



## *LNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

### *MEETING MINUTES*

*JUNE 15, 2016*

DISTRIBUTION DATE: JUNE 16, 2016

CURRENT STATUS: CANDIDATE FOR AUTO-APPROVAL ON JUNE 30, 2016

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### *CALL TO ORDER*

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:34 p.m. (all times Eastern).

### *ATTENDANCE*

Executive Committee members participating were: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer), Sam Goldstein (At-Large), Jim Lark (Region 5), Bill Redpath (At-Large)

Other LNC participants were: Daniel Hayes (At-Large), Starchild (At-Large) joined following the call-to-order, Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1 Representative) joined following the call-to-order, Ed Marsh (Region 2 Representative), David Demarest (Region 6 Representative), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7 Representative), Joshua Katz (Region 8 Alternate)

Staff participants were: Wes Benedict (Executive Director)

Representing the Libertarian Party of New York were: Mark Axinn, Mike Dowden, Mark Glogowski, Jim Rosenbeck

Representing the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia was: John LeBeaume (joined at approximately 9:49 p.m. for the DC agenda item)

Other participants were: George Phillies, David Traynor

Other participants later joining the call in-progress were: Paul Frankel, Andrew Jacobs

### *PURPOSE*

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing ballot access petition drives for New York and the District of Columbia.

### *NEW YORK BALLOT ACCESS*

Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$25,000 of LNC funds for the Libertarian Party of New York petition drive.

Mr. Redpath had previously submitted by e-mail a written plan from the New York affiliate. The plan noted a need for 15,000 valid signatures in a 6-week time frame beginning June 21, and it called for:

- \$25,000 from the LNC for 8,000 paid signatures and travel expenses for Darryl Bonner
- \$10,000 from the LP of New York for 4,000 paid signatures
- 10,000 volunteer signatures from the LP of New York
- \$5,000 from the Johnson/Weld campaign for 2,000 paid signatures

Discussion with Mark Axinn revealed that New York law presently requires that petitioners be registered voters in New York, though the affiliate filed a lawsuit on June 13 challenging that ban on out-of-state petitioners. This drive could achieve ballot access for our Presidential ticket as well as several down-ticket candidates for Senate, Congress and local offices. Signatures collected for the down-ticket candidates would count towards the total for this drive. Ballot access retention in New York is based on the gubernatorial race, which is not for another two years.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 7-0.

## ***DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BALLOT ACCESS***

Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$25,000 for a petition drive in the District of Columbia for the Libertarian Party's 2016 Presidential ticket.

Discussion revealed that approximately 4,400 valid signatures are required, thus we should plan to collect 7,000 raw signatures in a time frame starting June 17 and ending August 10. Mr. Redpath and Mr. LeBeaume believe the local affiliate will collect 1,000 volunteer signatures. Ballot access would be retained if our ticket receives 7,500 votes (which would likely be around 2.7% of the vote).

The monetary figure of the main motion was amended without objection so that the motion became to encumber \$20,000 for a petition drive for District of Columbia for the Libertarian Party's 2016 Presidential ticket.

Following debate, the vote on the amended main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 7-0.

The Executive Committee discussed ballot access in Rhode Island. No action was taken, given that the affiliate intends to complete its petition drive on a volunteer basis.

The Executive Committee discussed the ongoing ballot access drive in Illinois. No action was taken, given a belief that a sufficient number of petitioners are now in Illinois, and that the Johnson/Weld campaign is offering to contribute up to \$25,000 to supplement the LNC's already-encumbered \$50,000.

The Executive Committee discussed the ongoing ballot access drive in Pennsylvania. No action was taken, given a belief that we are on track to complete that drive successfully.

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting adjourned without objection at 10:25 p.m.