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

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/lncvotes2019>.

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

The Secretary produces an electronic One Note notebook for each meeting that contains all reports submitted as well as supplementary information. The notebook for this meeting can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/LNCOneNoteJuly2019>.

Recordings for this meeting can be found at:

- \* <https://tinyurl.com/July2019Part1>
- \* <https://tinyurl.com/July2019Part2>
- \* <https://tinyurl.com/July2019Part3>

The LPedia article for this meeting can be found at: [https://lpedia.org/LNC\\_Meeting\\_27-28\\_July\\_2019](https://lpedia.org/LNC_Meeting_27-28_July_2019)

## OPENING CEREMONY

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nicholas J. Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. (all times Central Daylight Time).

### OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Lark requested that the assembly recognize the passing of prominent Libertarian David Bergland.

Jeff Hewitt moved to adjourn until the following morning which was ruled **OUT OF ORDER** as it was not yet the proper time to raise business.

There were no comments from the gallery.

## HOUSEKEEPING

### ATTENDANCE

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), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), John Phillips (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7)

**Regional Alternates:** Paige Sexton (Region 2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3), Brent Olsen (Region 4), Susan Hogarth (Region 5), Erin Adams (Region 7), Jeff Lyons (Region 8)

**Absent:** Johnny Adams (Region 1 Alternate), Phillip Anderson (Region 6 Alternate), Justin O'Donnell (Region 8)

**Staff:** Development Director Lauren Daugherty, Executive Director Daniel Fishman, Operations Director Robert Kraus.

The gallery contained multiple other attendees as noted in the Attendance Roster attached hereto as **Appendix A** comprising attendees who signed the attendance book circulated by the Secretary.

## **CREDENTIALS AND PAPERWORK CHECK**

Ms. Harlos verified that all attendees were aware that all supporting documentation was available in the electronic One Note notebook ("One Note")

Ms. Harlos reminded all LNC members to email her with their leave times for Sunday so that it could be documented in One Note.

## **RECONSIDER COMMITTEE VOTE**

This item was inadvertently left on the agenda when it was copied from the March 9-10, 2019 meeting and had been resolved at that time. Without objection, it was struck.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Chair previously submitted a proposed agenda as follows:

### **Opening Ceremony**

Call to Order	9:00 a.m.
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes

### **Housekeeping**

Attendance, Credentials, and Paperwork Check	3 minutes
<del>Motion to Reconsider Committee Votes (Mattson)</del>	<del>10 minutes</del>
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**

(portions may be in Executive Session)

30 minutes

### **Presentation from RCV Colorado (during lunch)**

12:00 p.m.-  
1:30 p.m.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Population of Awards Committee	10 minutes
Audit Committee	30 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
<b><u>Recess</u></b>	10 minutes
<b><u>New Business with Previous Notice</u></b>	
Presidential Debate Media on LP Website (Longstreth)	10 minutes
Resolution on Standing Committees & Oversight (Bishop-Henchman)	10 minutes
Resolution to support the Dream & Promise Act (Harlos)	10 minutes
Making Conventions Special Events (Mattson)	10 minutes
Policy Manual Amendment – Reserve Definition (Mattson)	10 minutes
Presentation from Jim Turney (Nekhaila)	15 minutes
Policy Manual Amendment – Orientation (Hagan)	10 minutes
<b><u>Evening Adjournment</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday Morning Session</u></b>	
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes
<b><u>New Business without Previous Notice</u></b>	
<i>Resolution directing Executive Director to hire development staffers</i>	10 minutes
<i>Fill interim Development Director position</i>	30 minutes
<i>Clarification of relationship between convention funds and GAAP</i>	10 minutes
<b><u>Reports of Special Committees</u></b>	
Blockchain Committee	15 minutes
Youth Engagement Committee	15 minutes
Convention Voting Process Committee	15 minutes
Membership Support Committee	15 minutes
<b><u>Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)</u></b>	
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
<b><u>Announcements</u></b>	10 minutes
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>535 minutes</b>

Ms. Harlos requested that ten (10) minutes be added for Policy Manual Style Changes, and after discussion, it was added to New Business without Previous Notice without objection.

Without objection, Mr. Hagan requested that ten (10) minutes be added for a proposed Policy Manual amendment regarding functional allocation of expenses to New Business without Previous Notice.

Without objection, Mr. Lyons requested thirty (30) minutes be added for a discussion on the financial future of the Party immediately following staff reports.

Without objection, Ms. Harlos requested that ten (10) minutes be added for a discussion of the timing of the LNC appointments to the Bylaws and Convention Rules, Platform, and Credentials committees to New Business without Previous Notice.

Without objection, Mr. Redpath requested ten (10) minutes be added for a discussion of the site for the November meeting prior to the evening adjournment.

Without objection, the presentation from RCV Colorado was struck, and Ms. Harlos gave notice of her request to add this to the November agenda.

Without objection, the time allotted for the report of the Convention Oversight Committee was extended from fifteen (15) minutes to thirty (30) minutes.

Ms. Harlos requested ten (10) minutes be added on Sunday's agenda for approval of the March minutes. Upon objection by Ms. Mattson on the grounds that overnight may be insufficient time for review of the edits, Mr. Sarwark advised Ms. Harlos to make a motion to add that item tomorrow if appropriate.

The amended agenda was adopted without objection as follows:<sup>1 2</sup>

<b><u>Opening Ceremony</u></b>	
Call to Order	9:00 a.m.
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes
<b><u>Housekeeping</u></b>	
Attendance, Credentials, and Paperwork Check	3 minutes

<sup>1</sup> Ms. Mattson noted that multiple items listed as New Business with Previous Notice did not actually have notice which may need to be addressed at that time if there is an impact to vote thresholds required.

<sup>2</sup> Items in italics were added as the meeting progressed.



Adoption of Agenda	10 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Harlos)	2 minutes
<b><u>Officer Reports</u></b>	
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
<b><u>Recess</u></b>	10 minutes
<b><u>Staff Reports</u></b>	45 minutes
<b><u>Discussion of financial future of the Party (Lyons)</u></b>	30 minutes
<b><u>Special Counsel's Report</u></b> (portions may be in Executive Session)	30 minutes
<b><u>Lunch</u></b>	12:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.
<b><u>Reports of Standing Committees</u></b>	
Population of Awards Committee	10 minutes
Audit Committee	30 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee	15 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee	30 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
<b><u>Recess</u></b>	10 minutes
<b><u>New Business with Previous Notice</u></b>	
Presidential Debate Media on LP Website (Longstreth)	10 minutes
Resolution on Standing Committees & Oversight (Bishop-Henchman)	10 minutes
Resolution to support the Dream & Promise Act (Harlos)	10 minutes
Policy Manual Amendment - Making Conventions Special Events (Mattson)	10 minutes
Policy Manual Amendment – Reserve Definition (Mattson)	10 minutes
Presentation from Jim Turney (Nekhaila)	15 minutes
Policy Manual Amendment – Orientation (Hagan)	10 minutes

**New Business without Previous Notice**

Site of November meeting (Redpath) 10 minutes

**Evening Adjournment****Sunday Morning Session**

Opportunity for Public Comment 10 minutes

**New Business without Previous Notice (cont'd)**

Policy Manual Style Changes (Harlos) 10 minutes

Policy Manual – Functional Allocation of Expenses (Hagan) 10 minutes

Timing of LNC appointments to Bylaws and Convention Rules, Platform, and Credentials committees (Harlos) 10 minutes

*Amend budget to consider adding \$10,000.00 to accommodate request of Apollo Pazell (Bishop-Henchman)* 10 minutes

*Develop educational brochures (Harlos)* 10 minutes

*Resolution directing the Executive Director hire development staff (Longstreth)* 10 minutes

**Reports of Special Committees**

Blockchain Committee 15 minutes

Youth Engagement Committee 15 minutes

Convention Voting Process Committee 15 minutes

Membership Support Committee 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. Mr. Lyons stated he is no longer chair of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts.

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.

He outlined part of his vision for the future of the Party which includes focusing on the following double-wedge issues that are unlikely to be served by the current old party nominees:

- Anti-war
- Reduction of national debt
- Free trade/ending tariffs

The Party could then build a solid list of hardcore supporters of these issues which can be used to assist and bargain with the future Libertarian nominee in exchange for their entire donor/volunteer database. This would necessitate expanding the development department by at least 35%.

He further highlighted the tremendous work that Ms. Daugherty did at FreedomFest which included focusing on those targeted issues at the Party booth.

Mr. Sarwark concluded by fielding questions and comments.

Mr. Hewitt moved to adjourn until tomorrow which **FAILED** by a show of hands. After that point, he raised the issue that our convention is held far too late to gain necessary momentum and that perhaps it should be held earlier.

Without objection, Mr. Redpath moved to extend for five (5) minutes.

The LNC took no action.

### VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Merced had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix D**) and supplemented with a brief oral report.

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 particularly noted that the reserves are at \$22,872.00 but this includes approximately \$86,500.00 of deferred convention revenue. However, staff has set aside \$45,000.00 in the restricted fund from convention revenues.

Ms. Mattson questioned whether it was appropriate to book the convention theme donations and extra funds given during convention registration as general donations rather than deferred convention revenue when the solicitation emails specifically stated that these funds would be used to defray convention costs which resulted in extensive discussion.

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

***Ms. Mattson moved to direct staff to fully account for deferred convention revenues in our financial reporting, including all sales, add-on donations, and theme contest. [190727-1]***

Mr. Bishop-Henchman objected to this motion as being premature as the same subject is scheduled for later in the agenda. Ms. Mattson clarified that this is an entirely separate motion from the one scheduled under New Business with Previous Notice.

Mr. Sarwark ruled this motion **OUT OF ORDER** as conflicting with GAAP<sup>3</sup> and thus the Party bylaws reasoning that the auditor has instructed that for an item to be booked as a liability there must be an identifiable person with an identifiable claim against a particular amount of funds rather than some moral obligation to spend monies in a certain promised way.

Mr. Longstreth moved to extend for five (5) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 11-2.

***Ms. Mattson appealed the ruling of the Chair. [190727-2]***

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos		X	
Hewitt		X	
Lark	X		
Longstreth		X	
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced	X		

<sup>3</sup> An acronym for generally accepted accounting principles.

Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Smith		X	
Van Horn	X		
Sarwark			X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

*The ruling of the Chair was **SUSTAINED** with a roll call vote of 11-5-1. [190727-2]*

Without objection, Mr. Redpath moved to extend for three (3) minutes.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ms. Harlos had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix F**) and supplemented with an oral report specifically noting improvements made to the One Note notebook and requesting that Word versions of reports be sent to her prior to each meeting.

Mr. Hagan and Dr. Lark were awarded the Mountweazel prize for their careful proofreading of the prior minutes and discovery of the nihilartikels.

No action was taken.

The LNC entered recess for ten (10) minutes and was called back to order at 10:37 a.m.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Staff members had submitted written reports (see **Appendix G**) with Daniel Fishman providing an oral supplement. He outlined his onboarding experience and new procedures he has implemented.

### **TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS**

He has worked with Ken Moellman on improving the way the CRM is managed which has been successful.

The staff has transitioned to G-Suite, and he recommends that the LNC also transition fully to Google for email services.

The contract with i-Contact has been terminated since they refuse to remove their logo from our emails, and the plan is to use Spark mail in the future.

There is a daily “stand-up” meeting among staff to talk about what was done the day prior and what will be done on that day, and LNC members are invited to listen in.

The building needs a new compressor but that should be able to wait until after summer when costs should be lower.

There have been two interns working at headquarters.

#### *MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH*

The Zoom account has been upgraded to the webinar level and is being used to host outreach seminars to members.

Membership has declined, and Mr. Fishman is working on plans to reverse that trend by adding more value to membership. An online members-only website is being developed as part of that effort.

#### *DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VACANCY AND EXPANSION OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT*

Mr. Fishman has begun scouting for potential candidates, and the application has been posted online at <https://www.lp.org/director-of-development>. The LNC was encouraged to refer qualified persons to apply.

#### *CANDIDATE AND ACTIVIST TRAINING*

Noodle, an open-source online learning platform, will be used to train and certify users on our CRM system, and in the future, also to certify candidates and campaign managers.

#### *AFFILIATE DEVELOPMENT*

He has plans to use contests to teach the less successful affiliates skills to build their party and grow awareness.

Mr. Fishman yielded the remaining time to Ms. Daugherty in order to provide an oral report. She focused on the successes of LP Store including an approximate \$14,000.00 profit last quarter while spending less money. This has also been successful as an outreach tool as there are a number of customers that have never been involved with the national party. Additionally, she mentioned the development of issues-based coalitions with liberty partners.

On the fundraising front, our monthly break-even number is \$109,000.00 making a quarterly goal of \$327,000.00 which has been met nine (9) out of the last ten (10) quarters.

Mr. Fishman and Ms. Daugherty concluded by fielding questions and comments. Mr. Merced took the gavel for a portion of this period with Mr. Sarwark resuming the gavel before proceeding to the next topic.

#### *PROPOSAL FOR SHORT-TERM CONTRACT WITH PARTY CHAIR FOR FUNDRAISING*

Mr. Fishman approached Mr. Sarwark about the possibility of a short-term contract as a fundraiser due to the unique opportunities that are available to him as Party Chair as previously outlined on the LNC Business List.<sup>4</sup>

Mr. Redpath moved to extend time for five (5) minutes which **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 7-8.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to suspend the rules to add moving the LNC list to Google for ten (10) minutes and amending the budget to accommodate Apollo Pazell's request for \$10,000.00 for ten (10) minutes to the agenda to New Business Without Previous Notice.

Without objection, Ms. Harlos moved to divide this request and take each amendment separately. Without objection, Mr. Sarwark indicated that he would be consider each vote as both a request to suspend the rules and amend the agenda as one vote.

The request to amend the agenda to add ten (10) minutes to consider moving the LNC list to Google **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 8-6.

The request to amend the agenda to add ten (10) minutes to amend the budget to add \$10,000.00 to accommodate the request by Mr. Pazell **PASSED** without objection.

Without objection, Ms. Harlos moved to suspend the rules to add a discussion on developing educational brochures for ten (10) minutes to New Business Without Previous Notice.

## **DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL FUTURE OF PARTY**

**Mr. Lyons moved to go into executive session to discuss financial and personnel matters without staff present.**

**Mr. Longstreth moved to amend to include Mr. Fishman and Ms. Daugherty.**

Without objection, Mr. Hagan moved to end debate on the amendment.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu			X
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos		X	
Hewitt	X		
Lark		X	
Longstreth	X		
Lyons		X	
Mattson		X	

<sup>4</sup> See [https://groups.google.com/d/msg/lncvotes/nb00Zc1TKJc/MLukoa\\_JCgAJ](https://groups.google.com/d/msg/lncvotes/nb00Zc1TKJc/MLukoa_JCgAJ)

Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath		X	
Smith	X		
Van Horn		X	
<b>Sarwark</b>			X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

*The Longstreth amendment PASSED with a roll call vote of 9-6-2. [190727-4]*

*Without objection, the Lyons motion was amended to include a target end time of 12:30 p.m.*

Mr. Smith moved to table the executive session until after lunch which **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 6-9.

*The motion to go into an executive session including Mr. Fishman and Ms. Daugherty with a target end time on or about 12:30 p.m. PASSED by a show of hands. [190727-3]*

The LNC went into executive session at 11:56 p.m. and arose out of executive session at 1:05 p.m. and immediately went into a lunch recess until 2:02 p.m.

### **SPECIAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

LNC Special Counsel Oliver Hall joined the meeting by telephone and submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix H**).

Mr. Hall supplemented with an oral report with several items that were not included in his report. The first is a case involving challenges to Texas ballot access law in partnership with several other organizations.<sup>5</sup> This case required over a year of historical research into the original purpose of ballot access laws in an effort to show that this has been turned on its head in modern ballot access laws. The second concerns the ongoing issues in Maine which have been discussed for the past few meetings with a suit being filed in time for the 2020 election season. Mr. Hall also briefly mentioned that there were several cases that he learned about indirectly including a recent victory in Arkansas and a potential upcoming case in Iowa. He requested that he be informed when any regional representative hears of any affiliates filing suits involving ballot access.

Mr. Hall concluded by fielding questions and answers, particularly interacting with information given by regional representatives about suits in their regions. Cases discussed included:

- The issues with the investigation into the three (3) candidates in Pennsylvania
- The impossible ballot access thresholds in Georgia
- A new ballot access lawsuit in Minnesota

<sup>5</sup> More information can be found at [texasvoterchoice.org](http://texasvoterchoice.org)



- A potential second new lawsuit in Iowa
- Update on the potential of filing a cert in the Arizona case

The importance of the Arizona case was particularly highlighted. Mr. Hall has offered to write the cert pro bono but would require the filing fees and costs to be paid.

Without objection, Mr. Redpath moved to extend for five (5) minutes.

Without objection, time was extended to hear from Dr. Lark. Dr. Lark offered to pay the filing fees and costs for the Arizona cert if it becomes absolutely necessary.

The LNC took no action.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **POPULATION OF AWARDS COMMITTEE**

As per Policy Manual Section 1.03, the Awards Committee comprises five (5) members, including up to two (2) non-LNC members.

Ms. Harlos and Dr. Lark compared notes on applicants submitted and the following applicants were noted:

- Laurence J. Gillis
- Tim Hagan
- Jim Lark
- Steve Ravet

Bill Redpath nominated himself.

Mr. Smith moved to suspend the rules and elect these five (5) candidates by acclamation.

*Mr. Phillips moved to suspend the rules and elect the three (3) nominated LNC members by acclamation with the remaining seats to be filled at a later time. There was no objection to the suspension of the rules, and Mr. Hagan, Mr. Redpath, and Dr. Lark were subsequently ELECTED as the LNC members of the Awards Committee by a unanimous show of hands. [190727-5]*

Without objection, the population of the remaining seats of the Awards Committee was postponed until the November 2019 meeting.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Julie Fox, as Chair of the Audit Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix J**) and distributed the following:

- Post-audit financial statements (**Appendix J-1**)
- Board disclosure letter (**Appendix J-2**)
- Management letter (**Appendix J-3**)

She supplemented with an oral report. There was only one significant issue that came up during the audit, otherwise this is the cleanest audit she has seen in her four (4) years of serving on this committee. Ms. Fox yielded the remainder of the time to Richard Bowen who explained the issues with functional allocation of expenses and the need to consolidate categories for external reporting purposes. The internal reporting practices do not need to change.

The LNC took no action.

## **AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Joshua Smith, as Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix I**) and supplemented with an oral report explaining the launch of the #LPEverywhere campaign and contest.<sup>6</sup>

Mr. Smith concluded by fielding questions and comments. Ms. Harlos asked that the contest submissions be uploaded to LPedia. Mr. Fishman stated that the voting for the winner will be one of the first tests of the new member site.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to extend for five (5) minutes which **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 7-6.

The LNC took no action.

## **CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Bishop Hayes, as Chief Canine of the Convention Oversight Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix M**) and supplemented with an oral report focusing on the positive financial progress of convention sales and donations. He announced that Maj Toure has been booked as the keynote speaker. The convention app is now available for download by searching for “LNC 2020” in the various mobile app directories. The app will take the place of a printed convention brochure with the exception of the bylaws-mandated reports which will be printed and distributed to the delegates.

Mr. Moellman supplemented by explaining how the CRM will be integrated into the credentialing process in order to save time and money.

The gavel was passed to Mr. Merced for a portion of this presentation.

The current short-list of fifteen (15) sites for the 2022 was presented and discussed.

<sup>6</sup> The promotional video for this campaign can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/nNBWb6H9i8M>

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

*Without objection, Mr. Redpath moved to have the pre-convention LNC meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. [190727-6]*

*Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC adopt the following criteria to determine which candidates will be listed on any LP platform:*

- 1. Must have filed FEC-2 with the Federal Election Commission*
- 2. The candidate is a sustaining member of the national LP*
- 3. The candidate is legally qualified to hold the office and must be registered as Libertarian (if their home state has registration by party)*
- 4. The candidate must have a functional website and/or Facebook page that can be linked from lp.org*
- 5. The candidate has professional quality photos, especially a headshot and at least a one minute video with audio of the candidate speaking*
- 6. The candidate must have a dedicated campaign manager*
- 7. The candidate must use the word "Libertarian" in his or her campaign materials*

**[190727-7]**

*Ms. Harlos moved to amend by striking criterion number one (1) from the qualifications. [190727-8]*

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu		X	
Bishop-Henchman		X	
Goldstein		X	
Hagan		X	
Harlos	X		
Hewitt		X	
Lark		X	
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced		X	
Nekhaila		X	
Phillips			X
Redpath			X
Smith	X		
Van Horn		X	
Sarwark			X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

*The Harlos amendment FAILED with a roll call vote of 4-10-3. [190727-8]*

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

*Mr. Phillips made and then withdrew a motion to amend criterion number 4 by striking “/or.”*

*Mr. Hagan moved to amend criterion number three (3) by adding “and must not be registered as a member of another Party.”*

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips			X
Redpath	X		
Smith	X		
Van Horn			X
<b>Sarwark</b>			X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

*The Hagan amendment PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-0-3. [190727-9]*

A roll call vote then proceeded on the main motion, as amended, with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Bilyeu	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips			X
Redpath	X		
Smith	X		
Van Horn	X		
<b>Sarwark</b>			X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

*This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-0-2. [190727-7]*

The LNC entered a recess until 4:28 p.m.

## CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Sam Goldstein, as Chair of the Candidate Support Committee, noted that the committee has not met since the last LNC meeting as there have been no formal requests for candidate support.

Mr. Goldstein concluded by fielding questions and comments. Mr. Smith suggested that the Candidate Support Committee could work with the Affiliate Support Committee on updating LPaction.org with training materials.

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 N**) and supplemented with an oral report, noting that an exit interview was conducted with Ms. Daugherty. A report on this interview will be prepared and provided to the LNC.

Dr. Lark concluded by fielding questions and comments.

The LNC took no action.

#### **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Caryn Ann Harlos, as Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix O**) and supplemented with an oral report, focusing primarily on the back-end updates that were very time-consuming. She requested that candidates and activists be encouraged to update their pages.

Ms. Harlos concluded by fielding questions and comments. Dr. Lark inquired about the process for dispute resolutions.

The LNC took no action.

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMITTEE**

Elizabeth Van Horn, as former interim Chair of the IT Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix P**) and supplemented with an oral report. Mr. Merced has been elected as the permanent chair.

Ms. Van Horn concluded by fielding questions and comments.

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 K**) and supplemented with an oral report.

No monies have been expended so far on ballot access since the last budget, but Mr. Redpath noted that there has been fundraising directed towards that expense. Arkansas was able to complete their petition drive, but their fundraising costs were extraordinarily high. The situation in Alabama for the number of required signatures grows worse. The Alaska affiliate is working towards their registration figures in order to regain ballot-qualified party status. Petition drives need to be conducted in Wisconsin and Maryland which can be started at any time.

\$142,500.00 is the minimum expected amount needed for the LNC contributions next year towards ballot access

*Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC commends and congratulates the state of Arkansas affiliate for its strong leadership in undertaking their ballot access drive on their own without any assistance from the Libertarian National Committee.*

This resolution **PASSED** unanimously, including the Chair, by a show of hands. [190727-10]

Mr. Redpath concluded by fielding questions and comments.

Without objection, the LNC chose to forgo the scheduled recess.

## **NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE**

### **PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE MEDIA ON LP WEBSITE**

Mr. Longstreth solicited participation in an informal ad hoc committee to develop criteria to present to the LNC. Ms. Harlos suggested that LPedia can be used to create and host event pages for any presidential candidate debates.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to suspend the rules and proceed to regional reports to close out this day's business. Mr. Sarwark ruled this motion **OUT OF ORDER** due to insufficient time.

Without objection the following items were deferred to Sunday:

- Resolution on Standing Committees & Oversight
- Resolution to Support the Dream & Promise Act
- Policy Manual Amendment – Making Conventions Special Events
- Policy Manual Amendment – Reserve Definition
- Presentation by Jim Turney
- Policy Manual Amendment - Orientation

## **NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE**

### **SITE OF NOVEMBER MEETING**

Mr. Redpath inquired if the November meeting site has been determined. The LNC was informed that the Sheraton Airport in Miami, Florida was selection and a deposit has already been made. Due to inadvertence, this site was selected without an LNC vote, and Mr. Kraus apologized for this oversight. Ms. Harlos performed a rendition of “*Let it Go.*”

Mr. Goldstein asked that the LNC consider locations for the Spring meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Redpath moved to amend the Sunday start time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the amendment to 8:30 a.m.

The Mattson amendment **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 8-6. Voting then proceeded on amending the Sunday agenda to set the start time for 8:30 a.m. which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 11-3.

The LNC adjourned for the day without objection at 5:25 p.m.

## **SUNDAY MORNING SESSION**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nicholas J. Sarwark called the meeting back to order at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2019.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brief summaries of public comment as well as an attendance roster are attached as **Appendix A.**

A round of applause was given in appreciation to the organizers of the Saturday night fundraising event.

Mr. Merced expressed condolences to the family and friends of Nate Bell of Eerie, New York, who passed away on Saturday.

## **NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)**

Without objection, Mr. Longstreth moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to take up consideration of a resolution directing the Executive Director to hire development staff.

#### **RESOLUTION DIRECTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO HIRE DEVELOPMENT STAFF**

Mr. Longstreth moved the following [190728-01]:

*Resolved, that the Executive Director shall, by November 15, 2019, hire one (1) development director and two (2) development staffers or contractors, such that the team as a whole is capable of:*

- 1. Targeting and soliciting email donations;*
- 2. Sending and processing direct mail;*
- 3. Operating the LP store;*
- 4. Identifying, qualifying, and securing meetings with high-dollar prospects through in-person meetings and calls;*
- 5. Closing, or securing, donations from high-dollar prospects through in-person meetings and calls;*
- 6. Cultivating and stewarding our donors to encourage renewals and increases in support;*
- 7. Conducting fundraising events.*

*Without objection, Mr. Goldstein moved to amend by striking “Resolved,” and to capitalize “that.”*

*Mr. Nekhaila moved to amend by adding “one (1) to” prior to “two (2)” and adding “at least the following” to the end of the same sentence so that the first paragraph of the Longstreth motion when then read:*

*That the Executive Director shall, by November 15, 2019, hire one (1) development director and one (1) to two (2) development staffers or contractors, such that the team as a whole is capable of at least the following:*

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to extend for ten (10) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 13-1.

Without objection, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to divide the question.

Without objection, the last portion was considered first.

Without objection, Dr. Lark moved to close debate.

The second half of the Nekhaila amendment **PASSED** by a show of hands with no votes in dissent.



Mr. Smith moved to extend time for five (5) minutes which **FAILED** by a show of hands.

The first half of the Nekhaila amendment **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 10-5.

***The Longstreth motion as amended PASSED without objection. [190728-1]***

Discussion ensued on the problem of the time lapse between being notified of Ms. Daugherty's resignation and the actual posting of the vacancy. There was disagreement between Mr. Sarwark and Ms. Daugherty on the recitation of the events, particularly, Ms. Daugherty asserts that there was little to no attempt to dissuade her from resigning.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to suspend the rules to take up the issue of filling the interim development director position for thirty (30) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 12-3.

Ms. Harlos moved to suspend the rules in order to offer a resolution formally apologizing to Ms. Daugherty for not doing more to retain her in this position for five (5) minutes. The motion to suspend the rules **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote of 7-4. Ms. Harlos and Mr. Lyons offered their personal apologies to Ms. Daugherty.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to suspend the rules to add thirty (30) minutes to discuss filing the interim development director position which **PASSED** by show of hands with a vote count of 10-3.

#### **FILL INTERIM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION**

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Merced.

***Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC move into executive session with Ms. Daugherty in order to discuss personnel matters. [190728-2]***

Ms. Bilyeu yielded her place at the table to her alternate Ms. Adams.

A roll call vote then proceeded with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Adams		X	
Bishop-Henchman		X	
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos		X	
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth		X	
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced			X
Nekhaila		X	
Phillips		X	
Redpath	X		

Smith		X	
Van Horn	X		
Sarwark		X	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>

***This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 7-9-1. [190728-2]***

Ms. Daugherty informed the LNC that in her resignation letter that she had recommended Ms. Bilyeu to fill this position but that no action had been taken on that recommendation. Mr. Sarwark confirmed that this information had never previously been given to the LNC.

***Ms. Adams moved to create an ad hoc committee to be chaired and populated by Whitney Bilyeu. Ms. Bilyeu shall act as interim fundraising director up to the next in-person LNC meeting. Ms. Bilyeu shall have full authority of the fundraising director. If a new director is selected during this time, she shall have equal authority as a co-director. The LNC shall cover travel-related expenses pertaining to the role of interim fundraising director. [190728-3]***

In opposition, Mr. Sarwark informed the LNC that he has commitments by donors to fund three (3) months of salary if he were to be given this role as an interim paid contractor, and if he did not raise \$200,000.00, he would voluntarily terminate the contract.

Without objection, Ms. Harlos moved to extend for ten (10) minutes.

***Ms. Mattson moved a substitute motion to appoint Whitney Bilyeu to take on the authority and responsibilities of development director on a volunteer basis until the next quarterly LNC meeting being eligible to receive reasonable reimbursements for travel and expenses related to the role subject to existing LNC policies. [190728-3A]***

***Mr. Lyons moved to amend the substitute motion to strike the term “director” and replace with “staffer” and replace Whitney Bilyeu with Nicholas Sarwark. Mr. Sarwark declined to be considered for the position under those terms and thus Mr. Lyons withdrew the amendment.***

Mr. Bishop-Henchman called to end debate on the issue of the substitute motion.

Mr. Phillips moved to extend for twenty (20) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands.

There was no objection to ending debate on the issue of the substitute motion.

Mr. Lyons moved to recess for ten (10) minutes which was ruled **OUT OF ORDER** since a vote was immediately pending.

A roll call vote then proceeded on whether or not the Mattson substitute will be accepted as the main motion with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
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Adams	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced			X
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Smith	X		
Van Horn	X		
Sarwark	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

***This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 16-0-1. [190728-3A]***

***The Mattson motion is now the main motion. [190728-4]<sup>7</sup>***

Mr. Hewitt commended the women of the LNC who as the guiding forces in this discussion which was given a round of applause.

Mr. Phillips moved to end debate and then withdrew his motion.

Without objection, Mr. Lyons moved to enter recess for ten (10) minutes.

The LNC entered recess until 10:10 a.m.

***Without objection, Ms. Mattson moved to amend her substitute motion by adding the phrase “or until a permanent replacement is hired,” so that the motion would then read:***

***Move to appoint Whitney Bilyeu to take on the authority and responsibilities of development director on a volunteer basis until the next quarterly LNC meeting or until a permanent replacement is hired, being eligible to receive reasonable reimbursements for travel and expenses related to the role subject to existing LNC policies.***

A roll call vote then proceeded on the Mattson motion with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Adams	X		
Bishop-Henchman		X	
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt	X		
Lark	X		
Longstreth	X		

<sup>7</sup> As a substitute motion, the Secretary assigned the next ballot number sequence in order to keep the roll call votes distinct and separate.

Lyons	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced			X
Nekhaila	X		
Phillips	X		
Redpath	X		
Smith	X		
Van Horn	X		
Sarwark	X		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

***This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-1-1. [190728-4]***

***Mr. Sarwark moved that the LNC enter into a contract with Nicholas Sarwark for professional services at a rate of \$75.00/hour with a review at the next LNC meeting with a goal of raising over \$200,000.00 between now and then. [190728-5]***

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

Mr. Sarwark stated that he would not consider funding this effort via GoFundMe as he would be unclear who his actual client is and in his career as an attorney, he has learned to be cautious of getting into that situation.

Ms. Daugherty noted that staff makes sacrifices to serve the Party as they have taken jobs at far below the market rate for similar jobs, and that her present pay rate is half of what Mr. Sarwark is asking.

Ms. Harlos inquired as to the statistics of fundraising dollars that Mr. Sarwark had already raised during our fundraising crunch. Ms. Daugherty answered that Mr. Sarwark did not increase his fundraising activity during that time and asked why these donors who are willing to fund his salary were not approached during that time. Mr. Bishop-Henchman objected to a back-and-forth between Mr. Sarwark and Ms. Daugherty which was ruled **WELL-TAKEN**.

Mr. Smith moved to extend time for ten (10) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 11-3.

***Mr. Nekhaila moved to amend by striking \$75/hour and replacing with \$25/hour and would like to include the following text:***

***The Executive Director shall present the LNC with a weekly schedule review for the previous week for Mr. Sarwark's activity. If \$200,000.00 or more of funds are earmarked to the development director by donors as being directly related to fundraising efforts of Mr. Sarwark by the next quarterly business meeting, the LNC shall grant Mr. Sarwark a bonus of \$25,000.00. The contract shall be drafted by legal counsel and presented to the LNC for approval via electronic vote or teleconference.***

Mr. Sarwark indicated that these terms would not be amenable, and the motion to amend was subsequently withdrawn.

*Mr. Hagan moved to amend by inserting with a “cap of forty (40) hours per week” after \$75/hour so that the motion would then read:*

*The LNC enter into a contract with Nicholas Sarwark for professional services at a rate of \$75.00/hour with a cap of forty (40) hours per week with a review at the next LNC meeting with a goal of raising over \$200,000.00 between now and then.*

Mr. Lyons objected to Ms. Daugherty being given additional time to speak. A vote to allow Ms. Daugherty to speak **PASSED** by a show of hands.

Mr. Lyons moved to extend for ten (10) minutes which **FAILED** by a show of hands.

The Hagan amendment **PASSED** without objection.

Mr. Smith moved to extend for ten (10) minutes which **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 9-5.

Mr. Sarwark moved to extend time to allow Mr. Bishop-Henchman and Ms. Daugherty to speak which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 13-3.

Mr. Lyons objected to Ms. Daugherty being given additional time to speak. A vote to allow Ms. Daugherty to speak **PASSED** by a show of hands.

A roll call vote then proceeded with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Adams		X	
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein			X
Hagan	X		
Harlos		X	
Hewitt		X	
Lark		X	
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced			X
Nekhaila		X	
Phillips	X		
Redpath		X	
Smith		X	
Van Horn		X	
Sarwark	X		
TOTALS	6	9	2

Dr. Lark raised a Point of Order asking if Mr. Sarwark wished to vote on this issue after which he withdrew his vote which changed the roll call vote as follows.

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Adams		X	
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Goldstein			X

Hagan	X		
Harlos		X	
Hewitt		X	
Lark		X	
Longstreth	X		
Lyons	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced			X
Nekhaila		X	
Phillips	X		
Redpath		X	
Smith		X	
Van Horn		X	
Sarwark	X		X
TOTALS	5	9	3

***This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 5-9-3. [190728-5]***

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

Cupcakes and refreshments were made available as part of the parting appreciation to Ms. Daugherty.

Without objection, the LNC entered recess for twenty (20) minutes to give an opportunity to check out of the hotel rooms.

### ***NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)***

Ms. Mattson acted as substitute secretary until Ms. Harlos returned to the meeting.

Without objection, Ms. Adams moved to suspend the rules to add ten (10) minutes to the agenda for Richard Bowen to clarify issues that arose yesterday concerning convention funds and GAAP.

### **CLARIFICATION ON CONVENTION FUNDS AND GAAP**

Mr. Bowen provided an explanation of the relationship between the convention funds and GAAP which is a separate issue from any moral obligation to segregate the funds in a specific account.

Ms. Harlos returned to the meeting and resumed secretarial duties.

### **RESOLUTION ON STANDING COMMITTEES & OVERSIGHT**

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved the following resolution:

Resolution to develop details to establish five (5) LNC standing committees, disestablish four (4) existing committees, and enhance LNC oversight to monitor and strengthen staff marketing, fundraising, budget, and campaign strategies.

WHEREAS, this is a key time for the Libertarian Party, juggling multiple key priorities in ballot access, litigation, candidate recruitment, data resources, fundraising, legal compliance, marketing, membership recruitment and retention, staff development, and more; and

WHEREAS, both in allocating scarce resources among these many priorities and in making the case to potential donors to support these priorities, it is essential to have clear operations, fundraising, marketing, and campaign strategies for the year, and clear line of sight for staff management and LNC oversight; and

WHEREAS, the LNC can offer a vital role monitoring and strengthening our staff as they carry out their operations, fundraising, marketing, and campaign strategy roles; and

WHEREAS, this oversight role is most effective through specialization, focus, and institutional champions rather than everyone generally responsible for everything; and

WHEREAS, the amount of responsibility and oversight that falls on the LNC, in dollar amounts, number of staff, scope, and long-term vision, is so large as to make it difficult to do within the general LNC meeting each quarter by everyone; and

WHEREAS, current periodic reports to the LNC are inconsistent in their length, inclusion of metrics, focus on short-term activity and long-term goals, and other items vital to meaningful oversight; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to align LNC members and LNC staff on those operations, fundraising, marketing, and campaign strategies through the process of periodically reviewing strategic direction and monitoring ongoing implementation and metrics; and

WHEREAS, a standing committee structure reflects the best practices of most successful Boards and organizations, particularly ones with large Boards and multiple responsibilities and goals, and the success we've had with committees focused on ballot access and the convention; and

WHEREAS, a standing committee structure would enable proposals to be fine-tuned and perfected by those who follow the area most closely, enabling the full LNC to vote on vetted proposals that clearly identify pros and cons rather than drafts-in-progress; and

WHEREAS, a committee structure focusing Board members on the areas of operations/budget, fundraising, marketing/membership, and campaigns/candidates parallels the intended focus of our staff structure on those four general areas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LNC establish a drafting committee to prepare, for the LNC's consideration, formal language effectuating the following changes to the Policy Manual and LNC operations:

STANDING COMMITTEES



Standing committees exist to monitor and strengthen LNC staff executing certain areas of responsibility. As an oversight function, their role is to set goals and review strategy, and not to execute tasks except as indicated herein.

The LNC shall have five standing committees:

1. Budget & Operations Oversight
2. Fundraising Oversight
3. Marketing & Membership Oversight
4. Campaigns & Candidates Oversight
5. Procedures & Positions

1. Budget & Operations Oversight Committee. The committee shall give oversight to operations activity of our staff. The committee is tasked with annually reviewing staff's budget submission and presenting a recommended budget to the full LNC for its consideration, and effectuating it once approved, forwarding recommendations for modifications to the LNC from time to time as deemed necessary. In its oversight and activity, the committee's objectives shall be an LNC that (a) follows an adopted budget that reflects the goals adopted by the LNC; (b) has positive cash flow and adequate cash reserve; (c) has positive net assets; (d) is 100 percent compliant with legal obligations; (e) adopts best practices for staff talent development and human resources; (f) plans for staff needs, recruitment, and other operating or capital spending needed to advance long-term goals; and (g) ensures safe, modern, and accountable use of resources and adoption of best practices for operations and risk management. The LNC Treasurer shall be a voting member of this Committee.

2. Fundraising Oversight Committee. The committee shall give oversight to fundraising activity of our staff. The committee is tasked with annually reviewing the standing staff fundraising strategy presented to it for its consideration, forwarding recommendations for modifications to the LNC from time to time as deemed necessary. In its oversight and activity, the committee's objectives shall be an LNC that (a) raises the funds as envisioned in its adopted budget; (b) contributes to positive net cash flow; (c) has clear strategies for prospecting and qualifying donors, and monitors the metrics (# meetings had, direct mail response rates, etc.) thereof; (d) has clear strategies for asking donors, and monitors the metrics (dollars raised, renewal rates, etc.) thereof; (e) has clear strategies for stewarding and cultivating donors and monitors the metrics (renewal rates) thereof; (f) has clear differentiating strategies between major donors and other donors; and (g) assists staff in fundraising events and trainings.

3. Marketing & Membership Oversight Committee. The committee shall give oversight to the marketing activity of our staff. The committee is tasked with annually reviewing the standing staff marketing strategy presented to it for its consideration, forwarding recommendations for modifications to the LNC from time to time as deemed necessary. The committee is also tasked with the



responsibilities currently assigned to the APRC, with its activities in this regard subject to the confidentiality limitations as outlined in the current policy manual. In its oversight and activity, the committee's objectives shall be an LNC that (a) enhances the Party's public standing and promotes its brand; (b) gets positive media attention for the accomplishments and activities of the Party and its elected and appointed officials; (c) improves awareness of the Party and its candidates among target audiences; (d) attracts and retain volunteers and members among target audiences; (e) reinforces fundraising and candidate support objectives; (f) increases vote totals for Libertarian candidates; and (g) adequately promotes new initiatives and projects.

4. Campaigns & Candidates Oversight Committee. The committee shall give oversight to the campaign and candidate recruitment and support activity of our staff. The committee is tasked with annually reviewing the standing staff campaign and candidate support strategy presented to it for its consideration, forwarding recommendations for modifications to the LNC from time to time as deemed necessary. In its oversight and activity, the committee's objectives shall be an LNC that (a) elects and re-elects Libertarians to public office; (b) identifies affiliate and candidate needs; (c) promotes best practices in campaign tactics and techniques; (d) provides data resources such as the CRM project and training to our affiliates and candidates; (e) targets resources to national, state, and local campaigns that are winnable or important for ballot access; (f) recruits candidates; and (g) prioritizes 50-state-plus-DC ballot access.
5. Procedures & Positions Committee. The committee is tasked with reviewing and fine-tuning proposed modifications to the Policy Manual, resolutions of LNC public positions, the LNC's own operations, or other LNC rules not under the purview of the Bylaws & Rules Committee. The committee is also tasked with general ethical accountability of the LNC and its members, including recommending to the full LNC any additions to or revisions to organizational, document retention, whistleblower, conflict of interest, or other similar LNC-adopted policies. The Chair of the Procedures Committee is the designated recipient of whistleblower information. In its oversight and activity, the committee's objectives shall be an LNC that (a) meets the highest ethical standards; (b) has adopted procedures enabling us to operate quickly to take advantage of opportunities but in a way that is fair to its members; (c) organizationally monitors and strengthens our staff in their role carrying out the broad goals stated for them; and (d) ensuring public policy resolutions to be considered by the LNC are drafted to be accurate, principled, and timely.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the drafting committee should recommend procedures for the standing committees, which may include the following:

Each LNC member, the term in this respect inclusive of regional alternates, shall be entitled to sit as a voting member on no fewer than one (1) committee, and shall not sit on more than three (3) committees. No standing committee shall have fewer than five (5) members or more than nine (9) members.

At the earliest opportunity in any meeting after the new term of the LNC commences, the LNC Chair and LNC Vice Chair shall together solicit each LNC member's ranked preference for committee choices and jointly present a comprehensive list of assignments to the LNC for its consideration, modification, and approval. Committee assignments may be subsequently modified by the LNC as if it was any other business, without referral to committee. If the Chair and Vice Chair cannot agree on a joint list to present, the LNC shall in open session assign its members to committees through procedures it deems appropriate.

Each committee shall elect a chair and a vice chair from its members at its first meeting, and until that time the longest-serving LNC member on the committee shall act as interim committee chair. In the event of subsequent vacancy in the post of committee chair, the vice chair shall automatically become chair and the committee shall elect a new vice chair. No person may be Chair of more than one standing committee.

The LNC Chair and LNC Vice Chair shall be ex officio non-voting members of all five standing committees. The LNC Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer may not be Chair of any standing committee.

Each committee shall meet regularly, monthly if practicable, by phone, web conference, or in-person. All resolutions or proposals sponsored by two (2) or more members shall be referred by the Chair within forty-eight (48) hours to one or more germane standing committees.

Proposals referred to a committee shall be considered by that committee at its next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called by the committee chair with at least twenty-four (24) hour's notice on the LNC list and actual notice to all members. Should a majority of the voting members of the LNC so request, a proposal shall bypass all committees and proceed to immediate LNC action, either by email ballot or placed on the agenda at the next meeting as the sponsors choose.

The committee to which a proposal is referred shall consider the proposal, adopt amendments and make other modifications as it deems fit, and then shall forward to the full LNC with one of the following recommendations and any explanation or summary the committee deems fit to provide: immediate email ballot and do pass, immediate email ballot and do not pass, immediate email ballot and no recommendation, consideration at the next LNC meeting and do pass, consideration at the next LNC meeting and do not pass, consideration at the next LNC meeting and no recommendation. If the committee fails to make such a recommendation within forty (40) days, it is automatically discharged from committee to be considered at the next LNC meeting.

A majority of a committee consists of a majority of those participating in the committee meeting, or if done by e-mail ballot, a majority of the committee membership. Committee chairs have full voting privileges.

At each LNC meeting, each proposal shall identify the committee(s) to which the proposal was referred, any changes made in committee and a summary thereof, and the recommendation from the committee(s), if any.

The Chair or staff shall present to each committee all draft contracts or other proposed agreements under its purview for consideration.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees are permanent committees that exist to each execute one vital LNC responsibility, and include a mix of LNC and non-LNC members. Membership on these special committees shall not be considered a standing committee for purposes of the limit on total number of committees one member may be on:

[No changes to membership or responsibilities of these committees]

- Audit Committee.
- Awards Committee.
- Ballot Access Committee.
- Convention Oversight Committee.
- Historical Preservation Committee.
- Information Technology Committee.
- Youth Engagement Committee.

#### COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE BYLAWS

These committees are committees established by the Members in Convention to carry out vital tasks. Membership on these committees shall not be considered a standing committee for purposes of the limit on total number of committees one member may be on:

- Bylaws & Rules
- Platform
- Credentials

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposal put forward by the drafting committee shall disestablish the following committees: Affiliate Support (duties assumed by Campaigns & Candidates), APRC (duties assumed by Marketing Committee), Candidate Support (duties assumed by Campaigns & Candidates), EPCC (duties assumed by Budget & Operations and Policies & Procedures).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy manual should create a formal orientation for new members, including providing them with the current Budget, staff marketing plan, staff fundraising plan, policy manual, committee information, and other relevant documents.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to postpone this resolution to the next meeting.

Mr. Smith moved to extend time for ten (10) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 10-5.

*Mr. Redpath moved to amend by deleting “to” and adding “no later than.”*

The amendment **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 10-3.

The motion to postpone, as amended, **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 5-9.

Without objection, Mr. Longstreth moved to close debate.

*Mr. Bishop-Henchman’s resolution was PASSED without objection. [190728-6]*

Mr. Bishop-Henchman asked for volunteers to serve on the established drafting committee.

#### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DREAM & PROMISE ACT**

Ms. Harlos moved the following resolution:<sup>8</sup>

*Resolved, until such time that the immigration process in the United States of America acknowledges the human right of peaceful people to move freely across national borders, the Libertarian National Committee supports the passage of the American Dream and Promise Act by the US House and urges the US Senate to pass same. [190728-7]*

Ms. Mattson noted that there was not valid previous notice for this resolution and thus would require unanimous consent.

Ms. Harlos had no objection to postponing this item to an email ballot and withdrew her motion without objection.

#### **POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT - MAKING CONVENTIONS SPECIAL EVENTS**

Ms. Mattson noted that this item was postponed at the last meeting until the November meeting; however, she asserts that this was improper pursuant to RONR p. 87<sup>9</sup> PUT IN LANGUAGE, and thus called a point of order that this item was improperly postponed.

Mr. Sarwark ruled that the earlier postponement was in order and thus the point of order is **NOT WELL-TAKEN** explaining that he treated the motion to postpone as creating a special rule of order to accommodate the will of the body.

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<sup>8</sup> The text of the Dream and Promise Act is attached as **Appendix CC**.

<sup>9</sup> RONR p. 87 states, “As a general rule, one session cannot place a question beyond the reach of a majority at a later session except through the process of adopting a special rule of order or an amendment to the bylaws (either of which requires more than a majority vote; see immediately below). It is improper, for example, to postpone anything beyond the next regular session—which would be an attempt to prevent that session from considering the question.”

Ms. Mattson appealed the ruling of the chair. The ruling of the chair was **OVERTURNED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 4-10-1. [190728-8]

**Ms. Mattson moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.03 as follows:** [190728-9]

## 12) Special Events

The LNC or the Executive Committee may designate certain Party efforts as "special events". All revenues for special events must be ~~directly~~promptly deposited into "Special Events" accounts dedicated for that purpose. All disbursements for special events must be made from these same accounts to the extent their balances permit. Other party funds shall not be dispensed for these events without prior approval of the Chair, nor shall special events funds be used for other purposes until all obligations relating to that event have been discharged. National conventions are special events.

Ms. Adams moved to extend time for ten (10) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 12-1.

Ms. Mattson moved to extend time for three (3) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands.

Ms. Mattson clarified that this motion would not be retroactive and that fundraising conducted at convention would not be subject to this segregation.

A roll call vote then proceeded on the Mattson motion with the following results:

Member/Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abst.
Adams	X		
Bishop-Henchman		X	
Goldstein	X		
Hagan		X	
Harlos	X		
Hewitt		X	
Lark		X	
Longstreth	X		
Lyons		X	
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nekhaila		X	
Phillips			X
Redpath		X	
Smith	X		
Van Horn		X	
Sarwark			X
TOTALS	7	8	2

**This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 7-8-2.** [190728-9]

## POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT – RESERVE DEFINITION

Mr. Sarwark passed the gavel to Mr. Merced.

Ms. Mattson agreed to postpone this motion to an email vote.

Without objection, Ms. Adams moved to enter recess for ten (10) minutes.

#### **PRESENTATION BY JIM TURNEY**

Jim Turney (FL) gave a presentation via phone call on fundraising opportunities using E-cavasser.

A motion to extend for five (5) minutes **FAILED** by a show of hands.

#### **POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT - ORIENTATION**

Mr. Hagan agreed to postpone this motion to an email vote.

### ***REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES***

#### **BLOCKCHAIN COMMITTEE**

The Blockchain Committee had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix R**).

The LNC took no action.

#### **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Dustin Nanna spoke on behalf of the Youth Engagement Committee which did not support a written report in advance. There has not been a meeting since the last LNC meeting but the committee had been quite active prior to that time and plans to resume its previous level of activity.

#### **CONVENTION VOTING PROCESS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bishop-Henchman, as Chair of the Convention Voting Process Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix S**).

The LNC took no action.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Merced noted that the Membership Support Committee has not yet met so there is nothing to report.

### ***NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)***

#### **POLICY MANUAL STYLE CHANGES**

Ms. Harlos previously distributed a marked up copy of the proposed style changes to the Policy Manual along with an index categorizing the changes for review.<sup>10</sup> The index and marked-up copy are attached as **Appendix CC**.

## **POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT – FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES**

*Mr. Hagan moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.03.7 as follows: [190728-10]*

~~Each employee shall submit a timesheet at least once per pay period to reflect the number of hours worked, allocating such time to corresponding categories specified in the annual budget. Time sheets shall be reviewed and approved prior to employee time being entered in the payroll system. Payroll costs for each employee shall be allocated to expense categories in proportion with approved time. Separate general ledger accounts shall be used for allocated payroll costs.~~

~~Where appropriate, an expense shall be allocated to one category. Expenses that benefit more than one category or that are general administrative in nature shall be allocated to a general administrative account in the general ledger. Those expenses shall then be allocated on a monthly basis to expense categories in proportion to the allocation of payroll costs. Separate general ledger accounts shall be used for allocated general administrative costs.~~

~~Monthly financial statements shall separately report allocations of payroll and overhead to corresponding categories.~~

Each non-director level employee shall submit their time sheet at least once per pay period to reflect the number of hours worked. Time sheets shall be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director prior to the payroll being submitted for processing with the payroll company.

On a monthly basis, payroll costs for each employee shall be allocated to expense categories in proportion with approved time. Where appropriate, an expense shall be allocated to one category. Expenses that benefit more than one category or that are general administrative in nature shall be allocated to a general administrative account in the general ledger. Those expenses shall then be allocated on a monthly basis to expense categories in proportion to the allocation of payroll costs.

The monthly reports will be used in coordination with the auditor in preparation of the statement of functional expenses in the annual audited financials.

Mr. Smith departed the meeting.

*Ms. Mattson moved to amend by striking “non-director level.”*

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<sup>10</sup> Ms. Harlos noted that CMOS gives potentially conflicting information on what numbers should be spelled out in full.



Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to extend time for ten (10) minutes which **FAILED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 6-4.

The Mattson amendment **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 8-4.

Without objection, Ms. Mattson moved to extend time for five (5) minutes.

*Ms. Mattson moved to amend by adding “allocating such time in one hour increments to corresponding categories specified in the annual budget” to the end of the first sentence.*

Ms. Adams moved to extend time for ten (10) minutes which **PASSED** by a show of hands with a vote count of 9-2.

*With objection, Mr. Phillips moved to postpone indefinitely. [190728-10]*

#### **TIMING OF LNC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

*Without objection, Ms. Harlos moved that the LNC solicit applications by August 15, 2019 for the Bylaws, Credentials, and Platform committees with a deadline of October 15, 2019 and that the appointment of these positions be added to the November agenda. [190728-11]*

#### **AMEND BUDGET TO ADD \$10,000.00 FOR CANDIDATE SUPPORT**

*Without objection, Mr. Bishop-Henchman moved to amend the budget by adding \$6,000.00 to budget line 68 and reducing budget line 58 by \$6,000.00. [190728-12]*

#### **DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES**

*Ms. Harlos moved that a portion of the Party website be dedicated to downloadable informational brochures providing greater details on Libertarian solutions to specific issues. Members will be invited to submit content for staff and APRC review. [190728-13]*

*Without objection, “the” was struck from “the Party website” and changed to “a.”*

This motion, as amended, **PASSED** with by a show of hands with a vote count of 10-2.

### **REGIONAL REPORTS**

#### **REGION 1 REPORT**

Region 1 Representative Mr. Longstreth had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix T**) and supplemented with a brief oral report.

The LNC took no action.



#### *REGION 2 REPORT*

Region 2 Representative Mr. Nekhaila had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix U**) and supplemented with a brief oral report.

The LNC took no action.

#### *REGION 3 REPORT*

Region 3 Representative Ms. Van Horn had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix V**) and supplemented with a brief oral report.

The LNC took no action.

#### *REGION 4 REPORT*

Region 4 Alternate Dr. Olsen had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix W**), and Region 4 Representative Mr. Hewitt supplemented with a brief oral report.

The LNC took no action.

#### *REGION 5 REPORT*

Region 5 Representative Dr. Lark had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix X**) and supplemented with a brief oral report.

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

The LNC took no action.

#### *REGION 6 REPORT*

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

The LNC took no action.

#### *REGION 7 REPORT*

Region 7 Representative Ms. Bilyeu had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix Z**) and supplemented with a brief oral report. INSERT DETAILS IF APPLICABLE There were no questions/She fielded questions and answers.

The LNC took no action.

#### *REGION 8 REPORT*

Region 8 Representative Mr. O'Donnell had submitted a written report in advance (see **Appendix AA**). Region 8 Alternate Mr. Lyons supplemented with a brief oral report.

The LNC took no action.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Following announcements, the meeting adjourned without objection at **XXXX p.m.**

## **TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS**

<b>ID#</b>	<b>Motion/Ballot</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>190727-1</b>	Move to direct staff to fully account for deferred convention revenues in our financial reporting, including all sales, add-on-donations, and theme contest.	Ruled OUT OF ORDER
<b>190727-2</b>	Appeal from the ruling of the Chair that the Mattson motion (190727-1) was out of order.	Ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED
<b>190727-3</b>	Move to go into executive session including Mr. Fishman and Ms. Daugherty with a target end time on or about 12:30 p.m.	PASSED
<b>190727-4</b>	Move to amend motion to go into executive session (190727-3) to include Mr. Fishman and Ms. Daugherty.	PASSED
<b>190727-5</b>	Elect Tim Hagan, Bill Redpath, and Jim Lark as the LNC members of the Awards Committee.	Mr. Hagan, Mr. Redpath, and Dr. Lark were ELECTED to the Awards Committee.
<b>190727-6</b>	Move to have the pre-convention LNC meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.	PASSED
<b>190727-7</b>	Add criterion for listing candidates on LP website	PASSED
<b>190727-8</b>	Move to strike criterion number one from qualifications listed in ballot 190727-7.	FAILED
<b>190727-9</b>	Move to amend criterion number three from qualifications listed in ballot 190727-7 to add "and must not be registered as a member of another Party."	PASSED
<b>190727-10</b>	Resolution to commend the Arkansas affiliate on their successful petition drive.	PASSED
<b>190728-1</b>	Directive to Executive Director to hire development staff by November 15, 2019.	PASSED
<b>190728-2</b>	Move to enter executive session with Ms. Daugherty present to discuss personnel matters.	FAILED
<b>190728-3</b>	Move to create ad hoc committee led by Whitney Bilyeu to fill interim development department needs.	Substituted by 190728-3A
<b>190728-3A</b>	Move to substitute 190728-3 with: Move to appoint Whitney Bilyeu to take on the development director responsibilities on a volunteer basis until the next LNC meeting.	PASSED
<b>190728-4</b>	Move to appoint Whitney Bilyeu to take on the development director responsibilities on a volunteer basis until the next LNC meeting or a permanent replacement is hired.	PASSED
<b>190728-5</b>	Move to retain Nicholas Sarwark as interim development contractor	FAILED

<b>190728-6</b>	Resolution to create drafting committee to create oversight committees	PASSED
<b>190728-7</b>	Resolution to support the Dream & Promise Act	POSTPONED
<b>190728-8</b>	Appeal from the ruling of the chair.	OVERTURNED
<b>190728-9</b>	Move to make conventions special events.	FAILED
<b>190728-10</b>	Move to amend Policy Manual regarding functional allocation of expenses	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

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