



LNC MINUTES

ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ADOBE CONNECT

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CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the special electronic meeting to order at approximately 8:07 p.m. (all times Eastern)

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Sam Goldstein, Daniel Hayes, Joshua Katz, Bill Redpath, Starchild

Regional Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1), Ed Marsh (Region 2), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), David Demarest (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7)

Regional Alternates: Steven Nielson (Region 1), Aaron Starr (Region 4), Larry Sharpe (Region 8)
(Mr. Starr lost his connection early during the meeting.)

Staff: Executive Director Wes Benedict, Operations Director Robert Kraus

Not present were: Brett Bittner (Region 3 Representative), Patrick McKnight (Region 8 Representative), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2 Alternate), Ken Moellman (Region 3 Alternate), Trent Somes (Region 5 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate), Danny Bedwell (Region 7 Alternate)

Guests present included: Alex Batchelor, Richard Brown, Paul Frankel, Michael Fucci, Candice Kuzov, Leigh Lachine, Chuck Moulton, Christopher Ray

AGENDA

This meeting had been called per Policy Manual Section 1.02.7 by request of David Demarest, Caryn Ann Harlos, Daniel Hayes, Jeff Hewitt, Joshua Katz, and Patrick McKnight for the purpose of discussing the following agenda items:

Amend Something Previously Adopted - Budget
Populating Committees
Transparency for Committees

CREDENTIALS AND HOUSEKEEPING

Ms. Mattson noted that Region 8 had appointed Larry Sharpe to fill its regional alternate vacancy.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Katz moved to amend the 2016 budget to increase Litigation Expense (Line 75) by \$14,000. Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Redpath, Sharpe, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-0.

Mr. Katz moved to amend the 2016 budget to increase Candidates, Campaigns, & Initiatives Expense (Line 60) by \$47,000.

Following some debate, Ms. Harlos moved to divide the question into:

- 1) amend the 2016 budget to increase Candidates, Campaigns, & Initiatives Expense (Line 60) by \$27,000 which would could be used for candidate support, and;
- 2) amend the 2016 budget to increase Candidates, Campaigns, & Initiatives Expense (Line 60) by \$20,000 for efforts to get Libertarians appointed to federal positions and to engage in general outreach to political players in the District of Columbia

There was no objection to division of the question.

The LNC first took up the motion for a \$27,000 increase for candidate support. Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Sharpe, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 15-0.

The LNC next took up the motion for a \$20,000 increase for federal appointments and outreach in D.C. Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Katz, Marsh, Sharpe

Voting "no": Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Express Abstentions: Bilyeu, Mattson

The motion failed with a vote total of 3-10.

The LNC discussed two ongoing email ballots which end tonight, but no action was taken.

POPULATING COMMITTEES

Informal discussion yielded the consensus that no action was needed at this time to populate other committees. The LNC positions on the IT Committee have been filled, and those members are working to solicit interest to fill the remaining positions. The Convention Oversight Committee is expected to be populated at the December LNC meeting, and there is no need to populate the Awards Committee this far in advance of the 2018 national convention.

COMMITTEE TRANSPARENCY

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Policy Manual to insert a new item into Section 2.02 as follows:

[“2\) Committee Transparency](#)

The names and contact information (phone number, email address, or both) for all committee members shall be posted on the LP.org website. Unless otherwise specifically excepted on a committee-by-committee basis, all committee meetings shall be open to any member of the National Party to observe or listen with the exception of executive sessions and all electronic committee correspondences shall be made available on a public reflector system on the LP.org website, the location of which will be published with the committee contact information. Notices, minutes, agendas, and call-in information of committee meetings shall be published to said reflector list or otherwise on the LP.org <<http://lp.org/>> website, including a record of all substantive committee actions and how each member voted. At least 48 hours public notice will be given for any committee meeting, with the exception of emergency meetings as defined within the committee's own published standing rules.”

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to postpone the motion to the December LNC meeting. The vote on the motion to postpone was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Redpath, Sharpe, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Demarest, Goldstein, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson

The motion to postpone was adopted with a vote total of 8-7.

ADJOURNMENT

Following public comment, the meeting adjourned without objection at 10:05 p.m.