

Rationale: Party sustaining membership dues have not permanently increased since December 11, 1993 (more than 30 years ago). (Note: In 2005 dues were increased to \$50, then brought down to zero, then brought back to \$25 at the 2006 national convention.) There has been significant inflation since 1993, meaning that the LNC now receives less resources in real terms from membership dues. Costs of servicing each member have gone up significantly, such as costs of printing and postage. This proposal would better align membership dues in real terms to the last time they were updated.

In effect this proposal would raise dues \$5 every 2 years. It would take 10 years for dues to get to \$50. It would take 20 years for dues to get to \$75. It's unlikely dues would catch up to inflation before 20 years. This would make the dues step-ups take effect at the end of each national convention, at which point staff could update the prices on the website.

See: https://lpedia.org/wiki/Document:LNC_Minutes_11-12_December_1993

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.
2. The National Committee may offer life memberships and must honor all prior and future life memberships.
3. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least ~~\$25~~ *the sum of \$5 for each Regular Convention (as defined in Article 10, Section 1) adjourned sine die between January 1, 2018 and 12 months ago*; or
 - b. Are Life members.

Proviso: This bylaw will take effect on January 1, 2028.