

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – LNC MEETING FEBRUARY 2020 V2

LINK FOR ONENOTE NOTEBOOK FOR THIS MEETING:

<https://tinyurl.com/LNCOneNoteFeb2020>

### **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**

November 16-17, 2019 Miami, Florida	Pending results of <b>Ballot 200124-1</b>
January 9, 2020 Executive Committee E-Meeting Via Zoom	Will be moved for approval at the February 1-2, 2020 meeting

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

Sam Goldstein, Tim “T-Rex” Hagan, and Jim Lark won the Mountweazel Prize for their careful proofreading of the November 2019 minutes and will be awarded their booty at the February 1-2, 2020 meeting.

### **Motions**

***Move to approve the January 9, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes.***

### **Documents Updated**

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| <b>Conflicts of Interest</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Potential conflicts were updated at the previous meeting and in the interim period. A current list was distributed for review and update at this meeting.</li></ul> |
| <b>Bylaws</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Addition of linked Table of Contents (<i>this is still pending to be completed</i>)</li></ul>   |

### **LNC Membership Changes Since November Meeting**

Francis Wendt was elected to fill the Region 1 Alternate vacancy on December 19, 2019.

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

**Bylaws and Convention Rules Committee:** Joe Bishop-Henchman was elected as permanent chair.

**Membership Support Committee:** The LNC authorized the committee to fill its own remaining vacancy.<sup>1</sup>

**Platform Committee:** Caryn Ann Harlos was elected as permanent chair.

**Youth Engagement Committee:** Dr. Lark was appointed by the LNC to fill a vacancy.<sup>2</sup>

### **Committee Appointments Remaining**

**Historical Preservation Committee:** There are two (2) optional vacant seats.

**Membership Support Committee:** A vacancy remains to be filled.

**Youth Engagement Committee:** A new chair needs to be elected.

### **Convention**

New Notification of Delegate Allocations and Region Formation Manuals were created.<sup>3</sup> I am in the process of creating state-specific Delegation Chair Manuals and Delegate Manuals.

My teller team(s) are being organized with the following individuals having already committed: David Aitken, Ruth Bennett, Bo Corbin, Data Logan, and Mike Seebeck. Additional persons are being solicited.

As promised, I created a Convention Critical Dates Spreadsheet that will auto-calculate convention deadlines. Successor secretaries will simply need to change the dates for opening and closing of the convention, and the dates will update.<sup>4</sup>

### **Upcoming Critical Dates**

The Credentials Committee appointments by Virginia and Texas are due by February

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<sup>1</sup> See **Ballot 191117-12**.

<sup>2</sup> See **Ballot 191117-11**.

<sup>3</sup> The Notification of Delegate Allocations has been uploaded to LPedia here: [https://lpedia.org/Document:National\\_Convention\\_2020\\_Notification\\_of\\_Delegate\\_Allocations](https://lpedia.org/Document:National_Convention_2020_Notification_of_Delegate_Allocations). The Region Formation Manual will be uploaded in the future.

<sup>4</sup> The 2020 Convention Deadlines can be viewed here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h2CS\\_uhJX4WCJLmiLPcUkjoymzxs6YhsJds7y69OkI4/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h2CS_uhJX4WCJLmiLPcUkjoymzxs6YhsJds7y69OkI4/edit#gid=0)

22, 2019.

### **Misc.**

Executive Director Dan Fishman has given me access to the backend of the Party website so that I can keep the committee and minutes pages updated. I did a thorough clean-up of both pages for consistency. I need to check with Mr. Fishman about the LNC Contact page to be certain there isn't an additional field to edit when changing LNC contacts.

I made contact with the applicants from the recent committee elections that were not elected to notify them and offer to assist in finding other opportunities. I also forwarded those names to the relevant state chairs to reach out.

I attend the daily "stand-up meetings" via Google Hangouts with HQ whenever possible and had a personal phone meeting with Tara DeSisto

### **Other Activities**

- Provided the attached article for *Liberty Pledge*.

### **Pending Issues**

Ms. Mattson and I worked through the proposed Policy Manual style changes with multiple changes to be presented this meeting.

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

*The following email ballots were completed since the November 16-17, 2019 LNC meeting.<sup>6</sup>*

<b>Ballot</b> <b>191119-1</b> <b>Concluded</b> <b>11/26/19</b>	Move to increase the Capital Expenditures in the 2019 Budget by \$14,000, from \$52,716 to \$66,716.
<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Olsen, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> None</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> None</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/lncvotes2019>.

	<p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Redpath, Sarwark</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 15-0-0-2 , the motion PASSED.</b></p> <p><u>Secretary's Notes:</u> Since Representative Hewitt did not vote, Alternate Olsen's vote was counted.</p> <p><i>The vote tally record can be viewed here:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot191119-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot191119-1</a></p>
<p><b>Ballot 191121-1 Concluded 11/28/19</b></p>	<p>Move to reduce the capital expenses budget line by \$6500 in the 2020 budget.</p>
	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Hagan, Harlos, Longstreth, Nekhaila</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Olsen, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, O'Donnell, Phillips, Smith, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> None</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> None</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Bilyeu/Adams, Redpath, Sarwark</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 14-0-0-3 , the motion PASSED.</b></p> <p><u>Secretary's Notes:</u> Since Representative Hewitt did not vote, Alternate Olsen's vote was counted.</p> <p><i>The vote tally record can be viewed here:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot191121-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot191121-1</a></p>
<p><b>Ballot 191213-1 Concluded 12/20/19</b></p>	<p>Move to approve draft minutes V4 of the 10/26/19 meeting.</p>
	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Goldstein, Harlos, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, O'Donnell, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bilyeu, Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, Merced, Nekhaila, 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> Sarwark, Van Horn</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 15-0-0-2 the motion PASSED.</b></p> <p><u>Secretary's Notes:</u> None</p> <p><i>The vote tally record can be viewed here:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot191213-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot191213-1</a></p>
<p><b>Ballot 191229-1 Concluded 1/5/20</b></p>	<p>Appeal from the ruling of the chair that the motion stated by Mr. Phillips was out of order.</p> <p>The Phillips motion is here:  <a href="https://groups.google.com/d/msg/Incvotes/rpDQqjc2J5k/F9RokJMpAwAJ">https://groups.google.com/d/msg/Incvotes/rpDQqjc2J5k/F9RokJMpAwAJ</a></p> <p>The ruling of the Chair is here:  <a href="https://groups.google.com/d/msg/Incvotes/rpDQqjc2J5k/Meak1YRCAwAJ">https://groups.google.com/d/msg/Incvotes/rpDQqjc2J5k/Meak1YRCAwAJ</a></p>
	<p><u>Co-Sponsors:</u> Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith</p> <p><u>Voting "aye":</u> Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Longstreth, Mattson, O'Donnell, Olsen, Redpath, Van Horn</p> <p><u>Voting "nay":</u> Bishop-Henchman, Goldstein, Merced, Nekhaila, Phillips, Smith</p> <p><u>Express Abstention:</u> None</p> <p><u>No Vote Cast:</u> Sarwark</p> <p><b>With a final vote tally of 10-6-0-1 the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.</b></p> <p><u>Secretary's Notes:</u> None</p> <p><i>The vote tally record can be viewed here:</i>  <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ballot191229-1">https://tinyurl.com/ballot191229-1</a></p>

Respectfully Submitted,

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# Caryn Ann's Convention Corner

So you want to be a delegate to the 2020 national convention ...  
*... but don't know how (Part 3)*

**By Caryn Ann Harlos**

LNC Secretary and Pink Flame of Liberty

The numbers are officially out and each state has received notification of the number of delegates that they can send to the national Libertarian Convention in 2020. The below graphic shows each state with their allotted number of delegate seats. If you have followed the instructions in the past two Liberty Pledge articles on this top-

ic, you are well on your way to earning one of the seats from your state, or to be near the top of the list of alternate delegates.

If you are interested in viewing the notification with breakdowns of the calculations sent to the state chairs, you can take a look at LPedia here: [LPedia here: LPedia.org/2020-allocations](https://lpedia.org/2020-allocations)

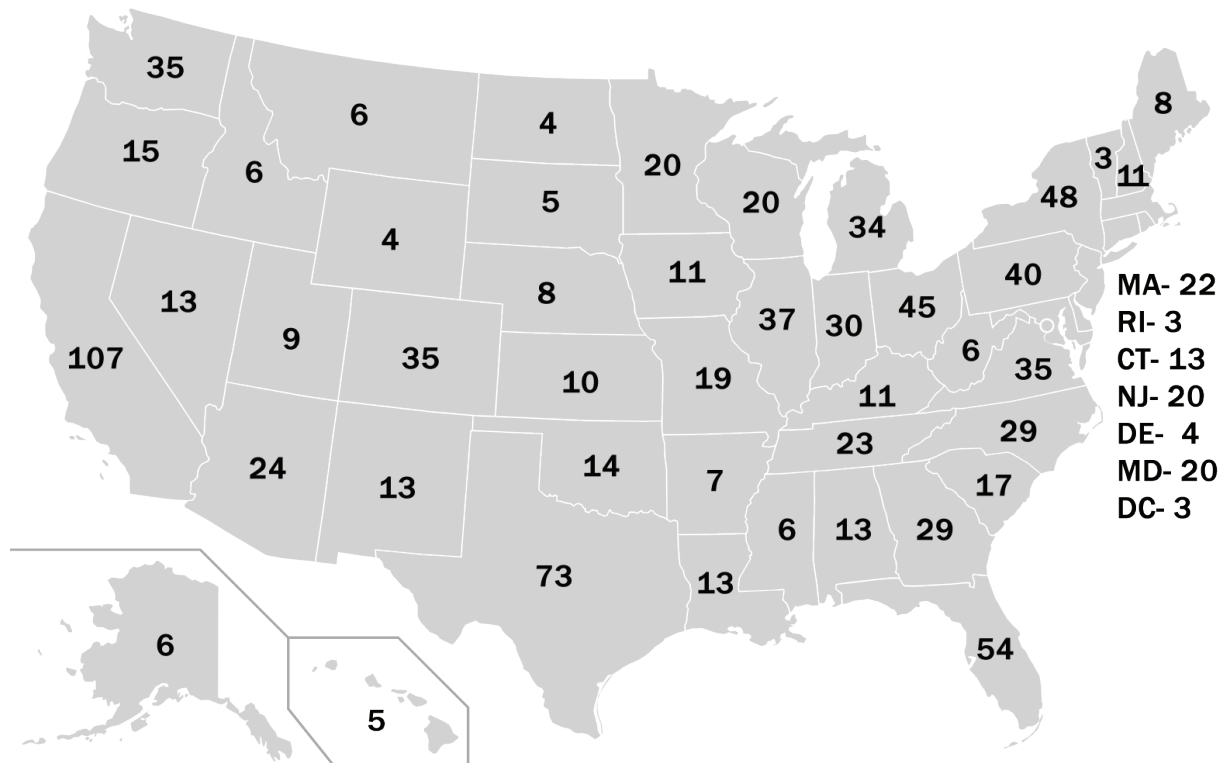
In the next Liberty Pledge, I will let you know what kind of decisions you will participate in if you are elected as a delegate.

In the meantime, if you need to reach me for any reason, my email address is [secretary@lp.org](mailto:secretary@lp.org), and my phone number is (561) 523-2250.

I'm looking forward to the next time!

In Liberty,

*Caryn Ann Harlos*



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# Caryn Ann's Convention Corner

## So you want to be a delegate to the 2020 national convention ... ... *but don't know how (Part 4)*

**By Caryn Ann Harlos**

LNC Secretary and Pink Flame of Liberty

When we last spoke, I let you know that in this issue I would brief you on the kinds of decisions you would be making if you are selected as a delegate for your state.

### Platform, Bylaws, and Convention Rules

The above are the governing documents for the national party, and they can only be amended by delegates at a national convention. Most changes require a two-thirds vote (super majority). I cannot overstate the importance of this duty. The only changes that are automatically introduced to the delegates are those recommended by the Platform Committee or the Bylaws and Convention Rules Committee.

If you have some suggestions for changes (whether or not you will be a delegate – these documents affect the whole body), feel free to write the committee chairs as follows:

**Platform Committee Interim Chair:** Caryn Ann Harlos - secretary@lp.org

**Bylaws and Convention Rules Committee Chair:** Joe Bishop-Henchman - joe.bishop-henchman@lp.org

Both committees will produce reports ahead of the convention with their recommendations for review prior to voting. You can see our current governing documents as follows:

**Platform** - LP.org/platform

**Bylaws and Convention Rules** - LP.org/bylaws-and-convention-rules

### The Libertarian National Committee (LNC)

All seats on the LNC are up for election every two years at convention, and this is also very important. Most candidates for these positions will conduct campaigns on social media and on campaign websites leading up to convention so you can get to know them. Many will also welcome personal phone calls. The declared candidates so far for officer positions can be found on LPedia (see below).

In addition to officers, five at-large members, up to ten regional representatives and up to ten regional alternates will be elected.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions and want further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Presidential and vice-presidential nominees

This convention will elect our candidates to run against the duopoly candidates and act as the de facto face of the party until the November elections. These races are usually quite lively, and you will not find a better Libertarian "party" anywhere in the country. Oftentimes the health of the party in terms of donors and membership numbers will depend upon the delegates making a good choice.

### How to keep informed

As the convention approaches, more information will be released. There are three party resources that you can use to keep up to date as follows:

**LibertarianConvention.org** - This is the official website for the convention.

**LNC 2020 mobile app** - This is the official convention mobile app (the link is on the convention website).

**LPedia convention page** at LPedia.org/National\_Convention\_2020 - this will be updated almost daily and is a good source for reports and current lists of candidates.

In the next Liberty Pledge, I will discuss some basics of the rules that are used at our convention, including Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition. Fun!

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