

LNC Executive Committee meeting
Libertarian National Committee
May 9, 2012

Minutes
(Date of Approval: July 14, 2013)

Mr. Neale called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. (PDT).

Executive Committee members in attendance: Geoff Neale (chair), Lee Wrights (vice chair), Ruth Bennett (secretary), Tim Hagan (treasurer), Jim Lark (Region 5S representative), Bill Redpath (at-large representative), and Dan Wiener (Region 4 representative).

Arvin Vohra (at-large representative), Jillian Mack (Region 3 representative), Brett Pojunis (Region 4 representative), Richard Schrade (Region 2 alternate), and Scott Spencer (Region 5S alternate) were present. Michael Cloud (at-large representative) joined the meeting following the call to order.

Staff members present were Carla Howell (executive director) and Robert Kraus (operations director).

The meeting agenda consisted of two items: ballot access and a contract with the Johnson campaign.

BALLOT ACCESS

Mr. Redpath asked whether the EC is authorized to encumber funds for ballot access. He said there is a potential problem in Illinois. He said potential problems also exist in Alabama and New York, but these problems can be handled via mail ballot. Mr. Neale ruled that this LNC and this EC have the same authority concerning ballot access enjoyed by the previous LNC and EC, unless such authority is changed by this LNC. There was no objection to his ruling.

The previous LNC authorized the EC to encumber funds by a 2/3 vote if within the funds previously budgeted. Thus, a motion to encumber requires 5 votes to pass.

Mr. Redpath indicated that we have 13 weeks to gather signatures in Illinois. He said that we currently have 10,800 gross signatures; we need 25,000 net (an estimated 40,000 gross), for which \$2 per signature was originally budgeted. Circulators may gather signatures for only one party. There are opportunities for circulators to make more money in nearby states; there is a great deal of demand for circulators.

He said that we anticipated 10,000 signatures would be gathered by LPIL volunteers, and had previously authorized \$60,000 for 30,000 paid signatures. It now appears we can hire circulators at a rate of \$2.50/signature; however, this may not be true for long. He indicated that he would like the EC to authorize another \$40,000; we have spent \$22,790 as of this point in time.

Mr. Redpath said he will spend time in Springfield, Illinois after Memorial Day to check validity of signatures, so that we don't spend more than necessary to place our ticket on the ballot. Mr. Neale asked when the payments would be made; most payments will be made in June and July.

Mr. Redpath moved that we encumber an additional \$40,000 for the Illinois ballot drive. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Redpath said he is hopeful the drive can be concluded under budget after checking the validation rate; perhaps we shall need to collect only 36,000-38,000 signatures, instead of the full 40,000. Given a cost of \$2.50 per signature, completing the drive with no more than 38,000 signatures would constitute a substantial saving.

CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CAMPAIGN

Mr. Neale suggests that we need a "gentleman's agreement" with the Johnson campaign. Ms. Bennett suggested that all emails go through LPHQ, and that all mailings go through a licensed and bonded mailing house with a seeded list.

Ms. Bennett moved that Mr. Redpath serve as Ballot Access Liaison with the Johnson for President Campaign. The motion passed without objection.

Ms. Howell suggested that the APRC vet emails from the Johnson campaign. Mr. Neale suggested that we have a staff member vet these materials. Nick Dunbar was suggested but the decision would be made by Ms. Howell. After discussion, there was consensus that Mr. Neale and Ms. Howell will designate a staff person at LPHQ to interface with the Johnson campaign concerning the campaign's mailings (including emails).

Mr. Neale said that he wants to have a single point person for political issues such as consistency of message, media interfacing, etc. Mr. Wiener moved that we ask Michael Cloud to accept this position; the motion was approved without objection. Mr. Cloud was called and joined the teleconference. He accepted the position; he will coordinate with Ms. Howell and Mr. Neale.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. (PDT).

Submitted by: Ruth Bennett

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