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All main substantive motions will be set off by *bold and italics in green font* (with related subsidiary and incidental motions *set off by highlighted italics*) and will be assigned a motion number comprising the date and a sequential number to be recorded in the Secretary's Main Motion/Ballot Tally record located at <https://tinyurl.com/lncvotestally2020>

Points of Order and substantive objections will be indicated in **BOLD RED TEXT**.

All vote results, challenges, and rulings will be set off by **BOLD ITALICS**.

There was no One Note notebook produced for this meeting.

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OPENING CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nicholas Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:01 p.m. (all times Eastern Time).

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

HOUSEKEEPING

ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

Officers: Nicholas Sarwark (Chair), Alex Merced (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Joe Bishop-Henchman, Sam Goldstein, Alicia Mattson, Bill Redpath, Joshua Smith

Regional Representatives: Richard Longstreth (Region 1), Steven Nekhaila (Region 2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Susan Hogarth (Region 5), John Phillips (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7), Tucker Coburn (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Francis Wendt (Region 1), Paige Sexton (Region 2), Tim Ferreira (Region 4), David Valente (Region 5), Matthew Bughman (Region 6), Erin Adams (Region 7), Richard Bowen (Region 8)

Absent: None

Staff: Daniel Fishman (Executive Director)

The gallery contained many attendees not specifically noted.

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF SECOND SITTING OF 2020 CONVENTION

Ms. Mattson moved to change the location of the 2020 Libertarian National Convention to be the Rosen Centre Hotel and the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. [200703-1]

Ms. Mattson updated the LNC on the resolutions of various contract difficulties that had been issues of concern with the final result of the hotel giving the Party everything it asked it for (i.e., the moon).

Ms. Harlos moved to amend the Mattson motion as follows:

Move to change the location of the 2020 national convention to be the Rosen Center Hotel and the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Florida. In the event of this location no longer being available or the state of Florida making the event no longer possible, an online convention will take place during the same dates and times.

The Harlos amendment died for lack of a second.

Upon request, the Convention Oversight Committee Chair Bette Rose Ryan was asked to give her opinion regarding the current offer from the venue and any concurrent risks and fielded questions. Her opinion was overwhelmingly favorable.

Ms. Adams moved to amend the Mattson motion as follows:

Move to change the location of the 2020 national convention to be the Rosen Center Hotel and the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Florida as well as simultaneously online.

Ms. Mattson raised a **POINT OF ORDER** that the LNC does not have the authority to allow full remote participation as only the delegates in convention have the authority to allow anything that would require a bylaws amendment to make possible. Mr. Sarwark ruled the point of order **NOT WELL-TAKEN**.

Ms. Harlos **APPEALED** from the ruling of the Chair.

After debate, a roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Bilyeu / Adams	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Coburn / Bowen	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos			X
Hewitt / Ferreira	X		
Hogarth / Valente	X		
Longstreth	X		
Mattson		X	
Merced	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila / Sexton	X		
Phillips / Bughman	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X

Member / Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Smith ¹			
TOTALS	13	1	2

The ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED with a roll call vote of 13-1-2-1. [200703-2]

Without objection, Mr. Phillips moved to end debate on the amendment.

A roll call vote was conducted on the Adams amendment with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Bilyeu / Adams	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Coburn / Bowen	X		
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos			X
Hewitt / Ferreira	X		
Hogarth / Valente	X		
Longstreth	X		
Mattson			X
Merced	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila / Sexton	X		
Phillips / Bughman	X		
Redpath	X		
Sarwark			X
Smith	X		
TOTALS	14	0	3

The amendment PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-0-3. [200703-3]

Without objection, the LNC entered into recess until 10:05 p.m.

Ms. Adams inquired if the LNC or the Convention Oversight Committee had the authority to add a stipulation for a fee for online participation and was advised that floor fees have a long history of being deeply divisive and would not be recommended.

Mr. Redpath moved to amend to strike everything except the online portion as follows:

Move to ~~change the location of hold~~ the 2020 national convention ~~to be the Rosen Center Hotel and the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Florida as well as~~ **simultaneously** online.

¹ As Mr. Smith was non-responsive during the roll call for his name, he was counted as a non-vote.

Mr. Redpath requested permission to withdraw his motion which was granted without objection due to obvious lack of support.

The main motion returned to the following language:

Move to change the location of the 2020 national convention to be the Rosen Center Hotel and the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Florida as well as simultaneously online.

A roll call vote was conducted on the main motion with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Bilyeu / Adams	X		
Bishop-Henchman	X		
Coburn / Bowen		X	
Goldstein	X		
Hagan	X		
Harlos	X		
Hewitt / Ferreira	X		
Hogarth / Valente	X		
Longstreth	X		
Mattson	X		
Merced	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila / Sexton	X		
Phillips / Bughman	X		
Redpath			X
Sarwark			X
Smith	X		
TOTALS	14	1	2

The motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-1-2. [200703-1]

Ms. Hogarth raised a point of parliamentary inquiry asking if the state of Florida shut down the possibility to hold the in-person portion at the last moment whether this motion would then require the convention to be held entirely online during the same time period. Mr. Sarwark stated it would.

Mr. Wendt raised a point of parliamentary inquiry about a previous motion restricting the chair's authority to cancel the contract in the event of a closure by the state of Florida. Mr. Sarwark indicated that motion was restricted to the contract for the Shingle Creek location only.

Mr. Bishop-Henchman asked if the upcoming LNC meeting scheduled for July 8, 2020 would be conducted in the same manner as the convention, i.e., both in-person and online. Mr. Sarwark stated that it was his intention to do so.

Mr. Hagan asked if, in the event that the convention goes entirely online due to impossibility, the LNC has the authority to change the start time to a later time to accommodate western delegates and Hawaii. Mr. Sarwark stated that he did not believe this would be appropriate.

Ms. Harlos requested that the Chair confirm that he had no intention of cancelling this current contract for any reason other than impossibility. He so confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

The LNC adjourned for the evening without objection at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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