

FRONT RANGE NORML

Constitution

Article I - NAME DEFINITIONS

This organization shall be known as Front Range NORML, hereinafter referred to as “the Chapter”.
The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws shall be hereinafter referred to as “NORML”.

Article II - PURPOSES

The purpose of the Chapter is to educate; organize; and advocate for the reform and repeals of prohibitions on cannabis; marijuana; and hemp by:

- i. Entering into political informational and educational activities;
- ii. Promotion and coordination with NORML Chapter affiliates throughout Colorado.
- iii. Building topical coalitions with compatible organizations
- iv. Supporting candidates for public office who advocate reforms.
- v. Sponsoring public discussion groups, forums, panels, and lectures.

Article III - PRINCIPLES of AFFILIATION

- i. The Chapter shall be affiliated with NORML, in accordance with the guidelines enumerated in the NORML Activist Program and Chapter Guidelines.
- ii. The Chapter shall take no positions inconsistent with Policy and Missions Statements of NORML.

Article IV - MEMBERSHIP

The requirements and standards for membership shall be set forth in the Chapter Bylaws.

Article V - OFFICERS

Section 1

There shall be up to nine Chapter Officers, as follows: Chair, Outreach Director, Publications Director, Membership Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and three At-Large Members. The powers and duties of these Officers shall be as specified herein and in the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 2

- i. Officers shall serve terms of one year. No term limits are implied.
- ii. Election of Officers shall be in accordance with Article IX of the Constitution.

Section 3

No person not a member of the Chapter shall be eligible to serve as an Officer.

Article VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

- i. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chapter Officers, and a maximum of three Members-At Large.
- ii. The Chair, as chief Chapter Officer, shall preside at Board of Directors meetings.
- iii. The Board of Directors shall be the Chapter's central committee.

Section 2

- i. At-Large Board Members shall be appointed by the chair and approved by the Board with a simple majority vote. They may represent the Board under the direction of the Chair.
- ii. At-Large Board Members may be removed by the Chair; Or by the Chapter Officers as described in Article VI, Section 3 of the Chapter's Constitution.

Section 3

- i. Officers may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds of the current Board of Directors if they have either:
 - a) Substantially and consistently failed to fulfill the responsibilities of their office.
 - b) Ceased to be members in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws.
- ii. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote of the current members, appoint new or reinstate previous officers if vacancies or suspensions occur, such members to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 4

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of all the affairs, properties, and funds of the Chapter consistent with this Constitution and shall meet in the manner specified in the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 5

The Board of Directors may combine two positions on the Board as needed.

Article VII - ANNUAL MEETINGS

Section 1

- i. The Chapter shall hold an Annual Meeting during the third quarter of each calendar year, at which time the Board of Directors shall be elected, the Chapter Platform may be revised, and the Constitution and Bylaws may be amended.
- ii. At least forty-five days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board shall call the Annual Meeting by notifying members of the date and location of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2

- i. Only dues compliant members of the Chapter will be allowed to participate in the business sessions of any Chapter Annual Meeting.
- ii. Members and non-members may be required to pay fees for participation in other Annual Meeting events.

Article VIII - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

Nominations of candidates for Officers are required to be NORML members for at least 60 days prior to nomination and present at the meeting at which they are nominated.

Section 2

Nominations of candidates for Chapter Officer positions shall be received from the Members with no seconding required. Members may nominate themselves.

Article IX - OFFICER ELECTIONS

Section 1

- i. A majority must be achieved for a nominated candidate other than "None Of The Above" (NOTA).
At no time shall NOTA be removed from the ballot.
- ii. The Officers shall be elected by a majority of the Chapter members present at the Annual Meeting.
- iii. Officers shall serve terms commencing immediately upon adjournment of the Chapter Annual Meeting and ending at the close of the next Annual Meeting when they are to be elected.
- iv. Officers may be reelected to any post in subsequent years.

Article X - Officer Vacancies

Section 1

Nominations for un-expired vacancies are taken at the meeting following the vacancy.

Elections also occur at this meeting.
Only those individuals that meet the Officer requirements as set forth in Article V may be considered for nomination.

Article XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at any Annual Chapter Meeting, and no amendment shall take effect until the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2

- i. The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Chapter members in attendance at any odd numbered monthly meetings.
- ii. All proposed Bylaws changes must be presented in writing to the Board and membership at a regular meeting on an even numbered monthly meeting at least one month in advance of a motion on the proposed Bylaw amendment.
- iii. The Bylaws may also be amended at the Annual Chapter Meeting.
- iv. No amendment to the Bylaws shall take effect until the adjournment of the meeting at which the amendment was passed.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws Committee as set forth in the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 4

Initial ratification of this Constitution shall be by four-fifths vote of the Chapter members present at the September, 2006 Board meeting.