



August 12, 2005

Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted
A regular meeting held at
Earthfaire in Charlotte, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudicialCommittee@LPNC.com and the County Contact list.

With Mr. Hill presiding and Mr. Irving recording the meeting came to order at noon.

Members present: Mr. Hill, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox – by proxy (Thomas Hill), Mr. Vuchnich, Ms Hogarth – by proxy (Thomas Hill), Mr. Pitts, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Irving, Mr. Norman, Mr. Powell, Ms Gallivan – by proxy (Jim Pitts), Mr. Anders, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Pasotto and Mr. Smith – by proxy (Lee Wrights).

Staff present: Mr. Haugh

Guests: Chris Cole, Mecklenburg LP; Justin Cardone, candidate

I. Opening

- A. With the addition of two items under New Business, the agenda was approved as amended.
- B. Two corrections were made to the minutes of the July 16 meeting. Trevor Sutherland is the new LNC Southeast Regional Representative. The Executive Director reported seven Libertarian candidates. The minutes were approved as amended.
- C. Mr. Irving moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of proceeding directly to Item V under New Business. The motion failed.

II. Executive Director's Report

- A. Mr. Haugh deferred his report until discussion of Item V under New Business.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

1. Mr. Hill apologized for expressing his recent frustrations on the EC list.
2. Mr. Hill reported media interviewed with R. Rubin from the Charlotte Observer and Shane Flynn from News 14. Barbara Howe is scheduled to be interviewed by WRAL TV.
3. Mr. Hill reported that he had been unsuccessful in trying to discuss issues with National Chair Michael Dixon.

B. Vice-chair

NO REPORT

C. Recording Secretary

NO REPORT

D. Treasurer

NO REPORT

E. Newsletter Editor

NO REPORT

F. Outreach Director

1. Mr. Pitts has recruited a person from the Sanford Herald to the LPNC and this person will work to reorganize Moore County.

G. Ballot Access Director

1. Mr. Ritchie presented a proposal to offer incentive to affiliates for ballot access petition signatures.
 - a. Affiliates will receive 25¢ for signatures up to and including 500 signatures (\$125)
 - b. Affiliates will receive 50¢ for all signatures collected over 500 signatures (\$125 + 50¢ for each additional signature).
 - c. The program is open to all organized LPNC affiliates
 - d. Affiliates may use funds for any and all affiliate activities
 - e. Resource and outreach materials will be available from the Ballot Access Director upon request.
 - f. The Ballot Access Director will oversee implementation and maintenance of this program with input and direction from the Chair and Executive Director.
 - g. Funds will be disbursed to the affiliates upon request, any time after reaching the 500-signature level. A minimum of 100 signatures will be required for any disbursement after that initial level.
 - h. The incentive program will commence on August 22, 2005.
 - i. The incentive program will terminate when the LPNC regains ballot access through petitioning or any other process.
2. The Executive Committee unanimously endorsed this program.

H. Press Secretary

1. Mr. Irving reported sending out two news releases.
 - a. The first was a piece regarding Mr. Normans' attempts to get the Winston-Salem council to pass a resolution condemning the U S Supreme Court's Kelo v. Connecticut decision.
 - b. The second release concerned the possible LPNC legal challenge to the state's election laws.
2. Mr. Irving asked the EC members to remember to notify him of any media contacts made. He is keeping a record al all media contacts and will post favorable editorials and op-ed pieces on the LPNC website.

I. Membership Secretary

1. Mr. Norman is still sorting information from National. He is still experiencing technical difficulties. It is unclear how the change in the dues structure as passed by the LNC will affect our record keeping abilities.
2. The EC discussed various administrative procedures and processes for tracking memberships.

J. Political Director

1. Mr. Powell reported that he is contacting all candidates to offer support.
2. Mr. Haugh emphasized that all candidates should continue their campaigns despite our potential decertification.

K. Webmaster

NO REPORT

IV. Committee Reports

In the interests of time, the committee unanimously agreed to skip committee reports, except for the following notations:

A. Convention

1. Mr. Hill will ask the Convention Committee chair when and where the 2006 convention will be held.

E. Legislative Agenda

1. A report of the LAC has been posted to the LPNC Yahoos group.

V. Old Business

A. Electronic Voting

NONE

B. Inclusion in political debates

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C. Discussion of Bylaws, Platform, Statement of Principles Committees

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D. Lifetime Membership plaque to Michael Badnarik

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E. Actions/motions regarding the ED position

1. Mr. Ritchie moved that the Executive Committee renew the Executive Director's contract with Mr. Haugh through June 20, 2006. The vote was unanimous.
2. The Chair will request that the Recording Secretary post an electronic poll regarding the contract procedures as proposed by Mr. Vuchnich.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of bulk mail permit

1. The Guilford LP is considering a special project that would require a bulk mailing. They are interested in setting up an LPNC bulk mail permit in Greensboro.
2. Mr. Irving moved that the LPNC establish a bulk mail permit in Greensboro, with the expense not to exceed \$300. Mr. Irving noted that it should be available to any affiliate. The vote was unanimous.

B. Issues of Ballot Access

1. Mr. Haugh gave an update on the ballot access status. The SBOE is posed to decertify the party by phone conference on August 22.
2. Mr. Haugh has been in discussion with Attorney Michael Crowell regarding a potential lawsuit against the state.
3. The House Finance Committee is scheduled to vote on H88, the Electoral Fairness Act. On August 23.
4. The following decisions were made by consensus with no formal action taken:
 - a. The LPNC will sue the SBOE challenging the entirety of NC election law if decertified and even if H88 passes.
 - b. The LPNC will seek injunctive relief for those candidates who are running in partisan races in this election cycle.
 - c. The LPNC will not rule out a lawsuit even if the party is not decertified and H88 passes depending on the conditions placed on H88.

C. Abolition of National LP dues

1. Mr. Norman reported that the impact of the decision is still uncertain.
2. Mr. Wrights reported that he is not confidence that the "zero" dues will remain in effect.

D. Discussion of LPs decision not to accept funds from non-FEC affiliates

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VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.
- B. The next meeting will be October 1 in Greensboro under the direction of _____.