



## Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina

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**1) Due to potential changes anticipated with the NCDP Plan of Organization relative to Auxiliaries and Caucuses, it is proposed that we change ANY and ALL references of “Caucus” to “LGBTQ Auxiliary” in our Bylaws.**

- **ARTICLE I: NAME AND AFFILIATION**
  - Section 1. Name
- **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**
  - Section 2. Classifications, ii
  - Section 3. Membership Fee, including ii in this Section
  - Section 4. Caucus State Convention Delegate
- **ARTICLE IV: CAUCUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
  - ALL Sections
- **ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP**
  - Section 2. Duties of President
  - Section 4. Duties of the Secretary
  - Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer
  - Section 6. Duties of the Vice-President of University and College Outreach
  - Section 10. Minutes of Caucus Executive Committee
  - Section 11. Vacancy
  - Section 12. Diversity and Inclusion
- **ARTICLE VI: ORGANIZATION**
  - Section 1. District Organizations
  - Section 3. Duties of District Officers, a and b
  - Section 4. Election of District Officers
- **ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES**
  - Section 1. Permanent Committees
  - Section 4. Convention Committee
  - Section 5. Finance/Fundraising Committee
  - Section 6. Membership Committee
  - Section 7. Platform/Resolutions Committee
  - Section 8. Communications/Publicity Committee
  - Section 9. Committee Agendas
- **ARTICLE VIII: LGBTQ DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTIONS**
  - Section 1. Frequency, Time; Place.
  - Section 2. State Convention Delegate

- Section 5. Calling of state convention
- Section 6. Bylaws Amendments

**2) To provide flexibility in determining Membership fees, there are proposed changes to the Bylaws language of ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. Membership Fee, i. At-Large Member., and ii. Chartered Clubs.**

- i. At-Large Member current language: The amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) per year per each At-Large Member, defined as a member who does not reside within an area where there is an organized Chartered Club.
- Proposed language: i. At-Large Member: There will be an annual membership fee per year, per At-Large Member, defined as a member who does not reside within an area where there is an organized Chartered Club. The At-Large Membership fee shall be determined by the LGBTQ Auxiliary Executive Committee.
- ii. Chartered Clubs current language: The amount of five dollars (\$5.00) per year per each paid member of the chartered Club will be paid to the state Caucus Treasurer.
- Proposed language: ii. Chartered Clubs: There will be an annual membership fee per year, per each paid member of the Chartered Club that will be paid to the state LGBTQ Auxiliary Treasurer. The Chartered Club Membership fee shall be determined by the LGBTQ Auxiliary Executive Committee.

**3) Proposed changes to the language of ARTICLE IV: CAUCUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Section 2. Voting Members.**

- Section 2. Voting members current language: Voting members of the Caucus Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President of University and College Outreach, the Chair of each District Organization, and Presidents of all chartered and affiliated Clubs.
- Proposed language: Section 2. Voting Members. Voting members of the LGBTQ Auxiliary Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President of University and College Outreach, the Chair of each District Organization, Presidents of all chartered and affiliated Clubs, and the Chair of each Committee.

**4) As mentioned in Item 2) Membership Fees, to allow flexibility there are proposed changes to the language of ARTICLE VI: ORGANIZATION, Section 9. Chartering, iii and Section 10. Renewing Club Membership and Renewing At-Large Membership.**

- Section 9. Chartering, iii. current language. Submitting a membership fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each Active Member in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of these Bylaws to the Treasurer.
- Proposed language: Section 9. Chartering, iii. Submitting a membership fee for each Active Member at the then current amount in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of these Bylaws to the Treasurer
- Section 10. Renewing Club Membership current language: Clubs must submit a membership list and remit a membership fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each Active Member; and provide proof of active and compliant status with the North Carolina Board of Elections prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Proposed language: i. Renewing Club Membership: Clubs must submit a membership list and remit a membership fee at the then current amount in accordance with Article III, Section 3, ii. for each Active Member; and provide proof of active and compliant status with the North Carolina Board of Elections prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

- ii. **Renewing At-Large Membership current language:** Each At-Large Member, as defined in ARTICLE III, Section 3.i must remit a membership fee of ten dollars (\$10.00); and provide proof of active compliant status with the North Carolina Board of Elections prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- **Proposed language:** ii. **Renewing At-Large Membership.** Each At-Large Member, as defined in ARTICLE III: Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3.i. must remit a membership fee at the then current amount to the LGBTQ Auxiliary Treasurer prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year

**5) The NCDP Plan of Organization requires Auxiliaries to hold at least one General Body Meeting per year, which can be classified as a General Body Meeting or Convention, therefore there are proposed changes to ARTICLE VIII: LGBTQ DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTIONS.**

- **Current Title;** ARTICLE VIII: LGBTQ DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTIONS.
- **Proposed change Title:** ARTICLE VIII; LGBTQ DEMOCRATIC STATE ANNUAL MEETINGS
  
- **Section 1. Frequency; time; Place current language.** This organization shall assemble as a state convention at least every two (2) years, in odd numbered years, however is not prohibited from having a state convention every year. The time and place of the state convention to be determined by the Caucus Executive Committee.
- **Section 1. Frequency; time; Place proposed language.** This organization shall assemble as a state convention at least every two (2) years, in odd numbered years, however is not prohibited from having a state convention every year. In even numbered years, the organization must have a General Body Meeting if a state convention is not held. The time and place of an Annual General Body Meeting or a State Convention will be determined by the LGBTQ Auxiliary Executive Committee.
  
- **Section 2. State Convention Delegate.** Change language to read **State General Body Meeting or State Convention Delegate** Also change description from **caucus state convention** to **LGBTQ Auxiliary General Body Meeting or State Convention**
  
- **Section 3. Registration. Change language to read;** To be duly registered as a delegate to the General Body Meeting or State Convention, a person shall have paid their membership fee 30 days prior to the date of the General Body Meeting or Convention. However, this requirement may be waived prior to or during a General Body Meeting or Convention by a majority vote of the members of the President’s Council.
  
- **Section 4. Quorum. Change language to read;** A quorum for the General Body Meeting or Convention shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the duly registered delegates.
  
- **Section 5. Calling of state convention. Change language to read;** Calling of state convention. A Convention instead of a General Body Meeting in even numbered years may be called by the President upon recommendation of two-thirds (2/3) of the LGBTQ Auxiliary Executive Committee.
  
- **Section 6. Bylaws Amendments. Change language to read;** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates at the General Body Meeting or Convention. Bylaws Amendments may be considered only after they have been approved by the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee Chair or LGBTQ Auxiliary President shall submit, in writing, or via email, all Bylaws amendments proposed by the Bylaws Committee to the LGBTQ Auxiliary President’s Council for approval to bring before the Executive Council prior to or at a General Body Meeting or Convention.