



LNC Meeting Minutes, May 26, 2008, Denver, CO

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*** Automatic approval dates relative to September 6-7 LNC meeting**

While the newly formed LNC awaited the arrival of Secretary Bob Sullentrup, the board introduced themselves to one another. The LNC also discussed possible meeting dates which included:

- The annual budget meeting December 6-7. Admiral Colley noted it interfered with the Army-Navy game. The alternative of November 15-16 was rejected in favor of the December meeting.
- The next LNC meeting is slated for September 6-7.
- The first meeting in 2009 will likely coincide with the February 27-March 1 LSLA meeting in Charleston, SC.

The meeting commenced at 2:25 p.m. on May 26, 2008.

Moment of Reflection

Chair Bill Redpath called for a moment of reflection, a practice at LNC meetings.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Peter Beary of Louisiana suggested New Orleans for both an LNC meeting and site of a national convention.

Jim Duensing (NV) requested the LNC post approved minutes on the web without undue delay.

Tony Ryan moved to have final versions of minutes approved and posted to the web no more than three weeks after LNC meetings. The issue is contained in the LNC Policy Manual, and Tony agreed to postpone the matter until the next meeting in order to draft language for the Policy Manual.

Paperwork Check

There was no paperwork at this meeting.

Attendance and Credentials

The LNC for the 2008-2010 term consists of:

Officers: Chair Bill Redpath, Vice-Chair Michael Jingoian, Treasurer Aaron Starr, Secretary Bob Sullentrup.

At-Large Representatives: Admiral Michael Colley, Pat Dixon, Angela Keaton, Lee Wrights, Dr. Mary Ruwart.

Regional Representatives:

Tony Ryan (1), Mark Hinkle (2), Rebecca Sink-Burris (3), Stewart Flood(4), Dr. James Lark (5-S), Dan Karlan (5-N), Julie Fox (6), Rachel Hawkrigde (7)

Regional Alternates: Scott Lieberman(2), Heather Scott(4), Hardy Macia (5-N), Jake Porter (6) and Steve LaBianca (7).

Alternates not attending were George Squyres (1), Bob Jackson (3) and Berlie Etzel (5-S).

LNC Counsel Bill Hall attended.

Staff included Acting Executive Director Robert Kraus, Communications Director Andrew Davis, Political Director Sean Haugh, and Direct Marketing Manager Louise Calise.

Other attendees included were 20+ convention attendees. The list was too extensive to compile, particularly with the convention that had adjourned two hours late and the need for many to catch flights.

The following table lists the composition of the current LNC as accepted at the May 26, 2006 meeting. It has yet to be amended.

Region	Affiliates	Representative	Alternate
Region 1	Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming	Tony Ryan ¹ (AZ)	George Squyres (AZ)
Region 2	California	Mark Hinkle (CA)	Scott Lieberman (CA)
Region 3	Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana	Rebecca Sink-Burris (IN)	Bob Jackson (MI)
Region 4	Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas	Stewart Flood (SC)	Heather Scott (TN)
Region 5 - South	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia	James W. Lark, III (VA)	Berlie Etzel (PA)
Region 5 - North	Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont	Dan Karlan (NJ)	Hardy Macia (VT)
Region 6	Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin	Julie Fox (IL)	Jake Porter (MO)
Region 7	Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington	Rachel Hawkridge (WA)	Steve LaBianca (FL)
Orphans	Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Arkansas		

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Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Bill Redpath reported he is the Treasurer of Fair Vote, on the board of Citizens in Charge that devotes itself to promoting initiatives and referenda and he is campaigning as the Libertarian Party candidate for the Virginia US Senate seat.

Dr. Lark reported he is on the board of a new group, Students for Liberty, as well as the Advocates for Self-Government and the International Society for Individual Liberty.

Bob Sullentrup reported he is on the board of Rock-The-Debates.

Rachel Hawkrige reported her niece is under consideration as a HQ employee and has submitted a resume to Admiral Colley.

Mary Ruwart reported she is on the board of the International Society for Individual Liberty.

Stewart Flood said he sells software to LP affiliates.

Rebecca Sink-Burris is on the board of the Atlas Liberty PAC.

Robert Kraus is involved in the Voter Freedom organization.

Julie Fox is involved with the Liberty Foundation.

Tony Ryan is on the LEAP (Law Enforcement against Prohibition) board.

Michael Jingoian is the founder of Reset America whose future is not clear.

Mark Hinkle is on the Judicial Committee in CA and belongs to a civil rights alliance for Muslims.

Pat Dixon reported that he donated the maximum federal limit to the Ron Paul campaign but donated far more to the LP and its candidates. Mary Ruwart also donated the maximum federal limit to the Ron Paul campaign.

Approval of the Agenda

The Chair proposed the following agenda which was accepted.

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Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report

Aaron Starr presented a treasurer's report including an auditor's report and financial statements. It included these highlights:

- Handling deferred revenues for life members has recently changed. Records on life members are not as good as we want them and since circumstances have changed, the auditor now recommends the Party recognize life memberships as donations.
- Balance sheet is as good as or better than it has been in years.
- We are spending 'a lot' on ballot access.

Time was extended to address the Give-Or-Get program for this term.

Secretary's Report

Bob Sullentrop noted the Certificates of Nomination must be prepared and delivered to Secretaries of State. He asked for the cities of residence of our ticket, which was provided as follows:

Bob Barr Smyrna, GA
Wayne A. Root Henderson, NV

Bob noted we might make replicas of the Certificate of Nomination as incentives for donations.

Bob also recommended we consider Boise, Idaho for the next LNC meeting.

Staff Report

Robert Kraus introduced:

Andrew Davis, LP Media Director

Louise Calise, Direct Mail specialist
Sean Haugh, Political Director

Additional staff employees include:

Austin Petersen	Volunteer Coordinator
Susan Dixon	Membership
Alexa Lamoureux	Administration
Aaron and Mark	Interns

Andrew noted the several media events over the weekend and the positive reception. We 'took care of them' was the feedback Andrew received.

Sean reviewed an updated ballot access plan calling for ballot access in 50 states plus DC. Challenges are expected in several states owing to Barr's impact on McCain.

Russ Verney, campaign manager for Ross Perot, is Bob Barr's campaign manager.

Legal Matters

Bill Hall clarified the meaning and importance of "executive session". Discussions in executive sessions cannot be repeated at the risk of waiving attorney-client privilege and affecting the discovery process in litigation that allows documents and materials to be revealed. Discussing public information is acceptable, but anything sourced from executive session cannot be discussed outside of executive session. No minutes of proceedings in executive session are taken. No actions are taken inside of executive session.

Bill maintains a separate e-mail list for this purpose. When he has utilized this list, he has prominently displayed "privileged and confidential" in the title and elsewhere, and indicated the content is not for extended circulation. The term "privileged and confidential" will also appear.

Action Items Not Previously Submitted in Writing

Contract with the Campaign

The LNC discussed the need for a contract with the 2008 presidential campaign concerning the sharing of donor information, ballot access considerations, and other items. It was noted that there was a contract between the LNC and the Badnarik campaign in 2004 that addressed such issues.

Pat Dixon moved to authorize the Chair to strike a draft contract with the presidential campaign that he will review with the board before it is executed. There was no objection to this motion.

Executive Director Search

Admiral Colley noted the number of names that have emerged in his ED search is still limited. Contact Admiral Colley if you would like to recommend someone.

Committee Assignments

Prospective Reinstatement of the Advertising and Publications Review Committee

Mary Ruwart initially moved to form an APRC (Advertising and Publications Review Committee) by reinstating section E on page 34 of the Aug 06 policy manual, (section E). The proposal was modified

to: Mary Ruwart moved that the LNC appoint the APRC (Advertising and Publications Review Committee), but that it would have no authority until the LNC approved, by mail ballot, the new language which the APRC would produce within 2 weeks.

Pat Dixon and Aaron Starr voted against the measure. Everyone else approved.

Advertising and Publications Review Committee

Lee Wrights, Mary Ruwart, Aaron Starr, Stewart Flood and Michael Jingoian were named to the Committee. This Committee may take no action until the new language for the policy manual is approved by mail ballot.

Lee Wrights was initially named to be the chair of the APRC. In the discussion that generated a revision to the motion above, Lee's chairmanship dissipated. The evidence of this includes Ms. Ruwart not mentioning Lee's chairmanship in her clarification to the minutes after the meeting. Moreover, the committee met after the LNC meeting and selected Stewart Flood as chair, subject to the committee being officially formed under the provisions noted above and enabled to take this action.

Executive Committee

The EC will once again be responsible for approving and allocating ballot access funds.

The EC will consist of the four officers and Dr. Lark, Admiral Colley and Mark Hinkle.

2010 Convention Oversight Committee

Admiral Colley, Bob Sullentrup, Pat Dixon, Rachel Hawkridge and Stewart Flood.

Audit

Julie Fox, Mark Rutherford, M Carling.

Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC)

Admiral Colley, Pat Dixon, Aaron Starr.

Women and Minority Outreach

Stewart Flood, Mary Ruwart, Rachel Hawkridge, Angela Keaton

Jim Lark commended the \$5000 donation from Bill Redpath at the dinner Sunday evening. Aaron Starr commended Hardy Macia, Jim Lark, Bill Hall and Emily Salvette who donated the same. Jim Lark noted Aaron Starr also donated \$5000, and thanked him and all the others who had followed the chair's example.

Pat Dixon noted the Texas convention is coming in three weeks.

Next Meetings

The schedule for subsequent LNC meetings is as follows:

Regular	September 6-7	TBD – probably DC area
Budget	December 6-7	TBD – probably California
LSLA-Joint	Feb 27-Mar 1	Charleston, SC