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| **Libertarian National Committee Meeting**  **September 29-30, 2018**  **Phoenix, Arizona** |

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| Secretary’s Report |

# Position Duties

Bylaws Article 6 – OFFICERS

5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are

assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the

National Committee and all Party Conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such

minutes and records as necessary.

Further specific responsibilities are assigned by the following:

* Bylaws Articles 5.2; 7.2.c; 7.14; 8.3; 10.4.b; 10.9 (if Convention Secretary); 13.
* Convention Rules 2.2; 3.1; 3.2; 3.3; 5.1.e-f; 7.3; 8.1.b; 8.2.b; 10.
* Policy Manual Special Rules of Order 1.01.4; 1.02.5; 1.02.6; 7.g; 7.m; 7.o; 7.p; 1.04.1.
* Policy Manual Standing Rules 2.01.2; 2.06.5; 2.07.2; 2.07.3; 2.07.4; 3.05.2; 3.05.3.

## Status of Minutes Since Last Report

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| June 30, 2018  LNC session | Auto-approved on August 10, 2018 |
| July 3, 2018  LNC session | Draft minutes were distributed in accordance with the LNC Policy Manual Special Rules of Order1.02.6 and were scheduled for auto-approval on August 8, 2018; however, there was an objection and thus these minutes are to be addressed this session |
| July 12, 2018  EC Teleconference | Auto-approved on August 15, 2018 |
| Note: The 2018 Convention minutes are in draft and need to be addressed this session | |
| Tim Hagan is the winner of the Easter Egg hunt. | |

#### Motions:

***Move to approve the draft minutes for the July 3, 2018, LNC session.***

***Move to approve the draft minutes for the 2018 Convention.***

## Documents Updated[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| Policy Manual | * Updated footnotes as per Email Ballot 2018-18 * Created revision date in footer * Created version with hyperlinked Table of Contents |
| Platform | * Post-convention typo corrected in Preamble |
| Conflicts of Interest | The start of a new LNC term necessitated a rebuild of the baseline listing of potential conflicts of interest that is distributed at each meeting and will be appended to the meeting minutes. Please note that an entry of “(none)” indicates that person has specifically noted they have none to list, and a blank entry means that person has not submitted nor disclaimed any conflicts. |

## Documents Created

* Tip Sheets to assist on-boarding new LNC members (https://tinyurl.com/lnctipsheets)
* Email ballot tracking sheet (https://tinyurl.com/lncvoting)
* Meeting motion tracking sheet (https://tinyurl.com/mainmotions)
* Bylaws submissions by affiliates (contains confidential information)
* Zoom instructions (https://tinyurl.com/lnczoominstructions)
* Extensive bundles of committee applications (confidential)
* Training video on LNC transparency (https://tinyurl.com/lnctransparency)

## LNC Membership Changes Since Convention

* On July 6, 2018, Region 8 Representative Jim Rosenbeck resigned.
* On July 30, 2018, Justin O’Donnell was appointed as the new Region 8 Representative.

NOTE: Bill Redpath was appointed as the Assistant Treasurer.

## Committee Membership Changes Since Convention

| Date | Committee | Changes |
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| 7/3/18 | APRC | The LNC appointed Erin Adams, Whitney Bilyeu, Caryn Ann Harlos, Steven Nekhaila, and Brent Olsen. Just prior to this session, Erin Adams resigned creating a vacancy. |
| 7/3/18 | Ballot Access Committee | The LNC appointed Dustin Nanna, John Phillips, and Bill Redpath. The LNC Chair will be appointing the two-three (2-3) non-LNC members. |
| 7/3/18 | Candidate Support Committee | The LNC appointed Sam Goldstein, Tim Hagan, Victoria Paige-Lee, Richard Longstreth, and Brent Olsen. The LNC Chair will be appointing the two (2) non-LNC members. |
| 7/3/18 | Executive Committee | The LNC appointed Sam Goldstein, Jim Lark, and Bill Redpath |
| 7/3/18 | Historical Preservation Committee | Caryn Ann Harlos appointed as Chair by the LNC |
| 7/9/18 | Historical Preservation Committee | Committee Chair Caryn Ann Harlos appointed Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, James Gholston, and Andrew Kolstee to fill the remaining positions. Joe Dehn was designated as Committee Secretary. |
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| **TO BE APPOINTED THIS MEETING**   * Audit Committee: Two (2) non-LNC members to be selected by the LNC * Blockchain Committee: 11 members with 3 LNC members/alternates appointed by the LNC and 8 non-LNC members of the LP appointed by the 8 regional representatives * Convention Oversight Committee: The LNC Chair will be appointing the two (2) non-LNC members by October 2018. * IT Committee: Up to 5 non-LNC members selected by the LNC * Youth Engagement Committee: 5 members, including 1 LNC member, 2 under the age of 27, and 1 college student * The Judicial Committee is a special case after the convention convened without election. This was dealt with by Email Ballot 2018-19 (below). | | |

## Other Activities

* Submitted articles for the past two LP News issues
* Begin contact with state affiliate chairs to offer assistance
* Weekly Facebook Live meetings to give member updates
* Plan on attending (and assisting if needed) at the At-Large vote audit

## Email Ballots

The following 13 email ballots were completed since the July 3, 2018, LNC session (emails are tracked at https://tinyurl.com/lncvoting):



Email Ballot 2018-10

**Motion: Move to change the date for the next LNC meeting from September 8-9, 2018 to September 29-30, 2018 with the location remaining in Phoenix Arizona.**

Sponsor: Sarwark as Chair

Started: July 7, 2018

Ended: July 14, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Redpath, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: Phillips

No Vote Cast: Harlos, Lyons, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 13-0-1, the motion PASSES.



Email Ballot 2018-11

**Motion: Move that the Libertarian National Committee acknowledge the election of the following to the Judicial Committee for a four-year term: D. Frank Robinson, Chuck Moulton, Darryl Perry, Ruth Bennett, Geoff Neale, Jim Turney, and Tricia Sprankle.**

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Merced, Van Horn

Started: July 7, 2018

Ended: July 14, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hewitt, Phillips, Redpath, Smith

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Lark, Longstreth

No Vote Cast: Lyons, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 6-7-2, the motion FAILS.



Email Ballot 2018-12

**Motion: Move that the LNC would have an audit of the At-Large ballots done by two independent auditors appointed by the Chair, i.e., someone not in the race.**

Co-Sponsors: Bowden, Harlos, Longstreth, Mattson

Started: July 12, 2018

Ended: July 19, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Phillips, Redpath, Smith

Voting "nay": Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Lark, Nekhaila

No Vote Cast: Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 11-3-2, the motion PASSES.

*\* Since the published vote period of 11:53 p.m. Pacific on 07/11/18 to 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific on 07/19/18 resulted in a voting period which exceeded 8 days, Ms. Mattson had expressed a belief that the end date should be changed from 7/19/18 to 7/18/18. During this final day of voting which is disputed, Mr. Redpath changed his vote from "no" to "yes." These reported results reflect the changed vote during the disputed time period, but the outcome of the vote is not impacted by the question of how to report this one vote.*



Email Ballot 2018-13

**Motion: Move that the LNC would have an audit of the Judicial Committee ballots done by two independent auditors appointed by the Chair, i.e., someone not in the race.**

Co-Sponsors: Hagan, Harlos, Longstreth, Phillips

Started: July 15, 2018

Ended: July 22, 2018

Voting "aye": Hagan, Harlos, Longstreth, Lyons, Smith

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hewitt, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Redpath, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Lark

No Vote Cast: Phillips/Anderson and Sarwark did not vote

With a final vote tally of 5-9-1, the motion FAILS.



Email Ballot 2018-14

**Motion: Move to create an ad hoc Blockchain Committee.**

**The Blockchain Committee will develop and make available to Libertarian Party affiliates and candidates for public office a document and training detailing Blockchain donation compliance info, outreach strategies, and issues in line with the LP platform for advocacy in the Blockchain space for use by candidates and affiliates.**

**The Committee will prepare an outline of the document by February 15th, 2019 and submit a rough draft for approval no later than the fifth LNC meeting of the term.**

**The Committee will develop, with support of LNC Staff, training for candidates and their staff/volunteers, both online and to be presented in LP training workshops.**

**The committee will be composed of 11 members with 3 LNC members/alternates and 8 non-LNC members of the LP. The 3 LNC members are appointed by the LNC with an Interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair, the 8 Non-LNC Members are appointed by the 8 regional reps each choosing one member from their region to serve.**

**The Committee will submit a final document at the LNC meeting immediately preceding the LP National Convention in 2020.**

Co-Sponsors: Harlos, Merced, Nekhaila, Van Horn

Started: July 15, 2018

Ended: July 22, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Olsen, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Redpath, Sarwark

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



Email Ballot 2018-15

**Motion: Create an ad hoc Retention & Outreach Committee to research and prepare a document** **and training detailing causes and trends of member losses and gains then making recommendations to the LNC on actions it can take to improve membership retention and growth. The document should also include suggestions that candidates and affiliates can take to identify and retain “at-risk” donors and volunteers and an appendix of members who are subject experts that are open to being resources for targeted outreach.**

**The Committee will prepare an outline of the document by February 15th, 2019 and submit a rough draft for approval no later than the fifth LNC meeting of the term.**

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Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Merced, Nekhaila, Van Horn

Started: July 15, 2018

Ended: July 22, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Lyons, Merced, Van Horn

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Redpath, Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 4-11, the motion FAILS.

*\* The original mover agreed that this motion should fail so that it can be discussed and refined in our September meeting, thus, most of the no votes.*



Email Ballot 2018-16

**Motion: Move to set the dates of the Winter 2018 LNC meeting as December 1-2, 2018 with a preference for the meeting to be held at a facility close to the LP office at Alexandria, VA.**

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Merced, Phillips, Van Horn

Started: July 16, 2018

Ended: July 23, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Sarwark

With a final vote tally of 16-0, the motion PASSES.



Email Ballot 2018-17

**Motion: Move to amend Section 1.04 of the Policy Manual to add the following sentence: Electronic ballots shall end at 6:00 PM Pacific time / 9:00 PM Eastern time on the date they conclude.**

Co-Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced

Started: July 16, 2018

Ended: July 23, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Lyons, Merced

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Lee, Smith, Van Horn

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Phillips/Anderson, Redpath and Sarwark did not vote.

With a final vote tally of 5-9, the motion FAILS.



Email Ballot 2018-18

**Motion: Move to amend the Policy Manual footnotes as follows:**

* **44 Authorized by Bylaw Article [DEL: 7.6 :DEL] 6.6.**
* **45 Authorized by Bylaw Article [DEL: 7.6 :DEL] 6.6.**
* **48 Qualifications for sustaining membership are defined by Bylaw Article[DEL: s :DEL] [DEL: 4.3 and 4.5 :DEL] 4.4.**

Co-Sponsors: Goldstein, Harlos, Mattson, Merced

Started: July 20, 2018

Ended: July 27, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Harlos, Olsen, Lark, Longstreth, Lyons, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Hagan, Redpath, Sarwark

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

Ballot Notes: Original ballot originally (incorrectly) listed the end date as 7/30/18 (ten days instead of the amended 7 days in our Bylaws) and thus Hagan's yes vote on the 29th was untimely. The correct end date should have been 7/27/18.



Email Ballot 2018-19

**Motion: Move that the Libertarian National Committee agree to be bound by the decisions of the top seven vote-getters for the Judicial Committee at the 2018 Convention as if they were elected in the normal course of convention business and follow the procedures and rules set forth in our Bylaws. It is acknowledged that this agreement is not binding upon any member or affiliate.**

Co-Sponsors: Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Phillips

Started: July 25, 2018

Ended: August 1, 2018

Voting "aye": Bishop-Henchman, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, Olsen, Phillips, Redpath

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Lyons, Mattson, Van Horn

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Sarwark, Smith

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

Ballot Notes: Goldstein voted no twice (but it of course was only counted once). Region 1 Alternate Bowden had also voted yes, but Region 1 Representative Longstreth’s yes vote is the one that was counted. Region 5 Alternate Hogarth had also voted yes, but Region 5 Representative Lark’s yes vote is the one that was counted. Region 8 Representative O’Donnell did not vote and explicitly stated that he yielded to Region 8 Alternate Lyons’ no vote. Region 8 Alternate Lyons re-affirmed his no vote.



Email Ballot 2018-20

**Motion: Decrease the budget for line 70-Ballot Access VR & Related Exp by $34,400 from $250,000 to $216,600 (a $34,400 decrease) and increase the budget for line 60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives from $58,800 to $92,200 (a $34,400 increase) to cover the cost of existing candidate recruitment and campaigns advisor support staff, and to provide up to $20,000 for candidate field support expenses through the end of the budget year.**

Co-Sponsors: Goldstein, Harlos, Longstreth, O’Donnell, Phillips, Van Horn

Started: August 3, 2018

Ended: August 10, 2018

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Phillips, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Smith

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

Ballot Notes: Olsen also voted yes as Region 4 alternate; however, the Regional Representative Hewitt voted so Olsen's vote was not counted. Regional Alternates Adams, Hogarth, Bowden, Lee, Lyons, Anderson, and Nanna did not vote. This did not deprive any region of a vote since the Regional Representatives did vote in each of those cases.



Email Ballot 2018-21

**Motion: Move to change the budget line 24-Convention Revenue from $160,000 to $290,000, and to change the budget line 35-Convention Expenses from $150,000 to $280,000.**

Co-Sponsors: Hagan, Harlos, Nekhaila, Phillips, Van Horn

Started: August 10, 2017

Ended: August 17, 2017

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Lee, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, O’Donnell, Phillips, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Sarwark, Smith

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

Ballot Notes: Regional Representative Nekhaila did not vote, so the yes vote of Regional Alternate Lee was counted in the final tally. Regional Alternates Olsen and Bowden also voted yes.



Email Ballot 2018-22

**Motion: Move to adopt the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party supports the free market and therefore the right of privatization of property as an extension of the individual;**

**WHEREAS, the Statement of Principles of The Libertarian Party explicitly supports the right to private property ownership, including the right to do business utilizing that property as capital;**

**WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party strongly supports the rights of individuals to own private property including land, structures, natural resources, and other private space through homesteading, purchase, and other lawful libertarian means;**

**WHEREAS, ownership of private property, including but not limited to land and housing, does not require continual or personal use to exist as justly owned property unless otherwise abandoned;**

**WHEREAS, these have been part of the principles of the Libertarian Party since its inception;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that socialist and communist property ownership schemes, including the collectivization of property, unlawful usurpation of property, and incorrect characterizations of private property, unless otherwise voluntarily agreed by all parties, are incompatible with the philosophy of the Libertarian Party.**

Co-Sponsors: Caryn Ann Harlos, Richard Longstreth, Steven Nekhaila, Justin O’Donnell, Joshua Smith

Started: August 15, 2018

Ended: August 22, 2018

Voting “aye”: Adams, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, O’Donnell, Smith

Voting “nay”: Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: None (see notes).

With a final vote tally of 7-10 the motion FAILS.

Ballot Notes: Regional Alternate Adams' aye vote is counted in the main tally as Regional Representative Bilyeu opted to waive her right to vote. Regional Alternate Hogarth's nay vote is not counted in the main tally as Regional Representative Lark recorded a vote. Regional Alternate Olsen had voted aye, but that vote was superseded by Regional Representative Hewitt's vote of nay. Regional Alternate Lyons had voted nay, but that vote was superseded by Regional Representative O'Donnell's vote of aye. Regional Alternate Bowden had voted nay for the record though Regional Representative Longstreth’s aye vote is the one counted in the tally. Regional Alternates Anderson, Lee, and Nanna have not recorded votes.



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1. Former Secretary Alicia Mattson made updates to the Policy Manual that were passed by the LNC up through the 2018 Convention as well as Convention-related updates to the Party Platform, Bylaws, and Convention Rules. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)