

## **Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: September 7, 2025

Meeting was over Zoom.

Called to order by Chair Darr at 3:05 pm ET.

Present: Paul Darr (C), Kyle Davis, Dr. Chuck Moulton (VC), Michael Seebeck (S), Rob Latham, Data Logan, Amanda Griffiths, Bryce Thon (A1), Geoffrey Neale, Paul Bracco (A2), Andrew Kolstee.

Absent: Silvia Arrowwood

Mr. Thon sits for Ms. Arrowwood.

No guests.

1. Mr. Darr moves to amend the agenda for various items:
  - Revisit the issue of last meeting regarding accidentally going too deep on amendments (Seebeck)
  - Google Groups for the Committee (Darr)
  - Rest of itemsPassed w/o objection.
2. Seebeck amendment issue:
  - Mr. Seebeck moved to reconsider the Judicial Committee proposal. PASSED w/o objection.
  - Mr. Seebeck moved to adopt the Latham amendment as amended by Dr. Moulton. PASSED w/o objection.
  - Main Motion PASSED w/o objection.
3. Mr. Darr passed the gavel to Dr. Moulton.
4. Mr. Darr moved that the Bylaws Committee adopt Google Groups as its mailing list (switch to Google Groups from SharePoint for ease of use and better transparency and set Mr. Seebeck and Dr. Moulton as additional admins.) PASSED w/o objection.
5. Dr. Moulton passed the gavel to Mr. Darr.
6. Presidential NOTA voting (Moulton)  
Current wording:

### **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, nominations may

be reopened, and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office or nomination.

- Ms. Griffiths moved to change “may” to “shall” in the last sentence. (NOTE: The reverse of this passed 5-3 at the previous meeting.) FAILED 3-5.
- VOTE: Roll Call requested. Darr ABSTAIN, Davis NAY, Griffiths ABSTAIN, Kolstee AYE, Logan AYE, Moulton AYE, Neale AYE, Seebeck AYE, Thon AYE. PASSED 7-1-2. (What is seen above is the final version.)

7. LNC Ethics (Moulton)

Initial wording:

**ARTICLE 9: ETHICS~~FINANCE~~ AND ACCOUNTING**

1. The fiscal term of the Party shall begin on January 1 of each year. From January 1 until the National Committee has approved a budget, the Treasurer may authorize expenditures for any item incorporated in the previous year's budget as long as the level of expenditure is consistent with that budget.
2. The National Committee shall cause an efficient double-entry system of accounts to be installed and maintained. Financial statements of the Party shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Audits shall be performed annually by an independent auditor. The non-officer members of the National Committee shall appoint a standing Audit Committee of three members with power to select the independent auditor. One member shall be a non-officer member or alternate of the National Committee and the other two shall not be members or alternates of the National Committee. The Assistant Treasurer is not eligible to serve on the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall present its findings to each regular convention and clarify for the National Committee any recommendations made by the auditor.
3. No disbursements exceeding \$100 may be made with cash.
4. The National Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party and shall appoint such officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw funds.
5. The Party shall not borrow in excess of \$2,000 total without prior approval by 2/3 vote of the National Committee. This shall not include current operating debt for trade payables.
6. The National Committee shall designate an Assistant Treasurer to temporarily serve in the event the Treasurer is incapacitated or unavailable, or vacates the position.
7. **Except as explicitly outlined in these bylaws, no member of a committee shall:**
  - a. **Be compensated, other than for actual costs incurred for providing goods or services pre-approved by the Executive Committee.**
  - b. **Use his or her official position or office to obtain financial gain or other personal benefit, for himself or herself, any family member, or a business associate.**
  - c. **Use Party Resources or their position in the party to show favor or disfavor toward a candidate prior to receiving nomination or being elected, or vote to intentionally influence the outcome of such processes. This shall not prevent a committee member from acting as a sustaining member of the Party.**

- Mr. Neale moved to amend to change “himself or herself” to “themselves.” PASSED w/o objection.
- Ms. Griffiths moved to strike “or their position in the party”. PASSED 7-0-3.
- Mr. Latham moved to strike “show” and “toward” In the same sentence. PASSED w/o objection.
- Dr. Moulton moved to amend “a committee” to “the National Committee”. PASSED w/o objection.
- Dr. Moulton moved to amend to strike “or other personal benefit”. PASSED w/o objection.
- Dr. Moulton moved to amend “a committee member” to “a National Committee member” and add at the end of the sentence “or a Convention Delegate.” PASSED w/o objection.
- Mr. Seebeck moved to add “reimbursement” between “other than” and “for actual costs”. PASSED 7-0-2.
- Mr. Kolstee moved to amend to strike “Use Party Resources to favor or disfavor a candidate prior to receiving nomination or being elected” and insert “Use Party Resources to favor a candidate before nomination, or to disfavor a candidate at any stage prior to the election”.
  - Dr. Moulton moved to amend by substitution, “Use Party Resources to favor or disfavor a Presidential candidate prior to receiving nomination or a Party candidate prior to being elected”.

Proposal currently reads:

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(The highlighted section is the pending Kolstee amendment.)

**Moulton Substitution:**

**“Use Party Resources to favor or disfavor a Presidential candidate prior to receiving nomination or a Party candidate prior to being elected.”**

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm ET.

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