

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – LNC MEETING MARCH 9-10, 2019

LINK FOR ONENOTE NOTEBOOK FOR THIS MEETING: <https://tinyurl.com/onenoteMar2019>

### Position Duties

Bylaws Article 6 – OFFICERS

*5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the National Committee and all Party Conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such minutes and records as necessary.*

Further specific responsibilities are assigned by the following:

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

### Status of Minutes Since Last Report

#### **December 9-10, 2018 LNC Meeting**

Draft minutes have been posted to the LNC Business List and undergone multiple revisions. Mr. Bishop-Henchman objected to the approval of the last version, thus approval of these minutes will be moved during this report presentation. I have asked Mr. Bishop-Henchman to provide his proposed correction language so that I may have both versions prepared for review in advance of the meeting. This language has not yet been provided.

The current proposed draft can be viewed in the OneNote notebook prepared for this meeting.

#### **January 6, 2019 Special LNC Meeting**

Minutes were auto-approved on February 13, 2019 and posted to the Party website.

These minutes can be viewed here: [https://www.lp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019\\_01\\_06\\_LNC\\_Minutes-approved.pdf](https://www.lp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019_01_06_LNC_Minutes-approved.pdf)

#### **February 19, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting**

Draft minutes have been posted to the LNC Business List for review with approval of these minutes to be moved during this report presentation.

The current proposed draft can be viewed in the OneNote notebook prepared for this meeting.

Both Dr. Lark and Mr. Bishop-Henchman were the winners of the Easter Egg hunt for the December minutes. Mr. Lyons was the winner of the Easter Egg hunt for the January minutes.

## **Motions**

- *Move to approve the draft minutes, version 7, for the December 1-2, 2018 LNC meeting.*
- *Move to approve the draft minutes, version 1, for the January 6, 2019 LNC special meeting.*

## **Documents Updated**

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| <b>Policy Manual</b>         | ○ Made revisions (see Ballots 181201-1, 190106-3, 190106-5)   |
| <b>Conflicts of Interest</b> | ○ Potential conflicts were updated at the previous meeting. A current list was distributed for review and update at this meeting. |

## **Documents Created**

The new procedure of creating a OneNote notebook for each meeting has been successful and improved upon for each meeting. Although the notebook was primarily intended to be for the use of LNC members, it has proven to be of assistance to Party members who are following the meeting live or reviewing afterwards. These notebooks will be preserved for the historical archives.

Additionally, I have been preserving the recordings for each meeting and am creating appropriate LPedia entries to continue to assist to preserve our institutional memory. Example links and articles will be provided with my next report. I recommend this be a required procedure for my successors and that similar procedures be considered for LNC members and committees. Volunteers will eventually create archives for past LNC meetings to the extent possible.

With the assistance of volunteer Angela Plummer (CO), I created an archive of current state party bylaws including information on affiliate contacts, voting registration, membership requirements, and delegate selection processes which can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/lncbylawsarchive>. There are a few blanks remaining to be filled, and I will be reviewing the archive recently sent by Ms. Mattson to incorporate any missing information contained therein.

## **LNC Membership Changes Since December Meeting**

Region 1 Alternate Craig Bowden resigned on February 23, 2019 creating a vacancy. Regional Representative Richard Longstreth is working with the Region 1 State Chairs to fill this vacancy pursuant to their regional agreement.

## **Committee Membership Changes Since December Meeting**

I was notified that Julie Fox was elected chair of the Audit Committee and directed staff to update the website accordingly.

## **Committee Appointments Remaining**

- **Affiliate Support Committee:** LNC Chair to appoint committee chair who then

selects three (3) regional representatives or alternates.

- **Convention Voting Process Committee:** The committee shall comprise nine (9) members appointed by the LNC with an interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair. These appointments were the subject of Ballot 190214-2 and subject to a challenge on the results to be resolved this meeting (see emails of Mr. Bishop-Henchman and Ms. Mattson dated February 26, 2019). In anticipation of a likely re-vote, printed ballots have been prepared.
- **Historical Preservation Committee:** Up to two (2) additional members to be appointed by the committee chair. The committee has solicited applications and contacted multiple applicants for additional information. No decision has been made.
- **IT Committee:** The current committee to recommend up to five (5) non-LNC members to the LNC Chair for possible appointment. I have followed up with Mr. Sarwark and Ms. Van Horn.
- **Membership Support Committee:** The committee shall comprise nine (9) members appointed by the LNC with an interim Chair appointed by the LNC Chair. These appointments were the subject of Ballot 190214-1 and subject to a challenge on the results to be resolved this meeting (see emails of Mr. Bishop-Henchman and Ms. Mattson dated February 26, 2019). In anticipation of a likely re-vote, printed ballots have been prepared.

### **Other Activities**

- Submitted articles for LP News.
- Continued contact with state affiliate chairs and members to offer assistance.
- Produced regular “How to Get Involved” videos for that national Facebook page.
- Sent thank you emails to member attendees at the December meeting.
- Recruited committee applicants to join the national party and communicated with applicants about the status of their applications.
- Nearing completion of Parliamentary Procedure course via distance learning offered by the University of Wisconsin.

### **Teleconferencing and Streaming Software**

Research has continued with a goal of paring down the paid subscription services. Further, future Executive Committee teleconferences will be conducted via Zoom.

### **Pending Issues**

At the September meeting, motions to amend the Policy Manual regarding the APRC and a records hand-off procedure were tabled and postponed indefinitely (see Ballots 180930-6 and 180930-15 respectively). Dr. Lark indicated a potential interest in working on proposed re-worked language with Ms. Harlos. Ms. Harlos noted multiple stylistic inconsistencies in the Policy Manual that should be smoothed out. Proposals on these items

are planned to be offered at this meeting with wording to be submitted via the LNC Business List prior to the meeting.

## **Upcoming Critical Dates**

As the 2020 national convention approaches, there are multiple time-sensitive tasks to be undertaken by the Secretary as well as educational materials to be prepared and sent to the state chairs. The next relevant date appears as follows:

### **Bylaws Article 10.4**

#### ***4. Delegate Allocation:***

*a. In order to be counted for delegate allocation, sustaining membership applications must be sent to the National Headquarters by either the individual member or the affiliate party and received or postmarked no later than the last day of the seventh month prior to the Regular Convention.*

***This would be 10/31/19.***

I solicit the counsel and mentorship of my predecessor Ms. Mattson regarding dates and tasks to undertake regarding convention preparation.

## **Email Ballots**

The following email ballots were completed since the December 1-2, 2018 LNC meeting.<sup>1</sup>

### **Ballot 190203-1** **Concluded 2/10/19**

The following resolution was moved:

*WHEREAS*, the Libertarian Party believes that the only proper role of law is in the protection of the natural rights of individuals from the initiation of force or fraud;

*WHEREAS*, no individual has a natural right to prohibit consensual visitation to or consensual habitation on the private property of another individual;

*WHEREAS*, the Libertarian Party believes that eminent domain is a violation of private property rights;

*WHEREAS*, we affirm the right of individuals to set whatever standards they wish for entry onto their own private property but not that owned by others;

*WHEREAS*, we believe that all individuals have the same natural rights regardless of their citizenship;

*WHEREAS*, the Libertarian Party holds that any concerns related to the border, valid or otherwise, are better addressed by removing the root causes of such concerns. Actions such as ending the War on Drugs, decriminalization of sex work, ending the welfare state, and allowing free trade would not only address those concerns, but do so in a budget positive way rather than costing billions;

*WHEREAS*, the Libertarian Party acknowledges that economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national borders: *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Libertarian Party condemns and opposes efforts to build a governmental border wall, be it through congress or gross abuse of authority in an ill-founded declaration of emergency.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Libertarian Party supports the natural right of freedom of movement of all peaceful people, for any reason, subject only to rights of other individuals to control their own privately-owned property.

<sup>1</sup> Since 2018, email motions and main substantive motions made during LNC and Executive Committee meetings have been combined into one tally sheet located at: <https://tinyurl.com/lncvotes2019>

**Results:**

Sponsors: Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Phillips

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Merced, Phillips, Redpath

Voting "nay": Mattson, Smith, Van Horn

Express Abstention: O'Donnell

No Vote Cast: Hagan, Nekhaila/Lee, Sarwark

**With a final vote tally of 10-3-4 the motion PASSED.**

The vote tally record can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/ballot190203-1>

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**Ballot 190214-1**  
**Concluded 2/21/19**

Elect nine (9) members of the Membership Support Committee.<sup>2</sup>

**Results:**

**Results presently under challenge and not officially released.**<sup>3</sup>

The vote tally record can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/ballot190214-1>

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**Ballot 190214-2**  
**Concluded 2/21/19**

Elect nine (9) members of the Convention Voting Process Committee.<sup>4</sup>

**Results:**

**Results presently under challenge and not officially released.**<sup>5</sup>

The vote tally record can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/ballot190214-2>

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**Ballot 190214-3**  
**Concluded 2/21/19**

Shall the ruling of the Chair on Ballot 190203-1 [Immigration Resolution] that "no" vote of Regional Alternate Lyons should be counted after Regional Representative O'Donnell registered an unqualified express abstention with the result that the Resolution would change from PASS to FAIL be sustained?

**Results:**

Sponsors: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Harlos, Longstreth, Mattson

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

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Olsen, Smith

Express Abstention: Merced

No Vote Cast: Nekhaila/Lee, Redpath, Sarwark

**With a final vote tally of 4-9-4 the ruling of the Chair is OVERTURNED.**

The vote tally record can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/ballot190214-3><sup>6</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See Ballot 180929-17 for creation of the Membership Support Committee and Ballot 181201-2 for the determination of the voting method.

<sup>3</sup> I will include data print-outs in the OneNote notebook of what the results would have been using Approval Voting, Coombes IRV, Meek STV, Green Party of California STV, and Condorcet Borda in addition to the Scottish STV actually used. Descriptive explanatory summaries of all of the available voting methods in the OpaVote software will also be provided.

<sup>4</sup> See Ballot 180930-7 for creation of the Convention Voting Process Committee and Ballot 181201-2 for the determination of the voting method.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., footnote 3.

<sup>6</sup> Notice has been given of the intent to introduce a Motion to Reconsider Ballot 190203-1 at this meeting.

## Conventions and Membership Drives

I am scheduled to appear at the following conventions as a featured speaker and will also conduct national membership drives:<sup>7</sup>

- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Maine<sup>8</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,

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<sup>7</sup> Due to a miscommunication, I will not be appearing at the Missouri convention as previously announced.

<sup>8</sup> This event is not a convention but a training seminar to take place in October.