

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE
LIBERAL GUN CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

SECTION A: NAME

The name of this club shall be the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Chapter of the Liberal Gun Club.

SECTION B: NATIONAL AFFILIATION

This club is an affiliated regional chapter of the Liberal Gun Club. This club shall conform to policies set by the national organization as described in the Regional Chapter Affiliation Agreement.

SECTION C: PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. PROVIDE A VOICE FOR LIBERALS AND MODERATES IN THE CONVERSATION ON GUN RIGHTS, GUN OWNERSHIP, FIREARMS SAFETY, AND SHOOTING SPORTS.
2. PROVIDE A FORUM FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA MEMBERS OF THE LGC TO INTERACT.
3. PROMOTE GUN SAFETY, FIREARMS TRAINING, AND RECREATIONAL *SHOOTING IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF MARYLAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HUNTING, TARGET SHOOTING, AND TRAINING FOR DEFENSE.*
4. PROMOTE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON FIREARMS ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR MEMBERS.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP & DUES

SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

This club shall have two types of membership as listed below.

1. VOTING MEMBERS
2. MEMBERS

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to be a Voting Member requires the following:

1. A PAID MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE LIBERAL GUN CLUB.
2. RESIDENT IN THE CLUB TERRITORY AS DEFINED IN SECTION C.
3. OWNER OF AT LEAST ONE FIREARM.
4. HAS ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE PHYSICAL MEETING OR EVENT OF THE CHAPTER OR TWO ONLINE OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF THE CHAPTER.
5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT DESCRIBED IN SECTION E.

Eligibility to be a Member requires the following:

1. A PAID MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE LIBERAL GUN CLUB.
2. RESIDENT IN THE CLUB TERRITORY AS DEFINED IN SECTION C.

SECTION C: TERRITORY

The State of Maryland, Commonwealth of Virginia and District of Columbia.

SECTION D: DUES

This chapter shall not collect membership dues.

SECTION E: CODE OF CONDUCT

Voting Members shall uphold the principles of respect, responsibility and safety. Members are expected to treat other members with respect; members are expected to take responsibility for their actions; members are expected to act with safety in mind.

1. VOTING MEMBERS CAN HAVE THEIR STATUS AS A VOTING MEMBER REMOVED FOR ACTING CONTRARY TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT. VOTING MEMBERS WILL HAVE THEIR VOTING PRIVILEGES REMOVED BY A MAJORITY DECISION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER.
2. VOTING MEMBERS WHO HAVE THEIR VOTING PRIVILEGES REMOVED CAN APPEAL THE DECISION. THE APPEAL WILL BE DECIDED BY A MAJORITY DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
3. VOTING MEMBERS WHO HAVE THEIR VOTING PRIVILEGES REMOVED MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR REINSTATEMENT AFTER A ONE (1) YEAR ABSENCE.

SECTION F: PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

Privileges reserved for Voting Members:

1. SERVE AS CHAPTER OFFICERS.
2. SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
3. VOTE IN ELECTIONS.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

SECTION A: OFFICERS

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

Officers must be Voting Members of the chapter.

SECTION C: ELECTION

Officers are to be elected by a vote of the Voting Members. Voting shall take place during the month of December.

1. Any Voting Member wishing to serve may present themselves as a candidate to the President.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer shall publish a list of candidates wishing to run for election and call for an election using email. Voting members will be given at least one week (seven days) to register their vote by replying to the email.
3. The candidate receiving the most votes for each office shall be elected to that office. In the case of a tie, the election shall be repeated, with just the candidates who tied eligible for election.

SECTION D: TERM

The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin immediately upon election.

SECTION E: VACANCY

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by a special election.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President to:

1. Preside at meetings
2. Vote only in case of a tie
3. Represent the chapter

4. Appoint committee chairpersons subject to the approval of the Board of Directors
5. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee
6. Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office

SECTION B: VICE-PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:

1. Preside in the absence of the President
2. Serve as chairperson of the Events Committee

SECTION C: SECRETARY/TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to:

1. Record the minutes of all meetings
2. Keep a file of the chapter's records
3. Maintain a current roster of membership
4. Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the chapter
5. Organize the annual election of officers
6. Receive all funds and process Request for Payment, Deposit Slip, and Officer Signature Forms.
7. Keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and make reports as directed
8. Report on past minutes and chapter finances at each meeting.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

SECTION A: REGULAR MEETINGS

Meeting times shall be announced at least 14 days before the meeting day. Announcement can be made by email to members and posting on the LGC forum. Minutes of all regular meetings shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION B: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may take place virtually through email or other communication method such as conference calls, Skype, Zoom, etc. Minutes of all special meetings shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION D: QUORUM

1. For meetings, quorum shall consist of at least 5 Voting Members, with at least 2 officers.
2. For the purposes of decision making in special meetings, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION E: MEETING DECISION RESTRICTIONS

1. Certain decisions must be made by election open to all Voting Members. The following subjects must be decided by election.
 - a. Policy statements, policy platforms
 - b. Affiliation with other groups

SECTION F: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION A: RESPONSIBILITY

Management of this chapter shall be vested in the Board of Directors responsible to the entire membership to uphold these bylaws.

SECTION B: MEMBERSHIP

This Board of Directors shall consist of the officers as listed in Article III and up to two other members in good standing. Non-officer members shall be chosen by consensus of the elected officers and previous board members (if any.)

Membership in the Board of Directors shall be reviewed after each December election of the officers.

SECTION C: MEETINGS

Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

SECTION A: COMMITTEES

Committees may be established to address specific club needs or goals. The committee chairman shall be appointed by the officers and confirmed by a simple majority vote of those present at a regular meeting.

SECTION B: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President shall have the authority to appoint any special committees, with the approval of the Board of Directors, from time to time as need demands.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

SECTION A: ELECTION PROCEDURE

Because the chapter covers a large area, elections shall be conducted over email.

1. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for conducting elections.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer shall send an email to all Voting Members with a clear statement of the election.
 - a. If voting is on an amendment, policy or other written issue, the exact language of the change shall be included in the email.
 - b. If voting is on officers, the email must clearly show who is running for each office.
3. If the election is the result of a meeting, the Secretary/Treasurer can include meeting minutes explaining the purpose of the election.
4. Voting Members have 7 days (7 x 24 hours) after the email is sent to vote.
5. Voting is done by replying to the original email from the Secretary/Treasurer.
6. At the close of voting the Secretary/Treasurer shall count the votes and announce the result by email.

The forum of the Liberal Gun Club is a good place to publicly discuss issues and candidates, and all members are encouraged to use the forum.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

SECTION A: AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

A proposal to amend the bylaws shall be discussed at a regular meeting before being submitted to a vote.

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the received vote. Voting shall be done by email.

SECTION B: NOTICE

All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least fourteen days before the meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for sending the notification.