

# Special Edition: 2023 LPRI Convention

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## From the Chair

A few words from Chair William Hunt.

If you are someone looking for an opportunity to get more involved with the state party, this edition of *The Individualist* is for you. Even if you are the type of member who is happy sitting on the sidelines, this newsletter will outline your membership benefits and how you can ensure your voice is heard at our [annual state convention](#) on May 21, 2023 at Lucky's Pub in East Providence.

Per the [LPRI State Bylaws](#), only LPRI members and LPRI Affiliate Members in good standing (active members for at least 30 days prior to the convention) are eligible to vote at the Rhode Island state affiliate convention. If you are an active member of the national Libertarian Party residing in Rhode Island, you are automatically an Affiliate Member of the LPRI. Affiliate Members can vote at the annual LPRI convention, but only LPRI Members in good standing are eligible to run as an officer of the party and/or receive the political endorsement of the party.

Bottom Line: if you want to participate in this year's state convention, and/or run for a position within the party, you need to [join the LPRI](#) no later than April 20, 2023.

Every odd year (including this year), the positions of Chairperson, Secretary, and At-Large officer positions are up for election. In even years, we elect the positions of Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and At Large.

In addition to the election of our officers, LPRI state conventions are opportunities for us to update our bylaws and establish and update our state party platform planks. If you are interested in submitting changes to our state bylaws, please complete [this form](#) so the convention committee can prepare any bylaw change requests (i.e. preparing handouts for participants) prior to the convention. Any changes submitted will be available to view [here](#).

If you have made it this far into the article, you may be starting to understand the amount of work and organization it takes just to keep the lights on for a state affiliate—before we even think about running a candidate or advocating for an issue. Compliance with the requirements from both the national LP and our state bylaws, along with mountains of administrative and reporting requirements for the state Board of Elections and Secretary of state, is no small undertaking, and I want to personally thank all of our dedicated volunteers that have taken this organization lightyears from where we were just three or four election-cycles ago.

In that same vein, we are always looking for more volunteers to help fight for liberty in RI. Don't worry if you're not interested in jumping into the deep-end right away. Even if it's just attending the upcoming volunteer [Earth Day Cleanup](#) event on April 22, or helping us man the registration table at this year's convention, please [reach out to us](#). Don't be shy! If you come to an event and show some interest in getting involved, I promise we will find a place for you.

Just make sure your membership is in good standing by April 20, 2023 so you don't miss out on any of the fun.

-Billy Hunt  
Chairman, LPRI

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# 2023 Convention Items

The Libertarian Party of Rhode Island's annual convention is significant for several reasons. First, it's where some of the party's most significant business—election of officers and bylaws amendments—is done. Second, it's the best opportunity for members to participate in party affairs and ensure their voice influences the party.

## Officer Elections

At this year's convention, which will be held on Sunday, May 21 at Lucky's in East Providence, we'll be holding elections for three executive committee positions:

- Chair
  - The Chair shall: preside at all LPRI conventions and all meetings of the Executive Committee; be the chief executive officer of the LPRI; be the official contact and spokesperson for the LPRI; and approve all LPRI publications.  
*- From the LPRI bylaws.*
- Secretary
  - The Secretary shall: maintain the LPRI membership list; take minutes and set the agenda of all conventions and Executive Committee meetings; keep other records as required by the Chair or Executive Committee or by these Bylaws; and serve as registered agent for the LPRI. The Secretary shall also serve as the secretary of the Membership Committee.  
*- From the LPRI bylaws.*
- Member at-large
  - An At-Large member will be nominated and elected at the annual convention to serve a term of one year. The At-Large nominee must be an LPRI member eligible to vote at the convention. The At-Large

member shall assist any of the officers in performing their duties when required.

- From the LPRI bylaws.

As Chair Hunt noted, to vote in party officer elections or run to become a party officer, you must be an LPRI member in good standing by **April 20**. Affiliate members (members who live outside Rhode Island or who are members of the national party) may vote in party officer elections but cannot run as party officers.

### **Bylaws Amendments**

Amendments to LPRI's bylaws may also be voted on during the convention. Per our current bylaws:

These Bylaws may be amended with 21 days prior notice by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at an annual convention, or at a special convention where such an amendment is specified as a purpose. or if proposed from the convention floor, without notice, by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted by any LPRI member eligible to vote at convention.

*In order to qualify for the lower vote threshold, proposed bylaws amendments must be submitted by midnight on **May 1**. Proposed changes can be made via [the form](#) on the convention registration page. Proposed bylaws changes will not be accepted online after this time. Members may propose changes to the party's bylaws from the convention floor, but these are subject to a higher vote threshold in order to pass.*

[Read the party's bylaws in full.](#)

### **Candidate Endorsements**

In the event candidates for public office decide to seek the party's nomination, members will decide at convention whether to award the nomination to the candidate in question. Per our bylaws:

Candidates for public office who seek endorsement by the LPRI must be voting members of LPRI (as per Article III). Such candidates for public office who seek endorsement by the LPRI shall be nominated and chosen by simple majority vote at the convention preceding the election. All votes for endorsement must include the option of "None of the Above" (NOTA) as the last selection on the ballot.

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# From the Floor

A space for LPRI members to have their voices heard.



*Our 2022 annual convention floor. We can't wait to see you at this year's convention!*



# Muh Roads Volunteer Clean Up

LPRI is excited to partner with the Rhode Island Liberty Alliance to take proactive community action.



Everyone knows the typical response when confronted with a libertarian's intention to greatly restrict or even abolish all government depending where you fall on the libertarian scale: "Who will build Muh Roads?"

To answer that question, the Rhode Island Liberty Alliance, has adopted "Muh Rd" (specifically Veterans Memorial Parkway in East Providence) to show how voluntarism works in practice.

In partnership with the [Libertarian Party of Rhode Island](#) and [Liberty RI](#) we will be holding Quarterly cleanup events.

Join us Saturday April 22nd at 10:00am at the [East Bay Bike Path Public Parking Lot](#) (near the intersection of Veteran's Memorial Pkwy and Mercer St.). Bags, gloves, clean-up tools, and high-visibility vests will be provided. **We also have a limited number of "Muh Rd" tshirts that will be given out on a first come first served basis to the volunteers that show up.**

After the clean-up, we plan on gathering back at the park to share some food and spend some time together.

This event is free, but please register in advance so we know how many supplies to purchase. [Register here.](#)

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