

# **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY OF NEVADA**

**(As Amended at the IAP State Convention March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014)**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the Independent American Party of Nevada, recognize that throughout human history most men have been slaves to man's institutions of government; that through the providence of God, our American Forefathers, steeped in the traditions, values and discipline of Christianity, threw off the shackles of government by man; that Americans established a Constitutional Republic, a government of law, under God, rooted in Biblical law, which controlled and regulated government, liberating the people and making the government the servant of the people.

We declare: That the proper role of government as defined by The Declaration of Independence; The Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights is to protect the God given rights of Life, Liberty and Property; that usurpation of further power by government constitutes tyranny.

We Independent Americans acknowledge:

1. That many Americans have ignored the Laws of God.
2. That our governments sanction abortion – the killing of our posterity.
3. That American governments, under the control of the Democrat and Republican monopoly, have become agents of plunder, of crushing oppressive taxation, of aid and comfort to our enemies.
4. That the Republican-Democrat political merger has deserted the Constitutional Principles upon which our liberty is predicated, and is promoting debt, spiraling taxation and the constant expansion of bureaucracy in order to maintain its political power over the people.
5. That our citizens, families and businesses are shackled with debt and harassed by bureaucrats.
6. That these tyrannies are undermining traditional family values and causing the decline of our nation.
7. That we, as a people, have surrendered our ability to be self-governing to massive government and international entanglements.

In order to reassert our rights as free men and women, We the People of Nevada have created an Independent American political party. In Article VII of the U.S. Constitution, The Founders of Our Nation stated that the United States Constitution was 'Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven...' thus acknowledging Jesus Christ as the Lord of "We the People of the United States" and as the God of this land. We appeal unto Him for guidance and power to accomplish His purposes, as "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," 2 Cor. 3.17

The First Responsibility of Government is to protect innocent life. We choose life and support the protection of innocent life from conception to natural death. Thus, we are opposed to abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Nations and people who find the life of another so inconvenient as to destroy and deny life to the innocent deserve neither life nor liberty themselves – and thus sow their own demise. We call for a cessation of this national destruction.

We Independent Americans assert our birth right as free men and women to KEEP and BEAR ARMS in order to protect LIFE, LIBERTY and PROPERTY from common criminals and political tyrants who always prefer unarmed victims. We call for the repeal of all Federal, State and Local regulations which encumber our Right to KEEP and BEAR ARMS.

We affirm: That indebted people cannot be free people: that the power to tax is the power to enslave; that the only way to reduce the size and scope of big government is to REDUCE TAXATION and to reintroduce to government (Federal, State and Local) the principles of frugality and fiscal responsibility.

We Independent Americans oppose all forms of tyranny and injustice and believe in constitutional, limited government, more individual responsibility and a better world under God.

The Independent American Party of Nevada is aligning itself with similar parties of independent-minded people in other States of the Union to form a national political party, and will sponsor candidates for President of the United States, as well as State and Local Candidates for public office.

**DECLARATION OF PURPOSE:** In consequence of the subversion of governments at all levels of these United States toward the failed concepts of a socialist welfare state, and the apparent control which these concepts and their purveyors have over the major political parties, we, the members of the Independent American Party of Nevada hereby declare:

That the purpose for our association is political in nature and is designed and motivated to influence, in the most effective manner possible, the operations of our governments at all levels in harmony with principles of individual liberty as embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America, as originally intended by its framers.

That in order to accomplish this purpose we must establish and perpetuate an organization that will be able to function under multiple roles including: grass roots campaigning, party membership recruitment, the distribution of political materials, and the election to office of good, wise and honest candidates who support the Constitution and sovereignty of the United States of America.

## **ARTICLE ONE**

### **THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY OF NEVADA**

**SECTION 1:** This organization shall be known as the “Independent American Party of Nevada”; hereinafter referred to as the IAP.

**SECTION 2:** (a) The Preamble affirms that philosophy upon which the Independent American Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The Preamble shall be “the principles and policies” referred to by all IAP political candidates for public office in the State of Nevada, when taking their oath of candidacy. The Preamble shall be included in the Charter of, and ratified by, any organization chartered by the IAP of Nevada.

(b) Adoption of the Preamble, and Article One, Section 2, shall be accomplished by a vote of two-thirds majority – of those in attendance at the June 20, 1992 Meeting of the Party.

(c) Amendments, changes, or deletions of or additions to the Preamble, or this section, shall require of four-fifths vote at State Conventions after July 1, 1992.

**SECTION 3:** Members of the IAP are all persons who are Registered IAP in the State of Nevada. All members of the IAP are eligible to be nominated as delegates to all IAP State Conventions. All delegates to the State Convention must be registered as members of the Independent American Party no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of the year previous to any State Convention. The State Convention may vote, by a 2/3 majority, to allow anyone registered IAP in Nevada to vote in the State Convention. Only those credentialed delegates to the State Convention may vote on this motion.

**SECTION 4:** The IAP of Nevada is officially affiliated with the national Constitution Party.

Section 5: Subsequent to the adoption of these By-Laws, these By-Laws shall be published by the State and County Committees through their respective electronic media outlets. Upon publications, the published copy shall control. Publication can be made through posting on the county and state websites, social network pages and other similar outlets.

## **ARTICLE TWO**

### **PARTY CONVENTIONS**

**SECTION 1:** The State Convention shall be the highest authority of the IAP, subject to the provisions of the charter.

**SECTION 2:** The IAP shall assemble in state convention in each general election year, at a time and place set by the authority of the Executive Committee for the purpose of choosing Candidates for public office and whatever business shall be deemed necessary and proper: including but not limited to changing this Constitution and election of IAP officers.

**SECTION 3:** Delegates to the State Convention shall be chosen at the County Conventions. The list of Delegates submitted by the County Party Chairs may not be amended except by appearance of the potential delegates at the credentialing committee at the State Convention. In the case of Delegates that have moved, or changed location, delegate status moves with said Delegate. Any eligible member of the IAP who is a resident in a non-chartered county may apply to be a Delegate to the State Convention by registering for the State Convention at least two weeks prior to its commencement, and requesting confirmation of their delegate status from the State Executive Committee. All persons seeking credentialing to the State Convention must register and pay for the State Convention by 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the commencement of the State Convention, and must provide proof of payment to the State Treasurer. The State Convention, by two-thirds vote, may override any selection by the credentials committee of any delegate not previously selected by his own county convention.

**SECTION 4:** A Special State Convention may be called by the Executive Committee if the Executive Committee gives the membership of the IAP six weeks notice; a Special State Convention may be called by the State Central Committee if the Central Committee gives the membership of the IAP six weeks notice; or a Special Convention shall be called if 1% of the registered voters of the IAP request in writing in petition form, with each requesting member signing and printing his name, address, telephone number, and if available, email address, on the petition. The petition shall set forth on the face of the petition the items to be discussed and acted upon at the convention. Upon receipt of said signed petitions by the State Chairman, he shall direct the Executive Committee to verify the names of the signers as being registered IAP voters, and upon said verification the Executive Committee shall set a reasonable preregistration fee to cover the costs of the convention and shall notify the signing members of the fee. Upon payment of the preregistration fee by 1% of the IAP registered voters to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall give the required six weeks notice, including the items to be discussed, and shall hold the Special Convention in a timely fashion. Selection of Delegates to any Special State Convention shall be according to the procedures set forth in Section 3 above, except that the delegates shall be selected by the Central Committee of each county, instead of by the County Convention.

All Special Convention agendas shall be limited to the items and subjects set forth in the notice of the Convention, unless an agenda item is added at the convention upon proper motion and a 2/3 vote of the delegates present at the convention.

**SECTION 5:** Conduct of all Conventions shall conform to procedures established by authority of this Charter, including pertinent bylaws and resolutions of conventions.

**SECTION 6:** Not less than six weeks advance notice shall be given in any notification of the calling of a State Convention. Notice shall be given by posting on the Official Independent American Party of Nevada website. The Executive Committee shall also use reasonable efforts to notify active members of the party by mail, email, fax, or telephone, by personal contact, or by a combination of these methods. Two thirds of the delegates present at a State Convention may modify after the fact the time requirement for notice, but may not reduce it to less than 14 days.

**SECTION 7:** In the event of an extreme emergency such as war, insurrection, natural disaster, epidemic, pandemic, martial law, or other like condition or event such that a State Convention cannot physically be held with delegates gathering in one place, then the Executive Committee may call for a convention via electronic means such as television, internet, telephone, radio, or any other electronic means available, and the Executive Committee shall prescribe the means, rules, and methods for such a Convention in accordance with the conditions prevailing, and these rules shall be as much in harmony as possible with the rules for State Conventions as set forth in these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE THREE**

### **INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1:** The State Central Committee shall be the governing body of the party when the State Convention is in adjournment; however, actions by the State Central Committee shall be in accord with the expressed policies of the State Convention and the provisions of this Charter. General responsibilities shall include (i) issuing the call to the State and County Conventions; (ii) formulation and dissemination of statements of party policies; (iii) providing for the election of officers, filling of vacancies, and (iv) all other actions necessary and appropriate in order to carry out the provisions of this Charter.

**SECTION 2:** The State Central Committee shall be composed of a State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer; three At-Large members; all Chairmen of those counties chartered as provided in Article Six, Section 5; National Committee Members, and up to 15 other members chosen regionally as follows: 25% from Washoe County, 55% from Clark County and 20% from the remaining Counties. Regional Central Committee Members shall be chosen as follows: In Washoe and Clark Counties, members of the State Central Committee shall be selected by the County Party. In the remaining Counties, they shall be elected at a caucus of all the remaining counties, to be held at the State Convention, by majority vote of those present at the caucus meeting or represented by proxy, said caucus to be conducted by the State Vice Chairman. All these shall be voting members. All members of the IAP shall be ex-officio non-voting members.

**SECTION 3:** Terms of the office and vacancies: (i) The State Central Committee members shall serve for two years or until their successors have been elected; (ii) any vacancy in the Committee or in the offices thereof, including from death, resignation, or other cause, shall be filled by the authority of the remaining members of the State Central Committee.

**SECTION 4:** Any member of the Central Committee may be removed from office for cause, by two-thirds vote of the Central Committee, except a County Chairman, whose removal shall be governed under Article Five, Section 8. Any Member of the State Central Committee sought to be removed shall be given an opportunity to present his case in his own defense at a properly called regular or special meeting.

**SECTION 5:** A regular meeting of the State Central Committee shall be held at least once yearly, following at least six weeks written notice by the Chairman. Other special meetings shall be called by the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or by written request of no less than one-fourth of the members of the State Central Committee with at least one week written notice. All meeting notice requirements may be waived by a majority of the members of the Committee present, providing a quorum is present. Notice may be given via mail, email, fax, or other written electronic means. Those giving the notice shall use reasonable efforts to make sure each Committee Member receives actual notice. At least one meeting of the State Central Committee

per year shall be held with the members of the Committee physically gathering together in one place, unless 2/3 of the members of the committee vote to hold the yearly meeting electronically for good cause. Other meetings may be held via electronic means.

**SECTION 6:** The State Central Committee shall submit to each state convention a written or oral report of the activities and financial affairs of the IAP since the preceding State Convention.

**SECTION 7:** The State Central Committee shall conduct no business in the absence of a quorum. A quorum of any regular meeting shall consist of a simple majority of the State Central Committee as defined in Article 3, Section 2. Any member of the Central Committee may give any other his proxy for that meeting in writing by hand delivery, fax or email, provided that the document is signed in handwriting by the person giving the proxy. Any one member of the Central Committee may carry a maximum of two proxies. A proxy operates for the purpose of establishing a quorum and for the purpose of voting. If a County Chairman is not present at a State Central committee meeting, the County Vice Chairman may attend and act in place of the County Chairman for all purposes at the meeting, including voting.

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1:** There shall be an Executive Committee of the State Central Committee, which shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the IAP subject to this charter, the State Convention, and the State Central Committee.

**SECTION 2:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and four National Committee members, three At-Large members of the State Central Committee, and state IAP legal counsel.

**SECTION 3:** The Executive Committee shall regularly meet at least once each year, in person or by video or audio telecommunication. Written notice of any meeting shall be given to all members of the committee at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, via mail, email, fax, or hand delivery, except as set forth in section 6 below. This notice requirement may be waived at the meeting by 2/3 vote of those present. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman or by written request of no less than one-fourth of its members. The Executive Committee shall keep a record of its meetings which shall be made available to any state or county officer of the IAP upon request to the State Chairman or Secretary.

**SECTION 4:** No business shall be conducted by the Executive Committee in the absence of a quorum. A quorum at a regular meeting shall be a simple majority of the members of the Executive Committee. Business at a special meeting shall be limited to the agenda presented in the call, and provide at least ten days' notice, both subject to waiver by 2/3 majority vote of those present at the meeting, subject to the quorum requirements of this section.



**SECTION 5:** If and when the State Executive Committee determines that Regional Committees are needed for the growth, regulation, and promotion of the IAP, the State Executive Committee shall create Regional Committees where needed, to include such Counties as, in its best judgment, the State Executive Committee shall determine. A regional Director shall be appointed to coordinate the activities of the party in the region, said person to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee, said regional committee to organize the affairs of the region so as to build up county parties in the region. The Regional Committee shall also serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The Regional Director may appoint an assistant in each county in his region as necessary, in such counties as there is no County Chairman. The Regional Committee may include members of the party from any of the counties included in the region, and shall include the chairman of any county central committee then in office. A county chairman in the region may also serve as Regional Director, if needed, but another party member may be appointed to be regional director, as determined by the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee may approve the holding of Regional Conventions where the strength of the County Parties is, in the judgment of the Committee, insufficient to hold a single county convention. If there is a Regional Director, he may serve as Chairman of that region's convention at the pleasure of the State Executive Committee, or the State Executive Committee may appoint another person to be chairman of the regional convention. County officers, county candidates, and any changes in a county's bylaws may be voted upon at a regional convention only by registered IAP voters of that county in attendance at the convention. The regional convention may recommend to the State Convention names of persons as multi-county candidates of any multi-county office which is a part of any county in the region.

**SECTION 6:** No electronic media using the name of the Independent American Party may be established or maintained unless authorized by the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee shall appoint a person or persons to be responsible for maintaining or administering the electronic media in a professional manner under the supervision of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have ultimate editorial control over any Independent American Party state or county electronic media. The Executive Committee can be called into emergency session to review any state or county electronic media on two days' notice. The call shall be made by the State Chairman by written electronic request or, if written electronic communication is not practical, then by telephonic notification, to all Executive Committee Members. If the chairman, on request of any member of the Executive Committee, refuses to call the Executive Committee into such an emergency session, then no less than one-fourth of its members can issue the call. No business shall be conducted by the Executive Committee in the absence of a quorum. A quorum at an emergency meeting shall be a simple majority of the Executive Committee. Business at the emergency meeting shall be limited to the agenda presented in the call for the emergency meeting, subject to waiver by 2/3 majority vote of those present.

The Executive Committee by 2/3 majority vote of those present, may exercise its editorial



control by issuing a directive to the person or body in control of the electronic media to remove or modify any material considered to be offensive, inappropriate, or not in harmony with the principles of the Independent American Party. Said material shall be removed from the website within 24 hours of written, email, or telephonic notification of the Executive Committee's directive to the person or body in charge of the electronic media.

The Executive Committee by majority vote shall appoint a standing committee to review all IAP of Nevada State and County electronic media and report to the Executive Committee whenever requested or whenever necessary.

Any candidate, group or body seeking to use the name of the Independent American Party using electronic media must first receive the approval of the State Executive Committee. A written request for approval shall be submitted to the State Chairman. Said approval may be withdrawn according to the procedure set forth in this section.

**SECTION 7:** The State Executive Committee shall cause that all official minutes of State Conventions and State Central Committee meetings, all changes to this State Constitution and Bylaws, and lists of candidates for each election year from this date forward shall be maintained by a custodian of the records, to be appointed by the Committee. Any State or County Officer of the IAP may request access to read the records and said access shall be granted by the custodian at reasonable time. Upon payment of copying charges, the custodian shall supply copies of records requested.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

### **STATE OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1:** The State convention shall elect a State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) National Committeemen, and the At-Large members for the State Central Committee; each by a majority vote of the Convention in attendance.

**SECTION 2:** The State Chairman shall be the chief executive officer and direct the affairs of the State Central Committee and its Executive Committee, and shall preside at meetings of these committees. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all standing committees and shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, appoint committees and positions deemed necessary to assist in the performance of the chairman's duties. Further, the Chairman shall fill vacancies in the Executive Committee, by and with the consent of the Executive Committee and shall perform all other duties as prescribed by this Charter and the bylaws of the IAP. In addition, the Chairman is responsible to fill vacancies on the State Central Committee by opening nominations and conducting elections for said positions at the regularly conducted meetings of the Central Committee.

**SECTION 3:** The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of the Chairman's duties. The Vice Chairman shall be first in line of succession to the State Chairman should the office become vacant, until a successor is elected by the next State Convention. At meetings of the State Central and Executive Committees the Vice Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman. The Vice Chairman may chair at least one standing committee.

**SECTION 4:** The State Secretary shall perform the normal duties of a committee secretary, assisting the Chairman in the execution of the Chairman's duties, including recording, keeping, and reporting the minutes of the Central and Executive Committees, safeguarding the non-financial records of the IAP, seeing to the handling of state Party correspondence, and such other duties as shall be required by the Chairman. The State Secretary shall be next in line of succession after the Vice Chairman, and may chair at least one standing committee.

**SECTION 5:** The State Treasurer shall be custodian of all moneys and financial records of the IAP, and shall account for, receive, and disburse funds in accordance with the by-laws of the Central Committee under the direction of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall follow the Secretary in line of succession, and may chair at least one standing committee.

**SECTION 6:** The National Committeemen shall be elected as State Representatives to the Party's National Committee for purposes of communication, correlation, representation and liaison between the State and National Parties. Preferably, one National Committee member shall be selected from each of the State's Congressional Districts

**SECTION 7:** Terms of office commence at the conclusion of the State Convention and continue through the State Convention in the next succeeding general election year.

**SECTION 8: Removal of state or county officers.**

Any State or County officer of the IAP of Nevada may be removed from office for conduct that is not in harmony with or destructive of the published rules, principles or goals of the Independent American Party in the following manner:

a. Upon receipt of a written “complaint for removal” against any State or County Officer, signed by any ten registered voters of the Independent American Party of Nevada, which must set forth the particulars upon which the complaint for removal is based, the State Chairman shall within 30 days of the receipt of the complaint present the Complaint to the members of the State Executive Committee either by mail, by fax, or at its next regular or special meeting. If the complaint be against the State Chairman, then the State Vice Chairman shall act in his stead for all purposes of this Section. Upon written request to the State Chairman of a majority of the Executive Committee, to be made within 14 days of their receipt of the complaint, the State Chairman must issue a call for a special meeting of the State Executive Committee. If the State Chairman refuses to make this call, then the Vice Chairman shall make the call. The notice of the meeting must include a copy of the complaint to be considered. The accused officer shall be given an opportunity to submit his defense to the charges in writing to the State Chairman who shall provide a copy of the defense to all of the members of the State Executive Committee. If a majority of the State Executive Committee votes to go forward with removal, this shall be considered an indictment of the officer in question, and the written indictment, setting forth the reasons for the indictment, shall be considered at the next meeting of the State Central Committee. A State Central Committee meeting must be held within 60 days of the issuance of the indictment to consider removal of the indicted officer. This time may be extended thirty days by the State Chairman if necessary. No IAP voter may sign more than one complaint for removal in any one calendar year. In the case of the submission of more than one complaint in any one calendar year by different groups of voters, the one first submitted shall be considered first, or if submitted simultaneously, the highest officer complained of shall have his case considered first, or, in any other case, the Executive Committee shall decide upon the order of consideration, and all other time constraints and procedures as to the other cases shall be suspended pending the outcome of the first case to be considered.

b. Under no circumstances shall an accused officer or a complainant ever be allowed to vote on his own case or complaint. For quorum purposes, their membership on any committee shall not be considered. An indicted officer shall be suspended from office and shall not have the right to vote in any party meeting until his case is finally decided. During any period of suspension, the rules of succession and for replacement of officers as set forth in State Bylaws shall be followed. Any such replacement shall be effective until the case is finally decided. If the final decision is for removal of the accused, that person may not serve again as an IAP State officer unless reelected at a regular State IAP Convention. If the final decision is for retention, then the indicted officer shall be automatically reinstated immediately. If the final decision is for

removal, then the temporary replacement shall hold office until the next State convention, or until he resigns or is otherwise removed.

c. Upon the indictment, the State Chairman shall cause that proper notice of a State Central Committee meeting to consider the indictment be given to the members of the Central Committee. The notice shall specify the matters to be considered and a copy of the original complaint, the accused's written defense, and a copy of the indictment shall be included with the notice. At the meeting to consider removal, the indicted person, the complaining party, and other witnesses as necessary for full consideration of the matter must be given opportunity to present their cases to the State Central Committee, but the time for presentation may be limited under Robert's Rules of Order. The indicted officer shall be removed upon a 2/3 vote of the State Central Committee members present, which shall be final and binding.

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **AMENDMENTS, BY-LAWS, RULES AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1:** In the absence of other provisions, Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed in the conduct of all IAP meetings, standing committee meetings, or other meetings. The rules may be waived at any time by a majority vote of the body in session.

**SECTION 2:** This Charter, with the exception of the Preamble and Article One, Section 2, may be amended by a vote of the majority of all delegates in attendance at the State Convention. Provisions for the amendment of the Preamble and Article One, Section 2 are to remain as determined by Article One, Section 2.

**SECTION 3:** This State Constitution and Bylaws shall be the supreme governing rules and bylaws of the IAP of Nevada, and shall take precedence over any conflicting or incompatible provisions in the Constitution and/or Bylaws of any County or other organization of the IAP within the State of Nevada.

**SECTION 4:** Any IAP affiliated organization, including a County, whose charter does not include the Preamble to this Constitution and Bylaws as required by Article 1, Section 2, may be suspended from any participation in any State Convention or Central Committee meeting until such time as it amends its Bylaws to include the Preamble to this Constitution and Bylaws. The State Executive Committee shall have power to suspend the affiliated organization upon giving notice and 90 days grace period to the affiliated organization that it must amend its Bylaws accordingly or be suspended. Notice shall be in writing via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the County Chairman. Suspension means that no officer or delegate elected or appointed by said affiliated organization may vote at any State Convention, or Central Committee meeting. If an affiliated organization refuses to amend its Bylaws to include the Preamble to this document, then the State Central Committee shall have power to revoke the charter of the Affiliated Organization according to the provisions of Article 10, Section 2, and

may proceed to reorganize that County or affiliated organization.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN**

### **ELECTIONS AT CONVENTIONS**

**SECTION 1:** All elections for National Delegates, Alternates and Presidential Electors and State Party Officers shall be conducted by roll call of official delegates or upon official written secret ballots provided by the Convention Committee under supervision of the State Party Secretary.

**SECTION 2:** Delegates to regular National Conventions shall be elected at the preceding State Party Convention. Those party members wishing to be delegates to the regular National Conventions shall submit their names to the State Chairman, who shall place them on a ballot in order of receipt. The delegate nominees shall be elected by the order of the number of votes received. The State Chairman shall be ex-officio the first delegate to the National Convention, unless the State Chairman declines to be a delegate; in which case the first delegate shall be the person receiving the most votes. The first delegate is the leader of the state delegation to the regular National Convention. The State Chairman shall appoint delegates and alternates to the regular National Conventions as necessary, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

### **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE**

**SECTION 1:** In order to comply with the requirements of state law, these procedures are adopted by the Independent American Party of Nevada for the nomination of candidates for partisan political office. They shall apply only to nominations for political office.

**SECTION 2:** Candidates for President and Vice President shall be nominated by the National Convention, with the consent of the State Convention, or if the National Presidential Nominating Convention takes place after the State Convention the State Central Committee shall vote to approve or disapprove the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominations by majority vote, and if necessary select alternate Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to be placed on the ballot for the IAP of Nevada. The State Convention may, if a National Convention has not been held before the State Convention that year, designate its preferred presidential candidate by majority vote for consideration by the National Party Convention. Candidates for United States Senator, Representative in Congress, and all statewide offices shall be nominated at the State Convention of the Independent American Party of Nevada. All potential nominees for Section 2 offices must receive certification by the State Executive Committee that, in the judgment of the committee, each potential nominee sustains by word and by deed and will abide by all of the principles of the IAP set forth in the Preamble of this State Constitution and Bylaws. Any candidate not so certified may be removed from the party's candidate list by majority vote of the State Executive Committee.

**SECTION 3:** Candidates for other offices shall be nominated as follows: If the district lies entirely within One County, the candidate shall be nominated by the IAP County convention. If the district encompasses parts of more than One County, the candidate shall be nominated by the Caucus of Parties of the respective counties, with the votes of each party weighted by the relative population of the respective counties. All potential nominees for Section 3 offices must receive certification by the County Executive Committee, that, in the judgment of the committee, each potential nominee sustained by word and by deed, and will abide by all of the principles of the IAP set forth in the Preamble to this State Constitution and Bylaws before their names are submitted to the State Convention. If no nomination has been made for an office prior to the State Convention, then the nomination may be made by the State Convention subject to the certification by the State Executive Committee as outlined in Section 2. The State Executive Committee may decertify any nominee for Section 3 offices by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the committee. The name of any nominee so decertified shall not appear on the list of IAP candidates delivered to the Secretary of State pursuant to Article Eight, Section 8, and NRS 293.1725.

**SECTION 4:** In the event that no nomination for an office has been made prior to the last day for filing of the official list of candidates with the Secretary of State, or if any person previously

nominated becomes unable to accept the nomination, then a candidate for such office may be selected by a “Candidate Nominating Committee.”

**SECTION 5:** For the purpose of selecting candidates for Senator, Representative, or statewide office, a “Candidate Nominating Committee: is a meeting of five or more members of the Executive Committee of the Independent American Party of Nevada. For all other offices, it is a meeting of three or more members of the Executive Committee. Participation in such meetings may be by telephone or other electronic means. All such nominations must be approved by the State Chairman, and he may appoint members of the State Central Committee to assist him in filing the initial candidate list and any amended lists with the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 6:** No more than one candidate may be nominated for any office. In the event that more than one candidate has been chosen for an office by the above processes, the State Chairman shall select the nominee from among those so chosen.

**SECTION 7:** The initial and/or any amended lists of the nominated candidates shall be delivered to the Secretary of State by the person(s) designated in the “Certificate of Existence” of the Independent Party of Nevada, or other member of the State Central Committee as designated by the State Chairman, on or before the date required by law.

## **ARTICLE NINE**

### **CREDENTIAL CHALLENGES; MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS**

**SECTION 1:** All delegates to the State Convention must meet the requirements for delegates set forth in Article 1, Section 3. The Credentials Committee shall verify that each person seeking to be a delegate meets those requirements. Any Independent American may challenge any delegate or alternate certified to any State Convention by notifying the IAP State Secretary in writing before the convention, or as the first order of business after the convening of the convention, at the request of the Chairman for such challenges. At the same time, a copy of the challenge shall be sent by the challenger to the delegate or alternate who is challenged. No delegate may challenge more than one delegate to any State Convention.

**SECTION 2:** A challenge shall include the name of the delegate or alternate who is challenged, the grounds on which the challenge is based, and the name and address of the person(s) submitting the challenge.

**SECTION 3:** There shall be a Credentials Committee which shall consist of the County Chairmen (or the County Vice Chairman if the County Chairman is not present, or then another delegate from his County as designated in writing by the County Chairman) present at the State Convention. The chairman of the Credentials Committee shall be appointed by the State Chairman. The Credentials Committee shall consider the challenge and any statements from the delegate or alternate being challenged and from any other person who wishes to testify on the



challenge. In hearing the challenge, the Credentials Committee may allot a period of time within which the challenger and the challenged shall be granted equal time to make their statements.

**SECTION 4:** In the case of a challenge(s), the Credentials Committee shall report to the convention the name(s) of the delegate or alternate whom it believes is entitled to participate in the convention. The decisions of the Credentials Committee on challenges shall be by majority vote of the Committee.

**SECTION 5:** The convention shall vote on the report of the Credentials Committee on each challenge that is made. The report of the Credentials Committee on each challenge must be approved or rejected by a majority of the vote of the convention before a delegate or alternate being challenged may participate in the convention. No challenged delegate or alternate may vote on the portion of the report of the Credentials Committee which involves that challenged delegate, nor shall the delegate submitting the challenge be allowed to vote on that challenge.

**SECTION 6:** Each committee at the Convention shall submit a majority report. Any member of any convention committee may submit a minority report to that committee. The committee chairman shall prepare and present such reports to the convention. Upon request of a member submitting a minority report, he may present that report to the convention under conditions prescribed by the Chairman.

## **ARTICLE TEN**

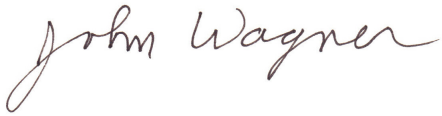
### **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SECTION 1:** Any organization, club, publication, or other entity using the name of the Independent American Party, including a County Party, must be properly recognized and chartered by the State Independent American Party

**SECTION 2:** Any organization desiring to affiliate with the IAP of Nevada shall submit to the State Chairman an application to become chartered (on a form to be obtained from the State Chairman), which shall be signed by the organization's Chairman and Secretary, consisting of a list of all of the officers of the organization, together with its proposed Constitution and Bylaws, and a statement that said officers subscribe to and support the principles of the Independent American Party of Nevada as set forth in the Preamble of the State Constitution and Bylaws.

The State Central committee shall review the matters submitted, and upon finding that the organization's Constitution and Bylaws are in harmony with the State Constitution and Bylaws, and that the organization's Officers subscribe to and support the principles of the Independent American Party as set forth in the State Preamble, and that the officers shall properly represent the principles of the IAP, the State Central Committee shall accept the application. Upon acceptance, a Charter shall be issued, signed by the State Chairman and Secretary, officially acknowledging the organization as a Chartered organization under the State Constitution and Bylaws.

The decision to accept or reject shall be by majority vote of the members of the State Central Committee present and voting. If, at any subsequent time, the organization fails to meet the Chartering criteria set forth above, the State Central Committee shall have the power, by majority vote, to revoke the Charter of that organization. Said revocation of a Charter may only be voted upon at a regular or special meeting of the State Central Committee, with at least two weeks' notice given to the officers of the organization in question, and only after an opportunity has been given to the officers of the organization to speak before the State Central Committee.



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