

Proposal 1

Updated membership and quorum of Central Committees

Current

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Rationale: Formal power within the LPID, and to the extent that Libertarians are elected to office, in the state of Idaho, resides in these local Central Committees. Since it requires 5 votes minimum to be elected Precinct Committeemen, which has happened only twice in LPID history, we previously allowed for the BSMs in a given County to elect County Central Committee Chairs, and some counties have done so.

However, it is better that our membership should be able to directly guide these Central Committees, rather than relying on bureaucratic technicalities in order to do things “properly” in the eyes of the state. This change places the Central Committee power in the members’ hands, unless more Libertarian Precinct Committeemen are elected in a county than we have party members. It also helps ward off the risk of a hostile takeover of a Central Committee by people who do not believe in Libertarian ideals but are able to organize a small number of voters in their precinct.

In counties where we have a substantial number of members who are not particularly active, the current state of the bylaws also makes it difficult to start up the Central Committee. The change to quorum allows for Central Committees to organize properly in those counties, while requiring enough notice to avoid hostile takeovers.

Proposal 2:

Digital meetings for all committees

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Rationale: Based on an opinion from a professional parliamentarian, under RONR, our committees are currently unable to officially meet and take actions via video conference, except for the Executive Board. This change allows all our committees, including Central Committees, to do so. It does not allow for digital participation in conventions.