

Bylaws of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party

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Article I – Principles and Objectives

A. Principles

1. As an affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Georgia (LPGA), the Greater Athens Libertarian Party (GALP) supports the principles and objectives of the LPGA, as declared in the bylaws of the LPGA.

B. Objectives

1. Grow the Greater Athens Libertarian Party membership.
2. Engage with communities and promote libertarian principles.
3. Support local, state, and federal LP candidates.

Article II – Membership

A. Requirements

1. Membership in the Greater Athens Libertarian Party shall be open to:
 - a. Any individual physically living or owning property in Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, or Walton counties of the state of Georgia; and
 - b. Subscribes to the principles and objectives of the Libertarian Party, The Libertarian Party of Georgia and, the Greater Athens Libertarian Party; and
 - c. Requests admission and is approved by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party.
2. Association in the Greater Athens Libertarian Party shall be open to any individual.

B. Dues

1. Membership Dues: There are no dues for membership.

C. Member Expulsion

1. A member of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of attending members, either at a regularly scheduled business meeting, or at a special meeting.

Article III – Meetings

A. Business Meetings

1. The Greater Athens Libertarian Party shall have a minimum of one business meeting per quarter, with one occurring after January 1st but prior to the Annual Convention of the LPGA.
2. Greater Athens Libertarian Party shall elect county 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.
3. Meetings may be held via Zoom, GoToMeeting, or other internet-based platforms, as needed, as well as in-person with the approval of the Executive Committee.

B. Social Meetings

1. The Greater Athens Libertarian Party shall hold social meetings as needed, which may coincide directly after the business meeting or on another date.
2. Social meetings may be held via Zoom, GoToMeeting, or other internet-based platforms, as needed, as well as in-person with the approval of the Executive Committee.

C. Special Meetings

1. Special meetings are single-issue specific and may only be called by the Executive Committee.
 - a. Members may request a special meeting via the Executive Committee.
 - b. Special meetings for the express purpose of removing an officer may be called by the membership without the approval of the Executive Committee.
2. Special meetings may be convened with a one-week prior notice period to all Greater Athens Libertarian Party members.
 - a. The notice of the special meeting must include the purpose, and specific documentation or other appropriate information.

3. Special meetings may be held via Zoom, GoToMeeting, or other internet-based platforms, as needed, as well as in-person.

Article IV – Officers

A. Titles

1. The titles of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party officers must include and maintain the following:
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Secretary
2. Additional officer positions may include the following and may be appointed by the Executive Committee or elected by the membership:
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. County Representative (no more than one per county)
 - c. If any position has more than one interested person, the position must be elected by the membership

B. Eligibility

1. Eligibility for holding an officer position:
 - a. Physically live in one of the counties in the Greater Athens Libertarian Party; and
 - b. Hold a current and active membership with the Libertarian Party of Georgia; and
 - c. Be able to perform the duties of the office.

C. Duties

1. Chair: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party and shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of Chair.
2. Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event of the latter's absence or resignation.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall perform the following:

- a. Keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party and of the Executive Committee;
 - b. Present the minutes of the previous meeting for approval;
 - c. In all roll call votes, the Secretary shall call the roll of registered members and shall keep an accurate tally of such votes;
 - d. Provide the names and contact information of all officers of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party to the LPGA office;
 - e. Provide to the LPGA office the names of known members and updated contact information for them.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall perform the following:
- a. Receive and give receipts for all funds paid to the Greater Athens Libertarian Party and shall deposit same in such banks as shall be designated by the Greater Athens Libertarian Party Executive Committee;
 - b. Report at each meeting of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party, or at any other time as may be required by the Executive Committee;
 - c. Spend funds only in accordance with regulations established by the Executive Committee.
5. County Representative: The County Representative shall perform the following:
- a. Liaison with the Executive Committee as the representative for the county;
 - b. Bring forth county specific concerns, issues, and opportunities to the Executive Committee.

D. Elections

1. Officers shall be elected biennially at a business meeting of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party prior to the applicable Annual Convention of the LPGA.

E. Nominations

1. Nominations of all Officers elected by the Greater Athens Libertarian Party shall be from the floor during business or special meetings of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party. Nominations for officers will be accepted up to and including the meeting at which officers are to be elected.

2. 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 Greater Athens Libertarian Party, either of which may be the nominee.
4. "None of the Above" shall automatically be considered a candidate on any ballot for Officer elections. If "None of the Above" receives the most votes, the election will be declared void and nominations will be re-opened for a new election.

F. Term of Office

1. Each elected Officer shall hold that post for a period of two years year, or until the next regular election is held.
2. An officer may run for two consecutive terms.
3. If there are no other opponents at the end of the second term, the incumbent officer may temporarily hold same office until a replacement is elected.
4. A previous officer may run for a previously held office after one full election cycle has completed.

G. Officer Removal

1. An officer of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of attending members, either at a regularly scheduled business meeting, or at a special meeting.
2. Special meetings for the express purpose of removing an officer may be called by the membership without the approval of the Executive Committee with all the other requirements of special meetings as defined in Article III, Section C.2.

Article V – The Executive Committee

A. Executive Committee

1. The Officers of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party shall sit on the Executive Committee.
2. Each Executive Committee member shall have one vote on the Committee. No voting by proxy shall be allowed. Voting electronically (phones, text, email) is allowed.

3. The Executive Committee may, at the direction of Greater Athens Libertarian Party members, perform any duty or assume any responsibility belonging to the Greater Athens Libertarian Party 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.
4. Attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee are mandatory for all Executive Committee members. Attendance may be electronic (phone, teleconference platform).
 - a. Repeated failure to attend Executive Committee meetings without prior notice may result in removal from the Executive Committee through the officer removal process.
5. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open for observation to all members of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party.
6. The Executive Committee shall meet no more than sixty days prior to the next business meeting of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party.

Article VI -- Voting Procedures

A. Quorum

1. No binding decisions or voting can be made without a quorum.
 - a. At all business meetings, a quorum shall include at least half of the Executive Committee and one non-officer member of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party.
 - b. At all Executive Committee meetings, a quorum shall consist of at least half of the Executive Committee members.

B. Voting

1. Voting shall be restricted to members as defined in Article II, Section A.1.
2. At all Greater Athens Libertarian Party 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.
 - a. Any member may ask for a roll-call vote, otherwise voice voting is acceptable.

Article VII -- Amendments and Repeals

A. Procedures

1. 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 Greater Athens Libertarian Party.
2. Any member may propose any amendment, or repeal of any section, at any business meeting of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party if such amendment or repeal proposal is presented in writing to the Secretary before the meeting.
3. In either case, the proposed amendment or repeal automatically shall be tabled until the following business meeting of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party, where it shall be presented for a vote. In the interim, the Secretary shall make available the text of said changes, in writing or by email, to each member of the Greater Athens Libertarian Party.
4. In any amendment or repeal vote, a two-thirds majority of those members voting shall be necessary for adoption.
5. Any amendment or other changes to these bylaws shall be filed with the Elections Superintendent of the county, and with the LPGA office.
6. By-laws shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee yearly.

Article XIII -- Vacancy and Succession

A. Vacancy

1. If one or more of the required positions become vacant and there is no appropriate successor, the membership shall elect a pro tem for that position until the next officer election cycle.

B. Succession

1. If, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, an officer is unable to discharge their duties, the succession of officers is as follows:
 - a. The Vice Chair shall succeed the Chair.
 - b. The Secretary shall succeed the Vice Chair.
 - c. The membership shall elect a pro tem for any vacant position without a successor until the next officer election cycle.

Article IX – Secession

A. Procedures

1. Any county that comprises the Greater Athens Libertarian Party may petition to secede from Greater Athens Libertarian Party affiliate if:
 - a. The seceding county members achieve two-thirds vote of the members that comprise the seceding county members.

Article X – Parliamentary Authority

A. Authority

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