

Northern New Jersey Libertarian Party By-Laws

1. Name and Jurisdiction

The Northern New Jersey Libertarian Party, also known as “Northern NJLP” or “NNJLP”, is a unit within the New Jersey Libertarian Party, also known as “NJLP”. It advances libertarian ideals in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties in New Jersey, also known as “Northern New Jersey”. The powers of the Northern NJLP are detailed in the New Jersey Libertarian Party Bylaw 11, “Regional Organizations”.

2. Membership

Every member in good standing of the NJLP who lives or works in Northern New Jersey is a member of the Northern NJLP, provided that the member is not a member of another NJLP region. Voting shall be restricted to Northern NJLP members.

3. Guiding Documents

- a. These by-laws of the Northern NJLP shall become effective when they are adopted by a majority vote at the Northern NJLP Caucus at a State Convention. If there is a conflict between the Northern NJLP bylaws and the NJLP bylaws, the group will follow the NJLP bylaws. The bylaws contained in this document provide guidance for running the Northern NJLP.
- b. The Northern NJLP bylaws may be amended at a Regional Meeting with the approval of 2/3 of the members present provided notice of the proposed amendment and the Regional Meeting time and location was given to all members at least 2 weeks prior to the Regional Meeting.
- c. The Northern NJLP shall maintain a strategic plan to clarify its goals and path for obtaining those goals for the current and subsequent year and update this strategic plan once per year at a Regional Meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

4. Finances

The fiscal policies of the Northern NJLP shall follow the bylaws of the NJLP and any relevant governmental laws and regulations. The Treasurer of the Northern NJLP shall oversee its fiscal policy.

5. Purpose

The Northern NJLP shall advance the principles and platform of the NJLP by running candidates that support them and by hosting educational, fundraising, outreach, and networking/social events. It will also develop positions relevant to county- and municipal-level governance within Northern New Jersey.

6. Officers and Candidates

- a. Officers and candidates for the Northern NJLP shall be selected at the Regional Caucus at the NJLP State Convention as detailed in the NJLP Bylaw 11, Regional Organizations. Beginning in 2020, there shall be a Regional Meeting of the Northern NJLP every January where members may nominate candidates to run for public office positions entirely within the jurisdiction of Northern New Jersey. The Northern NJLP may nominate candidates to run for public office at any Regional Meeting but preferentially January Regional Meeting or the State convention to mate with the NJLP cycle. There shall be a Regional Meeting of the Northern NJLP every February to recruit regional officers for nomination at the State convention. There shall be a Regional Meeting every summer to coordinate the logistics of the campaigns for that year. The Regional Caucus at the State convention is a Regional Meeting.
- b. The Northern NJLP shall have the following officers:
 - i. Chair – The Chair is responsible for implementing the Strategic Plan and strives to maintain the internal party framework, voter registration and membership, help with campaigns, and facilitate candidate nominations. The Chair has the authority to steer events and delegate tasks to others.

- ii. Vice-Chair – The Vice-Chair assists the Chair in the completion of strategic tasks, coordinates with other officers, handles logistics at events, acts as Chair when Chair is not present, and helps the Chair as needed in other ways to further the Northern NJLP.
- iii. Secretary – The Secretary records minutes, dialogue, decisions, etc. at events. If the Secretary is not present at an event another officer assumes this responsibility.
- iv. Treasurer – The Treasurer maintains bank records and is accountable for Northern NJLP funds, reports on accounts to NJLP and official agencies as required and leads fundraising efforts.
- v. Regional Representative – The Regional representative handles inter-regional communications and represents the region to the State Board.
- vi. Volunteer Coordinator for the East District – Coordinator assists with identifying volunteers for events and campaign assistance, coordinating with candidates to assist with party-to-party candidate support, and coordinating with other officers to plan special activities and events in Essex, Hudson, Bergen, and Passaic Counties.
- vii. Volunteer Coordinator for the West District - Coordinator assists with identifying volunteers for events and campaign assistance, coordinating with candidates to assist with party-to-party candidate support, and coordinating with other officers to plan special activities and events in Sussex, Morris and Warren Counties.
- c. In the event that an officer position goes unfilled at the State Convention, or if an officer resigns during the course of the year, a special election shall be held at the next Regular Regional Meeting provided notice of the special election is given to all members at least 2 weeks prior to the regional meeting. Until such a special election is held, the Chair may designate a Voting Member to assume the duties of the vacant office unless the vacancy is the office of the Chair.

7. Events

- a. Events run by the Northern NJLP shall follow an annual cycle beginning with the Regional Caucus at the State Convention. There shall be at least one event each month. It can be a Regional Meeting or an event for: education, fundraising, outreach or social/networking. Campaign events shall be organized and run by candidates at their discretion. The November event shall include a post-election evaluation of the campaigns. The December event shall be a holiday celebration for networking and socializing.
- b. The Chair shall plan and run the Regional Meetings according to the policies for General Meetings described in the NJLP Bylaw 6(a), “General Meetings”, except clause that pertain to NJLP members and membership in that Bylaw will only pertain to Northern NJLP members and membership, clauses that pertain to the State Chair with pertain only to the Chair of the Northern NJLP and clauses that pertain to the State Board will be disregarded.
- c. Full authority shall be invested in every Regional Meeting. Quorum for a Regional Meeting shall be 6. The nomination of candidates, the approval of cumulative expenditures over \$20.00, changes to the Northern NJLP Strategic Plan, and changes to the Northern NJLP Bylaws may only happen at a Regional Meeting. There shall be a Regional Meeting in January, February, at the State Convention, and in the Summer every year. Northern NJLP Bylaw 6(a) gives more details about these Regional Meetings. There can be additional Regional Meetings.
- d. If the Chair of the Northern NJLP does not announce the January Regional Meeting, February Regional Meeting, or Summer Regional Meeting by the first day of the month in which these events should occur, the Vice-Chair has the authority to plan that Regional Meeting and announce it through official party channels. The Summer Regional Meeting must occur by the end of August.
- e. Events for: education, fundraising, outreach and networking/social events shall be held for specific purposes and not for decision-making by the general membership. Officers can caucus privately at these events to hold a Regional Officer Caucus after appointing a general member to maintain order while they are gone. During a Regional Officer Caucus, officers can approve the cumulative expenditure of up to \$20.00 and decide on other party logistics by a majority vote of

the regional officers present. The general membership goes to those events to learn, volunteer and have fun. District Volunteer Coordinator have the authority to plan and execute one event for: education, fundraising, outreach or networking/socializing per month.