

Prelude

Some public comment was taken prior to the calling of the meeting to order. Concerns and issues raised during this period are briefly summarized following the Attendance Roster attached hereto as Appendix A. During the period of public comment Mr. Sarwark received an unofficial text that the results of the At-Large elections were finalized so that the following would be added to the LNC as At-Large Representatives:

- Sam Goldstein
- Joseph Bishop Henchmen
- Joshua Smith
- Bill Redpath
- Alicia Mattson

Mr. Goldstein relayed that Mr. Redpath expressed his regret that he would not be able to attend this meeting but was willing to serve on the Ballot Access Committee and the Executive Committee if asked.

The potential agenda for this meeting was also discussed prior to the Call to Order. Mr. Sarwark requested that the Secretary use the Agenda from the June 30, 2018 meeting as a loose template. Dr. Lark noted several items that either must be done at this meeting or might be desirable to be done including:

- Appointment of the Executive Committee
- Appointment of the Advertising and Publication Review Committee (APRC)
- Appointment of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC)
- Appointment of the Youth Outreach Committee (YOC)
- Appointment of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC)
- Review of Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training[†]
- Number the Regions
- Set Date of Next Meeting
- Appoint an Assistant Treasurer
- Appointment of the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC)
- Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (CSC)

Mr. Sarwark inquired if the convention resolution required that the Youth Outreach Committee be appointed at this meeting and was informed that it did. Dr. Lark and Mr. Goldstein noted that there were very specific requirements for the members of this committee. Mr. Sarwark noted that the Convention Oversight Committee would continue to remain in existence with the same membership until ninety (90) days after the convention at which time they would submit their final report.

Press Secretary Richard Fields requested a time for comments prior to the appointment of the new APRC.

The Regional Representatives introduced themselves and their alternates and identified the states comprising their regions as follows:

Region 1

Representative: Richard Longstreth

Alternate: Craig Bowden

Member States: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Region 2

Representative: Steven Nekhaila

Alternate: Victoria Paige Lee

Member States: Florida, Georgia, Tennessee

Region 3

Representative: Elizabeth Van Horn

Alternate: Dustin Nanna

Member States: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio

Region 4

Representative: Jeffrey Hewitt

Alternate: Brent Olsen

Member States: California, Nevada

Region 5

Representative: Jim Lark

Alternate: Susan Hogarth

Member States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 6

Representative: John Phillips

Alternate: Phillip Anderson

Member States: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Region 7

Representative: Whitney Bilyeu

Alternate: Erin Adams

Member States: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 8

Representative: Jim Rosenbeck

Alternate: Jeff Lyons

Member States: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Idaho and Mississippi are the only states presently not in a region.

Call to Order

Mr. Sarwark called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. (all times Central Daylight Time). Additional time for public comment was granted in supplement to the period given prior to the Call to Order. Mr. Merced was handed the gavel in the midst of the public comment period.

Attendance

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Alex Merced (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Joseph Bishop-Henchman, Sam Goldstein, Alicia Mattson, Joshua Smith

Regional Representatives: Richard Longstreth (Region 1), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2), Elizabeth Van Horn (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), John Phillips Jr. (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7), Jim Rosenbeck (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Victoria Paige Lee (Region 2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3), Brent Olsen (Region 4), Susan Hogarth (Region 5), Phillip Anderson (Region 6), Erin Adams (Region 7), Jeff Lyons (Region 8)

Not attending were: Bill Redpath (At-Large), Craig Bowden (Region 1 Alt)

It is noted that Alicia Mattson and Dustin Nanna arrived late due to their involvement with other convention-related duties.

Staff included Executive Director Wes Benedict, Operations Director Robert Kraus, and Press Secretary Richard Fields. Contractors Lauren Daugherty (Head of Development) and Andy Burns (State Affiliate Development Specialist) were present.

| The gallery contained many other attendees as noted in the Attendance Roster ~~and Comments~~ attached hereto as Appendix A.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Merced asked Ms. Harlos to read the proposed agenda discussed during the informal portion of the meeting as follows:

- Appointment of the Executive Committee
- Appointment of the Advertising and Publication Review Committee (APRC)
- Appointment of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC)
- Appointment of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC)
- Appointment of the Youth Outreach Committee (YOC)
- Review of Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training
- Region Numbers and Regional Agreements
- Set Date of Next Meeting
- Appoint an Assistant Treasurer
- Appointment of the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC)
- Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (CSC)
- Appointment of a re-created blockchain committee

Ms. Harlos also noted that there were several motions submitted to her in writing regarding blockchain and electronic voting committees and that she wished to add an item regarding potential style issues in Bylaws and Platform amendments adopted at this convention.

~~Mr. Goldstein inquired whether re-creating a blockchain committee could be handled via email.~~

Mr. Hagan requested two (2) minutes on the agenda for a Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Nekhaila requested five (5) minutes on the agenda for a motion to create an electronic voting committee.

Mr. Goldstein moved to postpone the consideration of a re-created blockchain committee until the motion can be presented in writing and to remove it from the agenda. Mr. Goldstein indicated the same intent for consideration of an electronic voting committee. These were removed from the agenda without objection to be considered by email ballot.

Mr. Nekhaila requested five (5) minutes to be added to the agenda for the creation of a legislative watchdog committee.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman requested that consideration of any committees that would include non-LNC members be postponed in order to give members an opportunity to apply. There was no objection to that request.

Mr. Sarwark took back the gavel from Mr. Merced.

Mr. Longstreth moved to strike the Youth Outreach Committee from the agenda until the specific requirements for members were made clear. Ms. Harlos noted a point of order that the creating resolution required appointment at this meeting. Mr. Sarwark ruled this motion in order as appointment of the committee members was impracticable due to the specific and unknown

requirements and the need to solicit applications from the membership prior to appointment. Mr. Longstreth's motion to strike was adopted without objection.

No agenda was officially adopted at the beginning of consideration of business items but the meeting proceeded using the items from the amended informal agenda. Mr. Sarwark took up the adoption of a formal agenda in mid-discussion of the Candidate Support Committee.

Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition Training

Mr. Sarwark requested that Mr. Kraus obtain email addresses and telephone numbers of LNC members for use by the national office and to make arrangements to distribute the Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training video for review.

Executive Sessions

~~Dr. Lark suggested that the legal issues regarding Executive Session be mentioned.~~

Regional Formations

Ms. Mattson confirmed that she has the regional agreements and will forward them to Ms. Harlos. There are eight (8) regions with Idaho and Mississippi electing to be region-less. In such cases the Vice-Chair would be their liaison to the LNC if they should need assistance.

Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) – Permanent Committee²

Ms. Harlos confirmed that the prior HPC members comprised herself, Joe Buchman, Joe Dehn, Ed Fochler, and James Gholston and that they were all active and participating. Ms. Harlos requested that the committee remain the same as they are in the middle of a major LPedia re-structuring project.

Mr. Goldstein ***moved that Ms. Harlos be re-appointed as Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee.*** This motion passed without objection. [Motion 180703-1]³

Dr. Lark asked that the LNC thank Ms. Harlos and her committee members for their fine work; the LNC provided a round of applause.

Candidate Support Committee (CSC) – Permanent Committee⁴

Mr. Goldstein reported the past membership of the CSC as himself, Jim Turney (FL non-LNC), Tim Hagan, Erin Adams, Jeff Hewitt, and Caryn Ann Harlos. One non-LNC member was missing since the resignation of Mark Miller (TX).

Ms. Harlos and Mr. Hewitt indicated that they do not seek re-appointment to the CSC to give others a chance to serve.

The following LNC members and alternates indicated willingness to serve on the CSC:

- Erin Adams
- Joe Bishop-Henchman
- Sam Goldstein
- Tim Hagan
- Victoria Paige Lee
- Richard Longstreth
- Brent Olsen
- Joshua Smith

Mr. Goldstein explained the purpose and mission of the CSC. This business was re-taken up later in the session.

Adoption of the Agenda (Continued)

Mr. Sarwark apologized that he realized that an agenda was not formally adopted and took up continued consideration of the adoption of an agenda at this time.

Ms. Harlos agreed to strike her request for consideration of style corrections. Mr. Nekhaila agreed to strike his request for consideration of a legislative watchdog committee.

The agenda as amended would then read as follows:⁵

- Appointment of the Executive Committee
- Appointment of the Advertising and Publication Review Committee (APRC)
- Appointment of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC)
- Appointment of the LNC Members of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC)
- Review of Harassment and Offensive Behavior Prohibition training
- Region Numbers and Regional Agreements
- Set Date of Next Meeting
- Appoint an Assistant Treasurer
- Appointment of the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC)
- Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (CSC)
- Brief Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hewitt moved to adopt this amended agenda which was adopted without objection.

Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest

~~This report has not yet been handed off from the prior Secretary to the current Secretary.~~ Mr. Sarwark asked that current and new LNC members email their initial report of potential conflicts of interest or their amendments to their prior reports to the Secretary for review at the next meeting.

Ms. Adams reported the following updates to her conflicts:

- Elected Chair of Libertarian Party of Oklahoma
- Elected Chair of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance
- Networking Director for Roads to Freedom Foundation

Appointment of the Executive Committee – Permanent Committee⁶

Mr. Sarwark and Dr. Lark explained the customary function and composition of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee typically acts upon time-sensitive items that must be addressed before an LNC meeting can be called or an email ballot completed. The Executive Committee comprises the four (4) officers and three (3) non-officer members. The prior non-officer members were Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Redpath.

Mr. Phillips ***moved that Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Redpath be re-appointed to the Executive Committee as the non-officer members.*** [180703-2] Mr. Sarwark inquired if there were any further nominations or interest and received none. The motion passed by a show of hands.⁷

~~(Footnote 7 says: It is noted that this should have been a roll call vote (or without objection) as it is substantive.)~~

Appointment of the Advertising Publication and Review Committee (APRC) – Permanent Committee⁸

The past members of the APRC were noted as:

- Erin Adams
- Whitney Bilyeu
- Caryn Ann Harlos
- Steven Nekhaila
- Arvin Vohra

Mr. Sarwark explained the function and required composition of the APRC. Mr. Fields commented on his experiences with the APRC and sought clarification on the current policies. Other LNC members indicated interest in revamping procedures.

The following members and alternates indicated willingness to serve on the 2018-2020 APRC:

- Erin Adams
- Whitney Bilyeu
- Caryn Ann Harlos
- Susan Hogarth
- Dustin Nanna
- Steven Nekhaila
- Brent Olsen
- Joshua Smith
- Elizabeth Van Horn

Balloting for the above candidates proceeded as follows:⁹

[...no changes to table titled, “BALLOT 1 FOR APRC 7/3/18”...]

Ms. Adams, Ms. Bilyeu, Ms. Harlos, Mr. Nekhaila, and Dr. Olsen were elected to the APRC.¹⁰ [180703-3]

Appointment of the Ballot Access Committee (BAC) – Permanent Committee¹¹

The Ballot Access Committee comprises three (3) LNC members and two (2) non-LNC Party members. Last term, the LNC members were Mr. Marsh, Mr. Nanna, and Mr. Redpath. Mr. Marsh is no longer on the LNC. Both Mr. Nanna and Mr. Redpath would like to serve again. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Van Horn expressed interest in filling the vacancy. All of the LNC candidates present were given time to speak in favor of their appointment. Ms. Van Horn withdrew her name from consideration. ~~Ken Moellman (former BAC Chair) reminded everyone that this is a committee that requires a great deal of work.~~

Dr. Lark ***moved that Mr. Nanna, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Redpath be appointed as the LNC members to the Ballot Access Committee.*** [180703-4] The motion was adopted without objection. Mr. Sarwark noted that he will appoint the two (2) non-LNC members and asked Ms. Harlos for a reminder.

~~Mr. Goldstein noted that it would be a good practice to send out one email to the members noting all of the committee positions that are available. Dr. Lark noted that this should also be included in LP News.~~

Appointment of the Candidate Support Committee (continued)

The following members and alternates indicated willingness to serve on the CSC as one of the five (5) LNC member appointments:

- Joe Bishop-Henchman
- Sam Goldstein

- Tim Hagan
- Victoria Paige Lee
- Richard Longstreth
- Brent Olsen
- Joshua Smith

Each of the above was given a few moments to speak in favor of their appointments. Mr. Bishop-Henchman removed his name from consideration.

Balloting for the CSC positions proceeded as follows:¹²

[...no changes to table titled, “BALLOT 1 FOR CSC 7/3/18”...]

Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Hagan, Ms. Lee, Mr. Longstreth, and Mr. Olsen were elected to the CSC after a coin toss broke the tie between Ms. Lee and Mr. Smith. [180703-5]

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Hagan reported the following monies were raised over the course of the convention:

- \$74,600.00 in direct donations
- \$9,900.00 in one-time pledges
- \$710.00 in monthly pledges

with additional monies still being raised so that we may yet exceed the 2016 numbers.

~~Mr. Sarwark also awarded so many new Life Memberships that he ran out of Life Member pins.¹³ There is an opportunity to raise more monies if LNC members were interested in donating their faces for pie target practice.~~

~~(Footnote 13 says: “Life memberships are included in the monies raised in direct donations.”)~~

Appointment of an Assistant Treasurer¹⁴

This position has no requirement of being a current LNC member.

Ms. Bilyeu nominated Drew Layda. Mr. Hagan nominated Bill Redpath. Mr. Longstreth nominated Joe Buchman.

Mr. Hagan explained the role and importance of this position. Mr. Kraus noted that Mr. Redpath is the current Assistant Treasurer ~~and has been very responsive. He is also located near the national office and is already named on the Party bank accounts.~~

Balloting for the Assistant Treasurer position proceeded as follows:

[...no changes to table titled, “BALLOT 1 FOR ASSISTANT TREASURER 7/3/18”]

Mr. Redpath was elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer. [180703-6]

LNC Contact Information

Mr. Sarwark noted that it is up to each LNC member how much contact information is included on the website and that these preferences and information should be provided to Mr. Benedict via email.

Set Next LNC Meeting Date and Location

Mr. Goldstein suggested scheduling the next two meetings, and the LNC discussed possible scheduling conflicts.

The next meeting was set for September 8-9, 2018 with a fundraiser to be planned for September 7, 2018. The location was narrowed down to either Alexandria, VA or Phoenix, AZ with Phoenix selected by show of hands.¹⁵

Adjournment

~~Dr. Lark suggested that the LNC thank the members of the public who attended this meeting, which was met with a round of applause. Mr. Goldstein extended his thanks to everyone who made this convention a success.~~

~~Ms. Mattson informed the LNC that the Judicial Committee election results are not yet available and requested that members of the LNC and interested public stay after the meeting to assist in the tallying efforts.~~

The LNC adjourned without objection at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Caryn Ann Harlos
Secretary, Libertarian Party and Libertarian National Committee

Appendix A

Public Attendance Roster ~~and Comments~~

[...no changes to table titled “Gallery Attendance Sheet”...]

~~BRIEF SUMMARIES OF ISSUES RAISED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT~~¹⁶

(Footnote 16 says: “Notation of these comments does not entail approval by the LNC. The video recording of the commentary can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/libertarian-party1>.”)

~~Ken Moellman (KY)~~

~~Advised that Mr. Nanna would be arriving in about twenty minutes.~~

~~Darryl Perry (NH)~~

~~Noted that the convention had suspended the rules for electing At Large Committee members and inquired that since the convention rules provide that the same method is used for electing the Judicial Committee if this meant that the same method will be used for the Judicial Committee. Mr. Sarwark stated that this had come up right after adjournment, and it was his understanding that this was the case. He thinks an appeal of this understanding, if any, should be taken up at the LNC meeting when in session.~~

~~Roland Riemers (ND)~~

~~Gave an update about the election proceedings in North Dakota and disputes with the Secretary of State in order to maintain ballot access status. He is hoping that the LNC would consider obligating up to \$2,000 in legal expenses if it became necessary. Mr. Sarwark informed Mr. Riemers that the last LNC committed to running an Independent on the ballot in case the recount was not successful. Mr. Sarwark noted that the gavel used during the convention was a gift from Mr. Riemers.~~

~~Dan Reale (CT)~~

~~Asked that the LNC consider financial assistance in the amount of \$20,000 to Connecticut for a petitioning deadline of August 8, 2018. He also mentioned a tool called “Machine of Knowledge” that he would like to demonstrate. This tool identifies where all the registered voters are with a robo-call function in order to insure they receive enough votes in ballot access critical races. Mr. Sarwark asked if they will be able to meet the petitioning requirements without LNC assistance, and Mr. Reale stated that it would be iffy and that they will be able to make the minimal requirements but it is a safety margin they are seeking.~~

~~David James (GA)~~

~~Gave some detail about his past bad experiences with the family courts and father’s rights. Dean Ahmad helped him with a draft resolution that he read aloud. Mr. Sarwark suggested that this language be emailed to the Secretary who can forward it to the future Platform Committee.~~

~~Ken Moellman (KY)~~

~~Wanted to suggest the recommendation of Sean O'Toole (former IT Committee Chair) to abolish the IT Committee in favor of hiring an IT Director or consider adding more flexibility as to the membership of committees for which LNC members may not have the requisite expertise.~~

~~Christopher Thrasher (CT)~~

~~Noted that he would like to be considered for the Ballot Access Committee.~~

~~Paul Frankel (formerly of AL)~~

~~Noted that he also would like to be considered for the Ballot Access Committee and asked for the link of today's livestream.~~

~~George Phillies (MA)~~

~~Strongly encouraged the LNC to consider a voluntarily funded restricted fund to support the Chairman in his travels.~~

~~Brent Olsen (CA)~~

~~Asked the LNC to renew the rule that was eliminated last meeting, which would require the Chair to submit any employment contract to the LNC ten days prior to its consideration.~~

~~Preston Smith (PA)~~

~~Requested that reappointment of the Blockchain Committee be added to this agenda.~~

~~Tyler Danke (WI)~~

~~Requested assignment to the Youth Committee. Chair Sarwark asked if he met any of the qualifications.~~

~~Chuck Moulton (PA)~~

~~Noted that the scheduling of a national convention for July 4th weekend is terrible for Pennsylvania as it is their biggest petitioning days of the two-year period.~~

~~Michael Kielsky (AZ)~~

~~Urges the LNC to establish an Electronic Voting Committee to research practical solutions and recommend Bylaws changes to resolve some of the extreme timing issues that occurred this convention.~~

~~Spencer Dias (NH)~~

~~Would like to nominate himself for the Youth Committee and gives his qualifications.~~

~~Andrew Holding (NH)~~

~~Would also like to be considered for the Youth Committee.~~

~~Shawn Levassuer (ME)~~

~~Gave an update on Maine ballot access retention and raffle for 20lbs of lobster that is being held to assist in efforts to get Libertarian voters out to the polls.~~

~~Hap Werther (LA)~~

~~Mentioned the possibility of a three-day blockchain vote and requested to be included on the Blockchain Committee.~~

Joe Burnes (TX)

~~Asked that the national party remove Nathan Larson from its life member roster as the Virginia party removed him from their membership. He believes that this is possible through parliamentary processes.~~

Jeff Caldwell (KS)

~~Backed up Mr. Kielsky on the need to speed up our elections process.~~

Jim Cavoli (OH)

~~Offered his services in kind for software development for the next calendar year in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.~~

Richard Brown (LA)

~~Served as the convention parliamentarian (and was given a round of applause) and wanted to thank us for the opportunity to serve these past two conventions and to compliment Mr. Sarwark on his presiding skills. He also urged us to look into electronic voting solutions.~~

Darryl Perry (NH)

~~Cautioned that “blockchain” is not a magic or simple solution and that we cannot just throw the word blockchain on something as a panacea for all problems.~~

Steven Nekhaila (FL)

~~Provided further discussion on electronic and blockchain voting.~~

Erin Adams (OK)

~~Electronic voting was looked into by the Convention Committee and was cost prohibitive.~~

Frank Rossa (IN)

~~Would also like to serve on an Electronic Voting Committee as Indiana is involved in the same process.~~

Timothy Perkins (OR)

~~Would also like to serve on an Electronic Voting Committee particularly as it may involve Bylaws changes.~~

Starchild (CA)

~~Read from a handwritten list of suggestions that he provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. The Secretary agreed to include these suggestions; however, the time to transcribe would take her away from other duties so they are included as a scan of the handwritten notes following these summaries of public comments. Starchild may submit a typed copy for inclusion during the minutes draft period.~~

Aaron Starr (CA)

~~Continued the discussion on electronic voting and the history of problems of getting delegate acceptance for same. Alicia Mattson had written a program that met all of the needed requirements but delegates still voted it down. He thinks that it is very likely that it will be rejected again and it is a shame because a lot of work was put into it.~~

Ben Leder (TX — not on attendance roster)

~~Indicated that in any electronic voting scheme, he would want a receipt to be able to show how he voted and be able to be held accountable.~~

SUGGESTIONS BY STARCHILD (TRANSCRIPTION OF HANDWRITTEN NOTES)

1. Transparency

- ~~payments re: staff salaries, contract, committee operations~~
- ~~put your signatures/names on your emails~~

2. Make LP.org interactive

- ~~Let LNC members blog~~
- ~~Let LP members post, have social media type profiles~~

3. Crowdfund, instead of direct mail, email fundraising

- ~~disclose overhead costs when soliciting funds~~

4. Stop paying for meeting rooms, catered food, flying staff to meetings (1 maybe, 2-3 equals overkill)

5. Ask for volunteers before paying—fill any paid positions on basis of competitive bidding

- ~~consider getting people to do work on task-by-task basis rather than creating a staff position and having that one person do a bunch of stuff~~

6. When you plan the 2022 convention try to plan something more like PorcFest—festival type event, longer (one week w/business on weekend?)

7. Allow more participation including adequate opportunity for public comment (on each topic, or speak without special recognition rather than just beginning/end of meetings)

8. Insist on functional committees—have votes on stuff, agreed-upon reports from entire committee, not just chair or a few

9. Check out holocracy (try on one committee first?)

10. Youth Committee

- ~~Don't fill positions before putting word out and giving members adequate time to apply for vacancies~~