



*2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI*

CONVENTION MINUTES

Bob Sullentrup

National Secretary, 2004-2010

After pre-convention opening speeches by St. Louis native Bob Sullentrup and Republican-turned-Libertarian Charlie Earl, and after a delay in arranging delegate seating, Libertarian Party National Chair Bill Redpath opened the 2010 St. Louis Convention at 10:53am CST, May 29, 2010.

The Chair introduced and thanked volunteers on the stage including

- M Carling, Libertarian Party Parliamentarian
- Burke Balch, independent parliamentarian and member of the authorship team of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR), 10th Edition
- Dan Karlan, perennial secretarial staff helper and this year's Bylaws Committee Chair

Later, with the Chair's indulgence, Secretary Bob Sullentrup also thanked

- Rob Power, secretarial staff helper
- Jeremy Schwartz, secretarial staff helper
- Jacob Dawson, secretarial staff helper
- Tristan Howard, network technician
- Stewart Flood, network technician
- Mark Bodenhausen, network technician, not thanked at the time, but deserving to be included in these minutes for his convention work

The chair also noted his tie once belonged to Harry Browne, our 1996 and 2000 presidential nominee who passed away March 1, 2006.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Chair introduced Jeff Dimit (SC), Chair of the 2010 Convention Credentials Committee.

Mr. Dimit reported that the Saturday morning meeting¹ had 458 delegates and 3 alternates for a total of 461 eligible for voting.

Mr. Dimit introduced and thanked members of the Credentials Committee, which included:

- Emily Salvette (MI)
- M Carling (NY)
- Scott Lieberman (CA)
- Christine Mayer (OR)
- Mark Bodenhausen (AL)
- Sean Concannon (FL)
- Gary Johnson (TX)
- Michael Johnston (OH)
- Michael Houze (NY)

In addition, Ben Bachrach designed and developed Internet-based credentialing software to replace the earlier database-oriented version in use since 2004. Other Credentials Committee helpers included Andrew Hall (MI), son of former LNC counsel Bill Hall, Beth Duensing (IN) and Luke McKellar (OH).

Mr. Dimit moved to accept the names of these credentialed delegates. The motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Bill Redpath read the following agenda. New York moved to adopt the agenda. With a standing vote, the agenda passed.

Saturday, May 29		
9:45 am		Call to order
9:50		Credentials Committee report
9:55		Adopt agenda
10:00		Treasurer's report
10:30	12:00pm	Bylaws Committee report
		<i>Awards Luncheon</i>
		<i>Keynote, Bob Barr, 2008 LP Presidential Nominee</i>
2:30		Credentials Committee report
2:35	5:00	Bylaws Committee report
Sunday, May 30		
8:45 am		Credentials Committee report

¹ The first Bylaws change clarified the distinction between a meeting and session as defined in RONR. The St. Louis convention was a session. Five AM/PM meetings occurred within this session.

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8:50	12:00pm	Platform debate
		<i>Lunch</i>
1:30		Credentials Committee report
1:35	5:00	Nominations and Elections

Monday, May 31		
8:45 am		Credentials Committee report
8:50		Nominations and Elections
11:50		Resolutions
12:00pm		<i>Adjourn</i>

TREASURER'S REPORT

LNC Treasurer Aaron Starr presented the Party's financials which have vastly improved over his term which started in November, 2006.

Hard copies of the audited financial statements were not available, but overheads were presented to the delegates. Mr. Starr singled out the Give or Get program for LNC members which had collected \$166k as being primarily responsible for driving assets to \$277k.

A year-by-year key financials are as follows (dollars in thousands)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	4-30-10
Bank Balances	42	(16)	6	113	3	55	250
Payables	70	110	42	19	53	1	5
Accrued Payroll	12	4	18	28	25	18	15
Deferred Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Assets			67.6	335.2	207.5	235.5	398.7
Liabilities			66.8	58.0	96.8	38.5	114.3
Net Assets			0.7	277.1	110.7	197.0	283.5
Net Surplus			43.2	276.4	(116.4)	86.3	86.5

Delegates received more extensive financials in their delegate packages.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

For 2010 the Bylaws Committee was chaired by Dan Karlan (NJ). Other committee members included: Ruth Bennett, Gene Hawkridge, Rob Latham, Chuck Moulton PRP**, Rob Oates, Bill Redpath, Nick Sarwark, Heather Scott, Aaron Starr*. Alternates included Frank Manske, first alternate, Vicki Kirkland, second alternate, and M Carling PRP** Committee Secretary, third alternate.

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The first Bylaws proposal of the Committee pertained to a technical correction.

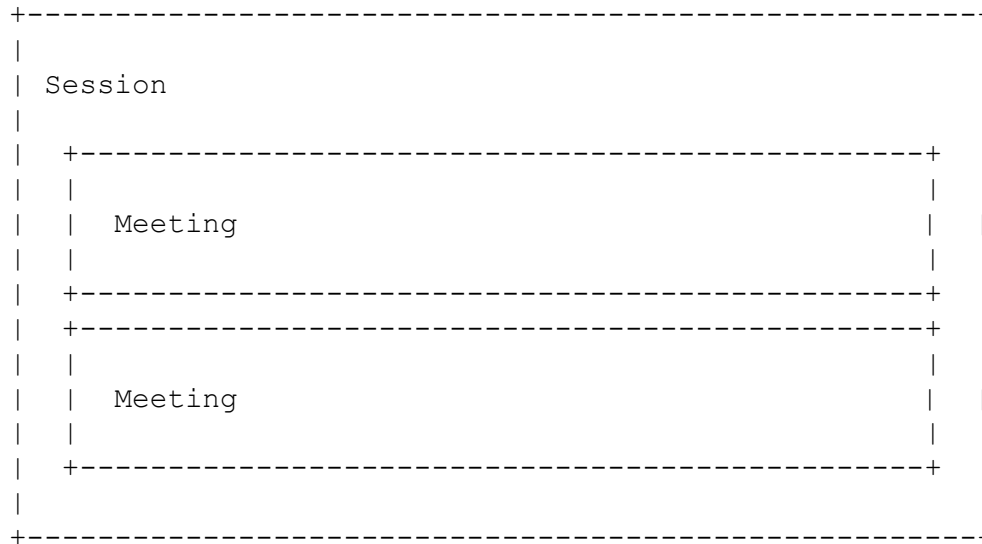
Secretary's Note: Changes to the Bylaws require a two-thirds votes. Majority votes are required for changes to the Convention Rules. The primarily the reason for splitting Convention Rules out from the Bylaws is to let the delegates decide by majority vote how to run their convention. The Convention Rules are enabled by a Bylaws provision.

Secretary's Note: In what follows, underlined blue text denotes additions while ~~strikethrough red~~ text denotes deletions.

TERMINOLOGY CORRECTION (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

When the LNC conducts business over a weekend, the two-day gathering is known in Robert's Rules as a session. During a session, each time the LNC adjourns for lunch or at the end of a day, a meeting comes to an end (see graphic). When the LNC reconvenes from such an adjournment, it is the beginning of a new meeting within the session. Thus there are several consecutive meetings that take place during the weekend. The last paragraph of Bylaws 8.5 as currently written, stipulating automatic removal from office of any LNC member who misses two consecutive "meetings", would apply to a member who was absent for just a single session (weekend). This clearly does not reflect the intention of delegates when this provision was incorporated.



Solution:

Fix the terminology by replacing "meetings" with "sessions".

ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

5. [last paragraph] A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular ~~meetings~~ sessions of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat. The appointing body shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat.

RONR p. 3, lines 4-7: "A session may be loosely described as a single complete course of an assembly's engagement in the conduct of business, and may consist of one or more meetings."
Also p. 80, lines 8-10: "A session of an assembly ... is a meeting or series of connected meetings..."

This resolution passed.

BALLOT ACCESS FOR CONVENTION-SELECTED PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

Some state affiliates are able to use a "stand-in" candidate to qualify our eventual Presidential ticket long before delegates choose our nominees at Convention. However, there can be a conflict of interest if the stand-in candidate also seeks our Party's nomination.

Solution:

Make stand-in candidates ineligible for the Party's nomination.

Note: A "stand-in" is an individual who has agreed to be a placeholder on nomination petitions so that a state affiliate can gather signatures to place the eventual Libertarian Party nominee on the ballot. Once the Libertarian Party's nominee becomes known, the nominee's name is substituted for that of the stand-in. This process is allowed in some states so that the Party's ballot access effort can be completed prior to the convention.

Benefits:

Possibly avoid the sorts of problems we had in one state in 2000 and two states in 2008.

ARTICLE 12: PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS

1. Nominations of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States may be made only at the Regular Convention immediately preceding a Presidential election.
2. No candidate may be nominated for President or Vice-President who is ineligible under the United States Constitution, who has not expressed a willingness to accept the nomination of the Party, [who served as a stand-in candidate during the current election cycle, or who is not a member of the Party. A stand-in is an individual who has agreed to be placed on a state affiliate's nomination petition prior to the selection of nominees by the Libertarian Party at Convention.](#)

This measure required 2/3rds and passed with a standing vote.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE TERMS (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

The frequent turnover of the Judicial Committee at each convention impedes stability while facilitating a hostile takeover of the Party.

Solution:

Increase the terms of Judicial Committee members.

Benefit: Defends the Judicial Committee against a hostile takeover of the Party, thereby helping to discourage anyone from attempting a hostile takeover.

ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Convention [immediately preceding a Presidential election](#), and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention [immediately preceding a Presidential election](#).

RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

10. Election of Judicial Committee [\(in appropriate years\)](#)

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

Aaron Starr (CA) called the question.

David Nolan asked whether it was legitimate for Aaron to have spoken to the motion, and then called the question. It turns out this is provided for by RONR on p. 365-366 of the 10th edition.

The decision of the chair to rule Mr. Starr's motion in order was sustained on appeal.

On a standing vote, the main motion regarding the Bylaws proposal failed.

This opened the Bylaws proposal for further discussion and amendment.

Chris Maden (NH) moved to change the rules to consider amendments after the consideration of the next item. That move would allow time for delegates to prepare possible amendments. That motion

passed with a simple majority, and the next item, Authorization of Electronic Vote Tabulation Equipment, was considered.

Upon returning to this issue,

Don Wills (WY) moved to:

Remove "Elected at each Regular Convention" from Article 9 and replace it with '4 in Presidential election years and 3 in non-presidential election years'.

Chris Maden (NH) moved a substitute motion:

The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven party members divided as equally as may be into two classes, and any five members shall constitute a quorum.

Members of the judicial committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and serve until the final adjournment of the second regular convention after that at which they were elected.

Proviso: At the first regular convention under this process, the top four vote-getters shall form the senior class, with the next three vote-getters to serve until the next regular convention only.

Aaron Starr moved the question, which passed.

The Maden amendment failed.

Aaron Starr moved to extend debate for five minutes, which failed.

The Wills amendment failed.

Before returning to the original question, which needed a 2/3 vote, a delegate questioned why we were re-voting when the measure had already been defeated once. The chair explained the methodology called for in the Bylaws provides for it and 'debate changes minds', or at least RONR provides for it. A challenge to the chair's ruling on this matter failed.

The original motion failed.

Later, when the chair said he did not allow the full 10 minutes for subsequent discussion, he offered to entertain amendments. That was a moot point since no one offered any additional items.

AUTHORIZATION OF ELECTRONIC VOTE TABULATION EQUIPMENT (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

Our current manual methods of voting are very time-consuming and prone to error. In addition, allegations were made that some state delegations at the Denver convention submitted votes from many delegates who were no longer present on the convention floor.

Solution:

Authorize the use of electronic voting, provided that it generates paper receipts that make it possible to conduct a manual recount.

Benefits:

- 1. Saves a lot of time.*
- 2. Eliminates manual tabulation errors.*
- 3. Prevents state delegations from submitting votes for delegates who are not present.*

RULE 10: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

3. The LNC Secretary and Credentials Committee may authorize an electronic voting system to supersede manual tabulation by state delegation, provided the following features are incorporated:

- a. Contemporaneously printed completed paper ballots for manual verification.
- b. A uniquely numbered receipt issued to each voting delegate.
- c. Tallies of individual votes by receipt number with subtotals by state delegation.
- d. Reports listing delegates that have cast ballots from each state delegation.

4. If an electronic voting system is in use and twenty or more delegates challenge the reported vote, there shall be a manual recount of all ballots cast. Subsequently, if twenty or more delegates challenge the vote reported after the manual recount, the Secretary shall poll by individual state delegation, requiring each delegate to read out loud the votes on his or her receipt.

Mark Johnson (MI) moved to close debate. That measure failed and debate continued.

Mark Axinn (NY) moved to suspend the rules to extend debate for 10 minutes. That measure failed and debate ceased.

Proceeding to a vote on the main motion of the Bylaws Committee proposal, the chair ruled it failed. Jim Duensing (NV) called for a division which the chair disallowed saying it had clearly failed, needing a majority or 2/3 of those voting.

At this point in the proceedings the Convention returned to amendments to the prior Bylaws item as described above.

ENABLING THE POSSIBILITY OF PREFERENTIAL (RANKED) VOTING

Before this next proposal (Ranked Choice Voting for Officers) can be considered, two prerequisites must have been met. RONR (p.411) specifies that preferential voting "can be used if expressly authorized in the bylaws." Currently, our Bylaws do NOT expressly authorize any system of preferential voting, of

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which ranked choice is one. Furthermore, RONR does not allow the dropping of any candidate from a ballot “unless the Bylaws so require.” (pp. 426-427). Therefore, the Committee proposes the following:

Create new Article (just before Parliamentary Authority) called “Alternative Voting Procedures” to contain the following –

(A new Article, 13, with the following ones renumbered)

1. [The Convention Special Rules of Order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting.](#)
2. [The Convention Special Rules of Order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.”](#)

Aaron Starr called the question, which passed.

The measure required 2/3rds, and it passed.

And with that addition to the Bylaws, the following may be considered:

RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR OFFICERS (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

Our current method of selecting officers is known as Runoff Voting – a process where successive rounds of voting are conducted, dropping the lowest ranking candidate from the list each round until a winner with a majority vote emerges.

Solution:

Use Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), also known as Ranked Choice Voting, for LNC officer elections.

Benefits:

1. *Saves time so that the convention can focus on other business.*
2. *Familiarizes LP delegates with the IRV process so they can more effectively explain the concept to others.*

RULE 10: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1. Nominations for Party Officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:

- ~~a. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary for election.~~
- ~~b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to~~

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~~the Secretary. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.~~

~~c. For the first round of voting for Chair, an announcement of each delegation's vote total shall be made by delegation chairs in alphabetical order beginning with a randomly selected delegation. Subsequent announcements of each delegation's totals shall be made by the Secretary.~~

~~d. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.~~

a. Officer elections shall be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. For each office, a majority vote of all the ballots cast shall be necessary and sufficient for election.

b. Ballots shall allow delegates to rank their choices of candidates in order of preference, such as First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice, etc.

c. All individual ballots shall be turned in to the Secretary along with the tabulations by affiliate of the First Choice votes.

d. In cases in which no candidate receives a majority of First Choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and his or her ballots redistributed to the remaining candidates according to the next choice indicated on those ballots. The ballots shall then be recounted.

e. Votes for None of the Above shall survive each round.

f. If no candidate has a majority of votes cast, the process of eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes, redistributing according to the next choice on those ballots, and then recounting shall be repeated until one candidate has a majority.

g. The Secretary shall retain the record of all voting rounds and make it available to delegates upon request.

h. The Secretary shall announce the winner of the election after votes have been fully tabulated.

A delegate moved the previous question, which passed.

The main motion failed, leaving the door open to amendments.

Aaron Starr moved to amend by adding a delayed implementation proviso. The Bylaws change would be recorded in the minutes as having passed, but the procedure would take effect at end of convention.

A delegate challenged that this amendment was in order. The chair ruled it was in order, and an appeal overturned the ruling of the chair.

After a delegate called the question, the matter passed with the 2/3 vote needed.

Another delegate called the question on the main motion. The item required 2/3, and it failed.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ELIGIBILITY (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

The frequent turnover of the Judicial Committee at each convention impedes stability while facilitating a hostile takeover of the Party.

Solution:

Select Judicial Committee members from those who have been members of the Party at least four years.

Benefit:

Helps to deter anyone from attempting a hostile takeover of the Party.

ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. [All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection.](#)

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

A delegate moved the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote, the measure passed.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

At the Saturday awards luncheon, Admiral Colley presented the following individuals with party awards as follows:

Alicia Mattson earned a distinguished service award. Ms. Mattson has been Platform Committee Chair in both 2008 and 2010. She is the volunteer who puts together the pre-convention surveys for the Bylaws and Platform Committee reports, and she provides free membership management software to many state LP affiliates. The former Volunteer State Chair and Treasurer, she has served as an At-Large member of the LNC since February 2009.

Emily Salvette earned a distinguished service award. Ms. Salvette has years as service on the Credentials Committee both as chair and member. She has served on the National Committee, and has undertaken her duties with class and dedication.

Ben Bachrach earned a distinguished service award. Ben designed and developed the web-based Credentials Committee software that replaced the Microsoft Access database in use since 2004. The web-based solution allows delegation chairs to independently update their own delegation lists, which

vastly improved the process by removing the need for a single operator from the Credentials Committee to do the work for all the affiliates.

Kevin Knedler earned the Sam Adams award. Mr. Knedler is the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Ohio, and Libertarian representative on the Ohio Secretary of State Voting Rights Institute. During Mr. Knedler's time as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Ohio, he has changed the party from a 'grassroots' organization into a legitimate political party in Ohio. It is in large part because of Kevin's perseverance and tenacity that third parties in Ohio have primary ballot access in 2010.

Rex Bell earned the Thomas Paine award. Mr. Bell has been an LP member since 2001 and is the chair Wayne County, providing leadership as a county officer as well as a candidate. In addition to spreading the message of liberty as a candidate, Mr. Bell has a regular column in the local newspaper, where he gives political commentary on current events. Mr. Bell also keeps Internet readers up-to-date on libertarian ideals through his blog, The Bell Curve: <http://rexbell.blogspot.com/>

Outgoing LNC Chair **Bill Redpath** earned the party's highest honor, the Thomas Jefferson award. Mr. Redpath has been indefatigable in pursuit of changing ballot access laws, helping LP candidates gain ballot access, and encouraging Libertarians to run for office. He has been extremely generous with his financial contributions to the LP, various state and local organizations, and LP candidates throughout the US. He routinely gathers thousand of petition signatures on a volunteer basis throughout the US to place LP candidates on the ballot. He routinely lobbies state legislators throughout the US to improve ballot access laws. He has been an LP candidate many times over including gubernatorial and US Senate races. He has served as LNC chair for two terms as well as having been its treasurer and as an at-large representative. Mr. Redpath serves on the board of FairVote and the Center for Voting and Democracy.

SATURDAY KEYNOTE

Bob Barr delivered the keynote address at the convention, explaining why Atlas not only shrugs, but weeps for America and how 'Relevant Libertarianism' is its salvation. Barr said 'Relevant Libertarianism' means articulating a message using words comprehensible to others who may not be steeped in our movement's work.

- Relevant Libertarianism tells America's business – small *and* large -- that their long years of having the regulatory and tax tails of the dog dictate their entire business plan need no longer continue.
- Relevant Libertarianism shows American families that control of the education of their children will be once again placed in *their* hands, not those of government bureaucrats.
- Relevant Libertarianism indicates unequivocally that decisions between a patient and a doctor are made between the patient and the doctor, without the intervening and arbitrary filter of so-called "government health care" bureaucrats or, even worse, the IRS.
- Relevant Libertarianism promises America's taxpayers that the country's oppressive, complex, unfair and unfathomable tax system must and *will* be dismantled – not all at once or overnight, but that at least the process of dismantling it *will* begin.
- Relevant Libertarianism reminds voters that they *can* at long last have a real voice for real change in our country's political present and future.
- Relevant Libertarianism clarifies that our system of criminal laws and procedures, which continues to grow and manifest itself far, far beyond those laws that are necessary or even

reasonable for a free and ordered society, will be fundamentally reevaluated and reconstituted so as to protect liberty rather than stifling and *taking* liberty a criminal law “Grace Commission,” so to speak).

- Relevant Libertarianism ensures that those laws on the books that *are* necessary and reasonable to ensure freedom, liberty and a fair and open economic system, are actually enforced consistently and appropriately; and not by creating massive, oppressive, and intrusive regulatory structures every time there is a problem within a particular sector of our economy.
- Relevant Libertarianism shouts loud and clear across the land that the days of the Nanny State are over and the re-dawning of the Freedom State are again within the grasp of the American people.

He went on to say these messages, which already resonate in the hearts of the vast majority of Americans, must be articulated by us through a short, clear and precise platform and agenda that is unequivocal in its enunciation of *real life* political freedom. The message must be brought to individuals, businesses and communities across the country by candidates who are articulate and who can and will relate to *real-life* voters and businesspeople.

The vehicle for bringing that message must be a political party that behaves *like* a political party – a party that develops and maintains a functioning and responsive organizational structure; a party that works consistently to fund its endeavors; and a party that fields candidates capable of and oriented toward accomplishing *real* political goals in the *real* world.

We must develop a platform that does not require readers to employ a dictionary or a thesaurus in order to comprehend its message and its relevance to them.

This is critically important today because American voters are *ready* for a message of Relevant Libertarianism; they have always been ready for such a message. It is not just our heritage as libertarians, it is America’s heritage.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The convention resumed at 2:15, starting with the Credentials Report. Since not everyone had returned from their lunches and with them expecting business to resume at 2:30, this turned out to be a false start. The afternoon session got underway at 2:30.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Jeff Dimit of the Credentials Committee reported there were now 500 delegates and three alternates for a total of 503.

Four additional delegates were added without objection to the credentials list:

- Jordan Harp (IL)
- Rob Shuford (VA)

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- Fernando Gallivez (VA)
- Josh Melder (VA)

A prospective delegate from Pennsylvania provided no address which is required in order to be a delegate.

There was no objection to accepting the Credentials Committee report.

MAIL BALLOTS FOR BYLAWS (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

Delegates spend an extra day or so at convention every two years at great expense considering amendments to the Bylaws.

Solution:

Provide for Bylaws amendments to be adopted by a large super-majority of the membership in accordance with the mail ballot provisions in Robert's Rules of Order, including the provision of any minority reports together with the ballot materials.

Benefits:

Many of our members do not feel a connection to our Party and this will give them a sense of involvement, which will encourage some passive members to become activists.

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

7. Convention Committees:

a. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a Regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee. The committee shall propose amendments to these Bylaws either to a Regular Convention or by mail ballot to the union of registered delegates attending the most recent Regular Convention and the Party's sustaining members. The committee shall propose amendments to the Party's Convention Special Rules of Order to a Regular Convention. Proposals shall be delivered together with any minority reports signed by two or more members.

ARTICLE 14: AMENDMENT

1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any Regular Convention or by a 4/5 vote of sustaining members and registered delegates attending the most recent Regular Convention participating in a mail ballot.

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2. The casting of mail ballots to amend these Bylaws shall not be conducted more than once per calendar year. The Party shall maintain an online forum where sustaining members may debate any pending mail ballot proposal. Any sustaining member may observe the counting of mail ballots. The Party shall publish the votes by individual for any sustaining member to review. Returned mail ballots shall be available for review until three months after the announcement of results. For an amendment to be enacted by mail ballot the number participating must be greater than or equal to the number of registered delegates attending the most recent Regular Convention.

A motion to extend for five minutes failed.

The main motion, which takes 2/3rds, failed.

Amendments were now in order.

Nick Sarwark (CO) moved to suspend the rules to remove 'Conflicts of interest', 'Speeches for NOTA' and 'Ensuring the balance of obligations of Party and presidential campaigns' from the proceedings.

The suspension of the rules failed.

Once again the delegates voted to consider the next item, postponing amendments until after the next item was resolved.

Upon returning to this matter, Jan Butler (MS) moved to amend by adding a third item, 'Any sustaining member may elect to receive ballots by either post or by e-mail'.

This amendment failed.

June Genis (TX) moved an amendment to add at the end of Article 14, "However, only bylaws proposals with no minority report may be submitted for a mail ballot."

This amendment failed.

There were no more amendments.

The main motion again failed when reconsidered after the amendment process.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

There is no mechanism for filling a vacancy on the Judicial Committee. If three members were to resign prior to the end of their terms, there would be no legal way for the committee to meet to hear a case.

Solution:

Allow the remaining members of the Judicial Committee to fill a vacancy until the next Regular Convention.

ARTICLE 9: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each Regular Convention, and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the Regular Convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. [The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention.](#)

A delegate immediately called the question, which passed.

The Bylaws proposal passed.

At this point in the proceedings, the body returned to the previous item to consider amendments as discussed above.

Nick Sarwark (CO) moved to suspend the rules to consider immediately motions with minority reports including 'Conflicts of interest', 'Speeches for NOTA' and 'Ensuring the balance of obligations of Party and presidential campaigns'. The chair put it to the body as to whether this motion was in order, since it was in some ways the opposite of one he had proposed earlier and the body had already considered. The body decided it was in order, but voted it down.

Derek Pomeri (MD) moved to consider immediately the items with minority reports listed on pages 31, 35, 39, 44, 45 and 46. This also failed.

DEFENSE AGAINST TAXPAYER-FUNDED PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS (RECOMMENDED 10-0)

Problem:

Our Party is unable to prohibit our nominee for President from accepting taxpayer funds in support of his or her campaign.

If a Libertarian Party candidate for President were to win 5% of the vote (under present rules), that would qualify the next Libertarian Party candidate for President for millions of dollars in taxpayer money and lead to many DC organizations weighing the chances of success and cost to takeover our Party.

This happened to the Reform Party in 2000.

The Reform Party's presidential candidate for the 2000 election was due federal matching funds of \$12.5 million, based on Perot's 8% showing in 1996. This made the nomination an attractive target to would-be

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candidates. After a bitter fight that culminated in two Reform Party conventions being held simultaneously, Pat Buchanan secured the Reform Party nomination and the \$12.5 million.

Solution:

Raise the cost and reduce the chances of success of a hostile takeover attempt so that no one even tries.

Note: It is the candidate that receives the taxpayer funds, not the Libertarian Party.

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

3. Delegates:

a. Delegates shall be required to be members of either the Party or an affiliate party. At all Regular Conventions delegates shall be those so accredited who have registered at the Convention. At all Non-Regular Conventions, any person who wishes to attend may do so.

b. Any federal or state law to the contrary notwithstanding, delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party; provided however, that only members of the Party as defined in these Bylaws, or members of the affiliate party as defined in the constitution or bylaws of such affiliate party, shall be eligible to vote for the selection of delegates to a Regular Convention.

[c. If the previous Party candidate for President received enough votes to qualify the next Party candidate for President for any taxpayer-funded subsidy, then only those delegates who first became members of the Party prior to the previous Presidential general election shall be eligible to vote for Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees.](#)

A delegated called the question, which passed.

The Bylaws proposal as submitted failed.

After some discussion but no amendments, a delegate called all previous questions, which passed thus ending debate.

The proposal failed.

NOMINATING SPEECH TIME LIMITS (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Our Convention Special Rules of Order currently micro-manage the nominating and seconding speech times for Officers and At-Large LNC members. This unnecessarily constrains the speeches.

Solution:

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Allocate a block of time for each candidate, and allow the candidate, nominator, and seconds the flexibility to apportion that block of time as they wish.

Benefit:

Simplifies the procedure for the timer and liberates the candidate and friends to make the best use of their time. Makes this procedure consistent with that for nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President.

Note: We generally suspend the rules at every convention to do this, so this proposal would codify the procedure we already use.

RULE 9: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

4. Nominating and seconding speeches [for each candidate](#) shall be limited in duration as follows:
- President: Total of 16 minutes;
 - Vice-President: Total of 11 minutes.

RULE 10: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

4. Nominations for each candidate may be made by any delegate present on the floor, provided he or she has the candidate's permission. Nominating and seconding speeches for each candidate shall be limited in duration as follows:
- Chair: [Total of 10 minutes](#) ~~one five-minute nominating speech, two three-minute seconding speeches;~~
 - All others: [Total of 5 minutes](#) ~~one two-minute nominating speech, two one-minute seconding speeches.~~

A delegate called the question immediately, which passed.

Proceeding to a vote on the Bylaws proposal as submitted, the measure passed.

DIVIDE ARTICLE 11.5 INTO MULTIPLE SECTIONS (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem: Article 11.5 is an extremely lengthy paragraph, with several different parts of the Delegate Allocation process thrown in.

Solution: As requested by the Secretary, divide this paragraph into discrete sub-sections. No text changes are proposed.

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

5. Delegate Allocation:

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

[b.](#) The Secretary shall make a count of the sustaining members qualified under the requirements set forth here and shall compute the delegate allocations for the affiliate parties. Notification of the sustaining membership totals and allocation totals shall be sent by the Secretary to the Chair of each affiliate party no later than the last day of the sixth month prior to a Regular Convention.

[c.](#) A list of the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates chosen by each affiliate party shall be sent to the Credentials Committee no later than one month prior to start of the first general session of the Regular Convention. Amendments to such lists may be made by the affiliate parties and submitted to the Credentials Committee until the close of the Credentials Committee meeting preceding the Convention. The number of alternates' names submitted shall not exceed the greater of 50 or the number of delegates allocated.

[d.](#) Failure to submit a listing of delegate/alternate names and addresses, as prescribed within these Bylaws, shall cause no delegation to be registered from that affiliate party.

[e.](#) By seven-eighths vote, the Convention may approve additional delegates and alternates whose names and addresses are submitted to the Credentials Committee during the Convention.

A delegate called the question immediately, which passed.

Proceeding to a vote on the Bylaws proposal as submitted, the measure passed.

LNC SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

The word "all" makes no sense in Article 12, Section 4, unless it applies to all sustaining members seeking our nomination. However, that doesn't fit with the clear meaning in the first part of the sentence.

Solution:

Clarify the existing language in Section 4.

ARTICLE 12: PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS

4. The National Committee shall respect the vote of the delegates at Nominating Conventions and provide full support for ~~all~~ [the Party's](#) nominees for President and [nominee for](#) Vice-President as long as their campaigns are conducted in accordance with the Platform of the Party.

A delegate called the question immediately, which passed.

Proceeding to a vote on the Bylaws proposal as submitted, the measure passed.

A delegate then moved to suspend the rules to handle 'housekeeping' matters more efficiently. The Chair requested a list of what items were 'housekeeping' ones. The motion was withdrawn.

Nick Sarwark (CO) moved to suspend the rules to require hand votes, not rising votes. Up until this point all votes were done by delegates standing. The motion passed.

The convention was done with standing votes.

SPLIT RULE 10 (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Rule 10: ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE addresses the entire process for selecting members to this committee. Buried in this Rule is the procedure for selecting the Judicial Committee. This makes it difficult to locate.

Solution:

Segregate the language dealing with the Judicial Committee (Rule 10.3) into a new separate rule.

[RULE 11: ELECTION OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE](#)

~~3.~~ 1. Nominations and elections for members of the Judicial Committee shall be conducted in the same manner as specified for at-large members of the National Committee.

A delegate called the question immediately, which passed.

Proceeding to a vote on the Bylaws proposal as submitted, the measure passed.

SPLIT ARTICLE 11 (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Article 11: CONVENTIONS is currently the longest in the entire Bylaws, and includes stipulations for Convention Committees, which aren't properly Convention-related material, as these Committees ordinarily meet in advance of the Convention.

Solution:

Split Article 11 into 2 articles.

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

~~7. Convention Committees:~~

ARTICLE 12: OTHER COMMITTEES

1. There shall be a Platform Committee, a Bylaws and Rules Committee, and a Credentials Committee for each Regular Convention. The National Committee shall appoint a temporary chair of each committee to serve until each committee selects its own chair.

~~a.~~ 2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of ten Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than three months before a Regular Convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.

~~b.~~ 3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:

- One member by each of the ten affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations. These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

- Ten members appointed by the National Committee, including no less than five members from states other than the ten having the largest Party memberships. These members shall be appointed no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

~~c.~~ 4. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows:

- Five members chosen by the National Committee.
- One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than one month prior to the Regular Convention.

~~d.~~ 5. Ranked alternates may be named by the appointing bodies to fill any vacancies or absences in the Convention Committees.

A delegate called the question immediately, which passed.

Proceeding to a vote on the Bylaws proposal as submitted, the measure passed.

AUDIT REQUIREMENT (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Audits have been performed in some years and not others. Several years ago, a former treasurer succeeded in persuading the LNC to fire an outside auditor who had uncovered accounting irregularities.

Solution:

Ensure that audits are performed every year and ensure greater independence in the selection of the auditor.

Note: Article 7 is included for informational purposes; only Article 10 is being amended.

ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

7. The Treasurer shall receive, expend and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the National Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report to the National Committee and shall perform all duties required of the office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, internal and external reporting. The Treasurer shall report to the National Committee and the Convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities. The report of the Treasurer to the Convention, specified in Convention Rule 1 agenda item 4, shall include an independent auditor's report opining whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Party and the changes in its net assets and its cash flow for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Unaudited interim financial statements shall also be presented. Such reports shall be made available to every delegate.

...

ARTICLE 10: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

2. The National Committee shall cause an efficient double-entry system of accounts to be installed and maintained. Financial statements of the Party shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). [Audits shall be performed annually by an independent auditor. The non-officer members of the National Committee shall appoint a standing Audit Committee of three members with power to select the independent auditor. One member shall be a non-officer member of the National Committee and the other two shall not be members of the National Committee. The Audit Committee shall clarify for the National Committee any recommendations made by the auditor.](#)

A delegate called the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote the bylaws proposal passed.

DELEGATE LISTS (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Article 11, Section 6 is vague and inadequate to provide guidance to staff about responding to members' requests for lists of convention delegates. This is even more important since the adoption of a measure in Denver to provide a pathway to the Judicial Committee that depends on the delegates to the most recent Convention.

Solution:

Clarify the language of 11.6.

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

6. Delegate List:

Any Party member shall be provided, upon request and payment of copying and mailing costs, a list of the names and addresses of all ~~elected delegates to a Convention.~~ [delegates selected to attend and those who actually attended the most recent two Conventions, with those who attended clearly identified, and all delegates / alternates selected to the upcoming convention, if available.](#)

A delegate called the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote the bylaws proposal passed.

MOVE RULE 5 TO NEW ARTICLE 12: OTHER COMMITTEES (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

The Convention Special Rules of Order are specifically to govern the conduct and processes occurring at the Convention itself. But Rule 5: Committee Procedures deals only with the pre-Convention operations of the Platform, Bylaws and Rules, and Credentials Committees. Rule 5 is out of place in the Convention Special Rules of Order.

Solution:

Move the text from the Convention Special Rules of Order to the Bylaws.

Note: Section 3 is redundant because "It is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present at the time the vote is taken in a legal meeting, although it should be noted that a member need not be present when the question is put. Exceptions to this rule must be expressly stated in the bylaws." -- RONR (10th ed.), pp. 408-409.

RULE 5: COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

- ~~1. A majority vote of those Committee members present is necessary for a "do pass" recommendation, and in the case of the Platform Committee, a majority must approve each specific plank separately.~~
- ~~2. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention. Two or more members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee or of the Credentials Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding their business.~~
- ~~3. A member must be present in Committee to vote.~~
- ~~4. More than 1/2 of the membership of each committee shall constitute a quorum.~~

ARTICLE 12: OTHER COMMITTEES

6. Committee Procedures

- [a. A majority vote of those Committee members present is necessary for a "do pass" recommendation, and in the case of the Platform Committee, a majority must approve each specific plank separately.](#)
- [b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the Convention. Two or more members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee or of the Credentials Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding their business.](#)
- [c. A majority of the membership of each committee shall constitute a quorum.](#)

A delegate called the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote the bylaws proposal passed.

RESOLVE LNC MAIL BALLOT AMBIGUITY (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

The Bylaws currently specify that a majority vote shall carry any proposal considered by the LNC via a mail ballot, even if the same proposal considered at a face-to-face meeting requires a super-majority (specified in the LNC's Policy Manual). However, the Bylaws also specify higher voting requirements for some types of motions by incorporating Robert's Rules of Order as our parliamentary authority.

Solution:

Don't specify the fraction necessary to pass a mail ballot proposal, as this is already covered adequately by RONR.

ARTICLE 8: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

9. The National Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by [electronic](#) mail. The Secretary shall send out [electronic](#) mail ballots on any question submitted by the Chair or [co-sponsored](#) by at least 1/5 of the members of the Committee. Fifteen days shall be allowed for the return of the votes cast, by [electronic](#) mail, to the Secretary. ~~The Secretary shall establish procedures for identifying voters in a mail ballot, and may accept votes through any mail system, including facsimile and electronic mail, for which such procedures have been established.~~ Votes from alternate regional representatives will be counted, in accordance with the ranking procedure of the region, only if the regional representative fails to respond to the ballot. ~~If, at the expiration of the applicable period, a quorum of the Committee have not returned their votes, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed; in all other cases, a majority of the votes returned shall carry the measure, except where a higher vote is required by the Bylaws.~~ [The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting.](#) The Secretary shall preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the National Committee, at which meeting the Committee shall order the disposition of such votes.

A delegate called the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote the bylaws proposal passed.

MOVE RULE 7.1 TO BYLAWS (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Rule 7, Section 1, is more in the nature of a Bylaw than a Rule -- it defines structure, not process. In addition, the second sentence merely empowers delegates to a Regular Convention to amend the Platform, it does not limit any other LP body -- including the LNC. Finally, as a Rule, it can be suspended -- including the requirement that amending a Plank requires 2/3 vote.

Solution:

Move the entire paragraph to Bylaws, and amend the second sentence to clearly limit who can amend the Platform. Note that only the second sentence is reworded -- most importantly, by the insertion of the word "only" (after changing the word order to make it more coherent).

Benefit:

Fixes several oversights in the relation between the LP and our Platform.

RULE 7: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM

~~1. The current Platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. At Regular Conventions, the existing Platform may be amended. Additional planks, or additions to planks, must be approved by 2/3 vote. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote.~~

ARTICLE 4: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

3. The current Platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing Platform may be amended only at Regular Conventions. Additional planks, or additions to planks, must be approved by 2/3 vote. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote.

A delegate called the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote the bylaws proposal passed.

Tim Maguire moved to suspend the rules and vote collectively on 'Voting Eligibility', 'Voting procedure', 'Promote Nota to a Bylaw', and 'Delete an anachronism' as one.

The suspension failed.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

The question of voting eligibility should be answered by the Bylaws, not by a Convention Special Rule of Order. A rule about who is eligible to vote is too fundamental to allow for its suspension. Also, the first parts of Rule 2 are covered by Robert's Rules of Order ("RONR") as fundamental parliamentary principles and their repetition here is unnecessary.

Solution:

Move most of Rule 2 into the Bylaws and delete the parts which Robert's Rules of Order covers.

~~RULE 2: VOTING ELIGIBILITY~~

~~1. The Secretary, acting on behalf of the Credentials Committee, shall report the number of delegates registered in attendance and eligible to vote directly after the opening of the first business session, and at the beginning of each succeeding session.~~

~~2. All delegates shall be eligible to vote on all matters. In order to vote on a given matter, a delegate must be present on the floor at the time the vote is taken. Each delegate present shall have one vote.~~

[The last sentence of 2.2, and the remainder of Rule 2, are simply moved to Article 11.]

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

6. Voting Eligibility:

~~2.~~ a. Use of the unit rule or unit voting is prohibited at national conventions.

~~3.~~ b. Duly selected alternates may be freely substituted for any members of their delegation who are temporarily or permanently absent from the floor, provided the procedure has been clearly specified by the affiliate party in advance of the Convention, and the Secretary has been provided with lists of the affiliate party's delegates and alternates as well as a copy of the affiliate party's rules governing substitutions.

~~4.~~ c. An alternate, upon certification by the Secretary, may function as a delegate whenever a delegate of the same state has not been registered in attendance. This status shall continue until the absent delegate registers in attendance. If the affiliate party has made no provision for filling delegate vacancies, the alternate substitute shall be decided by drawing lots.

~~5.~~ d. If the affiliate party has made no other provision, an alternate may temporarily vote in place of a delegate from the same state while he or she has the written consent of that delegate; however, no delegate may cast more than one vote on a question.

~~6.~~ e. All members must wear the identification badge issued upon registration in order to be admitted to the Convention hall.

RONR p. 2, lines 4-5: *"In any decision made, the opinion of each member present has equal weight as expressed by vote-..."*

RONR p. 408, line 31 - p. 409, line 2: *"It is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present at the time the vote is taken in a legal meeting, although it should be noted that a member need not be present when the question is put. Exceptions to this rule must be expressly stated in the bylaws."*

RONR p. 255, lines 3-11: *"Rules which embody fundamental principles of parliamentary law, such as the rule that allows only one question to be considered at a time (p. 56) cannot be suspended. As a further example, since it is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present at the time the vote is taken in a legal meeting (p. 408), the rules cannot be suspended so as to give the right to vote to a non-member, or to authorize absentee (pp. 408-409) or cumulative (p. 429) voting, even by a unanimous vote."*

RONR p 596, lines 33-35: *"This statement [by the Credentials Committee Chair] should be followed by whatever statistical summary is customary in the particular organization...."*

A delegate called the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote the bylaws proposal passed.

VOTING PROCEDURE (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

An assembly should never go directly from a voice vote to a counted vote. The correct procedure is, in the case of votes requiring a majority, to first take a voice vote, then a rising vote (i.e. standing without counting off) if the voice vote is inconclusive, then a counted vote if the rising vote is inconclusive. In the case of a vote requiring 2/3, the Chair should start with a rising vote unless there is an expectation of near unanimity.

Solution:

Allow a single delegate (the default in Robert's Rule of Order, rather than 20) to require that a voice vote be retaken as a rising vote. Allow 20 delegates (rather than a majority as required by Robert's Rules of Order) to require that a rising vote be retaken as a counted vote.

RULE 3: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS

1. On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by [either](#) voice vote [or rising vote](#). [If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted.](#) If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a ~~voice~~ [rising](#) vote, a counted vote will be held.

RONR (10th ed.), pp. 44-5: *"A vote by voice is the regular method of voting on any motion that does not require more than a majority vote for its adoption. ... The simple rising vote (in which the number of members voting on each side is not counted) is used principally in cases where a voice vote has been taken with an inconclusive result, and as the normal method of voting on motions requiring a two-thirds vote for adoption. ... If a rising vote remains inconclusive, the chair or the assembly can order the vote to*

be counted.”

RONR (10th ed.) pp. 48-49: “Verifying an Inconclusive Vote. ... *If the chair feels that members may question a somewhat close result of which he is reasonably convinced, he can first say 'The ayes [or the 'noes'] seem to have it.' The chair then pauses, and any member who doubts the result is thus invited to demand verification of the vote by a division, as explained below. If no member makes such a demand or states that he doubts the result, the chair continues 'The ayes have it. . . .' as shown above. If the chair is in actual doubt in the case of such a vote, however, he should not announce a result, but should immediately retake the vote—strictly speaking, always as a rising vote. If it appears when those in the affirmative rise that the vote will be close enough to require a count, the chair should count the vote, or direct the secretary to do so, or (in a large assembly) appoint a convenient number of tellers—preferably an even number equally divided between members known to be in favor of the motion and those opposed to it. If, after a vote has been retaken as an uncounted rising vote, the chair finds himself still unable to determine the result, he should take the vote a third time as a counted rising vote.*

RONR (10th ed.) pp. 49-50: “*Division of the Assembly. Whether or not the chair pauses to say 'The ayes seem to have it . . . ,' any member (without a second) has the right to require that a voice vote be retaken as a rising vote, so long as he does not use the procedure as a dilatory tactic.... The chair must then immediately take the rising vote. Either the chair on his own initiative or the assembly can order such a vote to be counted.*”

A delegate called the question, which passed.

Moving to a vote the bylaws proposal passed.

Tom Knapp (WA) moved to suspend the rules to make the Bylaws changes take effect for the rest of the day. The chair ruled this out of order, since Bylaws changes take effect immediately unless the change includes a proviso to the contrary.

AUTHORIZATION OF TELECONFERENCES (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Teleconferences are prohibited by RONR unless explicitly authorized by the Bylaws. "The bylaws may authorize a board or committee (or even a small assembly) to meet by videoconference or teleconference." -- RONR (10th ed.), p.482, l. 28-30.

Solution:

Authorize small boards (such as the LNC Executive Committee) and small committees (such as the Audit Committee and the Judicial Committee) to transact business by teleconference or videoconference.

Benefit: *Makes legal current industry practice.*

Note: *The chair can't see members to know when they wish to be recognized, and the more members are on a telephone call, the harder it is to avoid chaos when trying to recognize the next person to make a*

motion or debate the current one. Fewer than ten members is a reasonable practical limit to maintain coherence.

Article 12: MEETINGS

1. Boards and committees having fewer than ten members may conduct business by teleconference or videoconference. Each such board or committee shall have power to adopt special rules of order and standing rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference.

Carolyn Marbry moved to suspend the rules to 'not repeatedly vote things down twice'. In essence, this was a complaint against the methodology of considering the Bylaws proposals, then amendments and, even if no amendments were forthcoming, to vote again on the original proposal. The chair ruled this out of order, asking for precise language to amend the Convention Rules. Carolyn Marbry and M Carling would craft such language, and the matter would be raised later.

Proceeding to a vote on the Bylaws item, the measure passed.

PROMOTE NOTA TO A BYLAW (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Rule 11: None of the Above is not properly a rule, as it defines the options available to delegates rather than the procedure for deciding between or among them. It is in the nature of a Bylaw, rather than a Rule. As a Rule, delegates can suspend this by a 2/3 vote, which effect is certainly not the intent of the very existence of the NOTA option.

Solution:

Move Rule 11 to the Bylaws. It properly belongs in Article 11: Conventions, immediately after Section 6: Delegate List. Note that there are no changes to the text.

~~RULE 11: NONE OF THE ABOVE~~

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

7. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for President and Vice-President, the Party Officers, and at-large members of the National Committee, shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in the Presidential or Vice-Presidential balloting, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.

A delegate called the question, which passed.

The Bylaws proposal passed.

DELETE ANACHRONISM FROM SECRETARY'S DUTIES (RECOMMENDED 9-0)

Problem:

Article 7, Section 6 -- the definition of the role of Secretary -- includes a sentence that appears to be left over from the 1970s when we did not have paid staff. Preparation of the Annual Report has not been a part of the Secretary's job for decades. And the expression "all information required" is an open invitation to a never-ending series of requests for yet more information.

Solution:

Delete the last sentence of Bylaws 7.6.

ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

6. 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. ~~The Secretary shall make an annual report to the National Committee containing all information required by the Committee.~~

A delegate called the question, which passed.

The Bylaws proposal passed.

PLATFORM RETENTION VOTING (RECOMMENDED 9-1)

Problem:

The results of plank retention voting are available only after platform debate has started. Our 2008 Convention demonstrated that this new method, tried for the first time, didn't reflect the true will of the delegates when it failed to delete any planks and the delegates soon thereafter deleted all the old planks.

Solution:

Simplify the method and move it earlier in the convention.

Benefits:

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Less floor time needed, but more time available to delegates to make their choices. Less work for the Secretary in advance of the Convention, preparing the tokens.

RULE 7: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM

~~2. After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:~~

- ~~a. The Credentials Committee shall issue five signature tokens to each delegate.~~
- ~~b. Tokens shall only be issued to delegates. Delegates are responsible for transferring possession of unused tokens to their alternates if necessary.~~
- ~~c. Each delegate may cast each token as a recommendation for deletion of one plank by noting on the token the plank to be deleted and signing the token.~~
- ~~d. A delegate may cumulate recommendations by casting any number of tokens for deletion of the same plank.~~
- ~~e. Delegates will be given until one hour prior to the scheduled start of the platform report to mark their tokens and deliver them to the Secretary.~~
- ~~f. Prior to the scheduled start of the platform report, the Secretary shall review the tokens received and tabulate and report the tokens submitted for deletion of each plank.~~
- ~~g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.~~

The Credentials Committee shall distribute to each credentialed delegate a plank retention ballot, if either four members of the Platform Committee or 10% of the delegates credentialed at the previous Regular Convention petition the Secretary at least 30 days before the opening of a Regular Convention. Ballots shall include options to retain all planks and to delete all planks, as well as the option to delete and retain specific planks. Ballots must be submitted to the tellers designated by the Secretary prior to consideration of the Bylaws Committee report. The Secretary shall announce the results of platform plank retention voting prior to the start of platform debate.

A delegate called the question, which this time failed.

The Bylaws proposal failed.

Aaron Starr moved to change 10% to 5%, which failed.

The main motion failed.

EXPAND TIME FOR AFFILIATE SELECTION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE APPOINTEES (RECOMMENDED 9-1)

Problem:

The ten largest state affiliates each get to send a representative to the Platform Committee. As our bylaws are currently written, they are required to select their representatives no later than last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention. However, a state affiliate can't be certain if they are in the top ten until the last day of the sixth month prior to the Regular Convention. This leaves a state affiliate with only a 30-day window of time in which to select a representative. Meanwhile, the National Committee may have selected its members to the committee over a year prior to this measurement date, meaning that much work is being done before some state affiliates have an opportunity to influence the outcome of the report. Some states have even resorted to selecting a representative to the committee in anticipation that they might qualify.

Solution:

Make the measurement date for determining a larger affiliate based on the previous convention, rather than the upcoming convention.

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

7. Convention Committees:

There shall be a Platform Committee, a Bylaws and Rules Committee and a Credentials Committee for each Regular Convention. The National Committee shall appoint a temporary chair of each committee to serve until each committee selects its own chair.

b. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:

One member by each of the ten affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations [at the most recent Regular Convention](#). These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

Ten members appointed by the National Committee, including no less than five members from states other than the ten ~~having the largest Party memberships~~ [affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention](#). These members shall be appointed no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the Regular Convention.

c. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows:

Five members chosen by the National Committee.

One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations [at the most recent Regular Convention](#). These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than one month prior to the Regular Convention.

A delegate called the question, which passed.

A counted vote was needed. The measure passed 192-89.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (RECOMMENDED 8-0)

Problem:

The Bylaws stipulate the deadline for appointment of the Platform Committee and Bylaws and Rules Committee, and the members of the Credentials Committee who are appointed by the five largest affiliates, but no mention is made of the deadline for the LNC to appoint the 5 members of the Credentials Committee selected by the LNC. This is clearly an oversight.

Solution:

Specify the deadline for the LNC to appoint those five members of the Credentials Committee.

ARTICLE 11: CONVENTIONS

7. Convention Committees:

c. The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows:

- Five members chosen by the National Committee [no later than six months before a Regular Convention](#).
- One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than one month prior to the Regular Convention.

A delegate called the question which passed.

The Bylaws proposal passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS (RECOMMENDED 8-1)

Problem:

Many delegates leave as soon as our Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees have been chosen.

Solution:

Move selection of our Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to later in the convention. This ensures that we'll maintain a quorum for all important business. It will also give our delegates more time to decide which Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to support.

RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The standing order of business for a Regular Convention shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee report
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Treasurer's report
5. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
- ~~8.~~ 6. Election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee
- ~~9.~~ 7. Election of Judicial Committee
- ~~6.~~ 8. Platform Committee report
- ~~7.~~ 9. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
10. Resolutions
11. Other business

Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.

A delegate moved the question, which passed.

The Bylaws proposal failed, opening the issue to debate.

Todd Grayson (OH) moved to amend by switching 5 (Bylaws) to the end after other business.

Mark Axinn (NY) offered a substitute amendment switching 5 (Bylaws) with 9 (Presidential Ticket).

A delegate moved all previous questions, which passed.

The votes on the substitution and the original amendment failed.

The vote on the Bylaws amendment failed.

At this point the suspension of the rules offered by Carolyn Marbry had taken shape:

Suspend the rules and amend Rule 6 by adding to the second sentence "for eight minutes, and then shall open the recommendation for amendments for ten minutes, before taking a vote on the recommendation as it may or may not have been amended" and by striking the rest of Rule 6.

Aaron Starr moved to suspend the rules to make this amendable and debatable. The suspension failed.

Ms.Marbry's motion also failed.

Nick Sarwark moved to suspend the Rules (for this convention only) and add the following sentence to Rule 6:

Recommendation for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon using the same procedure as that for the platform under Rule 7, Section 5.

That proposal failed.

David Nolan moved to suspend the rules for an alternative order of business. His motion, like the others above, failed.

SPEECHES FOR NOTA (RECOMMENDED 8-1)

Problem:

The implementation several years ago of the device of requiring candidates for the LP's nomination for President and Vice-President to submit signatures in order to qualify for stage time for nominating and seconding speeches shut out any possibility of a person advocating that the delegates vote for None of the Above (NOTA) for that position. In fact, that was one of the major reasons for some delegates to oppose that provision.

Solution:

Allow a delegate to speak for NOTA by collecting the requisite number of signature tokens.

RULE 9: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

4. Nominating and seconding speeches shall be limited in duration as follows:

President: Total of 16 minutes;

Vice-President: Total of 11 minutes.

[A delegate who collects the required number of nominating tokens so designated may speak up to 5 minutes in favor of voting for None Of The Above.](#)

The Bylaws proposal was defeated.

Nick Sarwark moved to amend by changing the time allotment to an amount 'for the same duration as a candidate speech'.

Nick Sarwark's amendment failed.

The original Bylaws proposal passed.

SECONDING PROCEDURE (RECOMMENDED 8-1)

Problem:

In groups of 12 to 50 or so, requiring a single second is usually effective to prevent frivolous motions from wasting everyone's time. However, in a group of 500 to 1000, one person invariably seconds every

frivolous motion -- no matter how absurd.

Solution:

Require a small number of the body to second a motion.

Benefits:

Saves everyone time at each convention.

Footnote: *"The requirement for a second is for the chair's guidance as to whether he should state the question on the motion, thus placing it before the assembly. Its purpose is to prevent time from being consumed by the assembly's having to dispose of a motion that only one person wants to see introduced." -- RONR (10th ed.) p. 35.*

RULE 3: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS

1. On all matters, except the retention and final retention of platform planks, the election of Party Officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by voice vote. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a counted vote will be held.
2. [Any motion from the floor shall be considered seconded only if 20 or more delegates rise to second the motion.](#)
3. The Chair may require any motion offered from the Convention floor to be in writing, signed by the mover and submitted to the Secretary.

At 5:30, the orders of the day called for us to adjourn. A motion to extend time failed. The Bylaws proposal failed.

The Saturday meeting² ended shortly after 5:30pm.

SUNDAY MORNING

CREDENTIALS

Credentials Committee Chair Jeff Dimit reported the number of delegates stands at 532 with seven alternates. He recommended the following delegates be accepted by the body:

- Bob Emory, PA

² The first Bylaws change clarified the distinction between a meeting and session as defined in RONR. The St. Louis convention was a session. Five AM/PM meetings occurred within this session.

- Tim O'Brien, NJ

The body accepted both delegates.

The body accepted the Credentials Committee report.

Robert Murphy moved to suspend the Convention Rules for seven minutes to have the body adopt the following as the mission statement of the Libertarian Party:

To reduce as much as humanly possible the initiation of force in human interactions

The motion to suspend the rules failed.

Mr. White from Michigan moved to suspend the rules to amend Convention Rule 3, Section 1, page 9 of the Bylaws

To allow voting by a show of hands by including the words "a show of hands" after "voice vote" in the first sentence.

The motion to suspend the rules failed.

Tom Knapp (WA) moved to suspend the rules to allow to Christina Tobin to address Proposition 14 in CA for five minutes. The motion to suspend passed with the required 2/3rds majority.

Aaron Starr moved to postpone this matter to the 'other business' of the Convention. The motion to postpone failed.

Christina Tobin addressed the group. Proposition 14, or the 'Top Two' proposal, would restrict access to the political arena. Only the two candidates who get the most votes in the primary elections would be put on the ballot for the General Election in November, regardless of their party affiliations. Thus, a race on the November ballot would only have two candidates: a Republican and Democrat or two from the same party.

For more information, go to stoptoptwo.org.

Sam Sloan (NY) moved to suspend the rules to end the practice of calling the question after speaking in favor or against. The chair urged Mr. Sloan to craft language and tell us where in the Rules to place it, and bring the matter to the body later.

Gerhard Langguth (AR) requested the preliminary minutes be released in electronic form or printed. Headquarters staff took the draft (and unpolished) minutes as of Saturday and placed it onto the Internet at a temporary site³.

³ When the Secretary asked the next day if he had downloaded the document, Mr. Langguth said he probably would not have time to get to it until Wednesday or Thursday.

Pat Dixon (TX) called for orders of the day.

Eric Cranley (KY) requested more time for turning in platform plank retention ballots. With the ballots already counted and Platform Committee proceedings underway, the request proved infeasible.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

Alicia Mattson, Platform Committee Chair, started by reporting the results of the platform plank balloting. Any platform plank required 20% of the credentialed delegates, or 108 votes from the 536 credentialed delegates, to bring the plank up for a straight up/down vote. The highest vote-getter was plank 1.4, Abortion, which garnered 77 votes, well short of the requirement. As a result, deliberations proceeded to consider the planks the Platform Committee raised.

Platform Committee Chair Alicia Mattson introduced the Platform Committee,

Adam Mayer (OR), Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN), Richard Randall, Brian Holtz (vice chair), Chris Barber (GA), Jon Roland, Rob Power (CA), Joe Hauptman (IN), Susan Hogarth (NC), Bruce Dovner (CA), Guy McLendon (TX), Geoff Scott (FL), Paul Campbell (OH), M Carling (NY, Secretary), Dr. James Lark (VA), Damon Dillon (IL), Berlie Etzel (PA), Debbie Schum (CO)

3.4 FREE TRADE AND MIGRATION

The committee proposal was as follows:

We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade. Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries. Economic freedom demands the unrestricted movement of human as well as financial capital across national borders. However, we support control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a [credible](#) threat to security, health or property.

Derryl Perry (AL) moved to suspend the rules to consider a mission statement for the Party:

Libertarians believe that each of us has a natural right to defend his person, his liberty, and his property; and that no one has the right under any circumstances, to initiate force against another human being for any reason whatever; nor advocate the initiation of force, or delegate it to anyone else. And that whenever any Form of Governance becomes destructive to individual liberty, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it.

The matter was laid on the table, pending its delivery to the Secretary in writing.

Carl Vassar (CT) moved to suspend the rules to postpone indefinitely the Platform Committee's report, and to re-adopt the 2000 National Platform. The 2000 Platform is available at:

<http://www.dehnbase.org/lpus/library/platform/2000/>.

The suspension of the rules failed.

A delegate moved the question on Platform Plank item 3.4, which passed.

The Platform Committee proposal passed.

At this point a staff member reported the draft of the Convention Minutes Mr. Langguth had requested was now available at www.Lp.org/blogs/kyle/Saturdays-convention-minutes.

Nick Sarwark (CO) moved to suspend the rules for the duration of the Platform debate to allow hand counts rather than rising votes. The motion passed.

2.10 RETIREMENT AND INCOME SECURITY

The committee proposal was as follows:

Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. ~~We~~ [Libertarians](#) favor replacing the current government-sponsored Social Security system with a private voluntary system. The proper [and most effective](#) source of help for the poor is the voluntary efforts of private groups and individuals. [We believe members of society will become more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.](#)

After some debate, a delegate moved the previous question, which passed. Platform plank 2.10 above passed.

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An attempt to change 'Retirement' to 'Financial' was ruled out of order, since the Platform deliberations did not allow amendments at this time⁴.

⁴ The item would have had to have been voted down first; then amendments would have been in order.

Moreover, both Platform Committee recommendations were originally presented based on the 2008 Platform. It was impossible to predict whether the former recommendation would have passed and to have included those changes in the latter.

After some debate, a delegate called the question, which passed. The second recommendation for Platform plank 2.10 passed.

3.2 INTERNAL SECURITY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

The committee proposal was as follows:

The defense of the country requires that we have adequate intelligence to detect and to counter threats to domestic security. This requirement must not take priority over maintaining the civil liberties of our citizens. The [Constitution and](#) Bill of Rights [shall not be suspended even during](#) ~~provides no exceptions for a~~ time of war. Intelligence agencies that legitimately seek to preserve the security of the nation must be subject to oversight and transparency. We oppose the government's use of secret classifications to keep from the public information that it should have, especially that which shows that the government has violated the law.

A delegate called the question immediately, which passed. The Platform Committee's recommendation for plank 3.2 passed.

2.8 EDUCATION

The committee proposal was as follows:

Education, ~~like any other service,~~ is best provided by the free market, achieving greater quality and efficiency with more diversity of choice. Schools should be managed locally to achieve greater accountability and parental involvement. ~~Recognizing that the education of children is inextricably linked to moral values,~~ [therefore](#) we would return authority to parents to determine the education of their children, ~~w.~~ [W](#)ithout interference from government. ~~In particular,~~ parents should have control of and responsibility for all funds expended for their children's education.

David Nolan (AZ) moved to suspend the rules to let the body make corrections to the Platform to correct minor grammatical or capitalization changes.

The suspension of the rules failed.

A delegate called the question on Platform plank 2.8, which passed.

The plank was judged to have failed, and confirmed with a rising vote.

The body considered whether to make the plank open to debate, requiring a simple majority.

The question was judged to have failed, and confirmed with a rising vote. The body did not consider amendments.

1.6 SELF-DEFENSE

The committee proposal was as follows:

The only legitimate use of force is in defense of individual rights — life, liberty, and justly acquired property — against aggression. This right inheres in the individual, who may agree to be aided by any other individual or group. We affirm the [individual](#) right [recognized by the Second Amendment](#) to keep and bear arms, and oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense. We oppose all laws at any level of government requiring registration of, or restricting, the ownership, manufacture, or transfer or sale of firearms or ammunition.

Platform plank 1.6 as given above passed.

3.4 FREE TRADE AND MIGRATION

The committee proposal was as follows:

We support the removal of governmental impediments to free trade. ~~Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries.~~ Economic freedom demands the-unrestricted movement of ~~human as well as financial~~ [goods and](#) capital across national-borders. ~~However, w~~We support ~~control over the prohibiting~~ entry into our country of [those](#) foreign nationals ~~who pose~~ [posing](#) a [credible](#) threat to security, health or property. [We invite those not requiring public assistance to come to our country to embrace the American dream.](#)

William McVay (DE), moved to suspend the rules and delete the last sentence. The suspension failed. A delegate called the question, which failed.

Starchild moved to suspend the rules to continue debate for five minutes, which failed.

A delegate moved to recess for 15 minutes to allow for more discussion, which failed.

A vote on the motion failed.

The body declined to entertain amendments for 10 minutes.

1.2 PERSONAL PRIVACY

The committee proposal was as follows:

We [Libertarians](#) support the ~~protections provided~~ [rights recognized](#) by the Fourth Amendment to be secure in our persons, homes, and property. [Protection from unreasonable search and seizure should include records held by third parties, such as email, medical, and library records.](#) Only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed crimes. We favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes.

Aaron Starr called the question.

Gerhard Langguth (AR), moved to suspend the rules to cluster recommendations for Platform plank 1.2 and consider them at once. The suspension failed.

The body ended debate and passed the recommendation.

Norman Horn (TX) rose to a point of information yet moved a suspension of the rules to change

We favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes.

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Replace with ‘such as those laws prohibiting the use of drugs for medical or recreational purposes’.

Mr. Horn was reminded a point of information is a question to the chair.

Another delegate moved to lay the issue on the table, which failed.

Mr. Horn’s suspension of the rules failed.

Next Stephanie Watson (NC) moved to suspend the rules to add a ninth item to Rule 7 of the Convention Rules:

Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the LNC presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.

This item passed.

Next a delegate from Tennessee moved to suspend the rules and replace the term 'Libertarians' with 'the Libertarian Party' globally, which failed.

Barbara Howe (NC) moved for a 10-minute recess, which failed.

1.3 PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The committee proposal was as follows:

Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the [government's treatment rights](#) of individuals ~~by government~~, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration or military service laws. [Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships.](#) Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships. ~~Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships.~~

A delegate called the question, which passed. The Platform Committee recommendation 1.3 above passed.

1.0 PERSONAL LIBERTY

The committee proposal was as follows:

~~Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and to accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. No individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices.~~
[Libertarians recognize individual self-ownership and the right to make personal choices. Our support of an individual's right to make choices does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. With rights come responsibilities, and individuals must accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Unlike adults, children realize certain rights as they mature and develop the ability to understand and accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions. Government exists to protect the rights of every individual.](#)

A delegate moved to extend debate for 10 minutes, which failed.

The Platform Committee recommendation for plank 1.0 above failed.

The body declined to consider amendments on this item.

3.3 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The committee proposal was as follows:

~~American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world and its defense against attack from abroad.~~ American foreign policy should emphasize our defense against attack from abroad and enhance the likelihood of peace by avoiding foreign entanglements. We would end the current U.S. government policy of foreign intervention, including military and economic aid. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.

A delegate called the question, which failed.

After more discussion, another delegate called the question. This time it passed.

Proceeding to a vote on item 3.3, it failed.

The body decided to open the floor for amendments.

Will McVay (DE) moved to strike 'and' and insert "while promoting" in the original wording between "with the world" and "its defense against" in the first sentence:

*American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world **WHILE PROMOTING** ~~and~~ its defense against attack from abroad.*

Brian Holtz (CA) moved a substitute amendment, putting 'and seek' instead of 'WHILE PROMOTING'.

Mr. McVay withdrew his amendment, and the body accepted that withdrawal.

The amendment now read:

American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world AND SEEK ~~and~~ its defense against attack from abroad.

Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN) moved a substitute amendment:

American Foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Our foreign policy should emphasize defense against attack from abroad and enhance the likelihood of peace by avoiding foreign entanglements. keep the rest - "We would end..."

Ms. Sink-Burris's amendment was ruled out of order, as well as another amendment as not being germane to the primary amendment moved by Mr. McVay. Once the McVay amendment was voted on, the Sink-Burris amendment would be in order.

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Aaron Starred called the question on the 'and seek' amendment, which failed.

Aaron Starr reintroduced Ms. Sink-Burris's substitute amendment (above), which passed.
The resultant motion now read:

~~American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world and its defense against attack from abroad.~~ (Rebecca's amendment) American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Our foreign policy should emphasize defense against attack from abroad and enhance the likelihood of peace by avoiding foreign entanglements. We would end the current U.S. government policy of foreign intervention, including military and economic aid. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.

A delegate moved to suspend the rules to add time to the debate to consider changing the last sentence, which failed.

The amended wording passed with many in favor and only three opposed.

2.0 ECONOMIC LIBERTY

The committee proposal was as follows:

Libertarians want all members of society to have abundant opportunities to achieve economic success.

A free and competitive market allocates resources in the most efficient manner. Each person has the right to offer goods and services to others on the free market. The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. All efforts by government to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade, are improper in a free society.

A delegate called the question, which passed. The body adopted the Platform Committee's recommendation for plank 2.0.

2.5 MONEY AND FINANCIAL MARKETS

The committee proposal was as follows:

We favor free-market banking, with unrestricted competition among banks and depository institutions of all types. Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually

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agreeable commodity or item. We support a halt to inflationary monetary policies, ~~the repeal of legal tender laws and compulsory governmental units of account.~~ [and unconstitutional legal tender laws.](#)

A delegate moved to both suspend the rules and adopt the proposal. The motion passed.

3.1 NATIONAL DEFENSE

The committee proposal was as follows:

We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression. The United States should both [avoid entangling alliances and](#) abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world ~~and avoid entangling alliances.~~ We oppose any form of compulsory national service.

A delegate called the question, which passed. The body adopted the Platform Committee's recommendation for plank 3.1.

2.9 HEALTH CARE

The committee proposal was as follows:

We favor restoring and reviving a free market health care system. We recognize the freedom of individuals to determine the level of health insurance they want, the level of health care they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use and all other aspects of their medical care, including end-of-life decisions. [People should be free to purchase health insurance across state lines.](#)

A delegate called the question, which passed. The body adopted the Platform Committee's recommendation for plank 2.9.

Aaron Starr moved to adjourn. The motion passed.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting⁵ started at 1:38 PM.

Jay Edgar (NJ) moved to suspend the rules to consider the following:

⁵ The first Bylaws change clarified the distinction between a meeting and session as defined in RONR. The St. Louis convention was a session. Five AM/PM meetings occurred within this session.

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The Delegates of the 2010 National LP Convention demand the immediate release of libertarian activists Julien Heicklen and George Donnelly. We further urge that the federal government cease harassing peaceful activists and respect the right of free speech.

The suspension of the rules passed. The resolution passed.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials chair Jeff Dimit (SC) reported there were 542 delegates eligible to vote at the afternoon meeting with eight alternates. In addition, Mr. Dimit asked the body to approve two additional delegates.

- Lori Margarum PA, was accepted with no objection
- Jake Witmer, AL, was accepted with no objection

ELECTION OF LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

The chair introduced special election instructions that would be in place to monitor the voting process using tellers.

When we begin, each delegate is to write the name of one candidate on a ballot, which can be any slip of paper, preferably otherwise blank. Each delegate must then hold onto the ballot until the team of tellers arrives to observe the vote. The tellers, whose names were suggested by each of the candidates for Chair, will observe the collection and tabulation of votes in each delegation, after which the delegation chair is to take the tabulation for the delegation, signed by the tellers, to the Secretary's table. We will have four teams of tellers, one for each quadrant of the hall. The tellers are to ensure that each voter is:

- *present*
- *is a delegate (or alternate authorized to vote)*
- *is a member of the delegation*
- *votes only once.*

Candidates for chair were entitled to 11 minutes of convention time for nominations and seconds.

At 1:52 nominating speeches began.

Nominating Wayne Allyn Root were Ed Coleman, Mark Rutherford, Dakota Root, Wayne Allyn Root

Nominating John Jay Myers were Don Wills, Paul Peterson, John Jay Myers

Nominating George Phillies were Dave Blau, Carol MacMahon, Rob Power

Nominating Mark Hinkle were David Nolan, Julie Fox, Jim Lark Logan Hinkle, Geoff Neale

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Nominating Ernie Hancock were Tony Wall, Jim Duensing, Jordan Page, Barry Hess, Michael Badnarik

Nick Sarwark moved to suspend the rules to speak for NOTA. That motion was ruled out of order.

Boston Tea Party member Derryl Perry (AL) nominated himself for chair after speeches were over. He labeled himself as less than a bona fide candidate and withdrew.

Nominations were closed.

Balloting commenced with a teller system during which:

Tony Ryan (AZ) moved to suspend the rules to save time by eliminating the roll call vote. The motion passed.

The first ballot vote totals for Chair were:

Wayne Allyn Root	201	37.7%
Mark Hinkle	114	21.4%
Ernest Hancock	82	15.4%
John Jay Myers	70	13.1%
George Phillies	56	10.5% Removed from list as last-place finisher.
NOTA	10	1.8%
	533	100.0%

John Jay Myers addressed the body and threw his support to Mark Hinkle.

The use of tellers in the first round of balloting delayed matters to the extent that the chair abandoned the practice.

The second ballot vote totals for Chair were:

Wayne Allyn Root	223	42.2%
Mark Hinkle	208	39.3%
Ernest Hancock	89	16.8% Removed from list as last-place finisher.
NOTA	9	1.7%
	529	100.0%

The third ballot vote totals for Chair were:

Mark Hinkle	281	53.2%
Wayne Allyn Root	228	43.2%
NOTA	19	3.6%

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528 100.0%

Mark Hinkle was elected Chair of the Libertarian National Committee.

Wayne Allyn Root addressed the delegates.

Mark Hinkle addressed the delegates.

ELECTION OF LNC VICE-CHAIR

Nominating Mark Rutherford were Jillian Mack, Cristiana Mayer, Kevin Knedler and Mark Rutherford

Nominating Carolyn Marbry were James Oaksun, Ruth Bennett, Dave Nolan and Carolyn Marbry

The vote totals for Vice- Chair were:

Mark Rutherford	285	58.2%
Carolyn Marbry	201	41.0%
NOTA	4	0.8%
	490	100.0%

ELECTION OF LNC SECRETARY

Nominating Rob Power were Ruth Bennett, Carolyn Marbry, Françoise Fielding and Rob Power

Nominating Alicia Mattson were Admiral Michael Colley, Bob Sullentrup and Alicia Mattson.

The vote totals for Secretary were:

Alicia Mattson	265	57.2%
Rob Power	194	41.9%
NOTA	4	0.9%
	463	100.0%

Write-in, Chuck Moulton

A delegate moved to suspend the rules to conduct the election of Treasurer. The motion passed and other events of the evening were pushed back one half hour.

ELECTION OF LNC TREASURER

Nominating Aaron Starr were Admiral Michael Colley, Alicia Mattson and Aaron Starr.

Nominating James Oaksun were Carolyn Marbry, Christina Tobin, Sarah Dompkowski and James Oaksun.

The vote totals for Treasurer were:

James Oaksun	319	69.3%
Aaron Starr	132	28.7%
NOTA	9	2.0%
	460	100.0%

At 6:01 pm the body adjourned.

MONDAY MORNING

CREDENTIALS

Credentials chair Jeff Dimit (SC) reported there were 480 delegates eligible to vote the morning meeting⁶. In addition, Mr. Dimit asked the body to approve an additional delegate.

- Roland Riemers, ND, was accepted with no objection

The body accepted the report of the Credentials Committee

ELECTION OF LNC AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Nominating Lee Wrights were Michael Badnarik, Mike Munger, James Oaksun, Ernie Hancock and Lee Wrights

Nominating Ed Vallejo were Michael Kielsky, Will McVay, Ernie Hancock and Ed Vallejo

Nominating Tom Stevens were Carl Person and Tom Stevens

Nominating Sam Sloan were Alden Link and Sam Sloan

Nominating Rebecca Sink-Burris were Sam Goldstein, Jim Lark and Rebecca Sink-Burris

Nominating Mary Ruwart were Dave Nolan, Michael Colley, Norman Horn and Mary Ruwart

Nominating Wayne Allyn Root were Geoff Neale, John Jay Myers, Mark Rutherford, Nick Sarwark and Wayne Allyn Root

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Nominating Bill Redpath were Angela Odell, Jim Lark, Mark Hinkle and Bill Redpath

Nominating Dave Nolan were Mary Ruwart, Geoff Neale, Carolyn Marbry and Dave Nolan

Nominating John Jay Myers were John Spivey, Geoff Neale, Nick Sarwark, Paul Peterson, Dave Nolan and John Jay Myers

Nominating Kevin Knedler were Charlie Earl and Kevin Knedler

Nominating Thomas Hill were Mary Ruwart, Lee Wrights, Mike Shanklin and Thomas Hill

Nominating Judge James Gray were Jim Lark and Mike Seebeck

Nominating Pat Dixon were Michael Badnarik, Emily Salvette and Pat Dixon

Ballot tabulation was interrupted for the following:

A delegate moved to suspend the rules for a resolution in favor of 9-11 inquiry:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FULL INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF 9/11

WHEREAS governments throughout history have used false flag attacks to justify wars of aggression, suppress civil liberties and increase the size, scope and power of government;

WHEREAS the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 have fundamentally altered American life and allowed for government officials and politicians to promote vast expansions of government power, including such enactments as the PATRIOT Act, the Military Commissions Act, the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, warrantless eavesdropping on Americans' communications, and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq;

WHEREAS the people of America have been denied a full investigation into the tragic events of 9/11, by politicians representing the two major government-supremacist parties as well as the obstruction of government officials;

WHEREAS mounting evidence indicates that the official government version of the events of 9/11 is a fabrication by government officials, carried out by means of a massive government cover-up;

IT IS RESOLVED that we, the Libertarian Party call for a complete independent investigation into the events of 9/11, with full subpoena power and power to prosecute in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

The suspension of the rules failed.

Bonnie Scott (VT) moved to suspend the rules for what she believed was incorrect wording in the transcription of a modification to Article 4, Section 12 of the Bylaws:

The national committee shall respect the vote of the delegates at nominating conventions by providing equal support for all the Libertarian candidates for President and Vice President, prior to nomination by offering and provide their full support for all the party's nominees afterward, for President and nominee for Vice President as long as their campaigns positions are conducted in accordance with the platform of the Party.

The suspension of the rules failed.

Nick Sarwark (CO) moved to suspend the rules and shorten speeches for the Judicial Committee from five minutes to three. The motion passed.

Nick Sarwark (CO) moved to suspend the rules and allow nominations for the Judicial Committee to remain open until after the results of the At Large voting was announced. The motion passed.

Rachel Hawkrige (WA) moved to suspend the rules to consider striking Article 11, Section 7.a of the Bylaws. The motion failed.

Nominations for the Judicial Committee got underway.

Rob Latham was nominated.

Additional nominees included M Carling, Tom Stevens, Brian Holtz, and Ruth Bennett.

A delegate moved to suspend the rules for a moment of silence for veterans, this being Memorial Day. The motion passed.

Another delegate called for orders of the day and Judicial Committee nominations continued.

Chris Maden and Michael Kielsky were nominated.

Mark Axinn (NY) was nominated but declined.

Bill Hall, Nick Sarwark and Bob Sullentrup were nominated.

Lee Wrights moved to suspend the rules and allow veterans to rise and be recognized for 30 seconds, this being Memorial Day.

Rachel Hawkrige moved to suspend the rules and without debate institute a codicil that no LNC member could serve on the Bylaws, Platform or Credentials Committees. The suspension of the rules failed.

Mark Allen Feldman was nominated to the Judicial Committee.

Aaron Starr (CA) moved to suspend the rules to entertain the following resolution regarding the farm seizure by federal agents of the Rainville farm. The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION ON RAINVILLE FARM SEIZURE BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Whereas Clement and Elizabeth Rainville own a dairy farm in the town of Franklin astride the border of the United States and Canada at Morses Line; and

Whereas the Rainville Farm consists of 130 acres of cropland and a dairy operation with 75 milkers and approximately the same number of heifers; and

Whereas every one of those 130 acres is integral to this Vermont farm's economic viability; and

Whereas the Rainville Farm is precisely the type of dairy farm that is all too rapidly vanishing; and

Whereas the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and United States Custom and Border Protection (CBP) have announced their intention to acquire land – by means of eminent domain if necessary – from the Rainville Farm for use in the construction of a new international border port-of-entry facility at Morses Line; and

Whereas the DHS and CBP justify this project on grounds of both national security and economic stimulation; and

Whereas the Rainville family has stated that were it to lose any of its land used for cultivating hay, the small farm's self-sufficiency would be lost; and

Whereas the loss of available hay would force the Rainvilles to purchase commercial feed for their herd, adding an expense they do not currently incur; and

Whereas the proposed land acquisition is clearly contrary to Congress' expressed intent in the Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981; and

Whereas the Morses Line Port of Entry services on average 2½ cars per hour, a number which would be unaffected by the proposed expansion of that facility; and

Whereas the nearby port of entry at Highgate is already heavily used, and the funds would be better served expanding that facility and closing the Morses Line port of entry; now therefore be it

Resolved: that the Libertarian Party urges the United States Department of Homeland Security to abandon the effort to seize land from the Rainville Farm for expansion of the Morses Line facility, and instead to close down that operation, using the funds designated for that seizure and expansion instead to upgrade the Highgate facility; and be it further

Resolved: that the Secretary be directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, United States Custom and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin, the Vermont Congressional delegation, and the Rainville family in Franklin.

Nick Sarwark moved to suspend the rules to begin the speeches for the Judicial Committee. The suspension failed.

David Nolan moved to suspend the rules to limit Judicial Committee nominee speeches to 90 seconds. The motion passed.

Alicia Mattson moved to suspend the rules to recess until the At Large tabulation was complete. The motion passed.

The following five candidates were elected to the LNC as At Large members

Wayne Allyn Root	250
Bill Redpath	225
Mary Ruwart	202
David Nolan	183
Kevin Knedler	177

The following candidates failed to place in the top five and gain a seat:

Pat Dixon	168
Rebecca Sink-Burris	167
John Jay Myers	159
Judge James Gray	153
Lee Wrights	139
Thomas Hill	109
Ed Vallejo	47
Thomas R. Stevens	16
Sam Sloan	12

Write-ins, Sarah Palin, Scott Kohlhaas

The final two candidates were nominated for the Judicial Committee: Lee Wrights, Judge James Gray.

Speaking on behalf of Bob Sullentrup: himself

Speaking on behalf of Tom Stevens: himself

Speaking on behalf of Nick Sarwark: himself

Speaking on behalf of Chris Maden: himself

Speaking on behalf of Michael Kielsky: Ernie Hancock.

Speaking on behalf of Rob Latham: Ruth Bennett, Tony Ryan, Rob Latham

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Speaking on behalf of Brian Holtz: Chuck Moulton, Les Antman, Brian Holtz

Speaking on behalf of Bill Hall: himself

Speaking on behalf of M Carling: Mark Axinn, Ruth Bennett, Mark Hinkle, M Carling

Speaking on behalf of Marc Feldman: Charles Earle, Marc Feldman

Speaking on behalf of Lee Wrights: Mary Ruwart, Lee Wrights

Speaking on behalf of Ruth Bennett: herself

Speaking on behalf of Jim Gray: no one

Ballot generation commenced, and ballot tabulation ensued.

After the ballots were tabulated, the unaudited results were displayed. There was a tie for the last seat between Ruth Bennett and Brian Holtz with 156 votes. Since the Judicial Committee was unlikely to decide any issue soon, there was time to audit the results and confirm the final outcome.

Brian Holtz declared that if the audited results ended in a tie, he would withdraw and cede the seat to Ruth Bennett.

The auditing revealed an error in the NJ tabulation that added a vote to Brian Holtz, and he gained the last seat.

The audited results showed the following seven to have been elected to the Judicial Committee:

Bill Hall	199
Judge Jim Gray	184
Lee Wights	176
Robert Latham	170
Nick Sarwark	163
Bob Sullentrup	162
Brian Holtz	157

The others fell short:

Ruth Bennett	156
M Carling	129
Marc A. Feldman	77
Chris Maden	66
Tom Stevens	66
Michael Kielsky	58

Write-in, Chuck Moulton

ADJOURNMENT

The 2010 National Libertarian Party Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, adjourned at 12:23 PM.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SECRETARIAL VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS

From Ohio and from party members aspiring to be the next Secretary, we had a bumper crop of capable volunteers – **Rob Power, Alicia Mattson, Jacob Dawson** and **Jeremy Schwartz**. They were all capable, dedicated and their work was vital to the success of the Convention.

Dan Karlan returned as he has for so many years before. Dan's involvement with the movement predates even the formation of the Party itself. Without Dan's capable assistance and anticipation of upcoming tasks, these minutes and convention operations would have suffered massively. The resulting delays would have been distinct and noticeable.

Now that my six-year and four-convention career as LNC Secretary has concluded, I would be remiss if I failed to give proper credit where credit is due. With the support of my spouse, **Diane Sue Schroeder**, whom I married May 26, 1979, I was able to work regularly on party business. My mother's maiden name was Schroeder, pronounced with a long O, while Diane's family pronounced theirs with a long A. Moreover, she was born five days after me. The relationship has been cosmic, and without it I would not have been able to serve as Secretary.

APPENDIX - BALLOTS BY STATE

LNC Chair, First Ballot								
	Root	Myers	Phillies	Hinkle	Hancock	NOTA	Write-Ins	
Total	201	70	56	114	82	10		Total
AL	3	1	0	3	1			AL
AK	1	0	0	0	0			AK
AZ	0	0	0	2	6			AZ
AR	3	3	0	1	1	1		AR
CA	16	3	5	12	8			CA
CO	8	7	2	1	1			CO
CT	0	0	2	0	3			CT
DE	0	3	0	0	0			DE
DC	0	0	0	0	0			DC
FL	4	0	3	5	1			FL
GA	8	1	0	3	4	3		GA
HI	0	0	1	0	0			HI
ID	0	2	1	2	0			ID
IL	11	6	3	13	5			IL
IN	25	0	3	3	2	1		IN
IA	0	1	1	2	0			IA
KS	0	1	2	4	2	1		KS
KY	6	0	0	1	1			KY
LA	1	1	0	0	0			LA
ME	1	0	3	1	0			ME
MD	0	1	1	2	0			MD
MA	0	0	5	0	0			MA
MI	13	0	1	6	1			MI
MN	2	2	4	3	1	1		MN
MS	2	1	1	0	2			MS
MO	2	3	2	3	8			MO
MT	0	0	0	0	1			MT

LNC Chair, First Ballot								
	Root	Myers	Phillies	Hinkle	Hancock	NOTA	Write-Ins	
NE	0	1	0	1	0			NE
NV	10	2	0	0	2			NV
NH	1	0	3	0	0			NH
NJ	2	0	0	2	0			NJ
NM	0	1	0	0	0			NM
NY	11	0	0	2	3			NY
NC	0	0	2	8	3	2		NC
ND	0	0	0	1	0			ND
OH	31	5	1	6	1			OH
OK	1	1	0	5	0			OK
OR	5	0	0	1	0	1		OR
PA	11	0	0	2	7			PA
RI	0	0	0	0	0			RI
SC	5	0	0	4	0			SC
SD	2	0	0	0	1			SD
TN	1	0	3	1	14			TN
TX	6	22	2	6	1			TX
UT	0	0	0	0	1			UT
VT	0	0	0	0	1			VT
VA	5	1	1	4	0			VA
WA	1	0	4	2	0			WA
WV	0	0	0	0	0			WV
WI	3	0	0	2	0			WI
WY	0	1	0	0	0			WY

Write-Ins

none

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LNC Chair, Second Ballot												
	Root	Hinkle	Hancock	NOTA	Write-Ins		Root	Hinkle	Hancock	NOTA	Write-Ins	
Total	223	208	89	9			2	6	8	1		MO
AL	3	4	1				0	0	1			MT
AK	1	0	0				0	0	2			NE
AZ	0	2	6				12	0	2			NV
AR	5	3	0				1	3	0			NH
CA	17	15	10	1			2	2	0			NJ
CO	8	8	2				0	1	0			NM
CT	0	0	5				12	2	1			NY
DE	0	4	0				0	13	0	2		NC
DC	0	0	0				1	0	0			ND
FL	4	8	1				34	9	2			OH
GA	9	7	1	2			2	5	0			OK
HI	0	1	0				5	2	0			OR
ID	0	5	0				11	3	6			PA
IL	14	19	5				0	0	0			RI
IN	25	5	3	1			4	5	0			SC
IA	0	4	0				2	0	1			SD
KS	1	7	3				1	1	16			TN
KY	5	3	0				7	29	0			TX
LA	2	0	0				0	1	0			UT
ME	1	4	0				0	0	1			VT
MD	0	4	0				6	5	0			VA
MA	0	3	1	1			2	4	1			WA
MI	15	5	1				0	0	0			WV
MN	3	4	5	1			3	2	0			WI
MS	2	0	4				1	0	0			WY

Write-Ins

none

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LNC Chair, Third ballot										
	Root	Hinkle	NOTA	Write-Ins		Root	Hinkle	NOTA	Write-Ins	
Total	228	281	19			1	15	1		MO
AL	3	5				1	0			MT
AK	1	0				0	2			NE
AZ	0	5	2			12	2			NV
AR	5	3				0	4			NH
CA	16	26	1			1	3			NJ
CO	11	6	1			0	1			NM
CT	0	5				13	3			NY
DE	0	4				0	13	2		NC
DC	0	0				0	1			ND
FL	4	8	1			34	10			OH
GA	10	9				2	5			OK
HI	0	1				4	3			OR
ID	0	5				11	7	2		PA
IL	14	23	1			0	0			RI
IN	25	8	1			5	4			SC
IA	0	4				2	1			SD
KS	1	10				4	13	1		TN
KY	5	3	1			7	29			TX
LA	2	0				0	1			UT
ME	1	4				0	1			VT
MD	0	4				6	5			VA
MA	1	0	3			2	5			WA
MI	15	6				0	0			WV
MN	2	9	2			3	2			WI
MS	3	3				1	0			WY

Write-Ins

none

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LNC Vice Chair										
	Rutherford	Marbry	NOTA	Write-Ins		Rutherford	Marbry	NOTA	Write-Ins	
Total	285	201	4			4	10			MO
AL	4	3				1	0			MT
AK	1	0				0	2			NE
AZ	0	6	1			13	0			NV
AR	1	4				1	3			NH
CA	26	16				1	3			NJ
CO	11	3				1	0			NM
CT	0	5				10	4			NY
DE	4	0				10	4			NC
DC	0	0				1	0			ND
FL	5	7				36	5	1		OH
GA	8	9				4	3			OK
HI	0	1				6	1			OR
ID	1	4				9	8			PA
IL	18	16				0	0			RI
IN	34	0				8	1			SC
IA	1	3				3	0			SD
KS	0	6				3	13	2		TN
KY	7	2				9	24			TX
LA	2	0				1	0			UT
ME	2	3				0	1			VT
MD	0	4				8	3			VA
MA	0	4				4	3			WA
MI	16	4				0	0			WV
MN	4	9				4	1			WI
MS	2	3				1	0			WY

Write-Ins

none

LNC Secretary										
	Mattson	Power	NOTA	Write-Ins		Mattson	Power	NOTA	Write-Ins	
Total	265	194	10	1		3	12			MO
AL	4	2				1	0			MT
AK	0	1				0	2			NE
AZ	0	5	2			9	4			NV
AR	5	0				2	2			NH
CA	21	17	3			4	0			NJ
CO	11	3				1	0			NM
CT	0	5				12	2			NY
DE	4	0				3	9			NC
DC	0	0				0	1			ND
FL	3	9				37	2			OH
GA	14	2				4	2	1		OK
HI	0	1				3	4			OR
ID	0	5				8	5	2	1	PA
IL	9	22	1			0	0			RI
IN	26	8				9	0			SC
IA	2	2				0	3			SD
KS	4	2				3	14	1		TN
KY	5	1				15	14			TX
LA	2	0				0	1			UT
ME	2	3				0	1			VT
MD	0	4				10	1			VA
MA	0	4				2	5			WA
MI	11	9				0	0			WV
MN	7	2				3	2			WI
MS	6	0				0	1			WY

Write-Ins

PA: Chuck Moulton

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LNC Treasurer										
	Oaksun	Starr	NOTA	Write-Ins		Oaksun	Starr	NOTA	Write-Ins	
Total	319	132	9			14	2			MO
AL	3	3				0	1			MT
AK	1	0				2	0			NE
AZ	6	1				0	12			NV
AR	5	0				4	0			NH
CA	20	18	2			3	1			NJ
CO	10	4				0	1			NM
CT	5	0				12	2			NY
DE	4	0				14	0			NC
DC	0	0				1	0			ND
FL	9	3				30	7	1		OH
GA	9	5				7	0			OK
HI	1	0				3	4			OR
ID	5	0				7	6			PA
IL	23	3	5			0	0			RI
IN	15	19				0	9			SC
IA	3	1				3	0			SD
KS	5	1				17	1			TN
KY	3	2				22	7			TX
LA	1	1				1	0			UT
ME	5	0				1	0			VT
MD	4	0				2	5	1		VA
MA	4	0				4	3			WA
MI	18	2				0	0			WV
MN	4	5				4	1			WI
MS	4	2				1	0			WY

Write-Ins

none

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At-Large – Five Elected																	
	Wrights	Vallejo	Stevens	Sloan	Sink-Burris	Ruwart	Root	Redpath	D. Nolan	Myers	Knedler	Hill	Gray	Dixon	NOTA	Write-Ins	
	139	47	16	12	167	202	250	225	183	159	177	109	153	168	3	2	
AL	4	1	1	0	4	5	2	4	3	1	1	2	2	2			AL
AK	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0			AK
AZ	5	3	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	2	0	3	4	0			AZ
AR	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1			AR
CA	12	2	0	1	15	16	17	15	16	8	11	11	27	5			CA
CO	4	1	0	0	12	0	13	9	0	12	8	2	5	11			CO
CT	5	3	0	0	0	5	0	1	5	1	0	5	0	0			CT
DE	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	0	0			DE
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			DC
FL	4	2	0	0	6	5	8	8	8	4	4	5	6	3			FL
GA	7	0	1	0	7	4	13	11	5	4	4	1	8	5			GA
HI	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0			HI
ID	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	4	4	3	0	3	1	1			ID
IL	7	4	2	2	5	15	9	10	16	15	1	8	4	12			IL
IN	5	0	1	0	33	4	28	9	8	8	21	7	11	12			IN
IA	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	1	0	2	1		IA
KS	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	5	3	1	2	2	3			KS
KY	2	0	1	0	5	0	5	3	2	2	5	0	0	2			KY
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			LA
ME	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	3	1	4	3	0	3			ME
MD	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	1	3	1	1	2	2			MD
MA	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0			MA
MI	0	1	0	0	9	8	14	10	3	3	14	2	2	13			MI
MN	1	2	1	0	4	6	6	5	4	2	5	1	3	5			MN
MS	1	2	0	0	1	3	2	4	3	4	1	0	1	3			MS
MO	7	0	0	0	2	9	5	7	9	8	0	2	2	9			MO
MT	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			MT
NE	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1			NE

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At-Large – Five Elected																	
	Wrights	Vallejo	Stevens	Sloan	Sink-Burris	Ruwart	Root	Redpath	D. Nolan	Myers	Knedler	Hill	Gray	Dixon	NOTA	Write-Ins	
NV	1	0	0	0	9	3	14	10	5	0	9	0	10	2			NV
NH	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	3	0	2	3	3			NH
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1			NJ
NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			NM
NY	2	0	5	5	2	3	7	10	0	2	6	0	3	4			NY
NC	9	3	1	0	1	13	4	5	10	4	1	9	2	2			NC
ND	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			ND
OH	2	0	0	0	29	5	32	19	3	6	35	1	13	3	2	1	OH
OK	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	6	3	4	2	3	2	1			OK
OR	3	1	0	0	0	3	6	4	0	2	3	1	4	5			OR
PA	3	4	1	0	5	5	7	13	5	3	3	1	3	6		1	PA
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			RI
SC	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	7	0	2	7	1	6	8			SC
SD	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	1			SD
TN	14	9	0	1	2	14	3	3	16	2	2	14	1	2			TN
TX	16	0	0	0	3	22	13	15	17	30	9	6	9	26			TX
UT	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0			UT
VT	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0			VT
VA	1	1	0	1	3	1	7	8	1	2	5	0	5	5			VA
WA	3	0	1	0	2	6	3	2	5	3	1	3	4	2			WA
WV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			WV
WI	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	2	2	3	0	2	1			WI
WY	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0			WY

Write-Ins

OH: Sarah Palin

PA: Scott Kohlhaas

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Judicial Committee – Seven Elected															
	Feldman	Maden	Kielsky	Hall	Sarwark	Sullentrup	Latham	Carling	Wrights	Gray	Stevens	Holts	Bennett	NOTA	Write-Ins
	77	66	58	199	163	162	170	129	176	184	66	157	156	14	1
AL	0	0	1	3	4	3	2	1	4	4	1	4	3		AL
AK	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0		AK
AZ	0	1	6	2	2	0	1	0	5	4	0	1	2		AZ
AR	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0		AR
CA	1	7	5	8	7	10	12	10	13	24	5	23	13		1
CO	2	1	2	6	8	6	8	1	2	6	0	4	4		CO
CT	0	4	2	1	3	1	2	0	4	1	2	2	4	2	CT
DE	2	3	1	2	3	4	3	2	3	1	0	2	2		DE
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		DC
FL	1	4	1	9	8	4	8	3	9	9	2	2	7		FL
GA	0	0	0	2	4	6	0	5	6	7	2	4	7		GA
HI	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1		HI
ID	1	2	1	0	2	2	3	4	5	3	3	2	5	2	ID
IL	1	4	0	9	3	1	2	4	8	6	3	2	9		IL
IN	18	3	3	23	18	23	21	20	5	9	5	20	6	2	IN
IA	1	0	0	2	1	3	4	2	4	4	1	3	3		IA
KS	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2		KS
KY	3	0	0	5	5	5	5	5	2	0	0	5	0		KY
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		LA
ME	0	3	1	1	4	2	3	2	2	1	0	2	3		ME
MD	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	2	3	2	1	1	3		MD
MA	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0		MA
MI	3	0	1	14	2	7	6	4	4	9	5	4	7		MI
MN	2	3	3	5	2	5	3	4	2	4	3	5	4		MN
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		MS
MO	1	2	1	6	5	3	2	1	8	5	2	2	8		MO
MT	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1		MT
NE	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1		NE
NV	0	0	0	10	6	8	6	7	1	9	0	10	1		NV
NH	0	2	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	2		NH

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	Feldman	Maden	Kielsky	Hall	Sarwark	Sullentrup	Latham	Carling	Wrights	Gray	Stevens	Holts	Bennett	NOTA	Write-Ins
NJ	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0		NJ
NM	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1		NM
NY	0	0	1	2	2	3	1	6	4	4	5	2	4		NY
NC	0	1	2	4	5	2	5	0	5	1	1	1	3		NC
ND	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		ND
OH	21	2	2	13	8	11	5	9	4	9	1	11	3	1	OH
OK	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	4	5	0	0	0		OK
OR	2	0	0	6	0	3	4	2	4	5	2	3	4		OR
PA	3	3	3	5	3	7	7	5	3	5	5	9	4		PA
RI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		RI
SC	3	0	0	4	2	5	5	5	4	2	0	5	0		SC
SD	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	SD
TN	1	8	14	10	11	3	11	1	14	4	0	1	10	4	TN
TX	7	2	0	18	18	14	12	10	22	17	7	10	15		TX
UT	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1		UT
VT	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1		VT
VA	1	0	1	3	3	3	5	4	2	4	0	4	1	1	VA
WA	0	4	0	4	4	1	3	2	4	4	1	1	5		WA
WV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		WV
WI	0	1	0	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	4		WI
WY	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0		WY

Write-Ins

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