



LNC MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The 2:00 p.m. (all times Eastern) meeting was called to order and Caryn Ann Harlos served as Secretary Pro Tem until Secretary Mattson's arrival at 2:09 p.m. during public comments. Mr. Vohra arrived at approximately 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Only two candidates for at-large representative (Bill Redpath and Sam Goldstein) received a majority vote of the convention. Thus, there were three at-large vacancies.

Ms. Mattson reviewed the regional formations.

Attending the meeting were:

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

At-Large Representatives: Sam Goldstein, Bill Redpath

Regional Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1), Ed Marsh (Region 2), Brett Bittner (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4), Jim Lark (Region 5), David Demarest (Region 6), Patrick McKnight (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Aaron Starr (Region 4), Trent Somes (Region 5), Danny Bedwell (Region 7), Joshua Katz (Region 8)

Staff: Wes Benedict (Executive Director)

Not attending the meeting were:

Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7 Representative), Steve Nielson (Region 1 Alternate), Steve Nekhaila (Region 2 Alternate), Ken Moellman (Region 3 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate)

The gallery contained many other attendees in addition to those listed above.

AGENDA

There was no agenda adopted for this meeting.

SPECIAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Hagan moved that the LNC fill the three at-large vacancies with the top three vote recipients who had not received a majority vote from the convention. Because LNC Counsel Oliver Hall was present but needed to depart soon, the Hagan motion was tabled without objection to allow Mr. Hall to deliver his report.

Mr. Hall had submitted a written report. He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions about his activities on behalf of the party, including ballot access litigation in Pennsylvania, Maine, and Arizona. Mr. Hall discussed with the LNC the joint fundraising committee established by the Gary Johnson campaign, and he will write a guidance letter for our state affiliates participating in it.

Mr. Sarwark expressed an intent to have Mr. Hall negotiate both the presidential ticket campaign cooperation agreement and the joint fundraising committee agreement at the same time unless there was LNC opposition.

Ms. Harlos moved that the LNC approve joining the joint fundraising committee separate from the campaign cooperation agreement. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Goldstein moved that the chair be authorized to negotiate and enter into binding contracts with the Gary Johnson campaign on both the campaign cooperation agreement and the joint fundraising committee. The motion was adopted without objection.

AT-LARGE VACANCIES

Without objection, the LNC took up the tabled motion to fill the three at-large vacancies with the top-three vote recipients who had not received a majority vote from the convention. Kim Ruff relayed to the LNC a text message exchange she had with Darryl Perry in which he indicated he wished to withdraw from consideration for at-large. Ms. Mattson read the non-write-in results from the at-large election, which with the withdrawal of Mr. Perry meant that the motion would fill the vacancies with Marc Feldman, Starchild, and Daniel Hayes.

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Goldstein while he left the room briefly, but Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel before the vote.

Following debate, the vote on the motion to fill the at-large vacancies with Marc Feldman, Starchild, and Daniel Hayes was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bedwell, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath

Voting "no": Mattson

Abstaining: Sarwark

Dr. Feldman, Starchild and Mr. Hayes were elected with a vote total of 11-1. Dr. Feldman was not present, but Starchild and Mr. Hayes took their places at the table.

POPULATING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations were opened for the non-officer members of the Executive Committee, which (pursuant to Policy Manual Section 1.03.1) is composed of the 4 officers plus any number of LNC members. Mr. Sarwark stated his preference to have Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Lark, and Mr. Redpath, who had served in the non-officer Executive Committee positions during the previous term.

Mr. Bittner nominated Mr. Goldstein.

Mr. Goldstein nominated Mr. Redpath.

Mr. Marsh nominated Dr. Lark.

Starchild nominated Ms. Harlos.

Mr. Sarwark indicated the election would be conducted with a ballot vote. Starchild moved to instead conduct the election with a roll call vote.

Mr. Vohra joined the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The vote on Starchild's motion for a roll call election was conducted with a roll call vote as follows:

Voting "aye": Bedwell, Bittner, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "no": Goldstein, Hewitt, Mattson, Redpath

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 10-4.

Without objection the LNC used signed ballots to conduct the roll call election, with each person voting for up to three candidates.

While the ballots were tallied by Mr. Katz and Mr. Somes, Mr. Hagan gave a quick update on fundraising at the banquet.

FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Mr. Hagan reported that the convention fundraising banquet on May 29 had raised \$101,000. Data was not yet assembled for the overall convention finances. Mr. Hagan departed the meeting following his report.

SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

While the ballots were tallied for the Executive Committee, the LNC scheduled its next meeting.

Following discussion, Mr. Hewitt moved to schedule the next LNC meeting for one day on Sunday, July 17th, in conjunction with Freedom Fest in Las Vegas, presuming that staff can negotiate acceptable terms. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

The votes cast on the signed ballots for the Executive Committee election were as follows:

Bedwell: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Bittner: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Demarest: Harlos, Lark, Redpath
Goldstein: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Hagan: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Harlos: Goldstein, Harlos
Hayes: Harlos, Lark, Redpath
Hewitt: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Lark: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Marsh: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Mattson: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
McKnight: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Redpath: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath
Sarwark: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath

Starchild: Harlos
Vohra: Goldstein, Lark, Redpath

With 16 ballots cast, the vote totals for each candidate were as follows:

Lark - 14
Redpath - 14
Goldstein - 13
Harlos - 4

Dr. Lark, Mr. Redpath, and Mr. Goldstein were elected to the Executive Committee by majority votes.

SCHEDULING WINTER MEETING

Mr. Goldstein made a motion which (after wordsmithing) became that the LNC's fall meeting will be December 3-4, 2016 in Alexandria, VA near the party headquarters. Starchild moved a substitute that we meet December 3-4, 2016 in the party headquarters itself unless LNC members pay for or raise money for paying for other meeting space.

Following debate, the roll call vote on the substitute was as follows.

Voting "aye": Starchild

Voting "no": Bedwell, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Vohra

Abstaining: Harlos, Sarwark

The Starchild motion to substitute was not adopted with a vote total of 1-12, leaving Mr. Goldstein's motion as the main motion.

Following additional debate, the main motion was adopted by a voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT TREASURER

Pursuant to Bylaw Article 10.6, the LNC is to appoint an Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Redpath (who has previously served as Treasurer) indicated his willingness to serve in that role. There being only one interested candidate, Mr. Redpath was appointed by a voice vote with no opposition.

POPULATING APRC

Pursuant to Policy Manual Section 1.03.1, the Advertising & Publications Review Committee (APRC) is composed of no more than 5 people, all LNC members or alternates.

Nominations were opened for the APRC.

Mr. Goldstein nominated Mr. Bittner.
Ms. Mattson nominated Mr. Katz.
Mr. Goldstein nominated Ms. Harlos.
Ms. Harlos nominated Mr. Somes.
Dr. Lark nominated Mr. Vohra.

There being only five nominees, without objection all five nominees were elected by acclamation.

POPULATING EPCC

Pursuant to Policy Manual Section 1.03.1, the Employment Policy & Compensation Committee is composed of three LNC members or alternates other than the LNC Chair. Mr. Hayes moved that the Employment Policy & Compensation Committee be the same members as last term, those being Dr. Lark, Mr. Katz, and Mr. Bittner. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

POPULATING BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE

Starchild requested that the LNC re-appoint the Ballot Access Committee. Pursuant to Policy Manual Section 1.03.1, the committee is composed of five party members, no less than three of which shall be LNC members or alternates, with the LNC members or alternates selected by the LNC using approval voting, and the non-LNC members selected by the LNC Chair.

Nominees for the LNC seats were: Mr. Demarest, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Moellman, Mr. Redpath

Nominations were closed without objection.

Suggested names for the non-LNC seats were: Richard Winger, Paul Frankel, Andy Jacobs, and Mark Axinn, though the LNC Chair selects these positions and may appoint from outside this list of suggestions.

Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC appoint 3 LNC members or alternates to the Ballot Access Committee and then allow the LNC Chair to appoint two additional non-LNC persons. The motion was adopted without objection.

A ballot vote was taken to select the 3 LNC members or alternates on the committee. Mr. Katz and Mr. Somes served as tellers. The results were as follows:

Redpath - 13
Moellman - 10
Hayes - 5
Marsh - 5
Demarest - 4

Without objection, the tie between Mr. Hayes and Mr. Marsh was resolved with a coin toss, with Mr. Marsh being chosen. The three elected to the committee were Mr. Redpath, Mr. Moellman, and Mr. Marsh.

Though Mr. Moellman was not present, he indicated by telephone that he is willing to serve as chair of the Ballot Access Committee. Mr. Sarwark appointed Mr. Moellman as chair of the Ballot Access Committee, with the understanding that Mr. Redpath will continue to handle the operational details of ballot access drives.

RESCIND WELD NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

After citing a Facebook post made by Alicia Dearn about the reasons for her actions concerning the Vice-Presidential nomination, Mr. Vohra moved to rescind the nomination of William Weld as the Vice-Presidential nominee. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": (none)

Voting "no": Bedwell, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Abstaining: Starchild

The motion was not adopted with a vote total of 0-14.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following public comment, Mr. Vohra moved to enter executive session to discuss Mr. Benedict's contract renewal. Without objection, the LNC took a 5 minute recess and then entered executive session at 4:30 p.m.

The LNC rose from executive session without objection at 5:27 p.m.

Ms. Mattson departed at 5:35 p.m., and Ms. Harlos served as Secretary Pro Tem for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Marsh moved for the LNC to authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Mr. Benedict under the terms previously discussed for the time period through December 31, 2018 after the review required by the Policy Manual.

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bedwell, Demarest, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Sarwark

Voting "no": Starchild

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Marsh moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted without objection at 5:38 p.m.