**Proposal U**

**Date Heard:**

**Vote:**

**AMEND ARTICLE 5.2 AFFILIATE PARTIES**

**Problem:** There are perceived ambiguities. First, that the LNC must take any taker (or even the first taker) on a petition for affiliation even if there is a good reason not to. Second, whether or not the duty to provide the governing documents is ongoing.

**Solution:** Reorganize the sentence to make it clear that there is no such duty to accept any petition and that the duty to provide governing documents is ongoing.

**Benefits:** Removes these long-term perceived ambiguities.

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| **Current Wording** | **Proposed Amendment** | **If Adopted, Will Read** |
| [INSERT SECTION AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED, IF APPLICABLE] | **ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES**[...]2. The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties **~~from any qualifying organization requesting such status~~** in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten **sustaining** members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and **~~file a~~** **provide** **~~copy~~** **copies** of their constitution and/or bylaws as adopted **and later amended** with the Party Secretary. | **ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES**[...]2. The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten sustaining members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and provide copies of their constitution and/or bylaws as adopted and later amended with the Party Secretary. |

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**MARK-UP LEGEND**

* In replacements, deletions precede additions.
* Deletions are in ***~~red bold italic strikethrough~~***.
* Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
* Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
* Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership