

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – LNC MEETING JULY

LINK FOR ONENOTE NOTEBOOK FOR THIS MEETING: <https://tinyurl.com/onenoteJuly2019>

### **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**

<b>December 1-2, 2018 LNC Meeting</b>	The approved minutes have been posted to the Party website.
<b>February 19, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting</b>	The approved minutes have been posted to the Party website.
<b>March 9-10, LNC Meeting</b>	Draft minutes have been posted to the LNC Business List and undergone multiple revisions. The current proposed draft can be viewed in the OneNote notebook prepared for this meeting.

Both Dr. Lark and Mr. Hagan won the Nihilartikel Bounty Hunt for their careful proofreading of the March minutes and will be awarded their booty at the July 2019 meeting.

### **Motions**

- **Move to approve the draft minutes, version 4, for the March 9–10 LNC meeting.**

### **Documents Updated**

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| <b>Policy Manual</b>         | ○ Made revisions (see Ballots 190309-9 and 190310-5)  |
| <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. |

### **LNC Membership Changes Since March Meeting**

On April 26, 2019, Richard Longstreth notified the LNC that Johnny Adams was elected as the new Region 1 alternate.

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

**Affiliate Support Committee:** On March 20, 2019, Chair Sarwark appointed Joshua Smith as chair. Mr. Smith subsequently appointed Richard Longstreth, Steven Nekhaila, and John Phillips to fill the remaining committee positions reserved for regional representatives.

**Convention Voting Process Committee:** On March 10, 2019, the following individuals were elected to this committee [Ballot 190310-10]:

- Paul Bilyeu
- Joseph Bishop-Henchman
- Pat Dixon
- Richard Fast
- Dan Fishman
- Susan Hogarth
- Dan Karlan
- Jeff Lyons
- Bill Redpath

Mr. Bishop-Henchman was appointed as interim chair by Mr. Sarwark on March 29, 2018.

On April 1, 2019, Mr. Fishman resigned from the committee, and then on April 8, 2019 [Ballot 190401-1] David Valente was elected to fill the vacancy. On July 11, 2019, Mr. Bishop-Henchman was elected permanent chair and Ms. Harlos was elected Secretary.

**IT Committee:** On March 3, 2019, Chair Sarwark appointed Benjamin Bachrach, Devin Balkind, Juanita Billings, Ryan Thomas Graham, and Ken Moellman to the IT Committee.

**Membership Support Committee:** On March 10, 2019, the following individuals were elected to this committee [Ballot 190310-9]:

- Paul Bilyeu
- Steve Dasbach
- Jennifer Flower
- Jeff Lyons
- Alex Merced
- Jennifer Moore
- Kevin Moore
- Omar Recuro
- Valerie Sarwark

Steve Dasbach was appointed as interim chair by Mr. Sarwark on March 21, 2019.

### **Committee Appointments Remaining**

**IT Committee:** The committee needs to elect its permanent chair.

**Membership Support Committee:** The committee needs to elect its permanent chair.

### **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 March meeting.
- Completed Parliamentary Procedure course via distance learning offered by the University of Wisconsin and joined the National Association of Parliamentarians.

### **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 March 9-10, 2019 LNC meeting.<sup>1</sup>

<b><u>Ballot 190331-1</u></b> <b>Concluded</b> <b>4/7/19</b>	Move to approve the selection of Daniel Fishman as Executive Director.
<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<p><u>Sponsor:</u> Sarwark</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Phillips, Redpath, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> None</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> Lark</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Sarwark</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 15-0-1 the motion PASSED.</b></p> <p>The vote tally record can be viewed here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot190331-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot190331-1</a></p>
<b><u>Ballot 190401-1</u></b> <b>Concluded</b> <b>4/8/19</b>	Move to appoint David Valente to the Convention Voting Process Committee.
<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<p><u>Sponsors:</u> Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, O'Donnell, Olsen, Phillips, Redpath, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> None</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> None</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Nekhaila, Sarwark</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 15-0-0 the</b></p>

<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/Incvotes2019>

**motion PASSED.**

*The vote tally record can be viewed here:*

<https://tinyurl.com/ballot190401-1>

**Ballot 190410-1**

*The following resolution was moved:*

WHEREAS, Lauren Daugherty ably served as Interim Executive Director from November 2018 until April 2019; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's long hours and hard work were instrumental in getting our ship in order post-election, including paying off \$150,000 in bills, evaluating every level of expenditure, and assisting the Libertarian National Committee as it made many hard decisions as to priorities and resources; and

WHEREAS, under her stewardship we reached record levels of fundraising, produced a successful State of the Union response, and empowered staff to undertake several new major marketing and fundraising initiatives;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee expresses its thanks to Lauren Daugherty for a job well done, for her exemplary service, and for the substantial positive impact to the organization during her tenure as Interim Executive Director.

**Results:**

Sponsors: Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn

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

Voting "nay": None

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: None

**With a final vote tally of 17-0-0 the motion PASSED.**

*The vote tally record can be viewed here:*

<https://tinyurl.com/ballot190410-1>

**Ballot 190419-1**  
**Concluded**  
**4/26/19**

*The following resolution was moved:*

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party asserts that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose;

WHEREAS, although children have not reached sufficient maturity to be the full custodian of their rights which are temporarily entrusted to their parents or guardians, their rights to bodily integrity and intimate personal identification, are inalienable and coerced action that would fundamentally deny these rights is abusive;

WHEREAS, parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs, provided that the rights of children to be free from abuse and neglect are also protected;

WHEREAS, conversion therapy has been used in the past as a form of punishment for homosexuality and gender identity which does not conform to traditional expectations; and the rights to gender and sexual identity are fundamental rights;

WHEREAS, this conversion therapy has its roots in unethical treatment used since the 70's in issues such as drug use, psychiatric disorders, and learning disabilities, that describe humiliation, sleep deprivation, sexual abuse, starvation, and isolation as "treatment techniques";

WHEREAS, children are often subjected to this type of therapy against their will, even by loving and well-intentioned parents who are unaware that the methods used in conversion therapy are extremely forceful and abusive, and that any therapy similar to this has been shown to result in suicide attempts by 20% of these patients: a five-fold increase in the risk of suicide attempts compared to other teens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that therapy modeled off these abusive institutions, protected and/or funded by the State, constitutes consumer fraud and forceful abuse, which the Libertarian Party opposes, and we oppose all laws allowing such.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the Libertarian Party opposes subjecting unwilling participants through force or coercion, especially children, to any therapy that violates the non-aggression principle through any method that would be considered abuse or torture.

<p><b><u>Results:</u></b></p>	<p><u>Sponsors:</u> Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, O'Donnell, Phillips</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Merced</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> Bishop-Henchman, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Olsen, Smith</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> None</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Bilyeu, Goldstein, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Phillips, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 1-8-0 the motion FAILED.</b></p> <p>The vote tally record can be viewed here:  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot190419-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot190419-1</a></p>
<p><b><u>Ballot 190423-1</u></b>  <b><u>Concluded</u></b>  <b><u>4/30/19</u></b></p>	<p><i>The following resolution was moved:</i></p> <p>WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party asserts that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose;</p> <p>WHEREAS, although children have not reached sufficient maturity to be the full custodian of their rights which are temporarily entrusted to their parents or guardians, their rights to bodily integrity and intimate personal identification, are inalienable and coerced action that would fundamentally deny these rights is abusive;</p> <p>WHEREAS, parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs, provided that the rights of children to be free from abuse and neglect are also protected;</p> <p>WHEREAS, conversion therapy has been used in the past as a form of punishment for homosexuality and gender identity which does not conform to traditional expectations; and the rights to gender and sexual identity are fundamental rights;</p> <p>WHEREAS, this conversion therapy has its roots in unethical treatment used since the 70's in issues such as drug use, psychiatric disorders, and learning disabilities, that describe humiliation, sleep deprivation, sexual abuse, starvation, and isolation as "treatment</p>

	<p>techniques", which in any other area are considered torture or cruel and unusual punishment;</p> <p>WHEREAS, children are often subjected to this type of therapy against their will, even by loving and well-intentioned parents who are unaware that the methods used in conversion therapy are extremely forceful and abusive, and that any therapy similar to this has been shown to result in suicide attempts by 20% of these patients: a five-fold increase in the risk of suicide attempts compared to other teens;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party opposes so-called conversion therapy as fraudulent and abusive, and opposes its protection or funding by federal or state governments;</p> <p>FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the Libertarian Party opposes subjecting unwilling participants through force or coercion, especially children, to any therapy that violates the non-aggression principle through any method that would be considered abuse or torture.</p>
<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<p><u>Sponsors:</u> Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Phillips</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Adams, Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Longstreth, Lyons, Nekhaila, Merced, Olsen, Phillips, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> Mattson</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> Lark</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Goldstein, Hagan, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 10-1-1 the motion PASSED.</b></p> <p><i>The vote tally record can be viewed here:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot190423-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot190423-1</a></p>
<b><u>Ballot 190628-1</u></b> <b><u>Concluded</u></b> <b><u>7/5/19</u></b>	<p><i>Move that the tweet made on the official Party Twitter account including the quote that "silence equals consent" be deleted and that the corresponding text on LP.org be removed. The Executive Director is instructed to rewrite that text to address member and LNC concerns and submit to the LNC for final approval/amendment.</i></p>
<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<p><u>Sponsors:</u> Harlos, Longstreth, Phillips, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bishop-Henchman, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Nekhaila, Phillips, Redpath, Smith</p>



Voting "nay": Goldstein, Hagan, Olsen, Mattson, Merced, O'Donnell, Sarwark, Van Horn

Express Abstention: None

No Vote Cast: Bilyeu

**With a final vote tally of 8-8-0 the motion FAILED.**

*The vote tally record can be viewed here:*

<https://tinyurl.com/ballot190628-1>

**Ballot 190711-1**  
**Concluded**  
**7/18/19**

*The following resolution was moved:*

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin Leder (Texas) is currently running to be elected as the Libertarian Party's nominee for President of the United States;

WHEREAS, Mr. Leder has continually engaged in behavior that goes directly against our core principles and is antithetical to the mission of any representative of the Libertarian Party;

WHEREAS, He has made direct violent threats and approval of domestic terrorism against the Libertarian Party, including its National Committee members, conventions, candidates, and members of local affiliates, in cases not in self-defense, but in blatant aggression to achieve political goals;

WHEREAS, As examples of the above, he has published articles, appeared in media, and posted on social media clear threats of violence and advocate of domestic terrorism on peaceful people, including calling for an "Oklahoma City style" ending to not only the Democratic and Republican conventions, but also of the 2020 Libertarian National Convention, thus putting in danger our staff, delegates, and family members;

WHEREAS, He has made public, violent statements about killing peaceful people and "leaving their bodies in contractor bags at the curb for the garbage man";

WHEREAS, He has called for members who support the official Libertarian Party position of being anti-war to be physically battered;

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party absolutely repudiates non-defensive violence and all aggression against peaceful people, and associating

such statements with our Party defames its members and brand; and

RESOLVED, That the Libertarian National Committee condemns these actions by Mr. Leder as completely abhorrent to the mission, platform, and principles of the Libertarian Party.

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**Results:**

Sponsors: Harlos, Longstreth, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith

Voting "aye": Adams, Anderson, Harlos, Nekhaila, Smith

Voting "nay": Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Olsen, Lark, Mattson, Merced, Van Horn

Express Abstention: Longstreth, O'Donnell

No Vote Cast: Redpath, Sarwark

**With a final vote tally of 5-8-2 the motion FAILED.**

*The vote tally record can be viewed here:*

<https://tinyurl.com/ballot190711-1>

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Caryn Ann Harlos*

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