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LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 1-2, 2018

ALEXANDRIA, VA

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**LEGEND:** **text to be inserted**, ***~~text to be deleted~~***, unchanged existing text, ***substantive final main motions.***

Main motions are tracked at <https://tinyurl.com/lncmainmotions>.

All main substantive motions will be set off by ***bold and italics in green font*** (with related subsidiary and incidental motions *set off by highlighted italics*) and will be assigned a motion number comprising the date and a sequential number to be recorded in the Secretary's Main Motion/Ballot Tally record located at <https://tinyurl.com/lncmainmotions>.

All vote results, challenges, and rulings will be set off by ***bold italics***.

The Secretary produces an electronic OneNote notebook for each meeting that contain all reports submitted and attached to these minutes as well as supplementary information. The notebook for this meeting can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Dec2018OneNote>.

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# OPENING CEREMONY

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nicholas J. Sarwark called the meeting of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) to order at 9:00 a.m. (all times Eastern Standard Time)

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Brief abstracts of issues mentioned during public comment are attached as **Appendix A**.

# HOUSEKEEPING

## ATTENDANCE, CREDENTIALS, AND PAPERWORK CHECK

The following were in attendance:

**Officers:** Nicholas J. Sarwark (Chair), Alex Merced (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

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

**Regional Representatives:** Richard T. Longstreth (Region 1), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2), Elizabeth Van Horn (Region 3)[[1]](#footnote-1), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), John Phillips (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7), Justin O’Donnell (Region 8)

**Regional Alternates:** Paige Lee (Region 2)[[2]](#footnote-2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3)[[3]](#footnote-3), Susan Hogarth (Region 5), Erin Adams (Region 7)[[4]](#footnote-4)

**Absent:** Craig Bowden (Region 1 Alternate), Brent Olsen (Region 4 Alternate), Phillip Anderson (Region 6 Alternate), Jeff Lyons (Region 8 Alternate)

**Staff:**[[5]](#footnote-5) Lauren Daugherty (Acting Executive Director), Tyler Harris (Member Services Department), Bob Johnston (Fundraising and Candidate Support Specialist), Robert Kraus (Operations Director), Jess Mears (Membership and Social Media Manager), Apollo Pazell (Campaigns Advisor), Cara Schulz (Candidate Recruitment Specialist)

**Other:** Oliver Hall (Special Counsel)

The gallery contained multiple other attendees. **Appendix A** includes a list of the attendees who signed the attendance book circulated by the Secretary along with brief summaries of any commentary offered. Mr. Sarwark recognized the elected Libertarians in attendance as follows: Jeff Hewitt[[6]](#footnote-6), Jenn Moore, and Apollo Pazell. The LNC gave a round of applause.

Mr. Sarwark verified that all attendees were aware that the “Giant Printed Handout” comprising 99 pages was available for anyone who desired a copy. Ms. Harlos reminded the LNC to make use of the electronic OneNote notebook.[[7]](#footnote-7)

As detailed in the Secretary’s Report **(**see **Appendix F)**, there were no changes in the composition of the LNC since the last meeting. No LNC members or alternates gave advance notice of absence for this meeting.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair previously submitted a proposed agenda as follows:

**Opening Ceremony**

      Call to Order                                                                                             9:00 am

      Opportunity for Public Comment                                                            10 minutes

**Housekeeping**

      Attendance, Credentials Report, and Paperwork Check                           3 minutes

      Adoption of Agenda                                                                                 10 minutes

      Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Harlos)                                   2 minutes

**Officer Reports**

      Chair's Report (Sarwark)                                                                          15 minutes

      Vice Chair’s Report (Merced)                                                                  15 minutes

      Treasurer's Report (Hagan)                                                                      15 minutes

      Secretary's Report (Harlos)                                                                      15 minutes

**Recess**                                                                                                            10 minutes

**Staff Reports**                                                                                                  45 minutes

**Special Counsel’s Report**                                                                               30 minutes

(portions may be in Executive Session)

**Vistacom Presentation** (during Lunch)                                                           12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Reports of Standing Committees**

      Audit Committee                                                                                      15 minutes

      Affiliate Support Committee                                                                    15 minutes

      Convention Oversight Committee                                                            15 minutes

      Candidate Support Committee                                                                 15 minutes

      Employment Policy & Compensation Committee                                   15 minutes

      Historical Preservation Committee                                                           15 minutes

      IT Committee                                                                                           15 minutes

      Ballot Access Committee                                                                         20 minutes

**Recess**                                                                                                            10 minutes

**New Business with Previous Notice**

      Adoption of 2019 Budget                                                                         90 minutes

**Evening Adjournment**

**Sunday Morning Session**                                                                                9:00 am

**Opportunity for Public Comment** 10 minutes

**Reports of Special Committees**

      Blockchain Committee                                                                              15 minutes

      Youth Engagement Committee                                                                 15 minutes

      Convention Voting Process Committee                                                    5 minutes

      Membership Support Committee                                                            5 minutes 

**New Business with Previous Notice** (cont.)

      Adoption of 2019 Budget (cont.)                                                             30 minutes

      Scheduling the next LNC Meeting                                                            10 minutes

**New Business without Previous Notice**

      Discussion of 2018 Election Results (Bishop-Henchman)                      20 minutes

      2019 Goals Discussion (Harlos)                                                               30 minutes

      FASB Functional Reporting Requirements (Bishop-Henchman)            10 minutes

**Regional Reports** (supplements to printed reports)

      Region 1                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 2                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 3                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 4                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 5                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 6                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 7                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 8                                                                                                    5 minutes

**Announcements**                                                                                            10 minutes

**TOTAL:  595 minutes**

Mr. Redpath moved to add ten (10) minutes to New Business without Previous Notice to discuss to discuss a proposed voting resolution. There was no objection.

Without objection, the time allotted for the Treasurer’s Report was increased to twenty (20) minutes to allow time for a motion regarding the “Wiener Rule.”[[8]](#footnote-8)

Without objection, the time allotted for the Candidate Support Committee was struck.

Ms. Harlos requested fifteen (15) minutes to discuss a resolution in support of Liberland during New Business without Previous Notice. Without objection, five (5) minutes was approved for that request.

Ms. Harlos requested two blocks of fifteen (15) minutes each to discuss potential amendments to the Policy Manual regarding alternates and for stylistic cleanup during New Business without Previous Notice. These blocks of time were added without objection.

The amended agenda was adopted without objection as follows:

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**Housekeeping**

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      Adoption of Agenda                                                                                 10 minutes

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**Officer Reports**

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      Vice Chair’s Report (Merced)                                                                  15 minutes

      Treasurer's Report (Hagan)                                                                      20 minutes

      Secretary's Report (Harlos)                                                                      15 minutes

**Recess**                                                                                                            10 minutes

**Staff Reports**                                                                                                  45 minutes

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      IT Committee                                                                                           15 minutes

      Ballot Access Committee                                                                         20 minutes

**Recess**                                                                                                            10 minutes

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      Youth Engagement Committee                                                                 15 minutes

      Convention Voting Process Committee                                                    5 minutes

      Membership Support Committee                                                            5 minutes 

**New Business with Previous Notice** (cont.)

      Adoption of 2019 Budget (cont.)                                                             30 minutes

      Scheduling the next LNC Meeting                                                            10 minutes

**New Business without Previous Notice**

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      2019 Goals Discussion (Harlos)                                                               30 minutes

      FASB Functional Reporting Requirements (Bishop-Henchman)            10 minutes

      Voting Resolution (Redpath) 10 minutes

      Liberland Resolution (Harlos) 5 minutes

      Policy Manual Amendments re: Alternates (Harlos) 15 minutes

      Stylistic Clean-up to Policy Manual (Harlos) 15 minutes

**Regional Reports** (supplements to printed reports)

      Region 1                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 2                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 3                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 4                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 5                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 6                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 7                                                                                                    5 minutes

      Region 8                                                                                                    5 minutes

**Announcements**                                                                                            10 minutes

**TOTAL:  630 minutes**

## REPORT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms. Harlos had previously circulated a copy of the currently disclosed conflicts and asked for any updates. The updated list of conflicts of interests is attached as **Appendix B**.

# OFFICER REPORTS

## CHAIR’S REPORT

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix C**) and supplemented with a brief oral report regarding his experiences with his campaign. Of note, out of a total of 40,000 votes, only 3,000 were already registered Libertarians.

The LNC took no action.

## VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT

Mr. Merced had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix D**) and supplemented with an oral report including the details on the re-launch of the “Meet the Libertarians” podcast for any LNC members who wish to appear.

He concluded by fielding questions and comments.

The LNC took no action.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Hagan submitted his regular monthly end-of-month financial report in advance (see **Appendix E**) and supplemented as follows (with input from Mr. Kraus):

We are still in the red with $12,300.00 in unrestricted cash and $90,853 in accounts payable. The outstanding Hyatt bill is included in the accounts payable total, and that balance is being paid down regularly. In January, withdrawals of approximately $33,900.00 can be made from each of the two bequests presently held in trust.[[9]](#footnote-9)

***Mr. Hagan moved to amend the Policy Manual at Section 2.03 (also known as the “Weiner Rule”) as follows:***

17) Office Mortgage

It shall be the goal of the LNC to completely pay off the office mortgage as quickly as possible, and in any case prior to the due date of the 10-year balloon payment. Towards that end the LNC shall budget a minimum of **~~$60,000~~$20,000** in each odd-numbered year to pay down the principal until the mortgage balance is zero. Fundraising for this specific purpose shall be made a high priority. This provision does not preclude additional fundraising and prepayments in even-numbered years.

Mr. Redpath moved and subsequently withdrew without objection a substitute motion that would eliminate the “Weiner Rule” entirely.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu | **X** |  |  |
| Bishop-Henchman | **X** |  |  |
| Goldstein | **X** |  |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos | **X** |  |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark | **X** |  |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson |  | **X** |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips | **X** |  |  |
| Redpath | **X** |  |  |
| Sarwark |  |  | **X** |
| Smith | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **14** | **1** | **1** |

***This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-1-1.*** **[181201-1]**

Mr. Redpath raised the issue of a potential conflict of interest in his role as Assistant Treasurer due to his engagement to Audit Committee member Julie Fox. Ms. Harlos inquired whether this relationship would need to be listed in the Potential Conflicts of Interest Disclosures. Mr. Sarwark left that issue for the parties to decide outside of the meeting.

The LNC took no action.

## SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix F)** and supplemented with a brief oral report highlighting regular activities to engage membership and affiliate leadership.

Ms. Mattson affirmed she would be sending the past archive of affiliate bylaws.

Dr. Lark was awarded the Easter egg prize for his careful proofreading of the prior minutes.

### APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2018 LNC MINUTES

***Ms. Harlos moved to approve the September 29-30, 2018 LNC Minutes.***[[10]](#footnote-10)

*Without objection, Dr. Lark requested that this item be moved until tomorrow to give further time to review.*

***Ms. Harlos moved to appoint the members of the Convention Voting Process Committee and the Membership Support Committee via ranked-choice voting (Scottish STV3) using the OpaVote site with a voting period of seven (7) days or until all votes are cast, whichever comes first. Alternates will note their choices manually, which will be input by the Secretary if the corresponding regional representative does not vote or expressly abstain.***[[11]](#footnote-11)

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu | **X** |  |  |
| Bishop-Henchman |  | **X** |  |
| Goldstein |  | **X** |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos | **X** |  |  |
| Hewitt |  | **X** |  |
| Lark |  | **X** |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson |  | **X** |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell |  |  | **X** |
| Phillips |  |  | **X** |
| Redpath | **X** |  |  |
| Sarwark |  |  | **X** |
| Smith |  |  | **X** |
| **TOTALS** | **7** | **5** | **4** |

***This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 7-5-4.*** **[181201-2]**

# STAFF REPORTS[[12]](#footnote-12)

Staff members had submitted a written report (see **Appendix G**) with Acting Executive Director Lauren Daugherty providing an oral supplement and explanation including the following points:

* Current financial crunch
* Strong yearly fundraising
  + 2018 has thus far surpassed the average past ten years by 19%
  + 2018 has thus far surpassed the average past five even-numbered years by 2% (if 2016 is excluded as an outlier, this average increase would remain at 19%)
* Priorities while Acting Executive Director
  + Meeting payroll obligations
  + Catching up on bills
  + Replenishing reserves
  + Reviewing and implementing best practices

Ms. Daugherty yielded the remaining time to the rest of staff to provide oral supplements regarding their various activities and departments.

The following highlights were covered:

* **Robert Kraus** 
  + Playing catch up to replenish ballot access funds that were used for convention funding
* **Bob Johnston**
  + Gave overview of his general activities including data-keeping on ballot access and filing requirements for the presidential ticket
* **Tyler Harris**
  + Gave overview of his responsibilities including providing assistance to campaign field teams
* **Apollo Pazell**
  + Offered to give details in person to any interested LNC members on lessons learned during the past targeted campaigns
* **Cara Schultz**
  + Explained how her role of candidate recruitment naturally expanded into candidate support and the various ways this manifested during the 2018 campaign season
* **Jess Mears**
  + Gave information on her background and how her role has evolved over the past few months with additional responsibilities and focus
  + Plans to grow the Party’s social media presence
* **Tom Mahon**
  + Explained his role in assisting Apollo Pazell and the field teams with targeted races

Staff then entertained an extensive question and answer period that focused on finances, campaign lessons, and campaign successes.

Without objection, Mr. Redpath moved to amend the agenda to go immediately to a ten (10) minute recess, proceed to Special Counsel’s report, and then return to Staff Reports for an additional fifteen (15) minutes.

The LNC broke for a brief recess.

Ms. Harlos passed around a list for LNC members to document their required departure times on Sunday.

# SPECIAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

LNC Special Counsel Oliver Hall submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix H)** and supplemented with a brief oral report and fielded questions and comments focusing on the following:

* Debate access issues
* Ohio Ballot Access
* Maryland Ballot Access
* Maine Ballot Access
* Hearing on the LNC v FEC that took place yesterday

Mr. Sarwark noted that we are working towards having a standard checklist for handling debate access denials as they happen so often. Mr. Hall asked for guidance on the amount of advocacy that the LNC prefers when he brings a potential amicus opportunity for consideration.

The LNC took no action.

# STAFF REPORTS cont’d[[13]](#footnote-13)

Staff continued to field questions and comments from the LNC.

Without objection, time was extended to hear from Mr. Nekhaila and Ms. Adams.

The LNC broke for lunch.

# VISTACOM PRESENTATION

Scott Casey of Vistacom gave a demonstration of their electronic voting solutions. Informational materials provided by Vistacom are attached to these minutes as **Appendix I**.

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Sarwark needs to appoint an interim chair for the Audit Committee. There is no report at this time.

The LNC took no action.

## AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This committee is not yet fully populated. Mr. Sarwark needs to appoint the committee chair who then selects three (3) regional representatives or alternates to serve.

The LNC took no action.

## CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Daniel Hayes, as Chair of the Convention Oversight Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix J**) and supplemented with an oral report, noting the following:

* Fundraising planned including the Welcoming Committee, paid theme contest, and the return of the “pay to pie” event
* Convention website is ready to go live in order to solicit donations for the Welcoming Committee
* Research into a mobile app

Mr. Hayes concluded by fielding questions and comments.

The LNC took no action.

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Jim Lark, as Chair of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix K**) and supplemented with an oral report confirming that Mr. Sarwark asked this committee to assist in the search for a permanent executive director.

Mr. Smith moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to add consideration of a Policy Manual amendment regarding selection of an executive director. This motion ***PASSED*** with 10 votes noted in the affirmative in order to meet the 2/3 vote threshold.[[14]](#footnote-14)

## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Caryn Ann Harlos, as Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee, gave a brief oral report including the following:

* Retro t-shirts available as a donation gift
* Spike in LPedia traffic and regular edits
* Framed Statement of Principles to be featured at the evening fundraiser at headquarters
* Donation of original convention materials from the 1972 convention

Ms. Harlos concluded by fielding questions and comments.

The LNC took no action.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Van Horn, as Chair of the Information Technology Committee, gave a brief oral report, noting that recommendations have been made to Mr. Sarwark for population of the remaining committee seats. She plans on creating a better avenue for complaints to be addressed.

The LNC took no action.

## BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Bill Redpath, as Chair of the Ballot Access Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix L**) and supplemented with an oral report, noting the following:

* **Alaska**
  + $50,000.00 is requested for the Alaska voter registration drive in which up to 3,000 registrations will need to be obtained at a cost of up to $8.00 each
* **Arkansas**
  + 10,000 valid signatures will be needed
  + They came very close to securing the needed 3% vote in the gubernatorial race
* **Minnesota**
  + 100,000 valid signatures are required and that is beyond our reach
  + There are two pro-pot parties that have ballot access that perhaps might be persuaded to change their name to the Libertarian Party or otherwise transfer their ballot access (as suggested by Richard Winger)

Mr. Redpath concluded by fielding questions and comments including concerns over the potential plan in Minnesota. Mr. O’Donnell briefed Mr. Redpath on the ballot access situation in New Hampshire.

The LNC took no action and broke for a brief recess.

# NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

## ADOPTION OF 2019 BUDGET

Mr. Hagan had distributed a proposed budget in advance, gave an oral overview, and fielded questions. *Without objection, Mr. Hagan noted the following changes:*

* *Hyatt Regency bill (spreadsheet line 207) from $60,300.00 to $48,000.00*
* *Building payment (budget line 4108) adjustment from $60,000.00 to $20,000.00*
* *Ballot access expense (budget line 7380-10) from $110,000.00 to $50,000.00*

*Mr. Longstreth moved to amend budget line 4090 (Ballot Access/Voter Reg) from $132,800.00 to $75,000.00 that* ***PASSED*** *without objection.*

*Mr. Goldstein moved to amend budget line 4200-15 (Convention Fundraising Unrestricted) from $0.00 to $20,000.00 that* ***PASSED*** *by a show of hands with a vote total of 9-5.*

*Dr. Lark moved to amend budget line 7090 (Ballot Accessing Fundraising Exp) from $16,200.00 to $12,000.00 that* ***PASSED*** *without objection.*

*Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend budget line 7020-30 (ED Solicitation Expense) from $0.00 to $5,000.00 that* ***PASSED*** *without objection.*

*Mr. Longstreth moved to amend budget line 4310 (Affiliate Development) from $54,800.00 to $25,000.00 that* ***FAILED*** *by a show of hands with a vote total of 4-8.*

Without objection, Mr. Goldstein moved to go into executive session with Ms. Daugherty present.

# EXECUTIVE SESSION

The LNC went into executive session to discuss salary budget issues.

# EVENING ADJOURNMENT

The LNC adjourned for the day without objection at 6:25 p.m.

# SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nicholas J. Sarwark called the meeting back to order at 9:04 a.m. on Sunday, December 2, 2018.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Brief abstracts of issues mentioned during public comment are attached as **Appendix A**.

Without objection, Mr. Goldstein moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda at the end of New Business without Previous Notice to add five (5) minutes for a discussion on the proposal of Robin Koerner initially discussed at the last LNC meeting (see **Motion 180929-12**).[[15]](#footnote-15)

Mr. Redpath commented on the success of the fundraising party of the previous evening.

# APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES cont’d

This item was postponed from the previous day (see **page 11**) in order to give additional review time and for Ms. Harlos to correct formatting issues in the appendices.

***Ms. Harlos moved to approve the September 29-30, 2018 LNC Minutes.***

***This motion PASSED by a show of hands with a vote count of 10-1.*** **[181202-1]**

# REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

## BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE

Alex Merced, on behalf of the Blockchain Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix M**) and supplemented with an oral report, including informing the LNC that Preston Smith has been elected as the committee chair.

The LNC took no action.

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Paige Lee, on behalf of the Youth Engagement Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix N**) and supplemented with an oral report, including informing the LNC that Aeris Stewart has been elected as committee chair and Matt Long has been elected as committee secretary. The committee has also prepared a membership survey to help focus their efforts with a tremendous response so far.

Ms. Lee concluded by fielding questions and comments.

The LNC took no action.

## CONVENTION VOTING PROCESS COMMITTEE

This committee has yet to be populated and is in application phase. Ms. Harlos gave information on the application process.

## MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This committee has yet to be populated and is in application phase. Mr. Merced gave an overview of the committee purpose.

Without objection, Dr. Lark moved to move the regional reports up in the agenda to give Ken Moellman time to wrangle with the projection computer who thus far has been winning with a score of 17-3. Mr. Moellman was heard to yell, “Come back here you coward, and I’ll rip your motherboard out!”

# REGIONAL REPORTS

### REGION 1 REPORT

*Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming*

Region 1 Representative Mr. Longstreth had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix O**). There were no questions.

The LNC took no action.

### REGION 2 REPORT

*Florida, Georgia, Tennessee*

Region 2 Representative Mr. Nekhaila had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix P**) and supplemented with a brief oral report focusing on Georgia ballot access issues and various successes in Florida. Regional Alternate Ms. Lee provided a supplementary report on Tennessee.

Mr. Nekhaila fielded questions and comments.

The LNC took no action.

### REGION 3 REPORT

*Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio*

Region 3 Representative Ms. Van Horn had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix Q**) and supplemented with a brief oral report focusing on her tracking of regional national membership numbers and 2018 election results. There were no questions.

The LNC took no action.

### REGION 4 REPORT

*California, Nevada*

Region 4 Alternate Dr. Olsen had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix R**), and Region 4 Representative Mr. Hewitt supplemented with a brief oral report highlighting regional election successes and news.

There were no questions.

The LNC took no action.

### REGION 5 REPORT

*Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia*

Region 5 Representative Dr. Lark had submitted a second amended written report (see **Appendix S**) and supplemented with a brief oral report. Regional alternate Ms. Hogarth also provided a supplement focusing on South Carolina. Mr. Redpath supplemented with information on Virginia and West Virginia. There were no questions.

The LNC took no action.

Dr. Lark had also submitted a Campus Organizing Report (see **Appendix T**) and an International Representative Report (see **Appendix U**).

### REGION 6 REPORT

*Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin*

Region 6 Representative Mr. Phillips had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix V**) and supplemented with a brief oral report.

There were no questions.

The LNC took no action.

### REGION 7 REPORT

*Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas*

Region 7 Representative Ms. Bilyeu had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix W**) and supplemented with a brief oral report focusing on Oklahoma campaign successes.

There were no questions.

The LNC took no action.

### REGION 8 REPORT

*Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont*

Region 8 Representative Mr. O’Donnell had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix X**) and supplemented with a brief oral report touching upon ballot access difficulties in the regional states. Regional Alternate Mr. Lyons supplemented with additional information regarding Massachusetts and desired voting reforms. Rich Bowen (Treasurer, Libertarian Party of New Jersey) was invited to provide information regarding New Jersey.

All speakers fielded questions and comments.

The LNC took no action.

# NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (cont’d)

Ken Moellman was heard to be screaming, “Come back here you coward, and I’ll rip your motherboard out!”

Without objection, the agenda was amended to take up consideration of scheduling the next LNC meeting while projection issues were still being sorted out.

## SCHEDULING THE NEXT LNC MEETING

Mr. Goldstein requested to schedule the next two meetings, and the agenda was amended thusly without objection. Information was shared regarding the dates that various state conventions have already been scheduled.

***Mr. Longstreth moved to set the date of the next LNC meeting for March 9-10, 2019. This motion PASSED unanimously by a show of hands.* [181202-2]**

Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for five (5) minutes, and *Mr. Goldstein moved to amend to increase to ten (10) minutes*. Votes were taken on both options and an extension for ten (10) minutes ***PASSED*** by a show of hands.

***Mr. Goldstein moved to have the next meeting following the March meeting at the 2020 convention hotel site in Austin, Texas on July 27-28, 2019, contingent upon hotel availability.***[[16]](#footnote-16)

***This motion PASSED by a show of hands.*** **[181202-3]**

***Ms. Bilyeu moved that the previously set March 2019 meeting be held in Alexandria, Virginia.***

*Ms. Harlos moved to amend by substituting Baltimore for Alexandria.*

Without objection, time was extended for five (5) minutes.

The Harlos amendment ***FAILED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 2-12-1. ***Voting then proceeded to the main Bilyeu motion, which PASSED by a show of hands with a vote total of 12-3.*** **[181202-4]**

Mr. Longstreth requested that the staff research a more economical hotel for the March meeting.

The LNC broke for a twenty-minute recess. Upon return, Ms. Mears informed the LNC about two opportunities: 1) LNC members may be assigned a unique fundraising link, and 2) LNC members may make fundraising phone calls at LPHQ on Monday.

# EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Longstreth moved to go into executive session in order to further discuss salary matters in the proposed 2019 budget without any staff present.[[17]](#footnote-17) Ms. Daugherty requested that she be permitted to be present.

Dr. Lark asked if the other public agenda items could be disposed of first in order to inconvenience the gallery as little as possible. Mr. Redpath encouraged the LNC to self-limit the executive session to no longer than thirty (30) minutes. Mr. Longstreth and Mr. Bishop-Henchman[[18]](#footnote-18) confirmed that they do not object to Ms. Daugherty remaining in the room for the proposed executive session. The motion to go into executive session ***PASSED*** without objection and proceeded into such session immediately thereafter.

# NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (cont’d)

The LNC rose out of executive session at 11:57 a.m.

## ADOPTION OF 2019 BUDGET (cont’d)

Three motions were generated out of the confidential executive session discussions.[[19]](#footnote-19)

*Ms. Mattson moved to reduce Total Salary and Related (carry-over from confidential spreadsheet budget line 8000 to Program Expense budget line 45) from $535,700.00 to $531,800.00.* This motion ***PASSED*** without objection.

*Ms. Mattson moved to increase Candidate Support & Training (budget line 7360-40) from $70,400.00 to $78,400.00.* This motion ***PASSED*** without objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to reduce Media Relations (budget line 7330) from $42,240.00 to $13,740.00. This motion ***PASSED*** without objection.

*Mr. Bishop-Henchman and Mr. Longstreth jointly moved the following package of resolutions and amendments:*

*A. Establish a prioritized “wish list” of spending items not included in the budget, for inclusion during 2019 if resources permit. Make addition of one fundraising position as first priority.*

*B. Adjust Branding Materials (budget line 4375) to $66,772.00 for a revenue increase of* ***$20,672.00****.*[[20]](#footnote-20)

*C. Postpone Arkansas ballot access drive (budget line 7380-10) until 2020 for an expense decrease of* ***$28,000.00****.*[[21]](#footnote-21)

*D. Reduce Affiliate Development revenue requirement by $30,000.00 (budget line 4310) and increase general revenue requirement by $60,000.00 (budget line total 4000) for a revenue increase of* ***$30,000.00****. The Board commits to help staff make calls for this goal.*

*E. Require new Campus Support project ($15,000.00 in revenue on budget line 4106 and $15,000.00 in expenses on budget line 7106-10) to include staff time and share of overhead in its fundraising requirement, and encumber the project’s spending until all funding has been secured for a revenue increase of* ***$5,000.00****.*

*F. Affiliate Support: Require state contributions of $100 per month for a revenue increase of* ***$10,800.00*** *(to be applied to budget line 4310) for CRM operations and encumber release of further CRM Project funds based on milestones (specific state goals listed, monthly data transfer to national, NDAs must be signed by all users, project scope to be approved and monitored by IT Committee).*[[22]](#footnote-22)

*G. Reduce LPNews (budget line 7340) from five (5) issues to four (4) issues for an expense reduction of* ***$10,300.00****.*

*H. Eliminate direct candidate grants from Candidate Support (budget line 7360-40-Direct Support and Training) for an expense reduction of* ***$10,000.00****.*

*J. Life memberships from Ethan Bishop-Henchman (DC) and Jake Campbell (AZ) in addition to contribution/solicitations from Mr. Phillips and Dr. Lark[[23]](#footnote-23) to be applied to budget line 4010-30 for a revenue increase of* ***$5,500.00****.*[[24]](#footnote-24)

*Resulting in a revenue gain of* ***$71,972.00*** *and an expense reduction of* ***$74,300.00*** *for a net budget change of* ***$146,272.00*** *and thus changing the overall budget deficit from* ***$143,166.00*** *to a budget surplus of* ***$606.00****.*[[25]](#footnote-25)

*Mr. Redpath moved to divide to consider items “C” and “F” separately.* Mr. Bishop-Henchman objected on the grounds that the question was not properly divisible. Ms. Mattson pointed out that RONR allows for division upon demand by one committee member for a series of items on different subject matters offered as one motion.[[26]](#footnote-26)

Citing RONR pages 274-275, particularly the fact that this is not a series of conforming amendments that require passage of the entire series in order to make coherent sense, Mr. Sarwark ruled that Mr. Redpath’s request was in order and that the block of non-divided items, if any, would be heard first and then any separated items would be heard.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman ***APPEALED*** from the ruling of the Chair.

Without objection, Mr. Nekhaila moved to close debate.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Henchman appeal with the following results:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu |  | **X** |  |
| Bishop-Henchman |  | **X** |  |
| Goldstein |  | **X** |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos | **X** |  |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark | **X** |  |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson | **X** |  |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips |  | **X** |  |
| Redpath | **X** |  |  |
| Sarwark | **X** |  |  |
| Smith |  | **X** |  |
| Van Horn |  | **X** |  |
| **TOTALS** | **11** | **6** | **0** |

***The ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED with a vote of 11-6-0.* [181202-5]**

Therefore, items “C” and “F” were separated out. After asking for any further requests to separate and hearing none, Mr. Sarwark stated that the body would then proceed to consider items “A,” “B,” “D,” “E,” “G,” “H,” and “J” as one item.

Without objection, Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for twenty (20) minutes.

A roll call vote on accepting the remaining items as a package was conducted with the following results:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu | **X** |  |  |
| Bishop-Henchman | **X** |  |  |
| Goldstein | **X** |  |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos | **X** |  |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark | **X** |  |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson | **X** |  |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips | **X** |  |  |
| Redpath | **X** |  |  |
| Sarwark |  |  | **X** |
| Smith | **X** |  |  |
| Van Horn | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **16** | **0** | **1** |

***This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 16-0-1.*** **[181202-6]**

Mr. Redpath requested that item “F” be disposed of prior to item “C,” and there was no objection.[[27]](#footnote-27) He further inquired whether or not this item might violate FEC rules. The access fees generated extensive debate with these points raised (both pro and con):

* Demanding payment will cause many or all of the participating states to drop out
* The CRM project is important but we must have a realistic budget
* The affiliate parties have not been charged anything so far and the access fee is fair
* It was promised to the affiliates that this would be no cost to them, and we should not renege on that and cause bad blood
* Small states cannot afford this by any stretch of the imagination
* There are actually nineteen (19) states on the program and not nine (9) which implies that $50 per affiliate would reach the same revenue number

*Mr. Nekhaila offered a substitute motion as follows: The IT Committee shall work with the LNC Chair to develop a tiered pricing menu for CiviCRM services for the affiliates with a goal of raising $10,800.00.*

Mr. Sarwark indicated that the LNC would be in recess for ten (10) minutes to allow members to check out with the hotel. Without objection, Mr. Redpath moved to extend for twenty (20) minutes post-recess.

The LNC took a recess.

*Mr. Hewitt offered a substitute for the substitute motion that would remove any required fees but retain the rest of the language and then also reduce the number of issues of LPNews from four (4) to three (3).*

Mr. Sarwark ruled the substitute ***OUT OF ORDER*** since it is a reconsideration of part of an item already passed in the case of how many issues of LPNews will be produced and goes beyond the Nekhaila substitution into two different subjects.

Voting then proceeded on the Nekhaila substitute, which ***FAILED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 6-9.

*Mr. Merced moved to amend item “F” of the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal to require monthly payments of $50.00 rather than $100.00.*

Without objection, Mr. Smith moved to close debate on all pending questions.

Voting then proceeded on the Merced amendment to item “F” of the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal, which ***PASSED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 15-1.

A roll call vote on the amended item “F” of the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal proceeded as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu | **X** |  |  |
| Bishop-Henchman | **X** |  |  |
| Goldstein | **X** |  |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos |  | **X** |  |
| Hewitt |  | **X** |  |
| Lark |  | **X** |  |
| Longstreth |  | **X** |  |
| Mattson |  | **X** |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips |  | **X** |  |
| Redpath |  | **X** |  |
| Sarwark | **X** |  |  |
| Smith |  | **X** |  |
| Van Horn | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **9** | **8** | **0** |

***This Motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 9-8-0.* [181202-7]**[[28]](#footnote-28)

*The next motion for consideration was the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal item “C” as follows:*

*C. Postpone Arkansas ballot access drive (budget line 7380-10) until 2020 for an expense decrease of* ***$28,000.00****.*[[29]](#footnote-29)

This item was also the subject of extensive debate focusing on the following points (pro and con):

* This cut is 2019 budget-wise but 2020 expenditure-foolish as the costs will go up dramatically
* The party petition drive is not the only way to be on the ballot, there is a candidate petition route of 1,000 signatures
* Donors specifically like to see monies budgeted and spent on ballot access, and this reduction would put a damper on that preference
* Singling out one state is very poor optics
* With the alternate path of obtaining access, this is an unneeded expense

*Mr. O’Donnell moved to amend by substituting the figure of $16,500.00 instead of the $28,000.00.*[[30]](#footnote-30)

*Mr. Redpath moved to amend to state that the Ballot Access Expense (budget line 7380-10) be reduced from $50,000.00 to $40,000.00.*

*SECRETARY NOTE* ***NOT*** *TO BE INCLUDED IN FINAL VERSION: The Redpath amendment pulled us into the third level of amendment and should have been out of order. The joint Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth motion was an amendment to the proposed budget, and thus the first level of amendment. O’Donnell then provided the second level of amendment.*

Without objection, time was extended for five (5) minutes.

Without objection, Mr. Merced moved to close debate on all pending questions.

Voting then proceeded on the Redpath amendment. The amendment ***FAILED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 4-12.

Voting then proceeded on the O’Donnell amendment. The amendment ***FAILED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 5-11.

A roll call vote on the underlying motion on item “C” of the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal proceeded as follows:

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| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu |  | **X** |  |
| Bishop-Henchman | **X** |  |  |
| Goldstein | **X** |  |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos |  | **X** |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark | **X** |  |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson | **X** |  |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell |  | **X** |  |
| Phillips | **X** |  |  |
| Redpath |  | **X** |  |
| Sarwark |  |  | **X** |
| Smith | **X** |  |  |
| Van Horn | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **12** | **4** | **1** |

***This Motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 12-4-1.* [181202-8]**

Without objection, Mr. Goldstein moved to extend for ten (10) minutes.

*Mr. Goldstein moved to reduce the number of LPNews issues published from four (4) to three (3) resulting in a reduction of budget line 7340 from $39,400.00 to $29,100.00.*

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Merced.

Without objection, Mr. Longstreth moved to close debate.

A roll call vote proceeded as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu |  |  | **X** |
| Bishop-Henchman |  | **X** |  |
| Goldstein | **X** |  |  |
| Hagan |  | **X** |  |
| Harlos |  | **X** |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark |  | **X** |  |
| Longstreth |  | **X** |  |
| Mattson | **X** |  |  |
| Merced |  |  | **X** |
| Nekhaila |  | **X** |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips |  |  | **X** |
| Redpath |  | **X** |  |
| Sarwark |  | **X** |  |
| Smith | **X** |  |  |
| Van Horn | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **6** | **8** | **3** |

***This Motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 6-8-3.* [181202-9]**[[31]](#footnote-31)

Without objection, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to extend for five (5) minutes.

*Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to reduce Travel, Meeting, and Meals Exp (budget line 8140) from $26,500.00 to $16,500.00.*[[32]](#footnote-32)

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| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu |  | **X** |  |
| Bishop-Henchman | **X** |  |  |
| Goldstein |  | **X** |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos |  | **X** |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark | **X** |  |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson | **X** |  |  |
| Merced |  |  | **X** |
| Nekhaila |  | **X** |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips | **X** |  |  |
| Redpath | **X** |  |  |
| Sarwark |  | **X** |  |
| Smith | **X** |  |  |
| Van Horn | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **11** | **5** | **1** |

***This Motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 11-5-1.* [181202-10]**[[33]](#footnote-33)

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

Mr. Redpath moved all pending questions, which Mr. Sarwark ruled ***OUT OF ORDER***.

Ms. Mattson moved to extend time for the purpose of Mr. Bishop-Henchman making a motion to reconsider the issue of CRM fees which ***PASSED*** by show of hands with a vote total of 12-3 meeting the 2/3th vote threshold requirement.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to reconsider Ballot 181202-7 concerning item “F” of the joint Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal, which ***PASSED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 13-3. Mr. Bishop-Henchman was entitled to make this motion as he was on the prevailing side of the original question.[[34]](#footnote-34)

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend item “F” of the joint Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal to strike the first portion mentioning fees due from the affiliate and the corresponding budget line 4310 increase so that item “”F” would then read and be moved as:

*Move to encumber release of further CRM Project funds based on milestones (specific state goals listed, monthly data transfer to national, NDAs must be signed by all users, project scope to be approved and monitored by IT Committee).*

Mr. Smith moved to extend time to allow Mr. Scheetz (PA) from the gallery an opportunity to speak. This motion ***FAILED*** by a show of hands.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Bishop-Henchman amendment with the following results:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu | **X** |  |  |
| Bishop-Henchman | **X** |  |  |
| Goldstein | **X** |  |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos | **X** |  |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark | **X** |  |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson | **X** |  |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips | **X** |  |  |
| Redpath | **X** |  |  |
| Sarwark |  |  | **X** |
| Smith | **X** |  |  |
| Van Horn | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **16** | **0** | **1** |

***This Motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 16-0-1.* [181202-11]**

***Voting then proceeded on the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth item “F” as now amended, which PASSED without objection.* [181202-12]**

## 2019 BUDGET AS ADOPTED

A roll call vote then proceeded on the motion to adopt the proposed 2019 budget as amended:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu | **X** |  |  |
| Bishop-Henchman | **X** |  |  |
| Goldstein | **X** |  |  |
| Hagan | **X** |  |  |
| Harlos | **X** |  |  |
| Hewitt | **X** |  |  |
| Lark | **X** |  |  |
| Longstreth | **X** |  |  |
| Mattson | **X** |  |  |
| Merced | **X** |  |  |
| Nekhaila | **X** |  |  |
| O’Donnell | **X** |  |  |
| Phillips | **X** |  |  |
| Redpath |  |  | **X** |
| Sarwark |  |  | **X** |
| Smith | **X** |  |  |
| Van Horn | **X** |  |  |
| **TOTALS** | **15** | **0** | **2** |

***This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-0-2 resulting in the 2019 budget shown below.* [1811202-13]**[[35]](#footnote-35)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Support and Revenue  20-Membership Dues | 2019  Budget Proposal  573,600 | Amendments | 2019  Budget As Amended  573,600 |
| 21-Donations | 194,600 | 20,000[[36]](#footnote-36) | 214,600 |
| 22-Recurring Gifts | 320,100 |  | 320,100 |
| 23-Board Solicitation Major Gifts | 100,000 | 65,500[[37]](#footnote-37) | 165,500 |
| 24-Convention Revenue | 0 |  | 0 |
| 25-Project Program Revenue | 152,700 | -65,000[[38]](#footnote-38) | 87,700 |
| 26-Brand / Political Materials | 46,100 |  | 66,772 |
| 27-Ballot Access Voter Reg Donations | 132,800 | -57,800[[39]](#footnote-39) | 75,000 |
| 28-Member Communications | 200 |  | 200 |
| 29-Other Revenue & Offsets | 0 |  | 0 |
| **Total Support and Revenue** | **1,520,100** |  | **1,503,472** |
| **Cost of Support and Revenue**  32-Fundraising Costs | 155,200 | 5,000[[40]](#footnote-40) | 160,200 |
| 33-Membership Fundraising Costs | 165,210 |  | 165,210 |
| 35-Convention | 0 |  | 0 |
| 36-Ballot Access Fundraising Exp | 16,200 | -4,200[[41]](#footnote-41) | 12,000 |
| 37-Building Fundraising Exp | 0 |  | 0 |
| **Total Cost of Support and Revenue**  **Net Support Available for Programs** | **336,610**  **1,183,490** |  | **337,410**  **1,166,062** |
| **Program Expense**  40-Administrative Costs | 313,700 |  | 303,700 |
| 45-Compensation | 535,700 | -3,900[[42]](#footnote-42) | 531,800 |
| 50-Affiliate Support | 90,000 |  | 90,000 |
| 55-Brand / Political Materials | 57,300 |  | 57,300 |
| 58-Campus Outreach | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |
| 60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives | 70,400 | -2,000[[43]](#footnote-43) | 68,400 |
| 70-Ballot Access Petitioning Related Exp | 110,000 | -88,000[[44]](#footnote-44) | 22,000 |
| 75-Litigation | 14,500 |  | 14,500 |
| 80-Media | 42,240 | -28,500[[45]](#footnote-45) | 13,740 |
| 85-Membership Communications Exp | 49,700 | -10,300[[46]](#footnote-46) | 39,400 |
| 88-Outreach | 10,000 |  | 10,000 |
| 90-Project Program Other | 2,500 |  | 2,500 |
| **Total Program Expenses**  **Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)** | **1,311,040**  **(127,550)** |  | **1,168,340**  **(2,278)** |
| Capital Exp. & Release to Pay Off Mort | 85,216 | -40,000[[47]](#footnote-47) | 45,216 |
| Bequest Receivable | 67,800 |  | 67,800 |
| Hyatt Regency Convention Bill | 60,300 | -12,300[[48]](#footnote-48) | 48,000 |
| Unrestricted Operating Surplus (or Deficit) | **(187,500)** |  | **(27,278)** |
| Net Surplus (or Deficit) After Capital Expenses & Bequest | **(205,266)** |  | **(27,694)** |

## 2019 BUDGET PROVISOS

**Salaries and Compensation:** Make addition of one fundraising position as first priority.[[49]](#footnote-49)

**Affiliate Development (budget line 4310):** Encumber release of further CRM Project funds based on milestones (specific state goals listed, monthly data transfer to national, NDAs must be signed by all users, project scope to be approved and monitored by IT Committee).[[50]](#footnote-50)

# NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

Ms. Harlos moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to add ten (10) minutes to set a date for an electronic meeting, which ***PASSED*** by a show of hands.

## SET ELECTRONIC MEETING

***Ms. Harlos moved that the Chair set an electronic meeting date and time as soon as practicable to take up any items that were not reached at this meeting starting with the 2019 goals discussion.***[[51]](#footnote-51) ***This motion PASSED without objection.* [181202-14]**

## LIBERLAND RESOLUTION

Without objection, Mr. O’Donnell moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to take up the Liberland proposal at this time for five (5) minutes.

***Ms. Harlos moved that the LNC adopt the following resolution:***

**WHEREAS**, The Free Republic of Liberland (Hereinafter “Liberland”) was proclaimed on April 13, 2015 upon Terra Nullius; A parcel of land unclaimed by any other nation or private entity since the dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1991 and;

**WHEREAS**, Liberland meets the criteria for statehood as codified in the Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States; A treatise which has been ratified by The United States of America and;

**WHEREAS**, Liberland’s Constitution and systems of governance have been established with significant guidance from the writings of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and other founders of The United States of America, and;

**WHEREAS**, Liberland is committed to be a catalyst for economic development, free

trade and investment both within her borders and throughout the Balkan region, and;

**WHEREAS**, The primary domestic function of Liberland’s government is the preservation of the inherent natural rights and individual liberties of Her citizens, residents, visitors and guests, and;

**WHEREAS**, Welcoming Liberland into the community of nations will further the vision of The Libertarian National Committee, to secure the freedoms of self-determination to all peoples; now, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, That The Libertarian National Committee encourages the further development of Liberland and the efforts of Her government and citizens to establish a new partner in guaranteeing the rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Libertarian National Committee does hereby express regards to The President of The United States, The Secretary of State and the distinguished men and women of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and The House Committee on Foreign Affairs and respectfully request their consideration in the recognition of the Free Republic of Liberland.[[52]](#footnote-52)

***This motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by a show of hands.* [181202-15]**[[53]](#footnote-53)

## CONSIDERATION OF KOERNER PROPOSAL

Mr. Goldstein moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to take up consideration of the marketing proposal of Robin Koerner for five (5) minutes.[[54]](#footnote-54) This motion ***PASSED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 8-2.

***Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC accept the proposal of Robin Koerner given at the September LNC meeting under the terms then described.***

Ms. Harlos ***OBJECTED*** on the grounds that this was a mischaracterization of the events of the September LNC meeting as we had obligated ourselves to take the initial proposal and negotiate from that point, and therefore this was not yet ripe for consideration, and Mr. Sarwark ruled the objection ***NOT WELL-FOUNDED***.

Mr. Sarwark and Ms. Daugherty gave an update on the negotiations that had taken place.

Ms. Harlos moved to postpone consideration of this item until the to-be-scheduled upcoming electronic meeting.

Without objection, Mr. Phillips called all pending questions.

The Harlos motion to postpone ***FAILED*** by a show of hands with a vote total of 6-8.

A roll call vote then proceeded on the motion as follows:

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| **Member** | **Aye** | **Nay** | **Abst.** |
| Bilyeu |  | **X** |  |
| Bishop-Henchman |  | **X** |  |
| Goldstein |  | **X** |  |
| Hagan |  | **X** |  |
| Harlos[[55]](#footnote-55) |  |  | **X** |
| Hewitt |  | **X** |  |
| Lark |  | **X** |  |
| Longstreth |  | **X** |  |
| Mattson |  | **X** |  |
| Merced |  |  | **X** |
| Nekhaila |  | **X** |  |
| O’Donnell |  | **X** |  |
| Phillips |  | **X** |  |
| Redpath |  | **X** |  |
| Sarwark |  |  | **X** |
| Smith |  |  | **X** |
| Van Horn |  | **X** |  |
| **TOTALS** | **0** | **13** | **4** |

***This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 0-13-4.* [1811202-16]**

# ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn: Dr. Lark and Mr. Merced objected. Mr. Merced sought clarification on the effects of the prior motion, and Dr. Lark noted that we have a custom of hearing public comments prior to adjournment.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Brief abstracts of issues mentioned during public comment are attached as **Appendix A**.

Dr. Lark reminded the assembly of the upcoming birthday of the Libertarian Party and Bill of Rights Day.

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned without objection at 2:54 p.m.

# TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS

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| **ID#** | **Motion/Ballot** | **Result** |
| **181201-1** | Amend Policy Manual 2.03.17 | **PASSED** |
| **181202-1** | Approve September LNC minutes | **PASSED** |
| **181202-2** | Set the next LNC meeting for March 9-10, 2019 | **PASSED** |
| **181202-3** | Set the second next LNC meeting for July 27-28, 2019 at the Austin, Texas convention site | **PASSED** |
| **181202-4** | Set the March 2019 LNC meeting location as Alexandria, Virginia | **PASSED** |
| **181202-5** | Appeal ruling of the Chair | **SUSTAINED** |
| **181202-6** | Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth budget revisions minus items “C” and “F” | **PASSED** |
| **181202-7** | Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth item “F” as amended from $100/month to $50/month in CRM fees | **PASSED but then RECONSIDERED**[[56]](#footnote-56) |
| **181202-8** | Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal item “C” | **PASSED** |
| **181202-9** | Reduce LPNews to three (3) issues in 2019 | **FAILED** |
| **181202-10** | Reduce travel expense and meals budget line | **PASSED** |
| **181202-11** | Amend previously adopted item “F” from the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal (see Ballot 181202-7) | **PASSED** |
| **181202-12** | Adopt item “F” from the Bishop-Henchman/Longstreth proposal as now amended | **PASSED** |
| **181202-13** | Adopt 2019 budget | **PASSED** |
| **181202-14** | Instruct Chair to set electronic meeting for remaining agenda items | **PASSED** |
| **181202-15** | Liberland resolution | **PASSED** |
| **181202-16** | Approve Robin Koerner proposal | **FAILED** |

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| **X** | Region 8 Report | Justin O’Donnell |
| **Y** | Correspondence from Liberland representative | Joseph Langenbrunner |

#### ENDIX A - PUBLIC ATTENDANCE ROSTER AND COMMENTS

1. Arrived after meeting commencement with arrival noted in minutes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Arrived after meeting commencement with arrival noted in minutes. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Arrived on second day with arrival noted in minutes. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Arrived after meeting commencement with arrival noted in minutes. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Not all staff were present for the entire meeting [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Subsequent to this meeting, the final tally for the Riverside County, California Board of Supervisors District 5 resulted in a win for Mr. Hewitt with 51% of the votes and a vote spread of 1,877 votes. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. https://tinyurl.com/Dec2018OneNote [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. See discussion during Treasurer’s Report for more details. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. The amounts may be slightly higher due to calculation of inflation. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Ms. Harlos noted that there was formatting cleanup needed to the underlying Word code in the appendices. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Ms. Mattson confirmed that there would be ways to conduct this in conformity with the current Bylaws. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Ms. Van Horn joined the meeting during this portion of the agenda. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Ms. Adams joined the meeting during this agenda item. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Mr. Longstreth noted that previous notice had been given including the proposed language for the Policy Manual amendment via an email dated October 14, 2018. Mr. Sarwark agreed that would lower the passage threshold for amendment to a majority vote. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. It had been mentioned the previous day that Mr. Koerner had wished to delay any decision on his property for about three (3) months, and since that time it had been determined that this information was not correct. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Mr. Kraus confirmed that the hotel was available. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Mr. Nanna entered the meeting at this general time. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. The motion to go into executive session was preparatory for a joint motion prepared by Mr. Longstreth and Mr. Bishop-Henchman. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Not all reductions/increases resulted in changes to confidential spreadsheet budget line 8000 “Compensation” as some contractor costs are accounted for in Program Expense budget lines. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. This figure is an average of 2017 and 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. This figure comprises $23,000.00 for Arkansas plus the $5,000.00 unrestricted funds cushion. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. This figure presumes nine (9) participating affiliates. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. Solicitations/purchases of life memberships. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. The subject matter in the submitted written motion covered under item “I” was disposed of previously by Ms. Mattson. [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. These totals include the changes resulting from the trio of Mattson motions. [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. This is not then a motion to divide but rather a call for a separate vote (RONR 275:1-6). [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
27. F. Affiliate Support: Require state contributions of $100 per month for a revenue increase of $10,800.00 (to be applied to budget line 4310) for CRM operations and encumber release of further CRM Project funds based on milestones (specific state goals listed, monthly data transfer to national, NDAs must be signed by all users, project scope to be approved and monitored by IT Committee). [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
28. After the amendment, the increase in revenue for Affiliate Development (budget line 4310) became $11,400.00. [↑](#footnote-ref-28)
29. This figure comprises $23,000.00 for Arkansas plus the $5,000.00 unrestricted funds cushion and would result in Ballot Access Petitioning Exp. (budget line 7380-10) being reduced from $50,000.00 to $22,000.00. [↑](#footnote-ref-29)
30. The figure was reached by cutting the $5,000.00 in unrestricted funds and half of the $23,000.00 for Arkansas ballot access and would result in Ballot Access Petitioning Exp. (budget line 7380-10) being reduced from $50,000.00 to $33,500.00. Mr. O’Donnell suggested that Arkansas should be offered the same arrangement of fund-matching that was offered to Connecticut. [↑](#footnote-ref-30)
31. This vote was incorrectly noted as 6-7-3 at the meeting due to a spreadsheet calculation error. This error did not affect the outcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-31)
32. This would be accomplished by reducing the number of in-person LNC meetings to three (3) and cutting out all frills such as meals. [↑](#footnote-ref-32)
33. This vote was incorrectly noted as 11-4-1 at the meeting due to a spreadsheet calculation error. This error did not affect the outcome. [↑](#footnote-ref-33)
34. Ms. Mattson referred the LNC to RONR page 315. A simple majority vote is all that is required for passage. [↑](#footnote-ref-34)
35. Resulting in an actual surplus of $100.00. [↑](#footnote-ref-35)
36. See Goldstein amendment on page 16. [↑](#footnote-ref-36)
37. See Ballot 181202-6. [↑](#footnote-ref-37)
38. This change results from the decrease in Building Fund expenses from $60,000.00 to $40,000.00; the increase of $5,000.00 in Campus Outreach to compensate for staff time and overheads; and, the decrease in Affiliate Development revenues by $30,000.00. [↑](#footnote-ref-38)
39. This represents 150% of ballot access expenses as amended. [↑](#footnote-ref-39)
40. See Bishop-Henchman amendment on page 16. [↑](#footnote-ref-40)
41. See Dr. Lark amendment on page 16. [↑](#footnote-ref-41)
42. See Mattson amendments, see page 22. [↑](#footnote-ref-42)
43. See Ballot 181202-6. [↑](#footnote-ref-43)
44. See Longstreth amendment on page 16 and Ballot 181202-8. [↑](#footnote-ref-44)
45. See Mattson amendments, see page 22. [↑](#footnote-ref-45)
46. See Ballot 181202-6. [↑](#footnote-ref-46)
47. See Ballot 181201-1. [↑](#footnote-ref-47)
48. Amount paid between time of proposal and adoption, see page 16. [↑](#footnote-ref-48)
49. See Ballot 181202-6. [↑](#footnote-ref-49)
50. See Ballots 181202-11 and 181202-12. [↑](#footnote-ref-50)
51. Per the Policy Manual Section 1.02.7(d), the Chair may unilaterally call an electronic meeting. [↑](#footnote-ref-51)
52. For the complete correspondence sent by the Liberland representative, please see **Appendix Y**. [↑](#footnote-ref-52)
53. This motion was required to pass unanimously Bylaw Article 7.11 as it did not have adequate prior notice. [↑](#footnote-ref-53)
54. For background, see the minutes from the LNC meeting of September 29-30, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-54)
55. Ms. Harlos answered “present” which was counted as an abstention. [↑](#footnote-ref-55)
56. See Ballot 181202-12. [↑](#footnote-ref-56)