



Bylaws of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties

Article I - Membership

1. Membership in the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) shall consist of three categories, as established in the Constitution:
 - a. **Full Members**, being political parties that meet the eligibility criteria and hold full voting rights in the General Assembly;
 - b. **Associate Members**, being political parties that share IALP principles but do not yet meet all criteria for Full Membership and therefore hold no voting rights;
 - c. **Observers**, being individuals or organizations supportive of the IALP's objectives but not political parties, who may participate in discussions without voting rights.
2. The membership application process shall be constituted of the following steps:
 - a. Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the **Secretary General**, accompanied by:
 - i. The party's constitution, bylaws, or other founding documents;
 - ii. A statement of alignment with the IALP Declaration of Principles;
 - iii. Documentation demonstrating political activity, including its most recent electoral participation, and legal registration within its country;
 - iv. Any other information the Executive Committee may require for due diligence.
 - b. The Secretary General shall acknowledge receipt of the application within fourteen (14) days and transmit it to the Executive Committee for review.
 - c. The Executive Committee shall examine the application and, by simple majority vote, issue a recommendation to the General Assembly to approve or reject the applicant; provided that any Executive Committee member nominated by, representing, or affiliated with a Member party from the same country as the applicant shall abstain from voting on such recommendation. This recommendation shall be circulated to all Full Members prior to the vote of the General Assembly.
 - d. Final approval of membership shall rest with the General Assembly, in accordance with Article II of the Constitution.

3. An Associate Member may apply for Full Membership upon meeting the constitutional requirements of Article II(2)(a). The procedure for status change shall follow the same review and approval process as a new membership application.
4. The date of admission to Full Membership shall be the date of approval by the General Assembly.
5. Any Member may voluntarily withdraw from the IALP by submitting written notice to the Secretariat. Such resignation shall take effect upon receipt, unless otherwise stated in the notice.

Article II - General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme decision-making body of the IALP, as defined in Article III of the Constitution.
2. It shall be composed of delegates from all Full Member parties, each designated in writing by their respective party leadership to the Secretary General, no later than 6 days before Congress. Delegates must be members of their appointing parties, per those parties' internal governing documents.
3. Each Full Member party shall be entitled to one (1) vote, except where a party holds elected representation in a national legislative body or currently exercises executive authority in a national government, in which case it shall hold two (2) votes, as provided in the Constitution.
4. The General Assembly shall meet at least once every two (2) years, either physically or virtually, as determined by the Executive Committee, starting with the First IALP Congress, to be held upon the finalization of the Alliance's incorporation in the United States.
5. Additional Special Sessions may be convened by the Chairperson with the consent of the Executive Committee, or a petition signed by one-third (1/3) of Full Member parties, submitted to the Secretary General.
6. Sessions of the General Assembly that are not Special Sessions shall be known as Congresses.
7. Written notice of any General Assembly session, including the proposed agenda, shall be issued by the Secretariat to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the opening date.
8. The Executive Committee shall prepare the provisional agenda of the General Assembly. Any Full Member party may propose additional items for inclusion on the agenda by submitting them in writing to the Secretariat. The General Assembly shall adopt its final agenda at the opening of each session by simple majority vote. Decisions on new memberships shall always be the first item of new business in Congress.
9. A quorum shall consist of one-third (1/3) of Full Member parties, present in person or participating virtually, as provided in Article V of the Constitution. Congress may begin once quorum has been established within a reasonable amount of time of the official start time, consistent with the expectations created by the notice of Congress and guaranteeing that delegates' right to participate is not infringed.
10. Decisions of the General Assembly shall be made by simple majority vote, except for constitutional amendments and member expulsions, which require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Full Members present and voting.

Article III - Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall serve as the governing and administrative body of the IALP between sessions of the General Assembly.
2. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected during the IALP Congress. The term of an Executive Committee shall end at the closure of the following Congress.
3. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:
 - a. If the office of Chairperson becomes vacant, the Secretary General shall serve as Acting Chairperson until the Executive Committee appoints an interim successor or until the next General Assembly.
 - b. If the office of **Secretary General** or **Treasurer** becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint an interim officer by majority vote within thirty (30) days.
 - c. Vacancies among **Regional Vice Chairs** shall be filled through consultation with Full Members from the affected region, subject to EC confirmation.
 - d. Vacancies among **At-Large Members** may be filled by EC appointment for the remainder of the term.
 - e. Any proposal to fill a vacancy under this Section shall be introduced in writing and circulated by the Secretariat to all members of the Executive Committee no fewer than seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the appointment is to be considered.
4. The Executive Committee shall:
 - a. Execute all resolutions adopted by the General Assembly;
 - b. Approve the annual operating plan and budget prepared by the Treasurer;
 - c. Admit, suspend, or recommend expulsion of members in accordance with Articles II and V of the Constitution and Bylaws;
 - d. Establish Standing Committees and *ad hoc* Working Groups, appoint their chairs, and supervise their work;
 - e. Oversee all international programs, communications, and events of the IALP;
 - f. Approve official statements or public positions consistent with the Declaration of Principles;
 - g. Manage the legal and administrative affairs of the IALP as a U.S.-registered nonprofit organization;
 - h. Ensure transparent record-keeping and financial accountability;
 - i. Credential the list of candidates for offices of the Executive Committee according to each party's internal nominating powers, provided that all credential decisions may be appealed by the General Assembly if motions to appeal are submitted in writing to the Secretary General no later than 5 days prior to Congress;
 - j. Submit a full report of its activities to each Regular Session of the General Assembly; and
 - k. Propose resolutions, motions, and other business for the General Assembly's consideration in Congress.
5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month, on the second Tuesday of the month. Meeting location and time shall be set by the Chairperson. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairperson or upon written request of one third of the Executive Committee members. The Secretary General shall be responsible to set and publish the Agenda and Meeting Minutes.

6. There shall be a Chairperson, whose functions and responsibilities include:
 - a. Serve as the chief representative and spokesperson of the IALP.
 - b. Ensure implementation of all adopted policies and decisions.
 - c. May issue official statements on behalf of the Alliance consistent with EC policy.
 - d. Exercise tie-breaking authority in EC votes.
7. There shall be a Secretary General, whose functions and responsibilities include:
 - a. Manage the Secretariat and oversee day-to-day administration.
 - b. Maintain all official records, archives, and correspondence.
 - c. Coordinate communication among members and between the EC and General Assembly.
 - d. Issue official notices, meeting convocations, and certifications.
 - e. Act as custodian of the IALP seal and documents.
 - f. Preside over meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee.
8. There shall be a Treasurer, whose functions and responsibilities include:
 - a. Manage financial accounts, donations, and expenditures of the IALP.
 - b. Prepares the annual budget and financial report.
 - c. Ensure compliance with U.S. nonprofit law and international financial standards.
 - d. Maintain transparent and auditable financial records.
9. There shall be Eight Regional Vice-Chairs, elected by the Full Members of their respective Regions, which shall coordinate regional activities, outreach, and communication among member parties, and shall be elected from the following Regions:
 - a. **North America** - United States, Canada, The Bahamas
 - b. **Latin America & The Caribbean** - Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela
 - c. **Africa** - Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
 - d. **Western and Central Europe** - Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, The Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Kosovo, Portugal, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican City
 - e. **Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia** - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

- f. **North Africa & Middle East** - Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
 - g. **South Asia** - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka
 - h. **East Asia and Pacific** - Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, New Zealand, North Korea, Palau, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Vietnam
10. There shall be five (5) At-Large Members, which shall assist the Executive Committee by serving on committees and working groups and shall represent the membership.
 11. Any EC member may be removed from office for cause - such as misconduct, dereliction of duty, or violation of the IALP Declaration of Principles - by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. The Secretary General and the Treasurer, being officers appointed by the Executive Committee, shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee and may be removed at any time by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee. An Officer who is absent for three Executive Committee meetings without providing prior written notice to the Executive Committee shall be automatically considered to have vacated their seat at the conclusion of the third meeting for which they are absent; and the Executive Committee shall be charged with satisfying the vacancy, by majority vote, within 30 days of the seat's being vacated. The Executive Committee may choose to reappoint the previous office holder.

Article IV - Committees and Working Groups

1. To advance the objectives of the IALP and implement policies of the General Assembly and Executive Committee, the Alliance may establish Standing Committees and *ad hoc* Working Groups. These bodies shall function as instruments of coordination, research, communication, and implementation within their respective mandates.
2. Committees and Working Groups shall operate under the authority of the Executive Committee and report directly to it unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
3. The following Standing Committees shall be maintained on a continuing basis:
 - a. **Policy and Strategy Committee** to coordinate policy dialogue, develop joint statements, and prepare recommendations for the EC, General Assembly, or Member Parties;
 - b. **Communications and Outreach Committee** to manage public relations, digital platforms, and international visibility of the Alliance;
 - c. **Electoral Support & Capacity-Building Committee** to provide guidance, training, peer-knowledge sharing, and strategic assistance to Full and Associate Member parties in preparation for national or regional elections;
 - d. **Ethics and Standards Committee** to monitor adherence to the IALP Declaration of Principles, handle internal disputes, and investigate alleged misconduct by officers or member parties.
4. The EC may establish additional Standing Committees by resolution of a simple majority vote when deemed necessary.

5. The Chairperson of the IALP shall appoint Standing Committee chairs, from amongst the EC members. In addition, Regional Vice-Chairs and At-Large Members of the Executive Committee shall be free to join any one Standing Committee. Full Members shall be entitled to join up to two (2) Standing Committees of their choice. Members of a Standing Committee may elect an Interim Chairperson in the event of a vacancy. The Chair and Secretary General may each serve on committees according to their discretion, but neither the Chair shall nor the Secretary General shall hold the office of Chair on more than one non-executive committee that contains more than one member.
6. The Executive Committee may create *ad hoc* Working Groups to mediate, facilitate dialogue, and help coordinate relations between or within member parties within the same country when disputes arise. Each Working Group shall be made of up to five (5) members, appointed by the Executive Committee from the roster of Full Members. Working Groups shall act to mediate and present reports and recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Article V - Associate Members

1. Associate Members are political parties that uphold the principles of the IALP but do not yet meet the eligibility requirements for Full Membership as defined in Article II of the Constitution. They shall form an integral part of the IALP community and may participate in its activities and deliberations, subject to the limitations of this Article. Associate Membership is a temporary and developmental status, intended to assist emerging libertarian parties in achieving the standards required for Full Membership.
2. The Executive Committee shall be empowered with granting Associate Member status to parties meeting its requirements. The Executive Committee may suspend or expel Associate Members for conduct inconsistent with the IALP Constitution, Declaration of Principles, or these Bylaws. The Executive Committee may also terminate an Associate Membership if the organization becomes inactive, ceases operations, or fails to respond to Secretariat correspondence for more than six (6) months.
3. Applications for Associate Membership shall follow the same procedure as that established in Article II, Section 2 of these Bylaws. Upon having met the eligibility requirements for Full Membership, an Associate Member may appeal to the Executive Committee for review. The General Assembly shall be the final arbiter to decide on granting Full Membership status.
4. Associate Members shall have the right to:
 - a. Attend and participate in meetings of the General Assembly, committees, and working groups, without voting rights;
 - b. Submit policy suggestions, reports, or project proposals to the Executive Committee;
 - c. Access training programs, publications, and communications of the IALP;
 - d. Use the designation “Associate Member of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP)” in public materials, provided it is not used to imply voting rights or legal representation of the IALP.
5. Associate Members shall:
 - a. Uphold the IALP Declaration of Principles, the IALP Constitution and these Bylaws;

- b. Provide regular updates to the Secretariat on their political activities, organizational development, and contact information;
- c. Respect confidentiality of internal IALP communications;
- d. Refrain from public statements that contradict the IALP's principles or bring the alliance into disrepute;
- e. Cooperate in good faith with any mentoring, mediation, or regional coordination efforts organized by the IALP.

Article VI - Observers

1. Observers are individuals, organizations, or political groups that support the principles and objectives of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) but do not qualify for, or do not seek, membership status. Observer status is a non-member affiliation intended to promote dialogue, transparency, and outreach between the IALP and broader civil-libertarian networks.
2. Entities eligible for Observer status include:
 - a. Emerging libertarian movements, pre-party initiatives, or organizations that have been rejected party status by their jurisdictions;
 - b. Academic, educational, or advocacy organizations aligned with IALP principles;
 - c. Individuals of recognized standing in the global libertarian movement; or
 - d. Partner institutions or NGOs collaborating with the IALP on specific programs.
3. Applications or invitations for Observer status shall be submitted to the Secretariat, which shall forward them to the Executive Committee (EC) for review. The Executive Committee may, by simple-majority vote, grant or withdraw Observer status. The decision shall be recorded in the EC minutes and communicated to all Members. Observer status shall normally be granted for a term of two (2) years, renewable by EC decision.
4. Observers shall have the right to:
 - a. Attend and participate, without vote, in sessions of the General Assembly, meetings of the Executive Committee (when invited), and open sessions of Committees or Working Groups;
 - b. Receive official communications, publications, and notices distributed by the Secretariat;
 - c. Contribute expertise, research, or policy materials to IALP initiatives;
 - d. Cooperate in educational or outreach projects with the IALP or its Member Parties;
5. Observers shall:
 - a. Respect the IALP Declaration of Principles and these Bylaws;
 - b. Uphold neutrality and avoid actions that could compromise the political independence of the IALP or its Members;
 - c. Maintain confidentiality concerning internal IALP deliberations;
 - d. Provide the Secretariat with current contact information and an annual statement of continuing interest in Observer status.
6. The Executive Committee may suspend or revoke Observer status for conduct inconsistent with the IALP Declaration of Principles, these Bylaws, or the integrity of the Alliance. The affected

Observer shall receive written notice and have thirty (30) days to submit a response before a final decision is taken.

Article VII - Electoral Endorsements

The International Alliance of Libertarian Parties shall not endorse, promote, or publicly support any individual candidate or group of candidates for political office unless such candidate or group of candidates is formally nominated or endorsed by a Full or Associate Member party of the IALP. No committee, or official communication channel of the IALP may issue or imply an endorsement of a candidate on behalf of the IALP outside these conditions.

Article VIII - Political Statements

1. All political statements issued by the organization, including express condemnations and direct calls to action on the organization's behalf, shall be submitted, approved, and released according to the following process.
 - a. The Strategy and Policy Committee shall hold primary responsibility for drafting official statements; but the right to submit a statement for consideration to the aforementioned committee or to the Executive Committee shall be open to all member parties, observers, and Executive Committee members.
 - b. Once approved, the Communications Committee shall release the statement on relevant media channels within 24 hours.
2. Messaging that does not include explicit condemnation; explicit policy endorsements; and/or language to the effect that the message represents IALP's official position shall not be considered a political statement and shall not be required to undergo the aforementioned approval process.

Article VIII - Parliamentary Authority

All meetings and proceedings of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties - including those of the General Assembly, Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Working Groups - shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (latest edition), except where such rules are inconsistent with or superseded by the IALP Constitution or these Bylaws.

Article IX - Amendments

1. These Bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed by the Executive Committee of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties, provided such amendment does not conflict with the IALP Constitution.

2. Amendments may be proposed by any member of the Executive Committee or a Standing Committee during any regular session of the Executive Committee, or by any Full Member during the IALP Congress.

Article X - Effect

These Bylaws shall take effect upon adoption. Amendments to these Bylaws shall take effect upon approval by the Executive Committee.