



December 6, 2003

Executive Committee Meeting

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A regular meeting held at 11 AM at A Taste of Country in Wilmington, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: eLPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudiciaryComm@LPNC.com but not yet

With Ms Howe presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 11:15 AM.

Members Present: Ms Howe, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Pitts – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Goree – by proxy (Mr. Wrights), Ms Mills, Mr. Howe, Mr. Bailey – by proxy (Ms Wilcox), Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Fortner – by proxy (Mr. Hill) and Mr. Hill.

Members Absent: Mr. Dixon and Ms Hogarth

Staff Present: Sean Haugh

Guests: Mr. Bill Thompson, Mrs. Wanda Thompson, Mr. Glen Comer, Mr. Paul Johnson and Mr. John Evans

I. Opening

- A. After the addition of several items under new business, the agenda was accepted as presented.
- B. Upon review, the minutes of the regular Executive Committee meeting of October 18, 2003 were accepted.

II. Executive Director's Report

1. New district maps have been proposed but the General Assembly but will probably go to court and the filing period will probably be delayed as happened in the last cycle.
2. Mr. Haugh reported that several potential candidates from other parties have made contact with him regarding some co-operative effort in the upcoming election.
3. Mr. Haugh also reported that he is promoting that potential candidates run for Soil and Water and that we work at filling the ticket from the bottom.
4. Mr. Haugh has set a goal to have 145 candidates running.
5. Jerry Hughes has had Mr. Haugh on his radio talk show quite often recently and although the show airs from Florida there seems to be a strong Internet audience.
6. Mr. Haugh reported that he has not yet sent out the scheduled fund raising letter.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

1. Ms Howe reported that she had attended the recent Nolan event.
2. Ms Howe reported that she was on another segment of the Jerry Agar show.

B. Vice-chair

1. Mr. Wrights reported that he has had some inquiries from Alamance County but there does not seem to be serious interest in forming a county affiliate at this time.
2. Campbell University seems quite interested in starting a new college affiliate and arrangements are being made for Mr. Lark to speak at an organizational meeting.
3. Mr. Hill added that he has been working on helping two neighboring counties – Rowan and Stanley - get organized. Mr. Hill hopes that members of the Executive Committee will

be willing to attend their joint county and organizational conventions to show state party support.

C. Recording Secretary

1. Minutes attached.

D. Treasurer

The acting treasurer's report is as follows:

Treasurer's report for December 2003

1) Current Balances

2) ED Commissions

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\$ 7,942.40 General Fund (both Federal/Non-Federal accounts)
8,941.42 Ballot Access Fund
38.00 Thomas Paine Fund

\$16,883.82 Total Available Funds

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2) ED Commissions
For October '03:
Pledges $\$1850 \times 50\% = \925.00
FR0703 (rec'd in Sept but not reflected in Sept. Check) $\$100 \times 20\% = \$ 20.00$
FRO703 (rec'd in October) $\$ 50 \times 20\% = \$ 10.00$
Total commission for October 2003 $\$955.00$

For November '03:
Pledges $\$1775 \times 50\% = \887.50
Total commission for November 2003 $\$887.50$

E. Newsletter Editor

NO REPORT

F. Outreach Director

NO REPORT

G. Ballot Access Director

NO REPORT

H. Press Secretary

1. Ms Mills reported that she has sent out many press releases but to the best of her knowledge none of them had been picked up.
2. Ms Mills also reported that she is considering sending out a weekly op-ed piece to a variety of publications.

I. Membership Secretary

VACANT

J. Political Director

NO REPORT

K. Webmaster

1. Mr. Howe reported that visits to the web site have picked back up recently and we have recovered from the 'flat' summer months.
2. The ExecComm page has seen a lot of activity, with many visits also to the Events and Platform pages.
3. Because the Webmaster stated that he would need some lead-time in order to keep the website correct, discussion ensued regarding the status of the Thomas Paine Fund. The fund will soon be out of money.

MOVED: By Ms Mills, seconded by Mr. Howe that when the Thomas Paine fund is depleted that the membership fee for first time joiners be raised back to the standard \$25. After some discussion the motion passed with Mr. Bailey and Ms Wilcox voting in the minority.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. Ms Mills is looking for input on potential speakers.
2. Ms Mills also reported that she has requested that Mr. Vin Suprynowicz and Mr. Ron Paul send personalized greetings to the convention.
3. Mr. Badnarik will not be attending (because he has committed the Indiana Convention) but he has been asked to send a representative. Mr. Nolan will try to attend.

B. County Affiliate Affairs

NO REPORT

C. Platform

NO REPORT

D. Strategic Planning Effort

1. Ms Wilcox reported that plans are still under way to start work on the Strategic Plan after the first of the year.

E. Archive and Knowledge Base

NO REPORT

V. Old Business

A. Process by which we implement membership rules:

1. After long and detailed discussion it was decided that the most efficient way to deal with the new rules would be to create a link from the membership section of the website to the by-laws that govern that membership.

B. Appointment of Treasurer:

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C. Appointment of Membership Secretary:

1. On a motion (Mills/Wrights) Jon Byers was appointed as the new Membership Secretary to replace Mr. Woodcock, resigned. This term will expire at the next state convention. Unanimous.

D. Budget:

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E. Discussion – Super Region:

1. Mr. Haugh requested that the Executive Committee give a show of formal support for his efforts to make North Carolina part of a "Super Region". After much discussion no formal action was taken.

VI. New Business

- A. Inventory and purchase of printed materials:
 - 1. After discussion of the advantages of the state party buying printed materials in bulk, a motion was made (Wilcox/Wrights) to purchase 2,000 copies of the "New Vision for America" brochure for \$400 to be distributed at cost to county and campus affiliates. Mr. Blackburn stated that he would make a \$200 donation to the party if the motion was successful, to offset the initial expense. Mr. Thompson then donated \$20.00 to the party to offset the cost. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Discussion – Presidential Primary:
 - 1. This has become a moot point because the candidates who are in the running do not care to take part in a preferential primary because it is seen as a waste of taxpayer's money. There was also discussion that our candidates might not qualify because they have all stated that they will not use federal matching funds.
- C. Calendars:
 - 1. Ms Mills reported that her calendar is ready for sale and provided some for those who cared to purchase at the meeting. She also reported that they are presently for sale on EBay.
 - 2. Ms Mills reported that she is willing to provide a discount price for bulk orders to any Libertarian who will use them as a tool to promote a Libertarian cause. The minimum bulk order is 10 and the cost per calendar will be \$5.50 each.
- D. Appropriation for State Chairs Conference:
 - 1. After explanation from Ms Howe, a motion was made (Wrights/Wilcox) to authorize the payment of \$75.00 for the registration fees for Ms Howe and Mr. Haugh to attend the State Chairs Conference in Raleigh the weekend of January 24th – 25th. Unanimous.
- E. Appropriation for Regional Rep:
 - 1. After explanation from Mr. Haugh, a motion was made (Mills/Hill) to appropriate \$100 toward the expenses of Mr. Haugh's trip to St. Louis for the next LNC meeting. There was much discussion and several suggestions made. The motion failed. Voting in the affirmative: Goree, Hill, Mills, and Blackburn. Voting in the negative: Fortner, Bailey, Wilcox, Howe, Pitts. Abstention: Wrights.
- F. Report from John Evans
 - 1. Mr. Evans gave his thanks to the committee for money donated to his campaign and gave an overview of his campaign. He spoke of the many good things that came out of the campaign and reiterating that even in a campaign where the Libertarian candidate does not win, there can still be movement in the direction of liberty. He was given a warm round of applause for his work.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The next meeting is set for January 17th at 11 AM in the Durham area and will be arranged by Mr. Haugh.
- B. The March meeting is scheduled for March 6th in western NC and will be arranged by TJ Rohr and the Appalachian State affiliate.
- C. The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.