

Executive Committee Teleconference
August 19, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 9:37 PM (all times Eastern) to discuss:

1. Update / discussion of Arizona "Top Two"
2. Public disclosure of director contracts - discussion & possible action
3. Update on the audit, portions of which may require limitation to LNC members
4. Office acquisition discussion, which will require limitation to LNC members

Executive Committee members in attendance: Geoff Neale (chair), Lee Wrights (vice-chair), Tim Hagan (treasurer), David Blau (secretary), Bill Redpath (at large), Dan Wiener (region 4), and Jim Lark (region 5s). Other LNC members listening: Michael Cloud (at large), Gary Johnson (region 7), Vicki Kirkland (region 2), Scott Lieberman (region 4 alternate), Norm Olsen (region 1), and Dianna Visek (region 6). Non-LNC members listening: Wes Benedict (LP executive director), Robert Kraus (LP operations director), Joe Buchman (audit committee).

Mr. Neale asked Mr. Redpath to discuss the Arizona "Top Two" petition drive. Mr. Redpath related that he has spoken with Warren Severin, and Mr. Severin said the petition drive will be successful without any financial contribution from the LNC. Mr. Olsen stated that we may still want to provide help for the petition once it has been placed on the ballot. Mr. Neale reminded the Committee that LNC budgets are annualized, and this line item must be renewed if required for the 2014 budget. The Executive Committee took no action on this item.

Mr. Neale said that he had spoken with general counsel Gary Sinawski regarding any legal issues related to release of director contract terms; Mr. Sinawski confirmed that there are no laws preventing the disclosure. However, section 2.04(3) of the Policy Manual requires confidential distribution of such contracts after review by the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC). Mr. Neale stated that most contract provisions are legal boilerplate, and only some terms such as compensation and moving expenses are useful to disclose. Mr. Hagan wondered whether any current directors had an expectation of privacy in their contract terms, and whether the contracts themselves should discuss disclosure of their terms. Without objection, Mr. Neale will work with our directors to craft addenda to their existing contracts regarding disclosure of contract terms.

Mr. Neale reported that the overall audit is not done, although the hired firm has effectively completed its work. The seven motions from the Audit Committee have passed. Dr. Buchman noted that there should be a whistleblower policy and a document retention and destruction policy. Mr. Neale asked the EPCC to locate a professional, vetted whistleblower policy; as chair of that committee, Dr. Lark agreed that the EPCC was the appropriate committee to handle the task. There was then discussion regarding various remaining issues needed to complete the audit. The Executive Committee took no action on this item.

At this time, Dr. Buchman left the call to permit discussion of the office acquisition. Mr. Blau and Mr. Kraus reported on the current situation with the office acquisition process. As noted by Mr. Neale, this discussion was limited to current members of the LNC to prevent adverse affects on the negotiating process. The Executive Committee took no action on this item.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 PM.

Submitted by:

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