

New Jersey Libertarian Party  
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**NJLP General Business Meeting Announcement**

Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 10 AM  
At the CannaSense Foundation  
109 Mercer St, Hightstown, NJ 08520

The NJLP will hold our Spring 2022 general meeting at 10 AM on April 30, 2022. An agenda will be published before the start of the meeting. The meeting will end at or before 12 PM.

**Project Full Slate**  
By: Francine Abel

The NJLP is pleased to announce the intention of running a Libertarian in each Congressional District for the 2022 Election Year. Multiple individuals in the party have stepped up to the plate to run for Congress across the entire state of New Jersey, something that the NJLP has not accomplished since 1992. At this time, each Region is set to review and approve candidates to send to the State Board that were not previously approved at the State Convention. We currently have candidates approved and running in District 2 (Mike Gallo), District 3 (Christopher Russomanno), District 7 (Clayton Pajunas), and District 10 (Kendall Ludden). For the remaining districts, the candidates will be announced following their respective Regional approval. We also have candidates Tara Murphy and Jason MacDuffie running for Branchburg Township Committee and Matt Kaliss running for Camden County Commissioner. This is going to be a great year to get a Libertarian elected in the State of New Jersey.

Now, a call to action. Every region and every district will have a Libertarian running and the only way to make their campaigns successful is if the members get involved and assist. Not only do we need individuals to volunteer to help our candidates with their campaigns, we also need individuals to run for down ballot positions in their districts. The more Libertarians we have on the

ballot, the better a chance we have of pulling votes from the two-party system. Our goal is to spread the message of libertarianism using grassroots tactics and to meet people where they are at. There's no better place to do this than on the local level. Please consider making a run locally, whether it's for town council, county commissioner, school board, etc. to support our candidates running at the Congressional level.

Please consider joining the State Board on April 11th at a meet and greet event, which all candidates and members have been invited to attend. This will be a networking event that helps create a foundation for our candidates across the state to obtain required signatures and enlist volunteers for their campaigns. The event details are as follows- Date: Monday, April 11th / Time: 7:00PM / Place: Glory Days Tavern, 1200 Hornberger Ave, Roebling, NJ 08554

**A Case for Libertarian Unity**  
By: Michael Manieri

The liberty movement is broad, covering members whose ideologies span from anarcho-capitalism to classical liberalism to left-libertarianism and more. Amazingly, we all coalesce around a fundamental idea: the importance of individual liberty. Given that we're a party of individualists who hold a wide range of libertarian ideologies, it is perfectly understandable that not all members hold a shared vision for the LP. These differing visions have unfortunately led to infighting among factions.



Last month, a number of Mises Caucus members were elected to the NJLP State Board. Some NJLP members who don't share our style of libertarianism opposed our candidacies. Some members may have even opposed my candidacy specifically. Yet, all active members must continue to work together in the pursuit of a freer world. Our most active and knowledgeable members come from all different wings of the party and we will be most effective if we work together.

Now that the new State Board has been elected, it's time to get to work. This work includes important issues, such as opposing the Saudi genocide in Yemen, educating others about the failures of central banking, and hopefully getting Libertarians elected to local office this fall. We cannot let our minor differences impede our central mission of furthering liberty. Our enemy is the state, not each other. Although some members may be more moderate or more extreme than others, we all agree that the state is too expansive and that its existence, in its current form, is a detriment to society.

On both a national and state level, the LPMC and NJMC have focused on recruiting Ron Paul-styled libertarians to become active in the Libertarian Party, ultimately growing the party. We are not going to stop bringing new members to the LP, so if you really do have serious opposition to the Mises Caucus, I encourage you to recruit new like-minded members as well. Through this friendly rivalry, we'll grow the liberty movement together!

**A Letter From Candidate Tara Murphy**  
By: Tara Murphy

I'm planning to run for a seat on my township committee in Branchburg, Somerset County. I say planning because I need 100 signatures on the petition. This is twice as many signatures as a Republican needs and three times as many as a Democrat needs to obtain for this municipal

election. Such a high requirement of signatures is designed to discourage third-party participation in elections. That motivated me even more and I started planning my campaign early in the year. I began gathering signatures in January and I'm almost halfway there. The deadline is June 7, which is feasible as long as I maintain my momentum. Once I'm on the ballot, I will possibly be the first 3rd party candidate to run in my town and the first Libertarian candidate ever. Sample ballots going back to 1971 show only D's and R's, so I'm excited to make history. From my signature gathering so far I've found the value in talking to people. There's no substitute for face-to-face campaigning and petitioning. Sure, there are people who have brushed me off and at times I felt discouraged, but remembering the positive interactions keeps me going. My objective is to unseat two Republican incumbents, one who has served eight terms (there's no such thing as term limits here). The danger of standing in one spot for too long is taking root. The other incumbent is in his first term and was swapped in after his predecessor resigned mid-term. Both incumbents have potential conflicts of interest in the business community. I have no conflicts of interest. There's nothing that would prevent me from advocating for the people of Branchburg over business interests. Nothing would compel me to make decisions that are contrary to public referendums. This is also my first time running for any office. My priorities are residents quality of life, preserving open space, term limits for committee members and responsible revisions to the master plan (zoning). Branchburg is under siege by developers. It's time someone stands up for residents' freedoms.

**Past is Prologue, Future is Epilogue**  
By: Gregg Mele

As we have had a complete changing of the guard, it is a time to reflect, and a time for hope.

**6. Email Openness.**  
Add Bus. Rule for 6.f: "All State Board and committee official emails and records shall be open to NJLP members. That include [board@njlp.org](mailto:board@njlp.org), [platform@njlp.org](mailto:platform@njlp.org), [bylaws@njlp.org](mailto:bylaws@njlp.org), and similar email lists." Rationale: At present these discussions over emails are treated as closed to members in violation of Openness policy in 6f.

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starting with the next summer one. This emergency solution proposed here is offered as a stop-gap measure. It would override/amend this reading, allowing to conduct summer General Meeting as has been the custom, and give time in the interim for the bylaws committee to develop a more robust longer-term approach one way or another so that it can be presented to the membership at the next GM.

### 3. Amend Platform at General Meetings.

In 6.a.5. Add "General Meeting shall have the power to amend the NJLP Platform." , and In 6.b.1 strike "amend", so it reads "to adopt or discard the NJLP Platform;"

Rationale. This change would allow it (Platform) to function more effectively. The Platform is obsolete, and there is a considerable implicit backlog of Platform changes due to years of neglect. Under this proposal, the power to adopt or discard would stay solely with the Convention, but Platform amendments would be distributed throughout the year, which should help to smooth the workload.

### Bylaws Proposals

By: Petition General Meeting organizing committee and signatories

#### 1. Term limits for Officers.

Add 7.f. "Term limits. State Board members who have been in the same roles for three terms prior (two terms in case of the State Chair) at the beginning of an annual Convention shall be ineligible to stand for re-election for this role until the subsequent Convention."

Rationale: To ensure timely rotation of the State Board members and the State Chair.

#### 2. Members email list.

Add Bus. Rule for 9.b. A.. "All state board members will be added as moderators of

members@njlp.org."

B. "Members-submitted items such as bylaws proposals, platform proposals, candidate statements, member petitions, meeting notices, and similar shall be considered official party business and distributed internally on party media."

Rationale: This would liberalize access to members mailing list and would improve inter-member communications.

### 3 Email notice for General Meetings.

Insert in 6a2 "[At least two (2) weeks written] or electronic (email and web page) [notice shall be given for a General Meeting.]"

Rationale: This would allow a notice via email and add greater flexibility with calling General Meetings.

### 4. Elections – Bylaws.

6d. Add. "The Bylaws Committee members shall be elected during General Meetings for a term of up to one year."

Rationale: Currently bylaws committee members are appointed by the Chair and are not independent.

### 5. Non-resident membership.

Add to Sec 5. "NJLP members who neither work nor reside in New Jersey shall henceforth have a non-voting membership, shall not vote in any internal matter, nor serve as officers or officials of the party, or voting members of the committees, but retain other membership privileges. Their voting privileges shall be restored upon reestablishing New Jersey residency."

Rationale: This provision would codify existing rules that non-resident members don't vote.

As your State Vice-Chair for almost three years and your 2021 candidate for Governor, I have had the honor and privilege of working with so many talented and enthusiastic liberty-minded people to further the goals of the Party and our campaign, and I am proud of what we have accomplished, while always putting the membership first. I have never felt such a sense of family outside of my own before, and I have all of you with me every day.

In the past few years, we went from a party that was fairly stagnant and added so many dimensions to it. We built the infrastructure and the organization in so many ways, and now have the framework to enable growth.

A priority going forward is membership. With so many registered Libertarians in New Jersey, the effort to reach out to them has already begun and should result in a sharp increase in membership, which of course will lead to more resources to accomplish more things. I look forward to being a part of the effort to increase membership as it is arguably the biggest priority currently facing us as a party. Beyond direct outreach to prospects, we need to enhance our Image with a combination of 1) qualified, charismatic, and unflappable candidates in the face of crises, who can gain the attention of media with a well-crafted message of our principles and our plan; and 2) vocal, energized, and unrelenting activists, whether single-issue or more, who can say the things that candidates cannot in order to keep the media's attention with bold and straightforward logic that cannot be denied. Of course, more membership will naturally result in more candidates and activists in our midst, making the job easier and easier as our talent pool and resources also increase.

Another priority is to make sure that, as the Party does grow, we are able to handle the inevitable disputes and issues that arise out of growing pains. During my time on the Board, I have also served as an equivalent of in-house counsel for about 12-15 issues that have arisen requiring a legal opinion, and as special counsel on a couple of occasions for more involved matters. Legal issues will always come up, and internal legal guidance will always be useful. It is much easier when no issues arise, but when they do, I will be glad to continue offering my legal background and advice to the extent requested. Proper guidance can help avoid derailment of our Party and its goals.

I am also very happy to see so many candidates this year, as visibility is crucial, as alluded to earlier. Having explored many aspects of campaigning in a variety of situations and circumstances, I continue building a knowledge base that I believe will be helpful going forward to improve our campaign efforts. I also look forward to sharing knowledge and experience with all candidates as we all fight for liberty in New Jersey.

We have a new and wonderfully talented Board in a position to take things to the next level right now. I am very confident that the Party's future is in good hands and look forward to seeing the Party being heard more and more. I expect that the traditions of membership outreach and prioritization, while maintaining an orderly structure and process that enables progress and accomplishments in an efficient, effective, and timely manner, will serve the new Board and the Party well going into the future. I am excited to see our continuing success unfold



going forward and thank all of you in advance for your efforts. Let's do this!

### **A Blast From the Past: Two Letters From Vic Kaplan**

After the tragic 9-11 terrorist attacks, Vic Kaplan published a letter in the October 2021 edition of the *New Jersey Libertarian*. He later wrote another letter for the December 2021 edition of the *New Jersey Libertarian* advocating for the US to cease the war in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, the issues that Vic writes about are just as relevant today as they were 20+ years ago.

October 2001

A surprise attack, that wasn't

Dear Editor

My sympathies go out to the families, relatives, and friends of the dead. But while I grieve for the lost lives of this terrible tragedy, I have one question to ask for the US Government officials: "When will you learn?" I have asked this question after the WTC bombing in 93, after Koblai Towers bombing in 96, after Embassy bombings in 98, after USS Cole bombing in 00, and the answer appeared to be the same-"Never!" "Never, would we give up on supporting the decade long policy of bombing Iraq and killing civilians in the process, never would we stop the arming of Israel and the Saudi government." Never mind that US troops in Saudi Arabia are obviously not welcome by Saudi government's enemies, including Bin Laden. Never mind that daily bombings in Iraq where civilians die is seen as anti-Arab. Never mind that we are provoking Israel's enemies into making US as Israel's staunchest military ally, safe for terrorism like it already is in Israel. No, the pride of a world superpower is so important for the nation's leaders to keep, that any risks that are posed to the safety of the American people as a priority is replaced with a "moral obligation to aid Israel and its allies". This message kept coming out of Washington after every terrorist attack. But there was no change in foreign policy then, I do have

some hope that some change may finally occur, because the alternative is too difficult to even consider. Of course, when I have been raising this issue for years, people accused me of being an alarmist, an isolationist. A few months ago, a known analyst who will remain nameless here, said to others and me in public that an unprecedented attack was going to take place on the US soil within months. He blamed it on the current foreign policy of the US. Of course, no one at the top listened. And that's a tragedy. I only wish that a serious reconsideration of the US foreign policy would take place. A genie has been let out of the bottle, with Arab-Americans being targeted by angry individuals and violent mobs. Some Americans are calling for the nuclear destruction of Afghanistan, as well as Sudan and Iran. Potential deaths of perhaps millions of men, women, and children who have happened to be born outside of the US is not seen as even problematic, nor is there any consideration to the obvious response from other countries or from the afflicted countries to such an attack. I hope that cooler heads at the top, as misguided as their foreign policy is would prevail, and that after a proper response; a serious reconsideration of our foreign policy would take place.

-Vic Kaplan

December 2001

Dear Editor,

The terrorists have retaliated, after we have retaliated. One begs to ask the question, when will this nightmare end? One thing is for certain, the escalation of the battle zone to involve new countries or the continuation of the bombing of Afghanistan will lead to more retaliation, and it will create more terrorists (the current ones have left their bases a long time ago). The safety of Americans is under attack, and it would be unwise to follow the policy of eye for an eye. Today, it's anthrax; tomorrow it could be something else... The United States government should cease the bombing of Afghanistan, followed up by the return of the

jointly certify that an emergency exists in the meeting notice, and describe it in reasonable detail."

B. Add new bylaws 6.a.6, or as a business rule under 6. "Any decision of a General Meeting held online shall be reconsidered and voted upon by a next General Meeting held in person, provided that the request or motion for reconsideration is supported by no less than a quarter of members attending the former General Meeting."

Rational: We need to retain strong presumptions in favor of in-person General Meetings. However, in current external environment it may impossible to conduct an in-person meeting, which would necessitate an online one. This provision adds two safeguards: that a true emergency must exist, and a lower plank for reconsideration which would reduce an incentive for possible foul play. I would like to stress that these safeguards were proposed and discussed back in November at the bylaws comm and may have sounded a bit exotic back then. However, a recent proposal for a second PGM in March provided a real-world example, vindicating both concerns. This amendment was ignored by the bylaws com majority.

### **3. Sufficient time provision for General Meetings.**

Add new 6.a.6: "Sufficient time to conduct Party business shall be allowed for General Meetings."

Rationale: Our General Meetings are frequently and repeatedly plagued by time overruns and haste, mostly due to overly tight prior time estimates on the draft agenda. This clause would serve to rebalance the priorities and smooth out conduct of General Meetings. The bylaws comm has first considered this clause in August. It deadlocked 2:2 due to reduced

quorum, and it was tabled for further consideration and vote. In the November session, it was ignored by the majority.

### **4. Open up bylaws com records.**

Add a new business rule under 6: "All records of the deliberations of the bylaws committee shall be open to members."

Rationale: This is consistent with our Openness policy (6f). The record of arguments and justification is useful to interested members considering whether to support or oppose the committee's bylaws proposals. A sister proposal as a standing rule for the committee itself failed 3:2.

### **Member-submitted bylaws proposals.**

By: Mark Kapengut.

Comments: mark18spring@gmail.com

1. Annual Convention.

Replace in 6.b.1: "The State Convention is a special General Meeting", Striking "a special", and replace it with "an annual".

Rationale: This minor editing change would bring the terminology used in NJLP bylaws in line with RONR. NJ laws also require corporations such as NJLP to have an "annual meeting". Much of the confusion in the run-up to January PGM was rooted in ambiguity in how NJLP bylaws deal with special and regular meetings in a RONR sense.

### **2. Regular General Meetings.**

Add a new business rule under 6: "Unless explicitly stated otherwise, NJLP General Meetings shall be 'regular meeting.'"

Rationale: Amid procedural confusion in January, the former Chair staked a position that our summer and fall regular General Meetings are "special" per RONR. In my view, this is both a mistaken reading, and an approach actually damaging to NJLP, in that it undermines the conduct of our GMs,



State Board, Ad-hoc committees). This proposal was recommended by the committee 4 to 1.

**Proposal 3** (Regional Composition Proposal)

Add to end of paragraph 11 f of the bylaws: "The assignment of counties to a region can be changed at the Convention by a vote of the majority of the NJLP members from that region in attendance."

**Rationale:** The method of moving Counties between regions has not been defined. This proposal was recommended by the committee 3 to 2.

#### **Bylaws Committee Minority Report**

By: Mark Kapengut as Bylaws committee member.

Comments: mark18spring@gmail.com

Bylaws committee members are listed incorrectly on the nearby majority proposal; they were Dan Karlan (non-voting Acting Chair), Bill Sihr (Secretary), Daniel Krause, Chris Feeney (RIP), Mark Kapengut, and Ken Kaplan. The Bylaws Committee majority presented a couple of flawed proposals.

#### **1. Proposal 1 (Board email voting).**

I recommend to REJECT this committee proposal as presented and to send it back to the bylaws committee for further revisions. The debate in the committee has been short-circuited. Several further amendments are needed to make this more fool-proof and palatable.

a. Absentees count. This proposal is a needless deterioration from the current practice, and may allow snap votes for political advantage. At present the Board using voting by email utilizes a modified procedure to count absentees, that better safeguards minority rights. The majority rejected language codifying this existing practice, and failed to come up with a replacement.

b. Significance Amendment: "j. Matters of significant impact on the Party shall not be considered."

Rationale: Such matters should only be considered in an open session in regular order.

c. Openness. This proposal violates members access rights and is inconsistent with bylaws provision 6f.

Amendment:

"h.All Board business conducted by email, including discussion and voting shall be open to NJLP members, and they may offer their comments on business of the discussion prior to the vote.

Rationale: A move to codify voting by email should come with openness guarantees. Recently introduced board-monitor list is a step in the right direction, but has not yet been codified as a business rule.

d. Reconsideration.

Amendment: "i. A motion to reconsider can be brought on any vote by email by at least 25% of the Board, including by a losing side. Such motion shall be voted upon at the next regular business meeting."

Rationale: This is another safeguard against possible manipulation of email voting.

Amendments b-d were ignored by the committee majority.

#### **2. Proposal 2 (online General Meeting).**

I recommend adopting amendments below, which would add safeguards making this proposal acceptable or rejecting this proposal otherwise for further work by the bylaws committee.

A. Add new bylaws 6.a.6. "General Meetings can be held via video conference only in case of emergency. In situation of such an emergency, the Chair, the Secretary, and the VP of membership shall

US troops home from Saudi Arabia and the lifting of the "no-fly zone" and economic sanctions against Iraq. Can I guarantee utopia? No, but I can guarantee that an escalation of the war would invite further retaliation. Pakistan and India have nukes, the public opinion in many mid-East countries is definitely not supportive of the US bombing campaign, and it is not difficult to foresee how this war could go horribly wrong, especially if Iraq and the Philippines would be next on the agenda. Someone better hope that the moderate Islamic governments would not fall, and that the terrorists would not retaliate. I am not naive enough to place my faith in that, so I chose the alternative. I chose peace over the cycle of retaliation.

-Vic Kaplan

#### **A Letter From Candidate Jason Cullen**

By: Jason Cullen

My name is Jason Cullen. I'm 41 years old and a resident of Manalapan, where I reside with my wife, Julia, and two young daughters. I've always been a principled constitutionalist and never truly felt aligned with either of the two major parties. Several years back, once I really learned about what the Libertarian Party stands for, I knew I had found a new home.

This year I will be proudly running in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District as a Libertarian. Having the opportunity to help secure the future for my children is my main motivation to run. Should I have the honor of serving, one of my top priorities is to protect the rights of the smallest minority in this country: the individual. Our individual/civil rights are constantly under attack from an ever-growing, intrusive Government, and I vow to be a champion for the people I would represent fighting to my last breath.

While I do align with the Libertarian platform as a whole, I would like to identify my top issues for transparency: government corruption/accountability, term limits,

spending/debt, extortionate taxation, the economy, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment are all the closest to my heart.

It's my understanding that we have a candidate running in every district in NJ. I'd love to see us all run as one unified voice for liberty across the State. I don't just see this as my campaign but as "our" campaign. All across this country, people despise the two-party system and feel trapped in an endless cycle of having to choose the lesser of two evils. Together let's put an end to that cycle. Together let's truly give the people another option: one that puts people and principles over parties and politics. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can and helping however you need.

Yours in Liberty,  
Jason M. Cullen

#### **DEFEND THE GUARD NJ ACT**

By: Tara Lynn Fisher and Lynn Genrich

The sole objective of "Defend the Guard" is to obligate the federal government to obey the US Constitution before sending American sons and daughters to fight more endless wars. Join our fight. Please contact Tara Lynn at [defendtheguard.nj@gmail.com](mailto:defendtheguard.nj@gmail.com)



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Please consider supporting this initiative by sending a letter to your state legislators. A template is provided below:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, a constituent in \_\_\_\_\_. I am writing to you today to respectfully request that you support the 'Defend the Guard' Act. This legislation requires the Governor to withhold or withdraw approval of the transfer of this State's National Guard to federal control in the absence of an explicit authorization adopted by the Federal Government in pursuance of the powers delegated to the Federal Government in Article I, Section 8, Clause 15 of the U.S. Constitution.

"Congress shall have the power to declare war." One simple line, but a provision our Founding Fathers carefully constructed. This section of the Constitution gives the legislative branch --not the executive-- the exclusive right to decide when this country goes to war and when it does not.

Our National Guard troops are being maimed, wounded, and killed in wars that Congress never authorized. A state's National Guard troops may only be activated with the approval of the governor.

If you are not familiar with the 'Defend the Guard' Act, I have a packet I'd like to share with you, including the text of this vitally important bill and articles demonstrating support for this idea.

May we set an appointment to meet soon?

Thank you and have a good day.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

**Event Announcement: The NJ Medical Freedom Fest**

By: New Jersey Mises Caucus

NJ Human Action proudly presents New Jersey Medical Freedom Fest: a fundraising and informational event for those who are against medical mandates, fed-up with COVID restrictions and want to learn how to best take action and fight for medical freedom. The event will include a stellar panel of speakers that are influential, pro-freedom advocates in the local area. All proceeds from the event will be donated to assist The Atilis Gym legal defense fund, which piled up hundreds of thousands in legal fees after bravely standing up against Murphy's tyrannical COVID-regime, Black Guns Matter and NJ Human Action.

Ticket includes a buffet meal and drinks. Beer and wine included. Must be 21 to drink alcohol. Covered area with plenty of seating on site between speakers area and facilities. The event is rain or shine.



Note: NJLP intends to staff outreach table. Let [vypprograms@njlp.org](mailto:vypprograms@njlp.org) know if you would like to assist. Ticketed attendance is required.

**Bylaws Committee Report**

By: Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee consisting of Dan Karlan, Bill Sihr, Mark Kapengut, Dan Krause, Ken Kaplan, Chris Feeney, and Gregg Mele have approved the following proposals to be considered at the 2022 State Convention.

**[Editor's Note:** These bylaws were published in the previous edition of the *New Jersey Libertarian* in anticipation of the NJLP annual convention. The bylaws were tabled and will be considered at the April 30th general meeting.]

**Proposal 1** (Allow for Email deliberation and Voting)  
Add new Business Rule 6c.9 providing the rules for the State Board to vote and deliberate via email:

6c. 9. Board business may be held via email provided the following is observed:

- a. If the business can be handled during a regular deliberative meeting it should not be considered via email. An exception can be made for any motion where all members of the body agree that it can be handled online.
- b. Motion is made via email with the full text of the motion present in the email and a reply has been made to second the motion.
- c. Upon seconding of such a motion, the Secretary, or other member acting in that capacity, shall notify all members of the Board, via some form of contemporaneous communication, that a motion has been made and the topic of such motion. The presumptive method for communication shall be by text message, however, any member may choose a different method of notification, provided they notify New Jersey Libertarian 5 Winter 2022 the Secretary in writing of such other method, and provided it is easily available and will not create an undue burden on the Secretary
- d. A minimum of two business days are provided for discussion.

e. After the minimum time for discussion a motion must be made to close discussion and to proceed to a vote.

f. A minimum of one business day is provided for voting, unless all members either vote or express their desire to not vote.

g. Anyone not voting will be counted as having voted in the negative.

h. The motion, second, and all votes shall be recorded by the secretary in the next regular business meeting minutes.

**Rationale:** Robert's Rules specifically states that voting via email is not allowed unless our Bylaws provides for it. Timeline for discussion was chosen to provide ample opportunity for discussion. Having discussion be closed via an affirmative vote ensures that members are participating in the proceedings. A full business day for voting allows for members to have different working and sleeping schedules. This proposal was recommended by the committee 4 to 1.

**Proposal 2** (Allow for Board and General Meetings to be by teleconference or video conference)

Delete from both paragraphs 6d and 6e the following text (two locations):

Meetings may be held by teleconference or videoconference, and the Committee shall have the power to adopt Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference.

Add to Bylaws a new paragraph 6g.:  
Any meeting may be held via teleconference or videoconference as long as the meeting is held in accordance with the Bylaws, Business rules of the Party, and meeting decorum as specified in Robert's Rules of Order.

**Rationale:** Currently our business rules only allow for the Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee to meet via "teleconference or videoconference". We should modify our bylaws to allow other bodies to meet this way. (General meetings,