

Secretary's Report

For September 20-21, 2014 LNC Meeting

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the national convention:

- June 29, 2014 post-convention LNC session – auto-approved on July 27, 2014
- July 24, 2014 Executive Committee meeting – auto-approved August 9, 2014

I have circulated the proposed-for-approval version of the 2/13/14 Executive Committee teleconference meeting minutes, which were not approved during the previous LNC term. I intend to make a motion to approve them during the LNC meeting on September 20th.

I have requested but not yet received a draft of the 6/26/14 pre-convention LNC meeting minutes in Columbus.

The LNC has received a draft of the convention minutes. I will be proposing some modifications to the draft before we approve them, and I have started but not yet completed that task.

I have made substantial progress on creating a convention data archive for the LNC, with approximately 30 hours of effort invested into it so far. Staff has provided me a login to place it into their internal wiki when it is completed. I am currently focusing on gathering data from the 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014 conventions. I will need the assistance of staff to provide additional data at this point, and Robert Kraus has indicated he expects to have more time to assist me with my data requests after this LNC meeting.

The Policy Manual has been updated to reflect the changes made in the June 29, 2014 post-convention LNC meeting, the International Representatives policy adopted by email ballot on July 13, 2014, and the membership level changes which went into effect on August 1, 2014.

The following 8 mail ballots were completed since the last LNC meeting:

Motion: The Inc-discuss email list archives will be made available from June 30, 2014 forward and a google group established, similar to the procedure for Inc-business.

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 7/2/14

Ended: 7/12/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Lark, McLendon, McMahon, Olsen, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Goldstein, Kirkland, Mattson, Redpath, Wiener

The motion passed by a vote of 11-5.

Motion: Amend the Policy Manual to add the following as a new Section 2.09.3 (and renumber as needed):

3) International Representatives

The LNC may appoint one or more individuals to serve as International Representatives, subject to the following:

- The title is honorary, and does not convey any binding authority, unless specifically and conditionally delegated by the LNC.
- The International Representative serves at will, and may be terminated by either party at will without cause.
- The terms of service are from appointment until termination, and will not be tied to LNC terms of office.
- Expenditures for this position must be made from either budgeted expenses or from restricted funds raised specifically for this purpose.
- The purpose of this position is to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships between the LP and its international counterparts.

And, appoint Geoffrey Neale to serve as International Representative.

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 7/3/14

Ended: 7/13/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Tomasso, Wiener, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

Express Abstention: Mattson

The motion passed by a vote of 16-0.

Motion: To set the date/location of the next LNC meeting as Alexandria, VA the weekend of Sept 20-21, 2014 at a hotel within walking distance of the LPHQ.

Co-Sponsors: Goldstein, Kirkland, McMahon, Redpath

Started: 7/5/14

Ended: 7/15/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Feldman, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Wiener, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

The motion passed by a vote of 17-0.

Motion: Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party" (Article 11, 3 (b)), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions." (Article 6, 3), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "the autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party..." (Article 6, 5), and

Whereas the Chair of the National Convention incorrectly ruled that it was in order for the convention to vote to seat three delegates in the Oregon delegation over the objection of the affiliate party chair, and

Whereas the motion made did not challenge the report of the Credentials Committee as to who was the affiliate party chair, and

Whereas the convention delegates subsequently voted to seat those delegates over the objection of the delegate chair,

Be it resolved that the Libertarian National Committee apologizes to the Libertarian Party of Oregon for the erroneous ruling of the National Convention Chair.

Sponsor: Sarwark

Started: 7/9/14

Ended: 7/19/14

Voting "aye": Feldman, Katz, Olsen, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Wiener

Express abstention: Redpath

The motion failed by a vote of 5-11.

Motion: to amend the Policy Manual by inserting a new sub-section 4 to Section 2.07 PARTY RECORDS:

4) EMAIL DISCUSSION LIST. Copies of LNC-Discuss emails from June 30, 2014 forward, shall be made publicly viewable with the following limitations: The Chair shall appoint, and may replace at any time, a moderator who will pre-screen and exclude any email with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in the subject line or which quotes or references or copies any other email with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in the subject line.

Furthermore, any such email shall not be transmitted to anyone who is not a member of the LNC-Discuss list without the explicit approval of that email's author.

[Proviso: This section replaces any previous motions on the subject of making public the LNC-Discuss emails.]

Co-Sponsors: Wiener, Goldstein, Kirkland, Redpath

Started: 7/11/14

Ended: 7/21/14

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Kirkland, Mattson, McLendon, Redpath, Wiener

Voting "nay": Estrada, Feldman, Johnson, Katz, Lark, McMahon, Oates, Olsen, Sarwark, Vohra

Express abstention: Hagan

The motion failed by a vote of 6-10.

Motion: Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that "delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party" (Article 11, 3 (b)), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own Bylaws and these Bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions.” (Article 6, 3), and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party state that “the autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party...” (Article 6, 5), and

Whereas, a dispute over the Oregon delegation was placed before the Credentials Committee, which subsequently presented a report to the Libertarian Party National Convention on June 27, 2014 which did not describe the details of that dispute, and

Whereas, a motion was made to amend the Credentials Committee report to include three individuals as delegates within the Oregon delegation, and

Whereas, in response to a Point of Order the Chair of the National Convention ruled that the proposed amendment was in order, the Chair’s ruling was appealed, the Chair’s ruling was sustained by a vote of the assembly, and the assembly subsequently approved the amendment, and

Whereas, the 11th edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, which is the Parliamentary Authority for the Libertarian Party as stated in Article 16 of its Bylaws, states (p. 483) that “In any event, no action of the board can alter or conflict with any decision made by the assembly of the society, and any such action of the board is null and void (see p. 577, II. 23-33).”, and

Whereas, the Libertarian National Committee nevertheless regrets the situation wherein some delegates believe the above decision was incorrectly decided, therefore

Be it resolved that it is the sense of the Libertarian National Committee that it wishes to convey those regrets to the Libertarian Party of Oregon.

Co-Sponsors: Wiener, Kirkland, Hagan, McLendon

Started: 7/19/14

Ended: 7/29/14

Voting “aye”: Feldman, Hagan, Kirkland, McLendon, Olsen, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra, Wiener

Voting “nay”: Estrada, Goldstein, Johnson, Katz, Mattson, McMahon, Oates

The motion passed by a vote of 9-7.

Motion: The Libertarian National Committee hereby appoints Dr. James Lark to serve as an International Representative per Section 2.09.3 of the policy manual.

Co-Sponsors: Olsen, Mattson, Wiener, Kirkland

Started: 7/30/14

Ended: 8/9/14

Voting “aye”: Estrada, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Katz, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Redpath, Sarwark, Wiener, Windeler

Voting “nay”: (none)

The motion passed by a vote of 15-0.

Motion: Schedule an LNC session for the weekend of December 13-14, 2014 in the New Orleans, LA metropolitan area.

Co-Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 7/30/14

Ended: 8/9/14

Voting "aye": Estrada, Goldstein, Hagan, Johnson, Kirkland, Lark, Mattson, McLendon, McMahon, Oates, Redpath, Sarwark, Tomasso, Vohra, Wiener

Voting "nay": Windeler

The motion passed by a vote of 15-1.

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