

## Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 24 2025

Meeting was over Zoom.

Called to order by Chair Darr at 3:03 pm ET.

Present: Kyle Davis, Dr. Chuck Moulton (VC), Michael Seebeck (S), Rob Latham, Data Logan, Amanda Griffiths, Bryce Thon (A1), Silvia Arrowwood

Absent: Andrew Kolstee, Geoffrey Neale, Paul Darr (C), Paul Bracco (A2).

Mr. Thon sits for Mr. Kolstee.

No guests.

1. Judicial Committee Proposal (continued)
  - Started at this point:

### **ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

5. Within 90 days following the regular convention at which elected, the Judicial Committee shall establish rules of appellate procedure to govern its consideration of matters within the scope of its jurisdiction. ~~The existing Rules shall remain in effect until and unless the Judicial Committee submits new proposed rules to the National Committee for approval, which approval shall be deemed given unless denied by a 2/3 vote of the National Committee within 60 days of submission. Those rules shall remain in effect until further amended or suspended by the Judicial Committee. An appeal shall be considered under the rules of appellate procedure in effect at the time the appeal is made. The Judicial Committee's session shall be between regular conventions at which they are elected.~~ A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be maintained by the Secretary at the Party Headquarters and shall be available to any member at cost.

- Mr. Latham moved to amend the last sentence to strike “maintained by the Secretary at the Party Headquarters and shall be available to any member at cost” and insert “appended to the Party’s Bylaws.”
  - Mr. Seebeck moved to amend the amendment to add “on the Party’s website” after “Bylaws” in the same sentence. Amendment to the amendment PASSED w/o objection.
- Amendment PASSED w/o objection.
- Mr. Latham moved to amend the first sentence by striking “Within 90 days following the regular convention at which elected, the,” inserting “The” before “Judicial Committee”, striking “shall” and inserting “may”, an inserting “new, or propose amendments to existing,” before “rules of...”

- Dr. Moulton moved to amend the amendment to add “throughout its term” after “jurisdiction” and to strike “Those rules shall remain in effect until further amended or suspended by the Judicial Committee.”
  - Dr. Moulton moved to amend the amendment to the amendment to strike “or” and add “or suspend” after “existing.”. Amendment to the amendment to the amendment PASSED w/o objection.
- Amendment to the amendment PASSED w/o objection.
- **Amendment WAS NOT VOTED ON. (Secretary’s note: everyone missed this! But will assume passed w/o objection based on the votes to the amendment to the amendment and the main motion. Will be brought up on list.)**
- Main Motion PASSED 8-0. Final wording:

#### ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

5. ~~Within 90 days following the regular convention at which elected, the~~ The Judicial Committee ~~shall~~ may establish new, propose amendments to existing, or suspend rules of appellate procedure to govern its consideration of matters within the scope of its jurisdiction throughout its term. ~~The existing Rules shall remain in effect until and unless the Judicial Committee submits new proposed rules to the National Committee for approval, which approval shall be deemed given unless denied by a 2/3 vote of the National Committee within 60 days of submission. An appeal shall be considered under the rules of appellate procedure in effect at the time the appeal is made. The Judicial Committee’s session shall be between regular conventions at which they are elected.~~ A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be appended to the Party’s Bylaws on the Party’s website. ~~maintained by the Secretary at the Party Headquarters and shall be available to any member at cost.~~
2. Discussion of approval of minutes, updating Lpedia, further proposals. Dr. Moulton moves to approve all prior meeting minutes. PASSED w/o objection. Notification to list to adjust Lpedia accordingly. Mr. Seebeck directed to adjust Zoom meeting notice to include registrations to make more public while still protecting against unwanted bot intrusions.

3. Dr. Moulton moves proposal regarding NOTA in Presidential nominations:

#### 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 the Party’s nominees for President or Vice-President or 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.

- Dr. Moulton moved to amend to insert “, nominations shall be reopened,” after “declared vacant”.
  - Mr. Thon moved to amend to strike “shall” and replace with “may”. PASSED 5-3.

- Mr. Seebeck moved to amend to add “up to three (3) times” after “reopened”. FAILED 4-4.
- PASSED 5-3.
  
- Dr. Moulton moved to amend by adding at the end “If Delegates, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, pass a resolution to not nominate a Presidential candidate, then no candidate shall be nominated, and the National Committee shall not have the power to fill the vacancy.”
  - Mr. Thon moved to amend 2/3 to 3/4. PASSED 3-1-1.
- FAILED 2-5-1.
- Mr. Davis moved to adjourn. FAILED 3-5.
- Mr. Seebeck moved to add “or nomination” at the end of the last sentence. PASSED w/o objection.
- Dr. Moulton moved to postpone further consideration of this proposal to the next meeting. PASSED w/o objection.

Current wording:

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4. Discussion of future proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm ET.

For the Committee,  
 Michael Seebeck, Secretary  
 August 24, 2025