



March 19, 2005

Executive Committee Meeting

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A regular meeting  
held at The Penguin's Lair  
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.

With Ms. Howe presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 11:30 AM.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Goree

**Staff Present:** Mr. Haugh

**Guests:** Shuvan Ghose

### **I. Opening**

- A The agenda was accepted as presented.

### **II. Executive Director's Report**

- A Mr. Haugh reported he has posted a report from the last meeting of the LNC and it is available at LibertyForAll.net.
- B There have been over 20,200 signatures turned in for the ballot access drive with a verification rate of over 70%. This is a reflection of the importance of collecting signatures on Election Day.
- C Mr. Haugh is working on the next fund raising letter and expects that it will be ready within days but not sent until after there is a good idea about the future of the pending ballot access legislation.
- D Mr. Haugh also reported that he had fresh grapefruit from his parents' in Arizona and was willing to share with those in attendance. It did not take long to distribute said fruit.

### **III. Officer Reports**

#### **A. Chair**

1. Ms Howe reported that she spend considerable time with Michael Badnarik on his last visit to North Carolina. Mr. Badnarik was able to speak to many groups and was well received.
2. Mr. Badnarik will be back in the area beginning March 21<sup>st</sup> to attend the Ballot Access rally on Tuesday, the committee hearing on Wednesday and several libertarian county events.
3. Ms Howe reported that she attended the Cabarrus County convention.
4. Ms Howe attended a HAVA (Help Americans Vote Act) advisory committee meeting regarding the acceptance of federal money for state voting "improvements".

#### **B. Vice-chair**

1. Since last meeting Mr. Wrights has received no inquiries.

2. Mr. Wrights has a speaking engagement at the Tennessee state convention and will also be speaking at a voting rights national meeting while in the area.

**C. Recording Secretary**

1. The secretary corrected the agenda to include the acceptance of the approval of the minutes of the last meeting under Section V. Old Business.

**D. Treasurer**

1. The February financials have been posted to the website. In summary there is in excess of \$3,000 in the Ballot Access Account but there are signatures that have not yet been turned in.
2. Mr. Vuchnich also reminded check writers that he would like to be informed before a check is actually cut.
3. It was determined that the paid petitioners need to be given their two-week notice.
4. The ballot access fund-raiser raised approximately \$800 after expenses.
5. Two assistant treasurers have been found and the Treasurer has found jobs for each of them and will report back on the success of this effort.
6. Mr. Vuchnich announced that he will be seeking reelection.

**E. Newsletter Editor**

1. The March/April edition of the newsletter has gone to the printer and should be in mailboxes by Monday.
2. The article is full of convention information including registration and award voting.
3. The deadline for the submission of articles for the next newsletter will be directly after the state convention closes on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**F. Outreach Director**

1. Mr. Pitts attended a John Locke Foundation event.
2. Mr. Pitts also spoke positively regarding the process of Pod casting and will continue research into the issue.
3. Mr. Pitts noted that the Rs and the Ds both buy advertisements in his local paper during the year and suggests that libertarian county parties may want to do the same.
4. Mr. Pitts reported that it has been many months since he has received any inquiries from national and suggested that the state party may want to take over this activity.

**G. Ballot Access Director**

1. Due to the absence of the Ballot Access Director at the last 3 consecutive Executive Committee meetings, and due to his failure to send a proxy under Article 1, Section 6 of the By-laws of the Libertarian Party of NC, Mr. Goree is automatically considered to have resigned from the Committee and the position shall be declared vacant.
2. The Chair volunteered to write Mr. Goree a letter to reflect the above situation.

**H. Press Secretary**

NO REPORT

**I. Membership Secretary**

1. Mr. Norman reported the following:
  - a. According to National, there are 524 NC members as of 3/1/05. This is up from 520 last month.
  - b. According to some members of the database e-mail list, National cannot do anything right and is actively opposing any efforts by the states to resolve database issues. According to National, everything is going well with the

Raiser's Edge and the states must be patient. The truth is somewhere in between.

- c. With no immediate prospects for a national database solution, no clear guidance on requirements from the EC and no desire to unnecessarily reinvent the wheel, Mr. Norman is just maintaining the old database.
  - d. The dues increase may further aggravate record keeping issues for National and further delay real progress on database issues.
2. After a long discussion it was determined that a wait-and-see attitude is still in our best interest.

**J. Political Director**

NO REPORT

**K. Webmaster**

1. Mr. Howe has added several items to the website including Mr. Ubinger's voter registration statistics and a chart showing our ballot access progress.
2. There are no statistics regarding web activity because of differences between information available for new and old hosts.
3. The web software needs to be upgraded soon to better fill the needs for credit card transactions.

A brief recess was called so that lunch could be ordered.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Convention**

1. The only confirmed speaker is Michael Dixon as the banquet speaker.
2. All details for the convention and registration are available on the website.
3. Donations of auction items are needed as well as donations of refreshments for the hospitality sweet. A request was also made for the donation of reading material.
4. Mr. Haugh gave a schedule of announcements regarding the convention with a request for information updates from the committee.
5. Several suggestions were made regarding additional speakers and the committee will follow up on these suggestions.

**B. County Affiliate Affairs**

NO REPORT

**C. Small Business Owners Initiative**

NO REPORT

**D. Policy Manual/Past Practices**

NO REPORT

**E. Volunteer Coordinator**

NO REPORT

**F. By-laws**

1. Ms Hogarth reported that the work of the committee is moving along smoothly much to the credit of Mr. Irving.
2. A report will be made available through the LPNC list within the next week or two.
3. The final report will be available at least two weeks before the convention so that people will be able to be familiar with the report before the opening of the convention.

## V. Old Business

### A. Electronic Voting

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

1. On March 3<sup>d</sup>, the minutes of the January 29<sup>th</sup> EC meeting were approved by consensus.
2. Motion by Mr. Irving on 02/21/05: I move the LPNC executive committee adopt the following resolution: Whereas, North Carolina has received Federal funding through the HAVA ACT to upgrade election systems by 2006 and many counties are moving toward machines without paper ballots or methods to audit the results, Whereas, at least 5,000 North Carolina voters had their votes lost in the 2004 election by unaudited paperless electronic machines which led to uncertain results in several important State and local elections, Whereas, the integrity of citizens' voting is essential to American democracy NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Libertarian Party of North Carolina urges the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt the "Public Confidence in Elections" bill, HR 238, during this session before more counties purchase election systems not in compliance with the verifiable systems recommended by the Joint Select Committee on Electronic Voting on February 9, 2005 after extensive expert testimony as detailed in their report. 7-0-2

### B. Inclusion in Political Debates

NO REPORT waiting for response from attorney

### C. State Fair

1. Everything is in order for this activity.
2. Ms Hogarth has volunteered to be contact person for the fair
3. Mr. Pitts stated that it is important to start scheduling time slots for fair coverage much earlier than in past years

### D. Update: correspondence with LNC

1. With acknowledgement that National will take no action regarding this issue this item will be moved from the agenda.

### E. Update: Bastiat project

1. The project paid for itself and made a slight profit with some books still left for other uses.
2. It is strongly suggested that the program be repeated in two years for the opening of the legislative session after the next election.
3. This item will be removed from the agenda as a closed and successful project.

### F. Legislative Agenda

1. Ballot Access rally will be Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and all members were asked to attend.
2. The bill will be heard in committee on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## VI. New Business

### A. Discussion of support for repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment

1. It was noted that the LPNC had already voiced its support for the repeal of this Amendment through its support of the Liberty Amendment.

A recess was called for lunch

### B. Dues increase, UMP payments and LNC secret votes

1. After considerable discussion regarding national dues, UMP payments, unsigned paper ballot voting and LPNC's relationship with the LNC, it was determined that the best action would be to propose a resolution outlining our concerns and to present it to our State Convention for ratification.
2. Mr. Haugh and Mr. Irving will craft a document for discussion and fine-tuning on the EC e-mail list.
3. Ms Howe will post the UMP 1 and UMP 2 contracts so that all members can become familiar with each program.

## **VII. Adjournment**

- A. Next Meeting
  1. The next meeting will be shortly after the close of the convention on May 1, 2005.
- B. After a round of applause to thank Barbara Howe for her years of dedication to the cause of liberty, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.