



Application For Membership

What is the Constitution Party of West Virginia?

The Constitution Party of West Virginia is an affiliation of voters representing “principle over politics,” who desire to restore our Union to a limited, republican form of government rooted in Biblical principles, the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of the State of West Virginia.

How often does the Constitution Party of West Virginia meet?

The Constitution Party of West Virginia holds a telephone conference for casual conversation and business every Monday, currently starting at 8:00 PM. The number for the call is 712-775-8981, code 272164. The Executive Board meets at least once a year, and the Executive Committee meets at least twice per year. The Chair may call special meetings as needed. A Convention is held bi-annually for nominating candidates to special elections as called by the Executive Committee.

What are the levels of membership in the party?

- **Active Member:** *is any Member-at-Large choosing to participate in the internal administration of the Party who: 1) applies for membership via application form to the Membership Committee; 2) is nominated by said committee and subsequently unanimously accepted for membership via a quorum of voting members at a duly called state party meeting or convention; 3) maintains consistent and uninterrupted Constitution Party voting registration; and 4) is current with annual dues of \$25. Active members may fully participate in party business and discussions and are eligible to hold party office.*
- **Associate Member:** *is any qualified person, regardless of political affiliation or place of residence, who pays annual dues of \$10. Associate members have no voting rights and may not hold elective office. They may participate in discussions only if permitted by the Chairman. They may freely attend meetings and may participate in committees, and will receive party communications and activity notifications.*
- **Life Member:** *is any Active or Associate member who has, during the period of his regular membership, either paid dues, made contributions, or remitted a non-*



refundable lump sum payment totaling \$500. In recognition of this generosity, subsequent annual dues for Life Members are waived. However, participation in Party functions by Life Members is contingent upon their maintaining consistent party voting registration and Active or Associate Member status. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, those who have formerly been Life Members and whose membership has been discontinued because they are no longer registered to vote as Constitution Party may have their Life Membership reactivated by changing their registration back to Constitution Party and by submitting in writing their intent to rejoin the Party

- **Founding Member:** *is any person who either attains his or her Life Membership within the first five years of the CPWVa's existence (by December 31, 2009), or, in recognition of extraordinary efforts and/or actions, is unanimously nominated for such by the Party membership. Founding Members are authorized to wear and/or display such insignia and devices as may be approved by the Communications Committee.*
- **Honorary Member:** *is any qualified individual, regardless of place of residence, who has demonstrated exceptional acknowledgement or furtherance of the objectives of the CPWVa and is unanimously nominated for this award by the Executive Board of Directors. No fees or dues shall be required of such honorary members. Honorary members will be presented with such honoraria as may be created by the Communications Committee. They may be permitted by the Chairman to participate in discussions but have no voting rights and may not hold elective office.*



Name (print): _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____, WV Zip Code: _____

State Senate Dist: _____ Delegate Dist: _____ Phone: _____

Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Are you registered to vote Constitution Party? Yes____ No____ (Note: A "yes" response is required in order to apply for Active or Life membership)

Please mark which level of membership you are applying for:

Associate Member (\$10 annual dues) _____

Active Member (\$25 annual dues) _____

Life Member (\$500 contribution) _____

**Please make check payable to "CPWVa" and mail with completed form to:
Constitution Party of West Virginia PO Box 321, Weston, West Virginia 26452**

Notice: IRS regulations require us to inform you that contributions to political parties are not deductible from income taxes

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



Understanding of Membership

The CPWVa is an affiliation of voters representing "principal over politics," expressing their pledge to adhere to and support the activities, platform and goals of the national Constitution Party. Membership in the CPWVa is open to all persons who are legal residents of these United States of America, Citizens of the Republic of West Virginia, and being of suitable character and evidencing an interest in the furtherance of the objectives of this organization. Additionally, the members of the Constitution Party of West Virginia gratefully acknowledge the blessings of Almighty God as Creator, Preserver and Ruler of the Universe and of this Federal Republic. Inasmuch as the views expressed by members and officers of the party may be interpreted by the public as positions of the CPWVa, they are not necessarily so. The positions of the CPWVa are only those contained in the state and national party platforms and those in official press releases and resolutions. Therefore, in order to maintain the integrity of our organization, a condition of membership is an agreement to abide by and be subject to all party bylaws including, but not limited to Article VI—CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS. Membership in the party is congruent with good conduct. Membership in certain secret societies is, by party resolution, considered of dubious character and may disqualify membership in the CPWVa which holds all of its meetings in public.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



ARTICLE VI – CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Inasmuch as the views expressed by members and officers of the Party may be regarded by the public as positions of the CPWVa, they are not necessarily so. As stated in Article IV, Section 1, membership in the Party is congruent with good conduct. As such, the Party reserves the right to censure, fine, limit membership, revoke membership, or remove from office any member or officer whose actions or performance are not in the best interest of promoting the objectives of the Party as described in this document. Such disciplinary measures shall be by action of the executive Board as follows:

- a) Grounds for discipline could include, but are not limited to: dishonesty, fraudulent misrepresentations, malfeasance of office, conviction of a felony, issuance of insufficient funds check, vulgarity, dishonor or disgrace of the Party, violence or threats of violence, destruction of property, or moral turpitude.
- b) Censure may include, but is not limited to, written warnings, suspension of parliamentary abilities, and press releases disowning member statements.
- c) Fines imposed shall be paid in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of these bylaws at the determination of the Board.
- d) Limitation of membership may include barring participation in CPWVa committees or functions, including meetings and conventions.
- e) Revocation of membership shall be upon review of written complaint and investigation by the Board and by two-thirds vote of the Membership Committee
- f) Removal from office shall be upon written complaint from a party officer and by two-thirds vote of the executive Board.

Section 2. As necessary, any member in good standing may file a complaint with any member of the Board. All complaints must be in writing, physically signed, and include full and complete details of the concern. No verbal complaints will be considered under any circumstances. All complaints are to be presented for review at the immediate next party meeting.



Section 3. The Board will investigate all complaints and incidences and insure that all parties involved have a chance to explain their positions. The Board may take any action as it deems necessary to resolve complaints. Said individual may have the opportunity to appear before the Board to offer defense. In the event that the member in question is an Executive Committee member, said individual will remove himself from the investigation. The actions and decisions of the Board are to be final and shall not subject the Board or any of its members thereof to personal liability.