



November 6, 2004  
Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted

A regular meeting held at Craig Springer's office  
In Cary, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: [ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com), [JudicialCommittee@LPNC.com](mailto:JudicialCommittee@LPNC.com) and the County Contact list - - but not yet

With Ms. Howe presiding and Mr. Howe recording, the meeting came to order at 11:08 AM.

**Members Present:** Ms Howe, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox – by proxy (Ms Hogarth), Mr. Vuchnich, Mr. Irving, Mr. Dixon (arriving late), Mr. Norman, Ms Hogarth, Mr. Pitts – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Goree – by proxy (Ms Howe), Mr. Howe, Mr. Hill – by proxy (Ms Hogarth), Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Powell and Ms Schulz – by proxy (Mr. Wrights).

**Staff Present:** Mr. Haugh (arriving late)

**Guests:** Fernie Williams, Bobby Emory, Neal Anders, Christ Spruyt and Stephen Hilton

### I. Opening

- A. After the addition of one item under new business, the agenda was accepted as amended.
- B. All guests were given an opportunity to introduce themselves

### II. Executive Director's Report (heard later in the meeting due to the late arrival of the ED)

- A. Mr. Haugh spoke with a group of Russians, who were amazed at the severity of ballot access laws in the U. S.
- B. Mr. Haugh also spoke to a black leadership forum, at which he was the only white and most radical speaker.

### III. Officer Reports

#### A. Chair

1. Ms Howe reported that she has been occupied with campaign activities since the last meeting
2. The governor's race achieved less than its two percent minimum goal.

#### B. Vice-chair

1. Mr. Wrights and Mr. Haugh traveled to Asheville where they held forth for three hours on the Matt Mattan radio show. There was much positive response.

#### C. Recording Secretary

1. NO REPORT

#### D. Treasurer

1. Third quarter reports were filed on time.
2. Profit from the latest ballot access letter is now \$20.80, with donations still coming in.
3. The ballot access fund has \$11,012.
4. The Badnarik NC fund has about \$500.
5. There is approximately \$13,000 in the LPNC account
6. End of October statements will be posted on the EC mail-list soon.

#### E. Newsletter Editor

1. The Sept/Oct edition was in the member's hands in October.
2. Deadline for the next issues is November 20. Plain text submissions are preferred.

3. There are now 563 names on the distribution list.
4. Mr. Anders proposed a new newsletter website, details to be determined. A possible new, shorter edition of the newsletter for wider distribution may be proposed soon.

**F. Outreach Director**

NO REPORT

**G. Ballot Access Director**

NO REPORT

**H. Press Secretary**

1. Thirty press releases have been issued since the last meeting, costing \$186.13. Candidates Shane Killian, Barbara Howe and Tom Bailey made use of the state party's service. There was some success in getting media coverage for the PRs that were issued.
2. Despite solicitation by the Press Secretary, no post election statements were received from candidates.
3. County activists should be counseled to make personal contact with local media's political writers. There was discussion of new methods of delivering press releases, as some papers will accept these by e-mail while other reject e-mail.

**I. Membership Secretary**

1. Mr. Norman, having been recently confirmed in the position by e-mail vote of the EC, has acquired the database. There are approximately 28,000 records of which about 12,000 are duplicates. Some manual examination will be required to eliminate the duplicates.
2. Mr. Dixon reported that National will begin reporting updates in an improved format starting in December. Soon after, state representatives will be able to access the national database directly, however there is some cost involved in such access.

**J. Political Director**

1. Mr. Norman will be running for city council in Winston-Salem and two candidates have contacted Mr. Dixon about running in Charlotte. One is already active and has 10 associates to help.
2. In Raleigh there are two city council positions vacant due to elevation (?) of the members to the state senate. These will be filled by appointment, selection by the current council members. The LP should have candidates soliciting for these positions.

**K. Webmaster**

1. Movement to the new servers has been completed and services available are somewhat different. The first 15 sub-domains are available without additional cost. Of these, five are allocated, but three of these are inactive.
2. In October, 62,244 pages were served. Twenty percent were from RoadRunner customers and only 3% were from AOL customers.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Convention**

1. Hickory is still the leading candidate for the convention and late April is the proposed date.

**B. County Affiliate Affairs**

1. There has been more activity lately with Union County officially organized soon.
2. There have been inquiries from Onslow County.
3. Mr. Wrights also reported having recruited a Boston University student via a phone call.

**C. Strategic Planning Effort**

1. The SPE has been on hold, due to the election effort. The road trips are finished and information gathered will be compiled. Mr. Jacobson volunteered for this committee.

**D. Archive and Knowledge Base**

NO REPORT

**E. Small Business Owners Initiative**

NO REPORT

**F. Policy Manual/Past Practices**

NO REPORT

**G. Media Advertising**

NO REPORT

**H. Badnarik 04**

1. Approximately \$500 remains in the account. If the national Badnarik campaign has debt, the funds will be donated there. Other wise the nation ballot access committee will be the recipient. (Funds must go to federal efforts due to BCRA.).

**I. Volunteer Coordinator**

NO REPORT

**J. By-laws**

1. Mr. Vuchnich moved that a bylaws committee be formed and composed initially of Mr. Jacobson, Ms Hogarth, Mr. Spruyt, Mr. Irving, Mr. Howe and Mr. Haugh. Unanimous.
2. Mr. Jacobson will make an announcement of the formation of the committee on the LPNC list, so that other Libertarians will have an opportunity to join the committee.

**V. Old Business**

**A. The following motions were considered by electronic voting since the last meeting:**

1. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> EC meeting were approved by consensus.
2. Motion by Mr. Pitts on 9-18-04: moved that the LPNC allocate up to \$5,000 for attorney's fees for legal action against debate exclusion. 6-0-2.
3. Motion by Ms Hogarth on 9-20-04: moved that the LPNC allocate \$750 to purchase additional radio ads on WPTF for advertising the anti-Amendment One rally. 6-0-0
4. Motion by Mr. Irving on 10-18-04: moved the LPNC executive committee adopt the recommendations of Mr. Haugh and oppose all three proposed amendments to the state constitution. 8-0-0 \*\*
5. Motion by Mr. Wrights on 10-20-04: moved that we appropriate \$500.00 for the Thomas Hill campaign to be used for media buys. 6-0-0
6. Motion by Mr. Howe on 10-13-04: moved we appropriate \$1,000 for the Joel Turner campaign. 2-6-0
7. Motion by Ms Wilcox on 10-25-04: moved that we appoint John Powell, Jennifer Schulz and Phil Jacobson to fill the 3 vacancies in the at-large positions of the Executive Committee and that we also appoint Richard Norman to fill the vacancy in the Membership Secretary position, for their unexpired terms. 8-0-0
8. Motion by Ms Hogarth on 10-25-04: moved that we commit \$100 of the ballot access fund for prizes for petitioning to be spent in this manner: For the person who collects the most signatures in NC on election day: \$75 for an OPH kit to the collector's county party: (<http://tinyurl.com/yq2n3>) (cost, \$50) \*AND\* a \$25 gift certificate to LFB

(<http://www.lfb.org/>) to the collector himself. \$25 LFB certificate for the most signatures presented by an individual at the Raleigh celebration (if that individual also wins the statewide competition, we save \$25). EC members are ineligible for the prizes. 6-0-0

- B. Budget
  - 1. A budget will be prepared for the December meeting.
- C. Voter Check-off – State tax returns
  - 1. A meeting is planned with the attorney to discuss this and other matters.

The meeting was recessed for lunch and then reconvened.

- D. Inclusion in Political Debates
  - 1. There is some dissatisfaction with the attorney's performance in the matter of exclusion from the gubernatorial debate. Since no lawsuit was filed, it is believed that the strategy never had any possibility of success. Ms Howe pointed out that the FCC complaint resulted in some publicity and still has a chance of a positive outcome, requiring media to use uniform, objective criteria in future races.
- E. State Fair
  - 1. The party had the same good location as last year, except that the Democrats' booth had moved closer.
  - 2. A move to a bigger booth will be considered for next year.
- F. Membership Secretary opening
  - 1. Richard Norman has recently been confirmed as the new Membership Secretary and this item will be removed from the agenda.
- G. At-large position openings
  - 1. Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Powell and Ms Schulz were recently confirmed as new at-large members and this item will be removed from the agenda.
- H. Target – Rockingham County
  - 1. Discussion on this topic has been deferred.
- I. Amendment One
  - 1. The lawsuit continues. The Institute for Constitutional Law (Robert Orr) may take over the suit.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Ballot Access
  - 1. Ms. Hogarth moved that the prize money previously allocated for the highest signature gatherers of Election Day be distributed as \$25 to each of the top four collectors. Unanimous.
  - 2. Mr. Emory urges a larger effort for Election Day in '08. There is a possibility that some local non-professional collectors would work for 25¢ per signature. A long discussion ensued. Mr. Williams asked for some form of coaching on signature gathering. Mr. Howe and Mr. Haugh will add some hints and tips to the existing web page.
  - 3. Mr. Howe moved that the Chair be empowered to authorize either the Executive Director or the Ballot Access Director to spend money on the ballot drive limited to the amount in the ballot access fund at that time. After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

4. A request was noted for a [plan to guide the ballot access effort. Mr. Haugh and Mr. Wrights are involved in a national effort with Mr. Richard Winger, to create a guide to ballot access.
5. There was a discussion of the division of duties for the drive and some confusion over the desires of the current Ballot Access Director. Ms Howe agreed to talk to Mr. Goree by phone to ascertain how he would delegate his duties and make reports to the EC.
6. In view of the preceding motion and the capability to print forms from the web, Ms Hogarth moved that the \$1,500 previously allocated for printing petitions be rescinded. Ms Howe pointed out that some of the money may have already been spent. She will discuss stopping further expenditures with Mr. Goree. Action on the motion was deferred.

## **VII. Adjournment**

- A. The next meeting will be December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM At Craig Springer's office in Cary.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Addendum –

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\*\*The recommendations in motion IV A 4:  
Vote NO on all three questions.

Amendment One – This would allow local governments to engage in tax-increment financing schemes, issuing bonds for corporate welfare projects without voter approval. They are also called "self-financing bonds," but they are about as self-financing as your credit cards! The LPNC is very strongly opposed to Amendment One.

Amendment Two – This would institute the concept of asset forfeiture into the NC Constitution. While it would only codify an existing practice, the NC Constitution should not have anything positive to say about asset forfeiture. We are also very strongly opposed to Amendment Two.

Amendment Three – This would change the terms for county magistrate from two years to four. While we take no position on the content of this amendment, we advise a NO vote simple because, like the other proposed amendments, the actual text of the amendment is not presented to the voters on the ballot. We should be told exactly what we are putting into our state Constitution.