

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
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VIA ZOOM



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**LEGEND:** text to be inserted, ~~text to be deleted~~, unchanged existing text, *substantive final main motions*.

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/LNCVotes2023>

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**.

The Secretary produces an electronic One Note notebook for each meeting that contains all reports submitted as well as supplementary information. The notebook for this meeting can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/May2023LNC>

The LPedia article for this meeting can be found at:  
[https://lpedia.org/wiki/LNC\\_Meeting\\_7\\_May\\_2023](https://lpedia.org/wiki/LNC_Meeting_7_May_2023)

Recordings for this meeting can be found at the LPedia link.

## OPENING CEREMONY

### CALL TO ORDER AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Angela McArdle called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. (all times Eastern).

## HOUSEKEEPING

### ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

**Officers:** Angela McArdle (Chair), Andrew Watkins (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Todd Hagopian (Treasurer)

**At-Large Representatives:** Dustin Blankenship, Rich Bowen, Steven Nekhaila, Mike Rufo, Kathy Yeniscavich

**Regional Representatives:** Miguel Duque (Region 1), Dave Benner (Region 2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3), Carrie Eiler (Region 4), Otto Dassing (Region 5), Mark Tuniewicz (Region 6), Linnea Gabbard (Region 7), Pat Ford (Region 8)

**Regional Alternates:** Becky Jones (Region 1), Martin Cowen (Region 2), Will Hyman (Region 5), Bill Redpath (Region 6), Donovan Pantke (Region 7)

**Absent:** Joshua Clark (Region 4 Alternate), Randall Daniel (Region 3 Alternate), Robley Hall (Region 8 Alternate)

**Staff:** Lainie Huston (Executive Director), Andy Buchkovich (CTO)

The gallery contained many attendees as noted in the Registration Roster attached hereto as **Appendix 1** comprising person who registered in advance, though not all of the registrants attended.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons spoke during public comment:

- Rich Bowen (LNC)
- Eli Dalton-Webb (AZ)
- Pietro Geraci (NY)
- Eliseo Gonzalez (CO)
- Hannah Goodman (CO)
- Caryn Ann Harlos (LNC)
- Nathan Madden (AZ)

- Adrian F Malagon (CA)
- Hector Roos (FL)
- Stephan Sechrest (NE)

**PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Chair previously submitted a proposed agenda as follows:

<b>Opening Ceremony</b>			
	Call to Order		7:00 p.m.
	Attendance		5 Minutes
	Opportunity for Public Comment (2 minutes each)		10 Minutes
<b>New Business with Previous Notice</b>			
1.	Policy Manual Committee (APRC amendments, discussion of organization issue with PM, replace Bryan Elliott on advisory committee)	Committee	20 Minutes
2.	Fill Assistant Treasurer	Hagopian	5 Minutes
3.	CiviCRM Discussion	McArdle	30 Minutes
4.	Membership goals and expectations followed by motion (discussion in executive session)	Nanna	30 Minutes
5.	Motion to Reallocate Affiliate Support Budget	McArdle	10 Minutes
6.	Ballot Access Committee Update	Nanna	10 Minutes
7.	Motion for Adjourned meeting expected	Nanna/Harlos	
<b>Closing Ceremony</b>			
	Announcements and Adjournment		9:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE**

**POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT-APRC**

*On behalf of the Policy Manual Advisory Committee, Secretary Harlos moved the following amendments to the Policy Manual Section 2.02.2: Advertising & Publication Review Committee: [20230507-01]*

The Advertising & Publication Review Committee (APRC) shall review and advise whether official public communications of the Party violate our bylaws, policy manual, ~~or~~ advocate moving public policy in a different direction other than a libertarian direction, as delineated by the Party platform, or are detrimental to the image of the Party. Staff may seek advance advice from the APRC on any proposed communication, and the APRC may provide advance guidance on their own initiative.

The APRC is not required to provide advance review of any social media content or items that are of an urgent nature as determined by the Executive Director or the LNC Chair.

All other official public communications must be sent to the APRC in and given three (3) hours to review. This time frame may be shortened if the entire APRC

approves the communication earlier. If a majority of the entire APRC disapproves a communication with specified reasons within its scope, the communication will not be sent. The LNC Chair may override this disapproval.

All public communications may be subject to later review or reconsideration upon receipt of a credible written complaint from any Party member that is emailed to staff or an LNC member. All complaints should be promptly forwarded to the LNC Chair and the APRC Chair. Upon receipt of such complaint, the APRC shall have twenty-four (24) hours to make a recommendation whether or not to remove the communication from the public sphere to the extent possible or make other recommendations by a majority vote of the entire APRC. The LNC Chair may override such recommendations.

~~Public communications may be defined in either of two (2) categories: time-sensitive or enduring.~~

- ~~Public communications that are of a time-sensitive nature, namely mass e-mails, news releases, twitter posts, and blog entries, shall be made available to the APRC upon their publication.~~
- ~~Public communications that are of a more enduring nature, such as LP News, Liberty Pledge News, self-published Party literature, and fundraising letters, shall be made available to the APRC before the final proof is approved for printing and distribution.~~

~~Staff may seek advance advice from the APRC on any proposed communication.~~

~~Staff may reasonably conclude that the failure of the APRC to provide advice in a timely manner is tantamount to the committee's approval.~~

- ~~In the case of public communications that are of a time-sensitive nature, a response is considered timely if made within six (6) hours of staff's submission of the subject matter to the committee, if submitted prior to its publication; and within forty-eight (48) hours, if submitted after its publication.~~
- ~~In the case of public communications that are of a more enduring nature, a response is considered timely if made within twenty-four (24) hours of staff's submission of the subject matter to the committee.~~

~~If a majority of the committee concludes that a public communication violates the bylaws, policy manual, or advocates moving public policy in a different direction other than a libertarian direction, as delineated by the Party platform, the committee chair shall report such to the Executive Director and the LNC Chair, citing the specific platform plank, bylaw or policy manual section. Official~~

~~decisions of the APRC which are overridden shall be promptly reported to the LNC without revealing confidential employer-employee matters.~~

Communications between the APRC, staff, and the LNC Chair are in the nature of confidential employer-employee communications. Official decisions of the APRC which are overridden shall be promptly reported to the LNC by the APRC Chair without revealing confidential employer-employee matters. However, the APRC may by majority vote agree to consult with other relevant individuals about matters which come before it, conditioned upon the prior agreement by such individuals to maintain confidentiality of the discussions. ~~The LNC Chair in their bylaws defined role as Chief Executive Officer of the Party retains the sole right to discipline and discharge employees who repeatedly contravene official Party positions.~~

**WITHOUT OBJECTION**, Treasurer Hagopian moved to end debate.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner/Cowen	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Dassing/Hyman	X		
Duque/Jones	X		
Eiler/Clark		X	
Ford/Hall	X		
Gabbard/Pantke	X		
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna/Daniel	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		
Tuniewicz/Redpath	X		
Watkins	X		
Yeniscavich	X		
McArdle			X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-1-1. [20230507-01]**

**WITHOUT OBJECTION**, Vice-Chair Watkins moved to extend time for five (5) minutes.

#### **FILL VACANCY ON CHAIR'S ADVISORY POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE**

**WITHOUT OBJECTION**, Secretary Harlos moved to appoint Dustin Blankenship to fill the vacancy on the Chair's Advisory Policy Manual Committee. [20230507-02]

## DISCUSSION ON POLICY MANUAL ISSUES

Secretary Harlos informed the LNC on issues of confusion in the Policy Manual between the Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules and some possible solutions.

## FILL ASSISTANT TREASURER

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, Treasurer Hagopian moved to appoint Robert J. Hamilton (Joey Hamilton) of Colorado to fill the vacancy in the Assistant Treasurer position. [20230507-03]**

## CIVICRM DISCUSSION

Executive Director Lainie Huston and Chief Technology Officer Andy Buchovich gave a presentation on the challenges with CiviCRM and its use as a fundraising tool. They also fielded questions and answers.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**WITHOUT OBJECTION**, upon motion of Mr. Nanna, the LNC went into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for purposes of discussion of political strategy and staff fundraising and membership goals/expectations. Staff was present for a portion of the discussion.

The LNC arose out of Executive Session at 10:41 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE (CONT'D)

## SETTING FUNDRAISING GOALS

**Mr. Nanna moved to set a fundraising goal of \$100K for the month of May, \$120K for the month of June, and each month thereafter at least \$120K or more. [20230507-04]**

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner/Cowen	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Dassing/Hyman		X	
Duque/Jones		X	
Eiler/Clark		X	
Ford/Hall	X		
Gabbard/Pantke		X	
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna/Daniel	X		



Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo		X	
Tuniewicz/Redpath	X		
Watkins	X		
Yeniscavich	X		
McArdle			X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

**This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 11-5-1. [20230507-04]**

After discussion, it was decided that the rest of the agenda, and items that did not make it onto the agenda could be taken care of over email or at the next meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

The LNC adjourned for the day **WITHOUT OBJECTION** at 10:51 p.m.

### TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS

\*Note that the master log of motions in 2023 can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/LNCVotes2023>

ID#	Motion/Ballot	Result
20230507-01	Amend Policy Manual on APRC	PASSED
20230507-02	Appoint Dustin Blankenship to Chair's Advisory PM Committee	PASSED
20230507-03	Appoint Robert J. Hamilton to fill vacancy in position of Assistant Treasurer	PASSED
20230507-04	Set fundraising goals	PASSED

### TABLE OF APPENDICES

Appendix	Title	Author
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Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A – LOG OF REGISTRANTS

REGISTRANTS SHEET<sup>1</sup>

<b><u>NAME</u></b>
Sylvia Arrowwood
Gerred Bell
Richard Benderson
Samuel Bohler
Travis Bost
Paul Bracco
Jason Bradley
Ryna Brown
Rob Burks
Justin Carman
John Cashin
Andrew Chadderdon
Michael Crump
Eli Dalton-Webb
Dean Davison
Liz DelSignore
Stephen Ecker
Roman Garcia
Scott Gearhart
Pietro Geraci
Nicole Giver
Eliseo Gonzalez
Hannah Goodman
David Graham
Ryan Graham
Tim Hagan
Joey Hamilton
Jennifer Haubein
Damon Hertzinger
James Higgins
Josh Hlavka
Susan Hogarth
Andrew Jacobs
Jonathan Jacobs
Rebecca Jones
Brittany Kosin
TJ Kosin
Rich Leach

<sup>1</sup> The Zoom link required registration. This list comprises all persons who registered (with the exception of LNC members, staff, and other national Party representatives) but not everyone necessarily attended.

<b>NAME</b>
Jennifer Leatherbury
Patrick Leistner
Mark Lewis
Nathan Madden
Adrian F Malagon
Ken Mattes
Irene Mavrakakis
Kat McElroy
Michael McFarlan
Jonathan McGree
Patrick Merritt
Lawrence Millen
Jay Norton
George Phillies
Hector Roos
Austin Shackelford
H. Marty Schelper
Stephen Sechrest
Larry Silver
Kara Smith
Paul Soares
James St. John
Robert Vinson