

Annual Business Meeting Rules

For the sake of clarity, the terms “nominee” and “nomination” will refer to a person in official consideration to represent the Libertarian Party as a statewide candidate via a nominating motion, a second, and an acceptance. The term “victor” and “victory” will refer to the person who is selected to be the Libertarian Party statewide candidate.

Process for Nomination of Statewide Candidates

1. The Chair opens up the floor for nominations to a specific office.
 - The order of offices to be nominated will be based on ballot position:
 - Governor
 - Lieutenant Governor
 - Attorney General
 - Secretary of State
 - Comptroller
 - Treasurer
 - Nominees who do not win may “waterfall” to other offices.
 - NOTA (“none of the above”) is *always* a declared option when voting.
 - Potential candidates must be physically present at the annual business meeting to accept a nomination.
 - Nominees must be eligible to serve in the office being considered.
 - For the sake of time, please refrain from “gag nominations” or nominating people who are not serious about representing our party in that capacity.
2. Nominations
 - Nominations will be made with no initial speech.
 - Seconds will be made without a speech.
 - The person being considered will accept or decline the nomination.
 - The Secretary will record the names of nominees who accept.
3. Nomination speeches
 - If there is only one candidate (and NOTA) when nominations are closed, then proceed to the rules for Uncontested Races.
 - Contested Races
 - Nominating speeches will be granted in the order in which the nominations were accepted.
 - The person who made the initial nomination for that nominee may give a nominating speech no longer than 2 minutes.
 - There will not be time allotted to the person who seconded the nomination.
 - The nominee may give an acceptance speech no longer than 5 minutes.
 - Repeat until all nominees are granted nomination and acceptance speeches.
 - Uncontested Races
 - Nominees who are only running against NOTA are considered uncontested. Time limits are shortened for uncontested nomination speeches.

- The person who made the initial nomination may give a speech no longer than 1 minute.
 - There will not be time allotted to the person who seconded the nomination.
 - The nominee may give a speech no longer than 2 minutes.
4. Creation and Distribution of Ballots
- The Secretary will call for the quorum from the Sergeant at Arms.
 - The Sergeant at Arms will identify the number of voting members present in the room and the number of votes needed for a victory.
 - Once the quorum is declared, it cannot be changed for that round of voting. Voting members will not be allowed to enter the room until ballots are submitted for that round of voting.
 - The Secretary will count out the number of ballots equal to the number of voting members declared by the Sergeant at Arms. The official ballots will be placed on the table in front of the Secretary for voting members to retrieve.
 - Each voting member must prove his or her voting credentials by showing his or her badge to the Secretary in order to be given a ballot.
 - Voting members may only retrieve one ballot and may not pick up a ballot for another voting member.
 - If a voting member is physically unable to retrieve a ballot, then he or she may notify the Chair to be delivered one.
5. Voting
- The Secretary will project the list of eligible nominees on the screen.
 - The ballot will identify the office being considered and will have a space to write the full name of the nominee of the voter's choosing. A NOTA checkbox will be offered on every ballot.
 - Please try to use the nominee's full name to prevent any ambiguity in reading your selection.
 - 10 minutes will be allotted for voting from the time the first ballot is delivered. Pending administrative delays, the Chair may extend time in 5-minute increments at his or her discretion.
 - Any ballot not submitted to the Secretary by the time voting is closed will not be counted. The total votes required for victory as declared by the Sergeant at Arms will not change.
6. Counting Votes
- At the end of the time allotted or as soon as all ballots have been returned to the Secretary (whichever occurs first), the Secretary and Chair will count the votes in private and record the totals in a spreadsheet not being projected.
 - When the counting is complete, the Chair will announce whether or not there is a victor. The Secretary will then display the spreadsheet on the screen. Victory requires a simple majority.
 - If NOTA is the victor, then all nominees on that ballot immediately become ineligible for nomination to the office being considered, and the electing body will return to step 1 and open the floor to brand new nominations. No concession speeches are granted.
 - If a nominee is the victor, then the victor is granted an acceptance speech no greater than 1 minute. Victors of uncontested races are not granted an acceptance speech.

- If no nominee achieves a simple majority, then the nominee with the lowest vote total other than NOTA becomes ineligible for nomination, is removed from the ballot, and the electing body will return to step 4. The nominee with the lowest vote total will be granted a concession speech no greater than 1 minute.
7. Repeat the process until all statewide nominations have victors.

National Convention Delegate Candidates

1. The Chair opens the floor to nominations
 - People may nominate themselves.
 - Nominees must be seconded.
 - Nominees must be present to accept their nomination unless he or she has delivered a statement of interest in writing to the Chair before the Annual Business Meeting is called to order.
 - To be eligible, nominees must be current members of the Libertarian Party of Illinois and residents of Illinois. Nominees should be confident in their abilities to attend and serve as delegates at the National Convention in New Orleans this summer.
2. Creation and Distribution of Ballots
 - The Secretary will call for the quorum from the Sergeant at Arms.
 - The Sergeant at Arms will identify the number of voting members present in the room and the number of votes needed for a victory.
 - Once the quorum is declared, it cannot be changed for that round of voting. Voting members will not be allowed to enter the room until ballots are submitted for that round of voting.
 - The Secretary will count out the number of ballots equal to the number of voting members declared by the Sergeant at Arms. The official ballots will be placed on the table in front of the Secretary for voting members to retrieve.
 - Each voting member must prove his or her voting credentials by showing his or her badge to the Secretary in order to be given a ballot.
 - Voting members may only retrieve one ballot and may not pick up a ballot for another voting member.
 - If a voting member is physically unable to retrieve a ballot, then he or she may notify the Chair to be delivered one.
3. Voting
 - The Secretary will project the list of eligible nominees on the screen with a number assigned to each nominee.
 - The ballot will have the numbers representing each nominee and a “yes” and “no” checkbox for each candidate. The NOTA requirement is represented on the ballot by allowing the voter to select “no” for every nominee.
 - Voters will select “yes” for numbers representing the nominees they would like to send as delegates to the National Convention. Each “yes” vote has a value of 1. A “no” vote

represents a negative vote and has a value of -1. Voters may also choose to not check either box. The absence of a mark under either box carries a value of 0.

- 10 minutes will be allotted for voting from the time the first ballot is delivered. Pending administrative delays, the Chair may extend time in 5-minute increments at his or her discretion.
- Any ballot not submitted to the Secretary by the time voting is closed will not be counted. The total votes required for victory as declared by the Sergeant at Arms will not change.

4. Counting Votes

- Nominees whose total “no” votes are greater than or equal to their total for “yes” votes are not selected as delegates and are ineligible to serve as delegates at the National Convention.
- Nominees who receive net positive “yes” votes are ranked by the number of net positive “yes” votes. However, if the number of victors is lesser than the number of delegates allotted to Illinois, then any nominees who receive net positive “yes” votes will be selected as delegates.
- If the number of nominees is greater than the number of delegates allotted to Illinois, then the votes will be ranked for each nominee. Nominees who receive votes but do not receive enough to be selected as a delegate will be considered an alternate delegate. If there is a tie for the final spot(s), then there will be tie breakers until the final spots are filled:
 - SCC membership status
 - SOC membership status
 - Precinct Committeemen status
 - Run-off ballot
 - Those who lose the tie breaker are still eligible to be alternates.
 - Secretary to list nominees remaining and delegate seats remaining on the screen.
 - Ballot will be created.
 - Voters select nominees equal to or less than the number of delegate seats remaining.
 - Nominees are ranked by the number of votes to determine victors.
 - Repeat until final spots are filled or NOTA prevails. If NOTA prevails in the tiebreaker, then all nominees can still be alternate delegates.
 - If repeat ballots are needed, then the nominee(s) with the lowest vote total(s) is/are excluded from the next round.