



## *LNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

## *CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES*

*DECEMBER 7, 2015*

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### *CALL TO ORDER*

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:34 p.m. (all times Eastern)

### *ATTENDANCE*

Executive Committee members participating were: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer), Sam Goldstein (At-Large), Jim Lark (Region 5), Bill Redpath (At-Large)

Other LNC participants were: Gary Johnson (At-Large), Norm Olsen (Region 1), Vicki Kirkland (Region 2), Rich Tomasso (Region 8), Joshua Katz (Region 8 Alternate)

Staff participants were: Wes Benedict (Executive Director)

Other participants were: Paul Frankel (Oklahoma ballot access petition coordinator), Tina Kelly (Vice-Chair, LP Oklahoma), Steve Long (Chair, LP Oklahoma), Richard Winger (Ballot Access Committee member), Caryn Harlos (party member), Ken Moellman (party member), George Phillies (party member), Matt Schutter (party member)

### *PURPOSE*

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the ballot access petition drive in Oklahoma.

### *OKLAHOMA BALLOT ACCESS*

General discussion yielded the following data points regarding the status of the drive: We have so far paid for 17,000 raw signatures, and there are an additional 2,000 signatures in hand for which we have not yet paid. We need roughly 24,700 valid signatures, and will need to collect over 40,000 raw signatures. We are now paying \$2.50 per signature. Mr. Benedict's best guess of validity rates were 65% plus/minus 10%. To date we have spent \$36,379 of the \$65,000 previously encumbered. The Oklahoma affiliate has so far recruited 6 State

House, 1 U.S. Senate, and 2 sheriff candidates who will take advantage of the ballot access, if available; Ms. Kelly and her colleagues believe they can recruit more candidates. The affiliate has so far collected 320 volunteer signatures toward their pledge of 2,000 signatures.

Mr. Redpath moved to increase the encumbrance for the Oklahoma petition drive from \$65,000 to \$85,000.

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

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

Voting "no": Mattson

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 6-1.

## *ADJOURNMENT*

Following expressions of thanks to Ms. Kelly and Mr. Winger for their time and financial commitments to the effort, the meeting adjourned without objection at 10:19 p.m. Eastern.

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