

LNC Executive Committee meeting
Libertarian National Committee
June 3, 2012

Minutes
(Date of Approval: July 14, 2013)

Mr. Neale called the meeting to order at 6:02 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).

Michael Cloud (at-large representative) and Dianna Visek (Region 6 representative) were present.

THE AALDERS MATTER

Mr. Neale provided a time line of our discovery of Robyn Aalders' participation in fund raising with the Johnson campaign. Ms. Aalders has a long, extensive criminal history (confirmed by the Johnson campaign), including credit card fraud, embezzlement, and other financial irregularities. When Ron Nielson, Johnson campaign manager, was asked about her involvement with fund raising, he said she would no longer work with fund raising or contacting donors.

Mr. Neale indicated that he will send a memo to the state chairs explaining our concerns and our actions regarding Ms. Aalders' involvement.

The EC was informed that Ms. Aalders actually works for Mr. Nielson's separate company and is under contract to the Johnson campaign rather than working directly for the campaign. However, that information was not forthcoming to Michael Cloud in his conversations with the Johnson campaign staff.

A concern was expressed about disseminating information about this situation; Mr. Neale noted that information about Ms. Aalders is already in the public domain. He said we need to be totally transparent about how we handle such information.

CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CAMPAIGN

After discussion, Mr. Neale requested that the EC approve the agreement negotiated with the Johnson Campaign, with the understanding that the Chair may not sign the agreement until specifically directed to by the EC. The EC approved the agreement without objection.

Ms. Bennett moved the following:

The Chair is directed to sign the agreement when we have received assurances in writing that Robyn Aalders, or any other felon convicted of a crime involving force or fraud, be prevented from access to any Johnson Campaign or Libertarian Party data, including but not limited to mailing lists, financial information, bank accounts, computer records, email contacts and so forth.

The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cloud thanked the Executive Committee, David Bergland and Sharon Ayres, Perry Willis, and Carla Howell for their assistance in working out the campaign agreement.

Ms. Bennett will send these minutes to Mr. Neale, who will format these motions and the agreement and send the agreement to the Johnson Campaign for appropriate signatures. He will advise them that they must provide the written assurances requested by the EC and the Johnson campaign signatures before the Chair will sign the agreement on behalf of the LP.

OREGON MATTERS

Concern was expressed whether a so-called “sore loser” law that prohibits a primary candidate of one party from running as another party’s candidate in the general election might be applied to keep Gov. Johnson off the ballot in Oregon. Ms. Visek stated that the general election is about the *electors* on the ballot, not a specific candidate as past courts have clearly ruled. Thus, this should not be an issue in Oregon or other states with similar laws.

Oregon chair Wes Wagner has asked to be indemnified by the LNC should there be any lawsuits resulting from putting forth Gary Johnson’s name as the LP candidate. After discussion, the EC indicated that it is unwilling to take action without a clearer understanding of the details of such requested indemnification. Mr. Neale said he will contact Mr. Wagner to obtain additional clarification, and if necessary will place this item on the agenda for the July LNC meeting.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. (PDT)

Submitted by: Ruth Bennett

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