



September 6, 2003

Executive Committee Meeting

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A regular meeting held at 11 AM at Troutman's Barbecue,
Concord, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: eclPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudiciaryComm@LPNC.com

With Mr. Wrights presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 11:05 AM.

Members Present: Ms Howe – by proxy (Mr. Wrights), Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Owen, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Goree, Ms Mills – by proxy (Mr. Owen), Mr. Norman (non-voting, acting Recording Secretary), Mr. Dixon, Mr. Howe -by proxy (Mr. Hill), Mr. Bailey – by proxy (Ms Wilcox), Mr. Blackburn – by proxy (Ms Wilcox), Mr. Fortner and Mr. Hill.

Staff Present: Mr. Haugh, Executive Director

Guests: Mr. Ted Leger of Charlotte, Mr. Jeff Goforth of Concord, Mr. John Evans of Wilmington and Ms Jennifer Medlock of Charlotte.

I. Opening

- A. Requests for funding for the John Evans and Dave Goree campaigns were added to New Business and the agenda was accepted as amended.
- B. Upon review, the minutes of the regular Executive Committee meeting of July 26, 2003 were accepted.
- C. All guests were introduced.

II. Executive Director's Report

- A. Mr. Mara has begun his fund raising work, with his first target being those who have given significantly to National.
- B. Mr. Haugh reported that we will not take part in the APPLES program this semester, after all.
- C. Mr. Haugh reported that he had discussed the issue of redistricting on Radio WWNC.
- D. Mr. Haugh requested a \$150 stipend for his travel expenses to the upcoming LNC meeting in Denver and reported that Georgia has now agreed to pay 1/3 of the expenses and Florida has agreed to pay 20%. No action was taken. (see New Business)
- E. After some discussion concerning the process of generating fund-raising letters, a motion (Fortner/Goree) passed unanimously to allocate \$2,000 for the next two fund-raising letters both to be produced and mailed before the end of the year.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

1. The Chair is building a house...still, and has little to report.
2. The EC should consider the following items:
 - a. *Platform Committee*
The following people have asked to be on the Platform Committee:
Shane Killian <shane_k@bellsouth.net> Stanley
Ted Leger <ted@cetlink.net> Huntersville

Maximillan Longley <Erklongley@aol.com> Durham
David Dauphine <david1212@earthlink.net> Blowing Rock
Brian Irving <birving@nc.rr.com> Fayetteville
Phil Jacobson <wooly@mindspring.com> Raleigh
John Caveny <CAVENYJ@Nationwide.com> Kings Mountain
William Meredith <beaumeredith@yahoo.com> Charlotte
Doug Adams <dsadams@us.ibm.com> Durham
Daniel Eichebaum <DoctorMushroom@worldnet.att.net> Cherokee County
Alan Esworthy <gae@esworthy.com> Apex
Seth Fehrs <fehrrs002@mc.duke.edu> Hillsborough
Tom Howe <tomhowe@gloryroad.net> Oxford

I would like to ask Doug Adams to Chair the committee if this meets with the EC's approval. Should Doug decline, my next two picks for Chair would be Alan Esworthy and Ted Leger.

b. *LPNC Resources*

We now have in our possession 10,000 copies of Viewpoints and some number of Ladies of Liberty calendars. We should establish a policy how to utilize these resources.

For example, Sean took some calendars with him to Virginia and sold eight at \$15 per. Do we need to establish a price? I think someone suggested that we have calendars as an incentive to sign up for a membership. At this point, the calendars are a collectible value. How can we best use them?

The Viewpoints cost us four and a half cents each. I suggest we set a price of five cents each for county affiliates to purchase from us. That way, counties can take advantage of the lowest price National offers without having to buy 10,000.

Perhaps we need a policy to allow for a small number to be given to groups (the college Libertarians or a new affiliate) with no resources.

c. *State Fair*

Please consider a small budget for the fair. I know we need insurance. It was \$150.00 last year. I haven't check on this year's price, but I imagine it will be in that ballpark. I suspect we should allocate a bit more to cover extra tickets and materials for the booth.

B. Vice-chair

1. Mr. Wrights reported that there have been no new inquiries and no new quits.

C. Recording Secretary

1. Ms Wilcox expressed continued concern about the process in place for the storage of records and Mr. Haugh will continue to try to make contact with our archivist.
2. Ms Wilcox and the Webmaster will continue to work on a plan by which approved meeting minutes are posted to the website.

D. Treasurer

The acting treasurer's report is as follows:

- 1) Current Balances
\$13,450.52 General Fund (both Federal/Non-Federal accounts)

7,441.42 Ballot Access Fund
238.00 Thomas Paine Fund (this is part of the general fund, not a separate account)

\$20,891.82 Total Available Funds

Not included are the following upcoming expenses

- 1) Summer Newsletter (In the past it has run in the \$750 range.)
- 2) \$450 for Viewpoints (see UMP below)

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2) Fundraising Results

July Fundraiser:

Expenses \$ 817.21
Income to date 1,600.00
Net profit \$ 782.79

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3) UMP Status

We have received June payment of \$668, July payment of \$690, and a UMP II adjustment of \$73 on September 3. National apparently has not charged us for the Viewpoints. Either Sean or I will clarify this with them sometime next week.

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4) ED Commissions

As requested at last EC meeting, I am providing a report that clarifies ED commissions for July and August:

For July '03:

Pledges	\$1605 x 50% =	\$802.50
Direct FR	\$370 x 20% =	\$74.00
Total		\$876.50
Less 50% of the May overpayment* of \$323		-161.50
Total commission for July 2003		\$715.00

For August '03

Pledges	\$2190 x 50% =	\$1095.00
FR 0703	\$783 x 20% =	\$156.60
Total		\$1251.60
Less 50% of the May overpayment* of \$323		-161.50 (With this deduction, we are now even.)
Total commission for Aug 2003		\$1090.10**

* The May overpayment was during the transition from Renee to me. At the beginning of May, Renee had not completely caught up and she simply based the May payment on the previous month's payment. After I entered all the data, it turned out we had overpaid Sean \$323.00. I decided to deduct the repayment in two installments so as to not cause too much stress on our overworked and underpaid ED. We are now even with Sean.)

**Total pledges for July should have been \$1705, so I inadvertently underpaid Sean by \$50. Total pledges for August were \$2090 and I included the \$100 I overlooked in July for the August check.

E. Newsletter Editor

1. Mr. Owen reported that the Tarheel Libertarian is at the printers.
2. Mr. Owen reported that due to personal reasons he felt that it is best if he resigns as the editor of the newsletter but will remain in the post until a replacement can be found.

F. Outreach Director

1. Mr. Pitts requested help in setting up a different method for scheduling work time at the State Fair. He was directed to Mr. Bragg who does the scheduling for the Dixie Classic Fair.
2. Mr. Pitts stated that he would need funding for the fair including the purchase of fair tickets for workers and insurance. A motion (Wilcox/Hill) passed unanimously to set up a \$750 budget to cover State Fair expenses.

G. Ballot Access Director

1. Mr. Goree reported that the blockade flier has produced some very interesting responses from folks whose political leanings are far left of center.

H. Press Secretary

The press secretary is itching to send out releases and op-eds. I sent out a limited one to local news sources when Ray, Mike and I filed and the Herald-Sun and N&O sent reporters, so it was successful.

However, I am actively looking for ideas that are topical on a state level that would make good releases. Your ideas are appreciated, now and at any time in the future. I do want to be careful about keeping releases interesting and eye-catching, and not "spamming" newsdesks and fax machines. However, that's not currently a big problem!

I recently heard a report from the Durham BOE chair about HAVA the Help America Vote Act and was intrigued at the new stipulations, and how they still don't effectively prevent the dead from voting. I was considering writing up a little blurb on that, and may still. It has pretty good headline potential. "HAVA Still Allows Dead to Vote"

I. Membership Secretary

VACANT

J. Political Director

1. Mr. Dixon reported that he had attended the last Cabarrus County meeting.

K. Webmaster

NO REPORT

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. Mr. Haugh reported that the 2004 State Convention is scheduled for April 23rd through April 25th at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center in Raleigh.

B. County Affiliate Affairs

NO REPORT

C. Platform

NO REPORT

D. Strategic Planning Effort

NO REPORT

E. Archive and Knowledge Base

NO REPORT

V. Old Business

- A. Appointment of Platform Committee: TABLED
- B. Discussion - Method for distribution of *Libertarian Viewpoint*:
 - 1. A motion was made (Fortner/Hill) to contribute up to 500 copies of the *Libertarian Viewpoint* to any college affiliate or to any newly formed affiliate, as requested; and to sell copies to established affiliates at 2 ½ ¢ each. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. A motion was made (Wilcox/Owen) to give 1,000 copies of the Viewpoint to Forsyth and Rockingham Counties to replace materials belonging to those counties and used at the State Fair last year. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

- A. Process by which we implement new membership rules: TABLED
- B. Discussion of John Evans campaign:
 - 1. After a very detailed presentation by Mr. Evans, a motion was made (Hill/Dixon) to appropriate \$4,000 from the general fund to Mr. Evans' campaign. The motion passed.
- C. Discussion of David Goree's campaign:
 - 1. After a presentation by Mr. Goree, a motion was made (Hill/Dixon) to appropriate \$2,500 from the general fund to Mr. Goree's campaign. The motion passed.
- D. Discussion of stipend for Regional Representative to LNC (added):
 - 1. A motion was made (Owen/Hill) to provide a \$150 stipend to Mr. Haugh toward his travel expenses for the LNC meeting in Denver. Motion passed.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The next meeting is set for October 18, 2003 at 11 AM in Sanford.
- B. The December meeting will be held in the Wilmington area
- C. The meeting was adjourned.