

# NEW MEXICO LULAC



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**STATE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
REVISED (2007 EDITION)**



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As New Mexico LULAC State Director, one of our greatest accomplishments during this administration was working on updating and revising the NM LULAC State Constitution and By-laws. The last revision was twenty years ago. LULAC has progressed over the last 78 years and part of its success has been due to the structure and continuity. The by-laws have served as our vanguard in promoting justice and democracy within.

The State By-laws Committee submitted its recommendations to the State Board of Director on February 24, 2007, in Roswell, NM. Listed below are the by-laws passed by the State Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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NM LULAC State Director  
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## **NM LULAC By-Laws**

### **Article I.- Eligibility of Delegation**

All councils will pay for the total number of delegate votes allowed at the state convention, regardless of how many delegates are in attendance. If the total allowable delegates are not paid for, the council's delegation will not be seated. Only the delegates present will be allowed to vote--no proxy votes will be allowed.

### **Article II.-New Mexico LULAC Awards**

#### Section A- NM LULAC Awards Committee:

The awards committee will consider LULAC awards in the following categories:

1. Man of the year
2. Woman of the year
3. Council of the year
4. Educator of the year
5. District Director of the year

#### Section B.- Criteria for awards:

1. All considered for awards must have been in LULAC at least one year prior to receiving the award, except for educator award.
2. Accomplishments were of such a nature that they coincided with or paralleled LULAC goals and objectives.
3. Impact of the achievement within the community.
4. Consider the significance versus number of things done.
5. The candidate must be a New Mexico resident.
6. The time period for the awards is for a 12 month period beginning each January.

### **Article III- Fiscal Accountability**

#### Section 1- Fiscal Responsibility:

The outgoing State Director will submit a tentative budget to the State Executive Board during the State Convention, which will include budget line items for the operation of all State offices; i.e., Deputy State Director, Deputy State Director for Women, Deputy State Director for Youth, State Treasurer and State Secretary.

#### Section 2- Funding to State Youth Director:

The Youth State Director will be given five (5)% percent of the delegate fees at each state convention to assist in operation of that office.

#### Section 3- State Convention Records:

The official books and records for the State Convention will be closed six weeks after the close of the convention. The host council will follow the LULAC Constitution Article II, Section 1 ,2, 3(e), 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

### **Article IV- Power of State Office**

#### Section 1.-Chain of Command:

- A. Issues addressed by the State Office will issues that directly effect the interest of the Latino community of New Mexico. Any issue that is of interest to the LULAC mission may also be brought forth by National Officers, District Directors and Local Council Presidents. The State Director may appoint a commission and/or special committees to address any issues on behalf of New Mexico LULAC. The State Director may also appoint a Chief of Staff and/or Executive Director to assist in overseeing any state operations.
- B. Issues being addressed by local councils or districts will be thoroughly discussed with the State Director. Proper notification will be made via telephone, electronic mail or regular US Mail to respective state, district or council officials. This will be made as a matter of professional courtesy.

## Section 2- Reporting on Activities:

Each Council although autonomous must submit quarterly reports to both the District and State Offices. When applying for any public or private sector funding including, but not limited to foundation grants or seeking funding from major corporations, the respective council must notify the District and State Offices in order to avoid any potential conflicts with respect to competition and duplication of efforts. This also provide avenues of support and prevent lack of communication.

## **Article V- State Convention Hosting Procedures**

### Section 1- Selection Process:

Any council wishing to bid for hosting a State Convention must submit a information consistent with the National Convention Selection Committee Process. This letter of interest may be submitted to the State Executive Board and the State Director will appoint a selection site committee to evaluate any potential convention site location for suitability. This committee will provide recommendation to the State Office within 30 days prior to the state convention for eligibility.

### Section 2- State Convention Proceeds:

The State will receive seventy (70) % percent of the profits after expenses of the state convention and the hosting council will receive thirty (30) % percent of the profits after expenses from the state convention. The hosting council may host their own function separate from the convention. This effort must be a coordinated with the state office to prevent any conflict with regular agenda items. This is consistent with the National Constitution and By-laws.

## **Article VI- Dues**

### Section 1- State Dues:

State dues will be \$100.00 per year per each council. Any individual member that has been given distinguished membership defined in the national constitution and by-laws or those that have been given lifetime members at the state level are exempt from paying state dues. These dues are due in the state office by March 31 of each calendar year in order to be eligible to vote at respective conventions. This does not include new councils. New councils must pay all of their National, State and District dues thirty (30) days prior to the state convention in order to vote at the convention.

## Section 2- District Dues:

District dues will be \$75.00 per year per each council. Any individual member that has been given distinguished membership defined in the national constitution and by-laws or those that have been given lifetime members at the state level are exempt from paying district dues. These dues are due in the state office by March 31 of each calendar year in order to be eligible to vote at respective conventions.

## Section 3- Collegiate Councils:

A Collegiate Council is an adult council that is organized on public or private College and University. Each Collegiate Council must apply for charter with their respective institution in order for eligibility for their dues to be paid to the League. Each collegiate Council must provide proof that they have applied for their institution to reimburse the League for all of their dues prior to voting at any state or district conventions. Failure to produce proof or to submit dues prior to the specified time stipulated in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article will make the council ineligible to vote at respective district and state conventions.

## Section 4- Councils in Good Standing:

A New Mexico LULAC Council must abide to the Constitution, Article VI, Section 8 by attending District and State conventions in order to be considered a "Council in good standing" with the League in the State of New Mexico. (Passed at our State Convention held in Silver City in 1999 and ratified by NM LULAC Councils)

## **Article VII- Powers of State Officers**

### Section 1- State Board of Directors:

The State Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- A. State Director
- B. Deputy State Director
- C. Deputy State Director for Youth
- D. Deputy State Director for Women
- E. Deputy State Director for Elderly

- F. Deputy State Director for Young Adults (Collegiate Councils)
- G. Youth State Director
- H. Treasurer
- I. Immediate Past State Director
- J. District Directors
- K. Past State Directors in good standing

Section 2- State Executive Committee:

The State Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- A. State Director
- B. Deputy State Director
- C. Deputy State Director for Youth
- D. Deputy State Director for Women
- E. Deputy State Director for Elderly
- F. Deputy State Director for Young Adults (Collegiate Councils)
- G. Youth State Director
- H. Treasurer
- I. Immediate Past State Director

Section 3- State Assembly:

The State Assembly shall consists of the following:

- A. State Director
  - B. Deputy State Director
  - C. Deputy State Director for Youth
  - D. Deputy State Director for Women
  - E. Deputy State Director for Elderly
  - F. Deputy State Director for Young Adults (Collegiate Councils)
  - G. Youth State Director
  - H. Treasurer
  - I. Immediate Past State Director
  - J. District Directors
  - K. Past State Directors in good standing
  - L. Council Presidents
  - M. Enumerated Delegates from each council in New Mexico that is in good standing.
- (Ratified in Resolution by the State Assembly in Las Cruces, NM, on April 30, 2006)