

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section I: Name

I. The official name of this organization shall be the Nationalist Party.

Section II: Purpose

The Nationalist Party exists to uphold and advance the principles outlined in the Nationalist Party Charter, including unity, strength, and progress. The Party shall operate as a centrist civic nationalist movement committed to responsible governance, civic engagement, and national renewal.

Article II: Membership

Section I: Eligibility

Membership in the Nationalist Party is open to all United States citizens 18 years of age or older who pledge to uphold the core values of unity, strength, and progress.

Section II: Membership Application Process

To become a full member, individuals must:

- I. Complete the official membership form.
- II. Acknowledge the Pledge of Nationalist Commitment.
- **III.** Affirm their dedication to civic nationalism and responsible governance.

Section III: Rights of Members

Full members shall have the right to:

- **I.** Vote in internal elections for leadership positions.
- **II.** Hold leadership positions, subject to eligibility requirements.
- **III.** Participate in discussions, decision-making, and policy development processes.
- **IV.** Propose initiatives, amendments, or policy suggestions through established procedures.

Section IV: Responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

- **I.** Uphold the Party's principles, aligning their actions with its mission of unity, strength, and progress.
- II. Engage in civic participation and advocacy for policies that reflect the Party's values.
- **III.** Conduct themselves with integrity, showing respect in all interactions.
- **IV.** Contribute to the Party's growth, including outreach efforts.

Article III: Governance and Leadership

Section I: Role of the Founder and Executive Advisory Council

Until such time as a formalized leadership structure is constituted, the Founder shall serve as the leader pro tempore, ensuring the integrity of the Party's guiding principles and overarching mission. In this interim capacity, the Founder may establish an Executive Advisory Council, consisting of individuals who are unwaveringly dedicated to the Party's core values of unity, strength, and progress. The role of this body shall

be strictly advisory, tasked with providing counsel to the Founder on matters of strategic significance, yet it shall not possess the authority to make binding decisions.

Honorary Chair – Upon formalization of the leadership structure, the Founder may assume the honorary chair position, which is a ceremonial role without active governance responsibilities. The honorary chair shall not hold authority in leadership decisions or day-to-day operations and shall not participate in any active leadership roles, thereby respecting the term limits set for other leadership positions. The honorary chair is intended to honor the Founder's contributions to the Party, but it does not grant any decision-making power.

Section II: Leadership Transition Process

Once the required thresholds for formal leadership have been met, the transition process shall include:

- **I. A formal proposal for leadership elections**, submitted by the Executive Advisory Council, outlining the process and timeline.
- **II. An interim leadership committee** to oversee the transition, ensuring that operations continue smoothly while the leadership structure is formalized.
- III. A National Convention, where delegates from recognized chapters will vote to establish an official leadership structure. This structure must be ratified by a majority of participating delegates to be formally recognized.
- **IV. A defined timeline for leadership elections** to ensure a smooth transfer of governance and a clear transition from interim leadership to a formalized leadership structure.

Section III: Defined Leadership Roles

Upon formalization, the leadership structure shall include, at a minimum:

- **I. Chairperson** Serves as the chief executive and representative of the Party.
- **II. Vice Chairperson** Assists the Chairperson and assumes duties as needed.
- **III.** Secretary Maintains records and ensures internal communication.
- **IV.** Treasurer Oversees financial matters, ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency.
- V. Member at Large Represents the broader interests of the Party, assisting with various leadership duties and ensuring that the voice of the membership is considered in decision-making.

Section VI: Baseline Thresholds for the Formalization of Leadership Structure

To safeguard the integrity of the Party and ensure that its leadership structure is formalized only when the Party has demonstrated substantial organizational depth and readiness, the following alternatives for formalization are proposed:

Option 1: Membership-Centric Threshold

- **I.** A nationwide total of no fewer than 5,000 verified members.
- **II.** Presence in at least 20 states, with no fewer than 50 verified members in each state.

Option 2: Chapter-Centric Threshold

- I. A minimum of 100 recognized local chapters, each consisting of no fewer than 10 active members.
- **II.** Each local chapter must demonstrate consistent activity for a minimum of two years.

Option 3: Hybrid Membership and Chapter Engagement Threshold

- **I.** A nationwide membership total of at least 3,000 verified members.
- **II.** Establishment of at least 60 local chapters, each containing no fewer than 10 active members.
- **III.** Sustained engagement of each chapter for no less than one year.

Option 4: Regionally Focused Threshold

- **I.** Leadership formalization may proceed in regions with at least 1,500 verified members within a single state or territory.
- **II.** Active participation in no fewer than 10 states.

Section VII: National Convention for Formalization

Once the thresholds outlined above have been met, a National Convention shall be convened. Delegates from recognized chapters will vote to establish an official leadership structure. This structure must be ratified by a majority of participating delegates to be formally recognized. The convention will serve as the cornerstone for transitioning to a fully formalized leadership system, ensuring that leadership decisions are made by the collective will of the Party's grassroots chapters.

Section VIII: Establishing a Formal Leadership Structure

- **I. Commitment to Immutable Principles** Any formalized leadership structure must be founded upon the immutable principles outlined in Article II of the Charter.
- **II. Democratic Decision-Making** Leadership positions should be filled through a transparent and democratic process.
- **III. Adherence to the Charter** Any formal leadership structure must operate in full accordance with the Party's Charter.
- IV. Non-Partisan Oversight Leadership must remain accountable and avoid political self-interest.
- **V. Mission-Centered Governance** Leadership should not be driven by personal ambition or political opportunism.

Section IX: Leadership Term Limits and Rotation

- I. Election of Leadership Elections will be held every two years.
- **II. Term Limits** No leader shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. A leader who has served two consecutive terms must wait at least one full term before seeking re-election to the same position.
- **III. Founder's Recusal** Upon formalization of the leadership structure, the Founder shall recuse themselves from holding any leadership position for two consecutive terms, allowing for the development of new leadership.

Section X: Disbandment Clause for Leadership Deviation

- I. **Accountability to Immutable Principles** In the event that leadership deviates from the Party's immutable principles, recognized chapters may initiate a vote of no confidence. A simple majority of recognized chapters is required to trigger a leadership review, and a two-thirds majority is required for the removal of leadership.
- II. **Reformation or Dissolution** If leadership is removed, an Interim Leadership Council shall oversee operations until a new leadership structure is established.
- III. Return to a Movement-Based Model If leadership consistently fails to uphold the Party's principles, recognized chapters may vote to dissolve the formal leadership structure and return to a movement-based model, ensuring that the integrity of the Party's mission remains intact.

Article IV: Local Chapters and Affiliation

Section I: Purpose and Function of Local Chapters

Local chapters are integral to the Nationalist Party's mission, serving as grassroots hubs for promoting the Party's principles of unity, strength, and progress within communities. These chapters provide a platform for individuals to engage with the Party's ideals through local initiatives, advocacy, and outreach. While some chapters may seek political recognition or engagement, their primary purpose is the advancement of the Party's core values within their respective communities. Local chapters are encouraged to operate autonomously but must align with the overarching goals and principles of the Nationalist Party.

Section II: Affiliation Process

Entities seeking affiliation with the Nationalist Party must submit a formal application that clearly demonstrates their unwavering commitment to the Party's immutable principles as outlined in Article II of the Charter. This application must include:

- I. A Statement of Purpose: Clearly detailing the chapter's mission and goals, explicitly aligning with the Party's vision as defined by the immutable principles in Article II of the Charter.
- II. Commitment to Legal and Ethical Standards: An affirmation that the chapter will adhere to all applicable state, federal, and local laws, and that its activities and operations will be conducted in full compliance with the Party's Code of Conduct & Ethics. This includes a pledge to uphold the ethical standards and core values that define the Nationalist Party.
- III. Active Engagement and Community Impact: A plan outlining how the chapter will actively engage in local advocacy, outreach, and initiatives that advance and promote the Party's immutable principles. This includes demonstrating how the chapter will foster national unity, strengthen civic responsibility, and contribute to the broader mission of national renewal.

Section III: Rights and Responsibilities of Local Chapters

Affiliated local chapters will have the right to:

- **I.** Represent the Nationalist Party in local and regional activities.
- **II.** Participate in Party-wide initiatives and events.
- **III.** Establish and manage internal leadership structures in accordance with Party guidelines.

Local chapters are expected to:

- **I.** Uphold the Party's immutable principles as outlined in Article II of the Charter.
- **II.** Ensure transparency and ethical conduct in all activities and communications.
- **III.** Actively contribute to the growth of the Party through engagement, recruitment, and advocacy.
- **IV.** Participate in regular communication with the national leadership and other chapters to maintain alignment with Party objectives.

Section IV: Termination of Affiliation Status

Affiliation with the Nationalist Party may be revoked if a chapter or entity is found to be in violation of any of the following conditions:

I. Failure to Comply with Legal Requirements: Failure to adhere to applicable state, federal, or local laws.

- **II. Breach of Ethical Standards:** Engagement in actions that contradict the Party's ethical principles, such as dishonesty, lack of transparency, or any conduct that harms the Party's reputation.
- **III. Deviation from Core Principles:** Failure to uphold the Party's immutable principles, as outlined in Article II of the Charter, will be considered a breach of the Party's core values.

In the event of a potential violation, the chapter or entity will be notified and given an opportunity to rectify the issue before final action is taken. The decision to terminate affiliation will be made by the Founder or the formalized leadership structure once established.

Section V: Political Affiliation and Autonomy

Local chapters may seek to establish political entities, such as state political parties, that represent the Nationalist Party, provided these efforts are in full alignment with the Party's core principles. These chapters must comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws governing the formation and operation of political entities. Any such political endeavors must support and further the Party's overarching mission of national unity, strength, and progress, ensuring that the Party's values are consistently upheld in the political process.

Article IV: Code of Conduct and Ethics

Section I: Ethical Standards

All members and leaders must conduct themselves with integrity, accountability, and respect for national unity. Members are expected to act in accordance with the principles outlined in the Nationalist Party Charter, with a commitment to civic engagement and responsible governance. Leaders, regardless of their capacity, must lead by example, upholding the highest ethical standards.

Section II: Member and Leadership Disciplinary Process

The Ethics Committee shall investigate any alleged violations of the Code of Conduct and Ethics.

- I. Founder and Executive Advisory Council's Role Before Formalized Leadership During the interim phase, when formal leadership has not yet been established, the Founder and the Executive Advisory Council shall be responsible for ensuring that the Party's ethical standards are upheld. This may include investigating potential violations and issuing disciplinary actions when appropriate, in line with the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- **II. Formal Leadership Role** Once formal leadership is established, the Ethics Committee will oversee the enforcement of the Code of Conduct and Ethics, with leadership members subject to the same ethical standards and disciplinary procedures as regular members.

Members facing disciplinary action shall have the right to defend themselves before a disciplinary panel.

Decisions may include probation, suspension, or expulsion, based on the severity of misconduct, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the **Code of Conduct & Ethics** document.

The **Code of Conduct & Ethics** is a separate, comprehensive document that outlines the specific expectations and procedures for disciplinary actions and ethical conduct within the Nationalist Party.

Article V: Amendments

Section I: Amendment Process

Amendments to these Bylaws must be proposed in writing and endorsed by at least three recognized chapters. Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of recognized members for approval. A 30-day discussion period shall be required before any vote on an amendment.

Section II: Consistency with Immutable Principles

No amendment shall be made to these Bylaws or any other governing document of the Nationalist Party that contradicts or undermines the immutable principles as outlined in Article II of the Charter. All amendments must uphold and further the Party's commitment to these core values.

Article VI: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the assets and resources of the Nationalist Party shall be allocated in a manner consistent with its mission and legal obligations.

Ratification

These Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Founder. The Founder may consult the Executive Advisory Council for guidance, but final approval and enactment of the Bylaws remain the sole responsibility of the Founder.

The bylaws of the Nationalist Party were ratified on [insert date], establishing the foundational framework for the Party's operations, governance, and adherence to its immutable principles.

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