



## LNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

JULY 24, 2014

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### ATTENDANCE

All Executive Committee members were participating: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer), Sam Goldstein, Jim Lark, Bill Redpath

Other LNC participants: Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Dan Wiener (Region 4), Gary Johnson (At-Large)

Executive Director Wes Benedict participated in the call. Gardner Goldsmith, candidate for U.S. Senate from New Hampshire, participated in the call.

### CALL TO ORDER

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 9:32 p.m. Eastern.

### AGENDA

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing an encumbrance for ballot access for a U.S. Senate candidate in New Hampshire.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE BALLOT ACCESS

Extensive general discussion yielded the following circumstantial details:

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire nominated Gardner Goldsmith as their candidate for U.S. Senate for 2014. To get Mr. Goldsmith on the ballot, he needs 1,500 valid signatures from each of two U.S. House districts, and the filing deadline is August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mr. Redpath has contacted Rob Wilkinson in Massachusetts (who has done petitioning work for us in the past), and he quoted us \$3

per signature for 5,000 gross signatures. The job would require at least 5 petitioners working full time for the next 12 days, starting tomorrow.

If Mr. Goldsmith receives 4% of the vote in this race, the state affiliate will have full party status (including the party label on the ballot) for 2 years without a need to petition again in 2016. Historically, no Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate in New Hampshire has ever received 4%, with the maximum being around 3% in 2008. If Mr. Goldsmith does not receive 4% of the vote, the Libertarian Party's 2016 presidential candidate will likely only qualify as an independent candidate in New Hampshire because that requires the same number of signatures as this effort, but a full party petition in 2016 would require more like 20,000 signatures.

Mr. Goldsmith reported that he has received almost no response or assistance from the New Hampshire state affiliate, except that a week ago he was provided a spreadsheet he could use for fundraising. Mr. Goldsmith's personal efforts at fundraising have resulted in \$1,500 of pledges. Since the window for petitioning began in early June, he has obtained about 200 signatures. Mr. Sarwark has raised a \$500 pledge for the effort, and he inquired whether Mr. Goldsmith could commit to fundraise \$7,000 - \$8,000 in the next two weeks to roughly split the cost with the LNC. Mr. Goldsmith committed to try, but wasn't comfortable promising results.

The LNC budget for ballot access had \$9,900 remaining in it unencumbered. Mr. Redpath stated that he did not expect any additional ballot access expenditures this year.

Contribution limits in New Hampshire for this race are \$2,600 per person. Mr. Redpath stated he would lend the campaign \$2,600 for this effort.

Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$9,900 for the Goldsmith for U.S. Senate petition drive in New Hampshire with the proviso that all available cash in the Goldsmith campaign, whether contributions or loans, be spent first on this petition drive before LNC cash is spent.

Following debate, the vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "nay": Mattson

The main motion was adopted by a vote of 6-1.

## *ADJOURNMENT*

The Executive Committee adjourned without objection at 10:36 p.m. Eastern.