

Secretary's Report

For December 10-11, 2016 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on July 17, 2016:

- May 27-30, 2016 National Convention – draft minutes were distributed and posted on our website in accordance with the timelines set forth in the bylaws, expect to be approved during this LNC meeting
- July 11, 2016 EC teleconference – auto-approved on July 26, 2016
- July 17, 2016 LNC session – draft minutes were distributed in accordance with LNC policy and were scheduled for auto-approval on August 16, however Caryn Ann Harlos and Starchild objected to their auto-approval, expect to be approved during this LNC meeting
- July 17, 2016 EC teleconference – auto-approved on August 3, 2016
- September 25, 2016 LNC electronic meeting – auto-approved on October 21, 2016

LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- On July 17, 2016 Joshua Katz was elected to fill an LNC At-Large vacancy, which left a vacancy in the Region 8 Alternate position. I was notified on August 31, 2016 that Region 8 selected Larry Sharpe to fill the vacancy.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- The LNC appointed members of the Audit Committee during its July 17, 2016 meeting. In late July, the Audit Committee selected Julie Fox as its chair.
- Mr. Sarwark notified the LNC on September 13, 2016 of his appointment of Ken Moellman and Sean O'Toole to the two LNC positions on the IT Committee. Up to 5 non-LNC members have yet to be named.

Other tasks I have completed include:

- Provided staff an article for LPNews summarizing the July LNC meeting
- Continued coordination with Nick Sarwark, Bob Johnston, and Chris Thrasher for presidential ticket filings with various Secretaries of State
- Assembled a listing of committee memberships for this term so that staff could update the website
- As a member of the Convention Oversight Committee, added 2016 data to the convention data archive which I created last term
- Updated the bylaws-mandated new affiliate petition form to use the new logo, and updated a cross-reference to the bylaws so that it reflects numbering changes made at the 2016 national convention

The following 14 email ballots were completed since the July 17, 2016 LNC session:

Motion 2016-02: Increase budget line 26 - Brand Development Revenues and line 55 - Brand Development Expenses from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 7/29/16

Ended: 8/8/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 15-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-03:

WHEREAS, Libertarians affirm that self-defense is an inherent human right;

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party opposes all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, or transfer of firearms or ammunition;

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party affirms the right of due process and denies the legitimacy of “victimless crimes”;

WHEREAS, the government has steadily encroached upon these rights by illegitimately regulating and restricting access for firearms and ammunition and may further seek to deprive people who have been convicted of no crime of their inherent right to full self-defense by denying their civil and inherent rights to obtain firearms and ammunition;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee opposes any policy which would deny access to any firearms or ammunition to any person simply for being placed on any government watch or no-fly list and reaffirms its call to repeal and oppose any existing or proposed firearm and ammunition regulations.

Sponsors: Harlos, Katz, Hayes, Goldstein, Vohra

Started: 8/12/16

Ended: 8/22/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Bittner, Marsh, Mattson

With a final vote tally of 12-3, the motion exceeded the 3/4 vote threshold required by Bylaws Article 7.11, so it PASSES.

Motion 2016-04: amend the resolution adopted in Email Ballot 2016-03 as follows:

WHEREAS, Libertarians affirm that self-defense is an inherent human right; [and](#)

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party opposes all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, or transfer of firearms or ammunition; [and](#)

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party affirms the right of due process and ~~deny~~denies the legitimacy of laws against “victimless ”crimes”; and

WHEREAS, ~~the~~ governments in the United States have ~~has~~ steadily encroached upon these rights by illegitimately regulating and restricting access ~~for~~ to firearms and ammunition and may further seek to ~~deprive people who have been convicted of no crime of their inherent right to full~~ abrogate civil rights, and indeed the basic human right, to self-defense by prohibiting access ~~denying their civil and inherent rights to~~ obtain firearms and ammunition even in cases where a person has not been convicted of any crime; and

WHEREAS some recent statements by Libertarian candidates appearing in the media have the potential to cause confusion among members of the public regarding how Libertarians view these issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee opposes any law or policy which would deny or restrict any person's access to any firearms or ammunition to any person simply for being placed as a result of their name appearing on any a government watch or no-fly list, and reaffirms its call to repeal both our party's opposition to any further and oppose any existing or proposed regulations on firearms and ammunition as described above and our demand that all such existing regulations be repealed, and calls upon Libertarian candidates to uphold our party's pro-freedom stance.

Sponsors: Starchild, Vohra, Harlos, Demarest

Started: 8/13/16

Ended: 8/23/16

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starr

With a final vote tally of 6-9, the motion did not meet the 3/4 vote threshold required by Bylaws Article 7.11 to adopt public policy resolutions, so it FAILS.

Motion 2016-05: to increase the ballot access budget (Line 70) from \$340,000 to \$390,000

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 8/31/16

Ended: 9/10/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-06:

Whereas, The Arizona state government's new statute increasing the signature requirements for Libertarians and other alternative party candidates to appear on primary ballots in Arizona by as much as 20-fold or more is clearly unfair, burdensome, at odds with legal precedent, and unconstitutional; and

Whereas, Plaintiffs have limited resources and could use additional legal support in fighting to overturn this unjust statute, especially if the federal district court ruling goes against them and an appeal is necessary;

Resolved, That the Libertarian National Committee allocates \$5,000 from its "legal offense" budget line to be used in the event of an appeal from the District Court's ruling in AZ Libertarian Party v. Reagan, and directs its staff and chair to reach out to groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Landmark Legal Foundation, the Pacific Legal Foundation, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the American Center for Law and Justice, and other alternative political parties, to invite them to file amicus curiae briefs with the court or otherwise provide support to the plaintiffs in the aforementioned case, and to publicize the matter on a national scope if feasible.

Sponsors: Katz, Harlos, Hayes, Demarest

Started: 9/11/16

Ended: 9/21/16

Voting "aye": Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

Express Abstention: Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Lark, Mattson

With a final vote tally of 10-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-07: The budget for 55-Brand Political Materials Expense shall be \$50,000 higher than actual revenue for 26-Brand Political Materials.

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 9/15/16

Ended: 9/25/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": Demarest, Harlos, Hewitt, Katz, Mattson

With a final vote tally of 10-5, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-08: Amend the budget as follows:

32-Fundraising Costs increase by \$60,000 to \$201,364

33-Membership Fundraising Costs increase by \$35,000 to \$127,200

40-Administrative Costs increase by \$50,000 to \$310,050

45-Compensation increase by \$60,000 to \$448,800

85-Member Communication increase by \$17,500 to \$62,500

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 9/15/16

Ended: 9/25/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Redpath

Voting “nay”: (none)

Express Abstention: Harlos, Mattson

With a final vote tally of 10-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-09: that the Libertarian National Committee donate directly to the Mark Miller campaign as much as is legally allowable up to \$20,000.

Sponsors: Hayes, Redpath, Bittner, Harlos, Goldstein

Started: 9/21/16

Ended: 10/1/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Vohra

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 15-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-10: to rescind the authority granted to the Chair to negotiate and execute a campaign contract and the Joint Fundraising Agreement and rescind any signatures already executed.

Sponsors: Harlos, Hayes, Starchild, Demarest

Started: 9/23/16

Ended: 10/3/16

Voting “aye”: (none)

Voting “nay”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

With a final vote tally of 0-15, the motion FAILS.

Motion 2016-11: The LNC will allocate from Legal Offense \$500 to cover costs in the Kentucky Ballot Access case.

Sponsors: Katz, Harlos, Redpath, Hayes

Started: 9/25/16

Ended: 10/5/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-12: The LNC will allocate from Legal Offense \$2000 to fund a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court in the Kentucky Ballot Access case.

Sponsors: Katz, Harlos, Redpath, Hayes

Started: 9/25/16

Ended: 10/5/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath

Voting “nay”: Katz

Express Abstention: Mattson

With a final vote tally of 11-1, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-13:

Whereas Mike Fellows was a dedicated and accomplished activist for the cause of liberty who gave generously of his time and financial resources, and

Whereas Mr. Fellows represented the Montana Libertarian Party with distinction by virtue of his many campaigns for public office, including campaigns for the Montana state legislature, Montana Secretary of State, Montana Supreme Court Clerk, and the U.S. House of Representatives, and

Whereas Mr. Fellows served with distinction for many years in positions of leadership in the Libertarian Party, including his service as chair of the Montana Libertarian Party and as an alternate representative on the Libertarian National Committee, and

Whereas Mr. Fellows was a man of integrity, wisdom, wit, generosity of spirit, and commitment to the principles of liberty and personal responsibility, therefore

Be it resolved that the members of the Libertarian National Committee express our sadness at the passing of Mike Fellows, and that we offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Sponsors: Lark, Goldstein, Harlos, Hagan, Hayes, Starchild

Started: 10/1/16

Ended: 10/11/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Sarwark

Voting "nay": (none)

With a final vote tally of 14-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-14: The Libertarian National Committee supports Question 5 in Maine on the ballot on November 8, 2016.

Sponsors: Redpath, Harlos, Demarest, McKnight, Katz, Bilyeu

Started: 10/4/16

Ended: 10/14/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Starr, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

Express abstention: Hayes, Lark

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2016-15:

Whereas Nevada Assemblyman John Moore, a former Republican who in January 2016 switched to the Libertarian Party while in office, has during the past month voted not once but twice in the span of as many days to raise taxes on his constituents, including a vote to support a "More Cops" tax which the Libertarian Party of Nevada has tirelessly and thus far successfully opposed, and a vote to provide a \$750 million subsidy to finance a billionaire-owned sports stadium at the expense of, among others, indigent persons renting weekly rooms in motels; and

Whereas the elected leaders of our state affiliate party in Nevada have rightfully voted to censure Assemblyman Moore for these egregious votes; and

Whereas we wish to convey a strong message to all and sundry that while we welcome sitting legislators in the Republican or Democrat parties who decide to switch to the Libertarian Party as an act of conscience, we do not welcome them if they intend, as members of our party, to continue voting and acting like Republicans or Democrats;

Therefore be it resolved that the Libertarian National Committee hereby censures Assemblyman Moore for his recent votes in support of tax increases, requests that he return the \$10,000 campaign contribution which the LNC this season voted to send him, and admonishes him to henceforward be a better champion of the values held by members of the political party with which he has chosen to affiliate if he intends to remain a Libertarian.

Sponsors: Harlos, Demarest, Hayes, Vohra, Starchild, Goldstein, Redpath

Started: 10/21/16

Ended: 10/31/16

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Hagan, Hewitt, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, Moellman

Express abstention: Bilyeu

With a final vote tally of 9-6, the motion PASSES.

Alicia Mattson
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