

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – LNC MEETING V2 NOVEMBER 2019

LINK FOR ONENOTE NOTEBOOK FOR THIS MEETING: <https://tinyurl.com/LNConenoteNov2019>

### ***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>July 28-29, 2019 LNC Meeting</b>	Approved on September 29, 2019 via Ballot 190922-11.
<b>October 26, 2019 LNC Electronic Meeting</b>	Submitted in draft November 10. <sup>1</sup>

### ***Nihilartikel Bounty Hunt Winners for Minutes Since Last Report***

Mr. Goldstein and Dr. Lark won the Mountweazel Prize for their careful proofreading of the July minutes and will be awarded their booty at the November 2019 meeting.

### ***Motions***

**Move to approve the draft minutes from the October 26, 2019 LNC Electronic Meeting.**

### ***Inquiries***

In order to improve navigation I plan on creating an index to the Party Bylaws similar to the index in the Policy Manual. Please advise if there are any objections.

### ***Documents Updated***

- Conflicts of Interest**
- Potential conflicts were updated at the previous meeting and in the interim period. A current list was distributed for review and

<sup>1</sup> Although these will be submitted within the auto-approval timeframe specified in the Policy Manual, due to their brevity, and the upcoming meeting, they will be moved for approval at the November LNC meeting.

update at this meeting.

## **Policy Manual**

- Added 3.05.4 (Ballot 190804-1)

### **LNC Membership Changes Since July Meeting**

Region 8 Alternate Jeff Lyons resigned via email dated August 6, 2019, and the Region 8 Chairs subsequently elected Pat Ford (RI) as the new Region 8 Alternate on August 27, 2019. I spent some time on-boarding Mr. Ford regarding procedures.

### **Committee Membership Changes Since Last Report**

**Awards Committee:** Tim Hagan, Jim Lark, and Bill Redpath were elected as the LNC members of the Awards Committee (see 190727-5).

**Bylaws Committee:** Joseph Bishop-Henchman (DC), Andy Craig (MD), Cris Crawford (MA), Richard Longstreth (AZ), Alicia Mattson (CA), Chuck Moulton (PA), Kenneth Brent Olsen (CA), Mark Rutherford (IN), Paige Sexton (TN), and Chris Thrasher (RI) were elected as the LNC-appointed members of the Bylaws Committee for the 2020 national convention (see 190922-1 Chris Wiest (KY), David Blau (MA), Alex DiBenedetto (AZ), and Shawn Levasseur (ME) were elected as ranked alternates in that order. Mark Rutherford was appointed as the interim committee chair.

### **Committee Appointments Remaining**

**Awards Committee:** The remaining two (2) seats need to be populated which can be filled by either LNC or non-LNC members. The committee will then need to elect its chair.

**Credentials Committee:** California, Texas, Florida, New York, and Virginia have each earned one seat and must name their appointments by January 31, 2020. The LNC is making its five (5) appointments at its November budget meeting.

**Platform Committee:** The deadline for Platform Committee appointments from both the LNC and the designated affiliates is December 31, 2019. The LNC will make its ten (10) appointments (with ranked alternates) at its November budget meeting.

The ten (ten) affiliates entitled to Platform Committee appointments were calculated as follows:<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> National Membership numbers used are from figures used for delegate allocations for the 2018 National Convention (see [http://lpedia.org/w/images/f/f0/Manual\\_2018\\_Convention-Delegation-Chairs.pdf](http://lpedia.org/w/images/f/f0/Manual_2018_Convention-Delegation-Chairs.pdf))  
Population numbers used are from the 2010 census (see <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/data/datasets.2010.html>)

### Calculations Per Capita

State	National Memb. #s	Population	Per Capita %	Per Capita Rank
NH	169	1,316,470	.012837%	1
AK	93	710,231	.013094%	2
CO	483	5,029,196	.009604%	3
MT	85	989,415	.008591%	4
VA	659	8,001,024	.008236	5

### Calculations Per National Membership Rank

State	National Memb. #s	National Membership Rank	Comments
CA	1,585	1	
TX	1,098	2	
FL	798	3	
VA	659	4	Since Virginia already earned a seat via the per capita rankings, they are excluded from this list, thus allowing the state ranked #11 to move into the top 10.
NY	649	5	
PA	589	6	
OH	584	7	
IL	517	8	
MI	500	9	
CO	483	10	Since Colorado already earned a seat via the per capita rankings, they are excluded from this list, thus allowing the state ranked #12 to move into the top 10.
WA	478	11	
GA	436	12	

**Results:** Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Names in italics have notified the me of their appointments or have indicated that they will over the next week. Follow-up communications are being made to remind the remaining affiliates.

### Convention

I solicit Ms. Mattson's guidance as convention approaches. There are no handbooks, checklists, or other training material that is routinely passed down from one secretary to another. This is not the fault of any past secretary; this is an institutional issue as such are not required. I will start creating these materials as no one should have go into convention half-blind. I renew my request to Ms. Mattson for all of the forms and templates used at last convention specifically, each of the excel spreadsheets and the Delegation Chair and

Delegate Allocations and Regions formation manuals. The latter is the document that was used to notify the states of the official delegations and thus is without question, a Party document. Ms. Mattson has stated that both are her personal work product. While I disagree on that stance for both, on the former, I can recreate my own, but on the latter, that is a Party record and needs to be passed down and placed in the official secretary archive.

To assist future secretaries, I am creating a spreadsheet that auto-calculates convention deadlines. You can view this work in progress at [tinyurl.com/convention2020deadlines](https://tinyurl.com/convention2020deadlines)

I would suggest that the Policy Manual be amended to require these deadlines for each term to be included in each secretary's report.<sup>3</sup>

**Delegation Allocations:** The delegate allocation figures are due on the last day of November 2019, and I am presently working on them. Mr. Kraus has provided the final figures. I will also notify the states that will have earned credentials and platform committee seats via their BSM number for the 2022 convention so that they can plan well in advance.<sup>4</sup>

### **Misc.**

**Health Issues:** I thank my colleagues for their forbearance over the past year as it has been very difficult for me health-wise. I am hopeful that it is all has been addressed with the latest medications prescribed to me, but it will take a while for them to remediate the extreme fatigue brought on by hypothyroidism.

**Website:** Mr. Fishman has provided me access to the website in order to update committees and upload current documents. This will relieve staff from that duty.

### **Other Activities**

- Submitted articles for LP News
- Providing monthly delegate information content for Liberty Pledge
- Continued contact with state affiliate chairs and members to offer assistance
- Sent thank you emails to member attendees at the July meeting

### **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 me. These items remain pending. Additionally, I noted multiple stylistic inconsistencies in the Policy Manual that should be smoothed out with proposals being submitted at the July

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<sup>3</sup> As Ms. Mattson noted, the Bylaws are silent on the calculation of the per capita figures, and with the 2020 census figures being available in less than 6 months, a decision will need to be made which figure to use for the additional five seats. If the results will be same using both the 2010 and the 2020 census, then the issue will be moot.

meeting and subsequently postponed for the November budget meeting.

### **Email Ballots<sup>5</sup>**

*The following email ballots were completed since the July 28-29, 2019 LNC meeting.<sup>6</sup>*

<b><u>Ballot 190830-1</u></b> <b><u>Concluded</u></b> <b><u>9/7/19</u></b>	<i>Move to approve minutes of March 9-10, 2019 LNC Meeting V6.</i>
<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Olsen, Lark, Longstreth, Merced, O'Donnell, Phillips, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> None</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> Mattson</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Bilyeu/Adams, Nekhaila/Sexton, Redpath, Sarwark, Van Horn</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 11-0-1-5, the motion PASSED.</b></p> <p><i>The vote tally record can be viewed here:</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot190830-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot190830-1</a></p>
<b><u>Ballot 190906-1</u></b> <b><u>Concluded</u></b> <b><u>9/13/19</u></b>	<i>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.</i>
<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, Phillips</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Harlos</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Hagan, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Olsen, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> None</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Goldstein, Redpath, Sarwark</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 1-13-0-3, the motion FAILED.</b></p>

<sup>5</sup> Vote tallies are recorded in the form of X-X-X-X which represents aye-nay-express abstention-passive abstention.

<sup>6</sup> Email motions and main substantive motions made during LNC and Executive Committee meetings can be tracked at the tally sheet located at: <https://tinyurl.com/lnvotes2019>

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<p><b><u>Ballot 190922-1</u></b>  <b><u>Concluded</u></b>  <b><u>9/29/19</u></b></p>	<p>Move to approve the draft LNC meeting minutes for the July 28-29, 2019 meeting, V4.</p>
<p><b><u>Results:</u></b></p>	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Hagan, Harlos, Longstreth, Phillips, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Longstreth, Merced, O'Donnell, Olsen, Phillips, Redpath, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> None</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> Lark, Mattson</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Bilyeu/Adams, Nekhaila/Sexton, Sarwark, Van Horn/Nanna</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 11-0-2-4, the motion PASSED.</b></p> <p>The vote tally record can be viewed here:  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot190922-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot190922-1</a></p>
<p><b><u>Ballot 190804-1</u></b>  <b><u>Concluded</u></b>  <b><u>8/11/19</u></b></p>	<p>Move to amend the Policy Manual by adding the following to Section 3.06:</p> <p>4) Orientation</p> <p>Before the second LNC meeting after a convention, staff shall provide an orientation to new LNC members that includes providing and explaining the current budget, staff marketing plan, staff fundraising plan, policy manual, committee information, fiduciary duties, and other relevant documents.</p>
<p><b><u>Results:</u></b></p>	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Hagan, Harlos, Merced, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, O'Donnell, Phillips, Redpath, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> None</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> None</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Hewit/Olsen, Mattson, Sarwark,</p>

**With a final vote tally of 14-0-0-3, the motion PASSED.**

*The vote tally record can be viewed here:*

<https://tinyurl.com/ballot190804-1>

Secretary's Notes: The secretary noted that there was an error by the original maker and that the actual section to be amended is 3.05.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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