Libertarian National Committee meeting

July 15-16, 2012

Las Vegas, Nevada

Draft minutes (version 4)

Mr. Neale called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Officers: Geoff Neale (chair), Lee Wrights (vice chair), Ruth Bennett (secretary), Tim Hagan (treasurer)

At-large representatives: Michael Cloud, Starchild, Arvin Vohra

Regional representatives: Norm Olsen (Region 1), Dan Wiener (Region 4), Rich Tomasso (Region 5N), Jim Lark (Region 5S), Dianna Visek (Region 6), and John Jay Myers (Region 7).

Alternates: Scott Lieberman (Region 4), David Blau (Region 5N), Scott Spencer (Region 5S)

At-large representatives Bill Redpath and Wayne Root and regional representatives Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Jillian Mack (Region 3), and Brett Pojunis (Region 4) joined the meeting following the call to order.

JWL: Was Paul Frankel present at the call to order?

Staff members present were Executive Director Carla Howell and Operations Director Robert Kraus.

(Starchild has requested that he be addressed as “Starchild,” not “Mr. Starchild.” His request will be honored.)

The following were distributed during the Paperwork Check: Treasurer’s report, Region 3 report, Region 4 report, a list of applicants for the Audit Committee, and information from Wes Wagner of Oregon.

Ms. Visek moved to add 10 minutes to the Agenda to discuss Following the Policy Manual to follow the Counsel’s Report. Mr. Wrights suggested that it be moved to follow the LSLA report. There was no objection to Mr. Wrights’ suggestion or to the motion.

Mr. Redpath moved that we add a five minute item for “Resolutions of condolence,” to follow the Counsel’s Report. There was no objection.

Mr. Wiener moved that we put Voting Methodology prior to populating committees and following the Saratoga Project item for 5 minutes. There was no objection.

Starchild moved to add an opportunity for public input before and after each agenda item, the total time for the meeting not to exceed 15 minutes. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The agenda as amended was approved.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Each LNC member was asked to indicate potential conflicts of interest.

Geoff Neale: none

Lee Wrights: Senate District Representative, LP Texas Central Committee; member, Board of Directors, Foundation for a Free Society

Tim Hagan: none

Ruth Bennett: none

Michael Cloud: President, Center for Small Government; Advocates for Self-Government associate; vendor to Libertarian Party for fund raising

Arvin Vohra: Member, LP Maryland executive board

Bill Redpath: Treasurer, Fair Vote; Ballot Access Coordinator, LP Virginia; member, Board of Directors, Citizens in Charge; treasurer, Citizens in Charge Foundation

Starchild: At-Large member, LP California Executive Committee

Starchild added that he would put the good of the “Liberty Movement” ahead of the interests of the Libertarian Party or his duty to the Libertarian Party as a member of the National Committee. Mr. Neale ruled that such a statement was out of order and not appropriate for a conflict of interest disclosure.

Starchild appealed the ruling of the Chair concerning the types of disclosures to be made. The ruling of the Chair was upheld by a vote of 13 to 4. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Visek, and Wiener

Voting “nay”: Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra, and Wrights

A motion to extend time for 10 minutes was approved.

Norm Olsen (Region 1): none

Vicki Kirkland (Region 2): none

Jillian Mack (Region 3): Co-Chair, Young Libertarian National Alliance; member, Board of Directors, GoLibertarian.com; forming a private company for Saratoga; involved with GoLP.org,; member, LP Ohio Executive Committee; Finance Director, LP Ohio

Dan Wiener (Region 4): none

Brett Pojunis (Region 4): Co-Chair, Young Libertarian National Alliance; member, Board of Directors, GoLibertarian.com; forming a private company for Saragota; involved with GoLP.org; Secretary, LP Nevada; volunteer for Johnson Campaign and Seeds of Freedom

Rich Tomasso (Region 5N): Chair, LP New Hampshire; activist, Free State Project

James Lark (Region 5S): Chair, Board of Directors, Advocates for Self-Government; Secretary, Board of Directors, International Society for Individual Liberty; member, Board of Advisors, Students For Liberty; Chair, Board of Directors, Student Libertarian Alumni Committee; Vice-Chair, LP Virginia

Dianna Visek (Region 6): Legislative Director of the LPIL

John Jay Myers (Region 7): Owner, Clear Sky 24 (a vendor to the LP)

Alternate representatives:

Scott Lieberman (Region 4): none

David Blau (Region 5N): Chair, LP Massachusetts; Massachusetts coordinator, Johnson Campaign

Scott Spencer (Region 5S): none

Paul Frankel (Region 7): Ballot access petitioner for the LP in Alabama and Maryland; petitions for the Green Party and other non-LP candidates; reporter, *Independent Political Report*

Immediate past LNC Secretary Alicia Mattson indicated that she has a list of cumulative conflicts from past National Committees; she forwarded the list to Ms. Bennett.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Neale yielded the gavel to Mr. Wrights, and then moved to amend the agenda to add 10 minutes for a report from the Johnson for President Campaign at 10:00 a.m. (PST), specifically to accommodate Ron Nielson of the Johnson campaign. The motion passed without objection. Mr. Wrights returned the gavel to Mr. Neale.

Mr. Neale indicated that the contract/agreement with the Johnson Campaign was signed in early June and things are running smoothly. The contract/agreement is not privileged; there is no issue with anyone reading it.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hagan discussed the issue of qualitative vs quantitative information concerning our financial status. A motion to extend time for 3 minutes was approved without objection.

After discussion, Mr. Hagan, Mr. Redpath, Ms. Visek, Ms. Howell, Mr. Kraus, and Aaron Starr have agreed to meet to establish the type and form of financial reports needed to make the reports more useful to Committee members.

A motion to extend time for 2 minutes was approved without objection.

Mr. Neale asked to move the Counsel's report to 2:00 p.m. PDT. The request was approved without objection.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Bennett noted that there had been two email ballots since the May 6, 2012 meeting.

The first motion was made by Mr. Neale on May 24, 2012, with the voting period to conclude at midnight on June 3, 2012:

***Increase the Ballot Access Expense line item in the 2012 LNC budget from $245,000 to $325,000, with encumbrances for $32,277 for the Pennsylvania petition drive, $15,000 for the Alabama petition drive, $25,000 for the New York petition drive and $10,000 for the Maryland petition drive, with an additional $23,723 to be encumbered by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Additionally, increase the Ballot Access Revenue line item in the 2012 LNC Budget from $266,200 to $346,200.***

The motion passed on a vote of 17 to 1. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Pojunis, Redpath, Root, Starchild, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Olsen

JWL: Did Mr. Tomasso cast an “aye” vote, or did Mr. Blau cast an “aye” vote on behalf of Region 5N?

The second motion was made by Mr. Neale on May 27, 2012, with the voting period to conclude at midnight on June 6, 2012:

***Move that the 2016 Libertarian Party National Convention be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida the week of Monday, May 23rd through Sunday, May 29th provided that a mutually agreeable contract is able to be negotiated.***

The motion passed on a vote of 16 to 1. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Root, Visek, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Myers

Ms. Bennett requested that future email ballots be sent directly to her and not through the LNC-Discuss or LNC-Business lists to be sure that they properly issued and recorded accurately.

Ms. Visek noted that the Secretary has not abided by the Policy Manual's requirements for approval of minutes. Ms. Bennett thanked Ms. Visek for her assistance and agreed to have these lapses corrected by July 23. Dr. Lark volunteered to serve as Assistant Secretary.

Dr. Lark moved for a recess; the motion was approved without objection. The meeting reconvened at 10:08 a.m. Wayne Root joined the meeting after the recess.

**JOHNSON CAMPAIGN REPORT**

Ron Nielson, manager of the Johnson Campaign, was present to give a report on the Johnson/Gray campaign. Both candidates have been doing extensive traveling; Judge Gray has mostly traveled in the West and Governor Johnson more in the south and east and doing media. The campaign is raising money and making contacts.

**OREGON BALLOT ISSUES**

The Oregon Secretary of State recognizes Wes Wagner as the chair of the LPOR; as such he has the sole authority to submit signatures to qualify Johnson/Gray electors and get into the Oregon Voter Guide. Mr. Wagner has requested that the LNC indemnify him should he submit such signatures to qualify the Johnson/Gray campaign electors.

There was no objection to extend debate for 10 minutes to discuss the Oregon ballot issue. After discussion there was no objection to asking Mr. Wagner to prepare a clear statement in writing concerning his requests, that he sign it and send it to the LNC by today. Should such a statement be received, the LNC will consider his requests during the meeting tomorrow.

Starchild moved that the LNC call Mr. Wagner at the time he was notified to be available by phone, or as soon as possible if that time had already passed. Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for 10 minutes; the motion to extend passed.

After discussion, the motion failed on a vote of 8 to 9. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Frankel, Hagan, Lark, Olsen, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso

Voting “nay”: Cloud, Kirkland, Mack, Neale, Pojunis, Root, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Abstention: Wrights

Mr. Neale will communicate with Mr. Wagner to ask for his specific requests in writing for consideration later during this meeting.

There was no objection to extend for ten minutes for additional questions to Mr. Nielson.

Mr. Frankel moved to extend time for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Wrights moved to extend for 2 minutes to complete Mr. Nielson's answer. The motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Frankel moved to extend time for 5 minutes for additional questions. There was an objection; the motion to extent failed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Please see report.

JWL: I do not have a copy of this report.

Mr. Wiener moved to extend time for 10 minutes; the motion to extend was approved without objection.

After discussion, Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

**RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE**

Mr. Redpath moved the following:

***The LP expresses its deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of John Robertson, a long time member of and petitioner for the Libertarian Party who died on May 12, 2012.***

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Redpath moved the following:

***The LP expresses its deepest heartfelt condolences to Dan Reale, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut, and his family and friends regarding the sudden and sorrowful death of his mother on July 9, 2012.***

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:10 p.m. Mr. Redpath moved that we consider part of the Ballot Access Report in executive session. The motion passed.

Gary Sinawski, LNC legal counsel, gave his report by speaker phone.

Mr. Pojunis moved that the LNC enter executive session to receive the missive from Mr. Wagner of Oregon; the motion passed. Mr. Neale informed the Committee that should anyone not agree to keeping information revealed he should leave the room during executive session. The LNC entered executive session at 2:30 p.m. and rose from executive session at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Sinawski said that there was no reason to keep this information confidential, and the claim for indemnification by Mr. Wagner was read aloud. A motion to extend time for 10 minutes was approved without objection.

Aaron Starr was recognized to address the Oregon issue. He informed the Committee that the Johnson Campaign is having the Reeves faction submit paperwork to the Oregon Secretary of State in addition to paperwork submitted by Mr. Wagner's group to secure ballot access for the campaign. With both sides of the pending lawsuit submitting paperwork, whichever way the court rules, Gov. Johnson will appear on the Oregon ballot in November.

Mr. Tomasso moved to extend time for the legal counsel’s report for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed.

Mr. Vohra moved to extend the time for 10 minutes to consider a motion to reject the request by Mr. Wagner for indemnification. The motion to extend passed. Mr. Vohra moved that the LNC decline to indemnify Mr. Wagner for any possible lawsuits that may arise from putting the Johnson ticket on the Oregon ballot.

Mr. Wrights moved to call the question; the motion failed. Mr. Redpath moved to extend debate for 10 minutes; the motion to extend passed.

Joseph Buchman of the Johnson Campaign was recognized without objection. He indicated that the Johnson Campaign was willing to offer indemnification to Mr. Wagner.

The motion concerning indemnification passed on a vote of 10 to 5, with 3 abstentions. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Lark, Mack, Pojunis, Root, Vohra, Wiener, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Myers, Olsen, Redpath, Starchild, Visek

Abstentions: Kirkland, Neale, Tomasso.

Without objection the Committee recessed for 15 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Mr. Neale requested that the Committee proceed directly to consider part of the Ballot Access report in executive session; there was no objection. Lou Jasikoff of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania was asked to participate in the executive session; he agreed to respect the confidentiality of the session.

**REGIONAL REPORTS**

Region 1: Mr. Olsen added that Tony and BetteRose Ryan are working to revive the South Dakota LP. He said that there is a “Top-Two” ballot initiative in Arizona. There is a lawsuit to stop the initiative because it includes two distinct issues; Arizona is a “single issue per initiative” state.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to make a motion to release the content of the previous executive session. The motion failed on a vote of 6 to 9, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Cloud, Hagan, Myers, Starchild, Vohra, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Bennett, Kirkland, Mack, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek

Abstention: Lark

Region 3: Ms. Mack expressed a concern from Kentucky that petitioners had been pulled from Kentucky. Mr. Redpath said he would address this in the Ballot Access report. Ms. Mack showed a new format for regional reports that she and Mr. Pojunis have developed. She said she will make it available to all regional representatives.

Region 4: Mr. Wiener reported that a law has been proposed in California that would prohibit paid petitioners. Should the California legislature pass this, the Libertarian Party of California may need to obtain an additional 10,000 registered voters by the end of the year to maintain their ballot status. The cost could be $30,000-$40,000 and perhaps as much as $70,000-$80,000. Arkansas has made ballot status and will have 15 candidates this year including one unopposed.

Region 5N: Mr. Blau said the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts should have 11,000 valid signatures (10,000 are needed), and so there should be no issue there. He said New Hampshire will not need national LP financial help with their ballot access, and that the LP New Hampshire and should have 15-20 candidates around the state.

Region 5S: Dr. Lark thanked Mr. Redpath for his help petitioning in several Region 5S states.

Region 6: Ms. Visek had nothing to add to her report.

Region 7: Mr. Myers said that Alabama will need some help and that he will encourage them to become more active. He added that there will be 130 candidates in Texas this year.

Mr. Cloud moved for a suspension of the rules to receive reimbursement from Mr. Pojunis. The motion to suspend was approved without objection. Mr. Pojunis returned the funds previously paid by the LNC to the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance for Project Saratoga. Mr. Pojunis and Ms. Mack are working on a private company to make the services of Saratoga available to state parties.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to take up another motion; the motion failed on a vote of 4 to 10, with 3 abstentions. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Hagan, Starchild, Vohra, Wiener.

Voting” nay”: Bennett, Cloud, Lark, Mack, Olsen, Pojunis, Root, Tomasso, Visek, Wrights

Abstentions: Myers, Neale, Redpath

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

ADVERTISING & PUBLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Starchild moved to extend time on this item. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed.

AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. Wrights is the chair of the committee. He reported that there are two “orphan” states, South Carolina and Oregon, and he represents their interests on the LNC. In this capacity, he requested that the Chair rule whether Region 4 Alternate Scott Lieberman violated Article 14, section 4 of the Bylaws when Dr. Lieberman wrote “I think you work for the Johnson campaign. Please make it clear to them that it is in their long-term best interests to sacrifice ballot access in Oregon if that is what it takes to politically neuter Wes Wagner and his group of misfits.” Mr. Neale said that he does not have the authority to make such a determination.

Mr. Wrights moved to extend debate 10 minutes to take up a measure to censure Dr. Lieberman.

Mr. Wiener objected that the motion was out of order as it is not pertinent to Affiliate Support, and would thus require a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Neale ruled that the motion was out of order.

Mr. Olsen moved to extend time 5 minutes on this matter to discuss appointments; the motion to extend was approved. He noted that Mr. Wrights’ appointment of Arvin Vohra to the ASC violated the Policy Manual, which requires that appointees be regional representatives. (Mr. Vohra is an at-large representative.) Mr. Wrights apologized for his mistake and indicated that he would select a regional representative to replace Mr. Vohra.

CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Mr. Wrights informed the LNC that the contract with the Rosen Centre in Orlando is proceeding apace. He indicated that our attorney had some concerns, and that the COC is working through the issues.

Mr. Redpath moved that the 2016 National Convention be held Friday to Monday morning. Starchild moved to amend the motion to change the days to Thursday to Monday. The motion to substitute failed.

Mr. Pojunis moved to extend time; the motion to extend failed. The motion to hold the 2016 Convention on Friday to Monday passed on a vote of 12 to 5. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Lark, Myers, Neale, Olsen, Redpath, Starchild, Tomasso, Vohra, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Mack, Pojunis, Root, Visek, Wiener

Mr. Redpath moved that we suspend the rules to consider the date and place of the next LNC meeting. There motion to suspect was approved without objection.

Mr. Neale proposed that we meet on November 17-18, 2012 in the greater Washington, DC area. Mr. Redpath moved the proposal; the motion passed.

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules to consider setting the first 2013 meeting for March 2-3, 2013. The motion to suspend passed.

Mr. Redpath moved that the first 2013 LNC meeting be held March 2-3, at a location to be decided by an email ballot within the next month. The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m., with the meeting to resume at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 16.

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 a.m. on Monday.

Members in attendance:

Officers: Neale, Wrights, Bennett, Hagan

At-large representatives: Cloud, Redpath, Vohra

Regional representatives: Olsen, Wiener, Tomasso, Lark, Visek, Myers

Alternates: Lieberman, Blau, Spencer

JWL: Was Mr. Frankel present at this time?

At-large representative Starchild and regional representatives Kirkland (Region 2), Mack (Region 3), and Pojunis (Region 4) joined the meeting following the call to order.

At-large representative Wayne Root communicated to Mr. Neale that he would be unable to attend today.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Blau discussed the purchase of a headquarters building. He said that we need a clearer vision of the uses the HQ should fulfill. He noted that the Building Fund currently has roughly $140,000 in cash and pledges.

Mr. Blau moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Blau said that the basic question is: What are the requirements by the staff and the LNC concerning a headquarters building? That is, what functions, how much space, opportunities for growth, storage, etc., are required?

Mr. Wiener moved to extend time for 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed.

NEW VISIONS COMMITTEE– no report

LSLA – no one available to report

**DISCUSSION OF LNC ADHERENCE TO POLICY MANUAL**

Ms. Visek moved that the LNC enter executive session; the motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Cloud moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Vohra moved to delete section 4 (Conventions) of Article 2.03 (Financial Matters) from the Policy Manual. The section reads as follows:

***The Party shall not directly or indirectly compensate or otherwise underwrite or subsidize***

***the convention travel, lodging, entertainment costs or speaker fees/honorariums of any***

***Convention delegates. This policy shall not prohibit the Party from underwriting organized***

***convention events offered to all donors of a particular level. This policy shall not prohibit a***

***delegate from receiving a complimentary meal if the delegate is performing volunteer work***

***specifically related to that meal event.***

After discussion Mr. Wrights moved to call the question. There was an objection; the motion to call the question passed. The motion failed on a vote of 9 to 6, with 2 abstentions. (The motion required approval by 2/3rds, as it did not have “previous notice.”)

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Myers, Neale, Spencer, Starchild, Vohra, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Mack, Olsen, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Wiener

Abstentions: Kirkland, Pojunis

Ms. Visek moved to extend for 10 minutes; the motion to extend passed.

Ms. Bennett moved to delete section 7 (Convention Speakers) of Article 2.09 (Other Matters) from the Policy Manual. This section reads as follows:

***No person shall be scheduled as a convention speaker unless that person has signed this statement:***

***“As a condition of my being scheduled to speak, I agree to neither seek nor accept nomination for any office to be selected by the delegates at the upcoming Libertarian Party Convention.”***

***This policy shall not apply to participation in a scheduled candidate debate. This policy shall not apply in the case where someone is exercising official duties (e.g. such as when the Treasurer presents his official report.)***

Ms. Visek moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

Mr. Wiener moved to substitute the current language and add “or breakout session or panel discussion or similar non-major event.” to the end of the next to last sentence of Article 2.09, section 7. The motion to substitute passed.

The motion passed by a vote of 15 to 2. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Blau, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Starchild, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Bennett, Wrights

As approved, Article 2.09, section 7 now reads as follows:

***No person shall be scheduled as a convention speaker unless that person has signed this statement:***

***“As a condition of my being scheduled to speak, I agree to neither seek nor accept nomination for any office to be selected by the delegates at the upcoming Libertarian Party Convention.”***

***This policy shall not apply to participation in a scheduled candidate debate or breakout session or panel discussion or similar non-major event. This policy shall not apply in the case where someone is exercising official duties (e.g. such as when the Treasurer presents his official report.)***

The meeting recessed for 20 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ITEMS POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

BALLOT ACCESS

Mr. Redpath said that there are 9 states with upcoming ballot access deadlines. He noted that it is possible our presidential ticket will be on the ballot in all 50 states and DC. We were not challenged in Illinois so Johnson/Gray will be on the ballot there. LP volunteer efforts have been very poor, and so most signatures have been obtained by paid petitioners rather than by volunteers. Thus, our expenses have been much higher than in previous years. Mr. Redpath has personally petitioned in many states. Currently we are unquestionably on the ballot in 31 states.

Starchild moved that a page be created on LP.org that recognizes volunteer petitioners and the number of signatures they have gathered (listed by state). In addition the page would list the total number of signatures needed in each state and the deadlines for submitting those signatures.

Mr Redpath moved to extend time for 10 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed.

It was noted that establishment of this page would constitute an additional burden upon staff, and that gathering the information would involve an enormous amount of work.

Mr. Pojunis moved to amend the motion by adding the words “with the permission of the petitioners” at the end of the sentence.

Mr. Wiener moved to call the question; the motion passed without objection. The motion to amend passed without objection. The main motion failed on a vote of 5 to 11, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Frankel, Mack, Pojunis, Starchild, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Olsen, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Abstention: Neale

Mr. Redpath committed to forming a Ballot Access Committee, to be populated at the November 2012 meeting.

Mr. Redpath moved to increase the Ballot Access budget line item for ballot access expense from $325,000 to $350,000, with the funds to come from the Affiliate Support line item, and with all additional encumbrances to be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Redpath moved to extend time by 5 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed. The motion passed on a vote of 14 to 0, with 2 abstentions.

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Mack, Myers, Neale, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Vohra, Wiener

Abstentions: Olsen, Starchild

**PROJECT SARATOGA**

The funds provided by the LNC to the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance for Project Saratoga have been returned to the Party. Mr. Pojunis and Ms. Mack have decided to do this privately and for profit.

Ms. Bennett moved to end discussion on this item; the motion was approved without objection.

**VOTING METHODOLOGY**

Mr. Wiener moved to add a new subsection 8 to Section 1.02 to the Policy Manual. The subsection will read as follows:

***8) Procedure for Filling Vacancies***

***The election procedure during an LNC meeting for filling committee, LP officer or LNC At-Large Representative vacancies, or any other position which the LNC is authorized to fill, shall be approval voting. The election shall be conducted by LNC members submitting signed written ballots. After tabulation the results, including how individual members voted, shall be announced.***

Mr. Olsen moved to extend time for 2 minutes. There was an objection; the motion to extend passed. The motion failed by a vote of 9 to 7. (Approval of the motion required a 2/3rds vote.) The votes were as follows:

 Voting “aye”: Bennett, Hagan, Kirkland, Lark, Myers, Neale, Vohra, Starchild, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Mack, Olsen, Pojunis, Redpath, Tomasso, Visek, Wrights

**POPULATING COMMITTEES**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Pojunis was nominated as the member from the LNC. The motion to close nominations was approved without objection. Starchild moved to allow 2 minutes for the purpose of asking questions of Mr. Pojunis. The motion passed.

After discussion, Mr. Pojunis was elected to serve; Mr. Myers and Starchild abstained on the vote.

The non-LNC members nominated were as follows:

Michael Howard, Joseph Buchman, Aaron Gilmer, Joshua Katz, Gary E. Johnson (of Texas), and Aaron Starr. A motion to extend time for 10 minutes was approved without objection.

Nominations were closed.

Mr. Wiener moved that this election be done by approval voting via secret ballot. (Members may vote from 2-6 ballots with the top two with the most votes taking office, assuming a majority votes.)

There were 12 ballots cast; the vote totals were as follows:

Gilmore: 0

Katz: 1

Johnson: 6

Buchman: 7

Howard: 7

Starr: 8

Mr. Starr was elected. A run-off election between Mr. Howard and Dr. Buchman was conducted. Twelve ballots were cast; Dr. Buchman received 7 votes and Mr. Howard received 6, and so Mr. Buchman was elected.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The nominees for this Committee are self-selected with a limit of five. Kevin Knedler, Jim Lark, Michael Cloud, Mary Ruwart, Ruth Bennett, Norm Olsen, and Starchild nominated themselves.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to take up a motion; the motion to suspend failed.

Voting is by approval ballot with voting so members may cast up to 7 votes, only 1 per candidate. (Dr. Buchman was recognized to announce that over 100 Libertarians were protesting at CNN HQ regarding to omit two-term Governor Gary Johnson from its polling.)

Sixteen ballots were cast; the votes were as follows:

Ruwart: 13

Cloud: 11

Bennett: 11

Lark: 10

Knedler: 8

Olsen: 6

Starchild: 2

Dr. Ruwart, Mr. Cloud, Ms. Bennett, and Dr. Lark were elected to the Awards Committee.

Mr. Olsen withdrew his name. A second ballot was conducted with Mr. Knedler and Starchild as candidates. Mr. Knedler received 10 votes and Starchild received 4; thus, Mr. Knedler was elected.

Mr. Neale has appointed Ms. Mack, Mr. Myers, Mr. Pojunis, and Mr. Vohra to the Information Technology Committee.

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee are appointed by the Chair. Mr. Neale said he will make the appointments at a later time.

The members of the Outreach Committee are appointed by the Chair. Vicki Kirkland, Chris Thrasher, Gary Johnson, Paul Frankel, Joe Buchman, Starchild, and Arvin Vohra are interested in serving. Mr. Neale will announce his decision at a later date.

The meeting recessed for lunch for 20 minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE**

Mr. Neale yielded the gavel to Mr. Wrights.

Mr. Neale moved to change section 1 of Article 1.02 of the Policy Manual to replace “transmitting this intention by an e-mail to the entire LNC at least 21 days prior to the session with the full text of the motion to be submitted” with “send the complete language of the motion to the entire LNC by e-mail at least 10 days prior to the session.”

Dr. Lark suggested that Alicia Mattson be recognized to address this issue in her capacity as a parliamentarian. Ms. Mattson suggested that 21 days gives people a chance to make appropriate travel arrangements should there be something on the agenda that they thought had been previously decided.

Dr. Lark moved that 10 days be changed to 14 days. There was no objection to the motion.

Mr. Wiener moved to call the question; the motion to call the question was approved without objection. The motion as amended passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved that section 7 of Article 1.02 of the Policy Manual be deleted. That section reads as follows:

***7) Main motions must be submitted in writing to the Chair before being moved.***

The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved that subsection 1 of Section 2.07 of the Policy Manual be amended by changing the phrase “14 days” to “7 days.” If approved, the new language would read as follows:

***1) Proposed Agenda and Reports***

***The proposed agenda and all reports shall be distributed to the LNC at least 7 days prior to the session.***

Starchild moved to extend time. There was an objection; the motion to extend failed. The motion passed by a vote of 10 to 5, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Kirkland, Mack, Myers, Neale, Starchild, Vohra, Wrights

Voting “nay”: Lark, Olsen, Tomasso, Visek, Wiener

Abstention: Pojunis

Mr. Neale moved to delete the “Moment of Reflection” mentioned in subsection 2 of Section 1.02 under “Opening Ceremony.” The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved to add the following to subsection 2 of Section 2.01:

***The Secretary shall maintain a register of all declared potential conflicts of interest by LNC members. This register will be presented and distributed to all LNC members at each regular LNC meeting.***

Starchild moved to amend; the motion to amend failed for lack of a second. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Neale moved to add the following to the Policy Manual:

***Filling Vacancies on the LNC***

***In the event of a vacancy in the Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or one or more At-Large positions, the following procedure shall be used to permanently fill the vacancy.***

***1. Notice will be given via e-mail to all sustaining members and the state chairs of the vacancy, informing of the vacancy, the duties and obligations of the office, the***

***procedure to apply for consideration and the qualifications to meet eligibility.***

***2. Any member that meets the qualifications for the office as stated in the Bylaws on the date of their submission will be considered a candidate by the LNC.***

***3. Notice must be given at least 30 days prior to the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled, and no vacancy can be filled without this notice being given.***

***4. Submissions must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the LNC***

***meeting at which the vacancy is filled.***

***5. Staff will verify that candidates are eligible to serve, and the Secretary will distribute the list of eligible candidates to the LNC at least seven days prior to the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled.***

***6. All LNC members are eligible for consideration, but they must follow the same***

***procedure as non-members in order to be considered.***

***7. Filling vacancies on the LNC shall be conducted as part of the credentials report***

***agenda item.***

***8. Candidates that attend the LNC meeting at which the vacancy will be filled shall be given two minutes each to address the LNC prior to the election.***

***9. If more than one vacancy is being filled, the order of election shall be the same as***

***specified in the Convention Rules.***

***10. If more than one At-Large vacancy is being filled, there shall be a single election with ranked results, except in cases where a subsequent ballot is required to break a tie. In those cases, the subsequent ballot shall only include the candidates that represent the tie.***

***11. All votes by the LNC to fill vacancies will be recorded. In the even of vacancies in the Secretary or Vice-Chair, the EC shall appoint a temporary replacement from the current LNC members to fill the role until a permanent replacement is chosen.***

Dr. Lark moved to postpone this item for now and to address it prior to or at the next meeting. The motion to postpone was approved without objection.

Mr. Hagan moved to delete the second sentence and all the bullets of subsection 11 of Section 2.03. If approved, subsection 11 would read as follows:

***11) Treasurer's Reports***

***No later than 45 days after each calendar quarter, the Treasurer shall prepare a quarterly Treasurer's Report to be mailed to any sustaining member who either was a delegate at the most recent regular convention or requests such report.***

***No later than the end of each calendar month, the Treasurer shall prepare a monthly Treasurer's Report to the LNC reflecting the Party's financial position and the results of its operations through the previous calendar month.***

Ms. Visek moved to postpone this item until the ad hoc committee has met to determine what reports the Committee needs. The motion to postpone failed.

Mr Pojunis moved to add the following as a new first paragraph:

***No later than 20 days after the end of each month, staff shall provide the Treasurer with an updated copy of the Quick Books data file so the Treasurer can fulfill his duty to prepare the reports required in this section.***

After discussion Mr. Pojunis withdrew his motion without objection. The main motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Olsen moved the following:

***The Committee as a whole hereby requests that the Chair instruct staff to prepare for presentation at the November 2012 LNC meeting no fewer than 4 leasing proposals as best choices to replace the expiring Watergate lease. At least one of the proposals shall represent a legitimate leasing proposal for property in a metropolitan area other than Washington, DC which hosts an airport that serves as a hub for at least one major airline.***

Ms. Bennett moved to postpone this item. The motion to postpone failed on a vote of 8 to 8. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 7, with 1 abstention. The votes were as follows:

Voting “aye”: Blau, Kirkland, Mack, Olsen, Pojunis, Starchild, Visek, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Bennett, Cloud, Hagan, Lark, Myers, Vohra, Wrights

Abstention: Neale

Mr. Myers moved to suspend the rules for 5 minutes to take up a new matter. The motion to suspend was approved without objection.

Mr. Myers moved that regional reports be removed from the format of proposed agendas, and that regional reports will be submitted electronically to the Secretary for distribution in the binder. Mr. Neale noted that this motion was made by a regional representative. After discussion, Mr. Myers asked to withdraw his motion; there was no objection.

After discussion, Dr. Lark indicated that he is willing to defer consideration of his motion concerning goals and strategy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Wrights announced that he has appointed Mr. Tomasso to replace Mr. Vohra on the Affiliate Support Committee.

Mr. Wrights noted that a film concerning nullification produced by the Foundation for a Free Society (of which he is chair) and the Tenth Amendment Center received awards for Best Feature Length Documentary and Audience Appreciation at FreedomFest.

Dr. Lark mentioned that there is a requirement in the Policy Manual that mandates participation in a training program to educate LNC members regarding the problems of sexual harassment and offensive behavior. Mr. Neale will address this policy prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Howell announced that some LNC members do not have photos posted on the LNC Leadership webpage. Those whose photos do not appear are requested to stay for photos or to agree to send such photos to the office as soon as possible.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 2:35 p.m.