  - i. Associate Members will not be eligible to hold any office in the Libertarian Party of The CSRA but may sit on committees;  
AND
  - ii. Associate Members will not be eligible to vote in any election of officers of the Libertarian Party of The CSRA, including elections to remove officers; AND
  - iii. Associate Members will not be eligible to vote for any delegate to any convention called by the LPGa or by the national Libertarian Party and will not be eligible to stand for election as such a delegate
  - iv. Associate Members will not be eligible to vote on issues of platform or bylaws of either the local affiliate, the LPGa or the national LP.

### **B. Dues**

Dues of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA shall be set by the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA.

### ***Article III -- Meetings***

- A. The Libertarian Party of the CSRA shall have a minimum of one business meeting per quarter, with one occurring after January 1 but prior to the Annual Convention of the LPGa.
- B. The Libertarian Party of the CSRA shall have an Annual Convention prior to the Annual Convention of the LPGa to elect a county delegate (or delegates) to the LPGa Convention. Delegates shall meet the qualifications as defined by the bylaws of the LPGa, including that they are current members of LPGa.
- C. Special meetings may be convened on sufficient notice to all Libertarian Party of the CSRA members.

### ***Article IV -- Officers***

#### **A. Titles**

The titles of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA officers must include: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.

#### **B. Duties**

- 1. Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA and shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of Chairman.
- 2. Vice Chairman: The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event of the latter's absence or resignation.
- 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA and of the Executive Committee. At such meeting the secretary shall present the minutes of the previous meeting for approval. In all roll call votes the Secretary shall call the roll of registered members and shall keep an accurate tally of such votes. The Secretary shall provide to the LPGa office the names and contact information of all officers of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA. In addition, the Secretary shall provide to the LPGa office the names of known members and updated contact information for them, unless a Membership Director be responsible for this task.
- 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and give receipts for all funds paid to the Libertarian Party of the CSRA and shall deposit same in such banks as shall be designated by the Libertarian Party of the CSRA Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall report at each meeting of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA or at any other time as may be required by the Executive Committee. Funds shall be expended only in accordance with regulations established by the Executive Committee.



5. Membership Director: The Membership Director shall maintain the official list of members of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA. The Membership Director shall provide a membership report at each regular meeting, which shall detail the total number of voting members. In addition, the Membership Director shall provide to the LPGa office the names of known members and updated contact information for them.

### **C. Nominations**

1. Nominations of all Officers elected by the Libertarian Party of the CSRA shall be from the floor during a business meeting of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA or of the Executive Committee.
2. Nominations for officers will be accepted at any business meeting, up to and including the meeting at which officers are to be elected. Nominations will be accepted in person from the floor of the meeting, or in writing if received within the above time frame. All nominations are contingent upon the agreement of the nominee, either orally or in writing.
3. Nominations for Officers must be proposed by any two members of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA, either of which may be the nominee.
4. "None of the Above" shall be automatically considered a candidate on any ballot for Officer elections. In the event that "None of the Above" receives the most votes, the election will be declared void and nominations will be re-opened for a new election.

### **D. Elections**

Officers shall be elected each year at a business meeting of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA after January 1 but prior to the Annual Convention of the LPGa.

### **E. Term of Office**

Each elected Officer shall hold that post for a period of one year, or until the next regular election is held.

### **F. Officer Removal**

An officer of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of attending members, either at a regularly scheduled meeting or at a specially called meeting of the membership. Electronic or telephonic meetings shall not suffice for a removal proceeding.

## ***Article V -- The Executive Committee***

A. The Officers of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA shall sit on the Executive

Committee.

B. Each Executive Committee member shall have one vote on the Committee. No voting by proxy shall be allowed.

C. The Executive Committee may, at the direction of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA members, perform any duty or assume any responsibility belonging to the Libertarian Party of the CSRA for any period of time within the administration of a given Executive Committee; however, all such authorization shall expire upon the installation of a new Executive Committee.

D. Attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee is mandatory for all Executive Committee members. Failure to attend an Executive Committee meeting without prior notice may result in removal from the Executive Committee through the officer removal process.

E. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open for observation to all members of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA.

F. The Executive Committee shall have at least one business meeting per year, to be held no more than sixty days prior to the next business meeting of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA.

## ***Article VI -- Voting Procedures***

### ***A. Quorum***

At all business meetings a quorum shall consist of at least 3 members of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA, unless otherwise conflicting with the bylaws of the LPGa. At all Executive Committee meetings, a quorum shall consist of at least half of the Executive Committee members.

### ***B. Voting***

At all Libertarian Party of the CSRA meetings, votes by mail, or votes by other means, a motion shall be passed on the affirmative vote of 50% of the members voting, plus one additional affirmative vote, except as provided in Article IV.F, "Officer Removal" and as provided in Article VII.D, "Amendment and Repeal Procedures".

## ***Article VII -- Amendment and Repeal Procedures***

A. Proposed amendments to, or repeal of, any of these bylaws, if approved by the Executive Committee, shall be entered on the agenda of the next business meeting of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA.

B. Any member may propose any amendment, or repeal of any section, at any business meeting of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA if such amendment or repeal



proposal is presented in writing to the Secretary before the meeting, and if such proposal is requested by three members.

C. In either case, the proposed amendment or repeal automatically shall be tabled until the following business meeting of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA, where it shall be presented for a vote. In the interim, the Secretary shall make available the text of said changes, in writing, to each member of the Libertarian Party of the CSRA.

D. In any amendment or repeal vote, a two-thirds majority of those members voting shall be necessary for adoption.

E. Any amendment or other change to these bylaws shall be filed with the Elections Superintendent of the county, and with the LPGa office.

### ***Article VIII -- Vacancy and Succession***

In the event of the vacancy of an elected office, the Executive Committee may select a Libertarian Party of the CSRA member to fill such vacancy until the next regular election of that Officer position.

### ***Article IX -- Parliamentary Authority***

Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) is the only parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered in these bylaws.