



December 10, 2005

Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted

A regular meeting held at
County Café in Reidsville, NC

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

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

Members present: Mr. Hill (leaving early), Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox (leaving early), Mr. Vuchnich, Ms Hogarth, Mr. Ritchie (leaving early), Mr. Irving, Mr. Norman (leaving early), Mr. Powell (by proxy – Thomas Hill, who left early), Ms Gallivan, Mr. Anders (by proxy – Phil Jacobson), Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Pasotto and Mr. Smith.

Members absent: Jim Pitts

Staff present: Sean Haugh

Guests: Paul Elledge and Karl Anderson

I. Opening

- A. The agenda was accepted as presented by unanimous vote.
- B. Beverly Wilcox moved, and Alex Vuchnich seconded, that the minutes of the October 29, 2005 meeting of the Executive Committee be accepted as presented. Voting in the affirmative: Thomas Hill, Beverly Wilcox, Alex Vuchnich, Susan Hogarth, Richard Norman, John Powell, Elise Gallivan, Neal Anders, Phil Jacobson, Rich Pasotto and Eric Smith; voting in the negative: Brian Irving; abstaining: Bob Ritchie and Lee Wrights. The motion passed.
- C. Mr. Pasotto requested that the Executive Committee return to its old policy of members notifying the EC membership when they plan to be present by proxy and who will hold that proxy. There was general agreement.

II. Staff Report

- A. Mr. Haugh reported that there had been little activity regarding the lawsuit and he does not expect much activity until sometime in January.
- B. Mr. Haugh reported that he has total confidence in the abilities of the attorney that he chose but that he does not think that the case will be settled in time for inclusion on the ballot for the next election cycle.
- C. The ballot drive has done nothing recently and Mr. Haugh has not forwarded any of the petition signatures from the various fall events.
- D. Mr. Haugh will be attending a protest next week at the Biltmore put together by a group interested in forcing the resignation of, or the impeachment of Speaker of the House Black.
- E. Lee Wrights and Sean Haugh were on a recent Matt Mattan show and they will continue to appear on a regular basis.

III. Officer Reports

A. Chair

- 1. Mr. Hill reported that effective January 1, 2006 he will be resign as Chair of the party because of a mix of personal issues.
- 2. He presented no other report.
- 3. After detailed discussion regarding the process by which another Chair should be seated it was decided to post the opening to the Yahoo Announcement list and continue the discussion via the EC group list.

B. Vice-chair

1. Mr. Wrights reported that he had taken part in the Matt Mattan show and strongly recommends that any one who is invited to a talk show do there best to make it happen.

Mr. Hill called for a short recess to order lunch. The meeting was reconvened.

C. Recording Secretary

1. Ms. Wilcox reported that errors had been found in the Platform as it is posted to the website. Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Longley and Ms Wilcox will meet to find all errors by using the Convention minutes as a reference. The corrected copy of the Platform will be sent to Ms Gallivan to repost to the website.

D. Treasurer

1. Mr. Vuchnich reported that the second half of the retainer had been paid to the attorney for the ballot access lawsuit.

E. Newsletter Editor

1. Ms Hogarth reported that the most current newsletter is ready to mail and she presented a copy to all members.
2. Ms Hogarth reported that this is the first newsletter produced in house so there were some problems but nothing that caused a serious problem. This should provide a considerable cost savings. Wake County did some of the labor involved in the production.
3. There will be another issue sent out at the end of January and another around the end of March.
4. (later in the meeting) It was decided that the newsletter should have an insert announcing Executive Committee resignations. This decision means that the newsletter will not be in the mail as quickly.

F. Outreach Director

NO REPORT

G. Ballot Access Director

1. Mr. Ritchie reported that there has been little recent activity.
2. Guilford County received a check for \$482 for petition signatures turned in by that affiliate.
3. Mr. Elledge also received a check for signatures.

H. Press Secretary

NO REPORT

I. Membership Secretary

1. Mr. Norman reported that our present dues paying membership is 431.
2. Mr. Norman reported that he had been in discussion with Mr. Vuchnich and others regarding setting up a process by which all Executive Committee members who are involved with membership in any fashion could all be connected by one data base system. Mr. Norman's preference is still the "etapestry" system as explained at the last meeting.
3. After detailed discussion there was general acknowledgement that a system is needed and support for continued research regarding a multi-purpose system.
4. The issue of how membership should be determined was discussed at length again because the national no-dues model goes into effect on 1-1-06.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The meeting was reconvened. It was at this point that Thomas Hill and Bob Ritchie left the meeting.

J. Political Director

NO REPORT

K. Webmaster

1. Ms Gallivan reported that she has been busy updating different sections of the web site. All the affiliate information has been updated.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. Several speakers have been lined up. A schedule is being prepared.
2. The Committee needs auction items.
3. The package prices for attendees will remain the same for the third year.

B. County Affiliate Affairs

1. Mr. Wrights reported that there have been no inquiries because this is a 'down time' of the year for activism.
2. Mr. Jacobson reported that he is still willing to work on forming regional affiliate groups.

C. Small Business Owners

NO REPORT

D. Policy Manual/Past Practices

1. Ms Hogarth reminded all Executive Committee members that each member who has a specific duty should be providing a description of that duty and forwarding it to Barbara Howe.

E. Legislative Agenda

1. Mr. Smith reported that work continues on an effort to deal with the eminent domain issue at the state level. The research continues with the potential for a resolution ready for the next meeting.
2. Regarding HB 88, Mr. Smith has a meeting scheduled with Senator Berger to discuss his potential support for the bill.

F. State Fair

NO REPORT

G. Finance Committee

1. Alex Vuchnich reported that the committee held its first meeting and that it was very productive.
2. A budget will be presented by the January meeting for discussion.

H. Lawsuit Funding Committee

1. Discussion of the work of the committee was held as the last order of business.
2. The committee chair requested that Mr. Haugh comply with the directive of the Executive Committee of its last meeting (10-29-05 as recorded in the minutes as item IV H 5) but Mr. Haugh stated that these contact lists are his private property and that he will not comply.
3. Mr. Haugh refused to share his list of contacts with groups because of his concerns about the character of certain Executive Committee members.
4. Mr. Haugh will provide the committee with a 'do not call' list for Wake County.

I. Platform and Statement of Principles Committee

1. Mr. Jacobson reported that the committee has met and that he has agreed to serve as chair.
2. The committee always welcomes anyone interested in serving and also welcomes suggested changes to the documents.

V. Old Business

A. Electronic Voting

1. Motion by Ms Wilcox on 11-14-05: I move that the minutes of the October 2, 2005 Executive Committee meeting be accepted as presented. Voting in the affirmative: Thomas Hill, Beverly Wilcox, Alex Vuchnich, Susan Hogarth, Richard Norman, Elise Gallivan, Phil Jacobson and Eric Smith; voting in the negative: Brian Irving, Neal Anders and Rick Pasotto; and abstaining: Bob Ritchie. The motion passed.

B. Inclusion in political debates

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C. Lifetime Membership plaque to Michael Badnarik

1. Ms Wilcox reported that the plaque has been delivered but not yet picked up.

D. Follow-up – Greensboro bulk mail permit

1. Ms Wilcox agreed to meet with Paul Elledge at the Greensboro Post Office and complete the process by which the Guilford College Libertarian affiliate will be able to process bulk mail.

E. Discussion – info packets for referrals

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VI. New Business

A. Discussion – By-laws amendment to eliminate proxy voting

1. After discussion this item was removed from the agenda. No action taken.

B. Discussion – Madame Justice PAC contribution

1. After brief discussion this item was removed from the agenda. No action taken.

C. Discussion – setting policy by which the Recording Secretary records minutes

1. After a detailed discussion this item was removed from the agenda. No action taken.

D. Discussion – requirement that the owner of the LPNC_ED Yahoo list be banned from using the initials “LPNC”

1. After a brief discussion this item was removed from the agenda. No action taken.

E. Discussion – Sean Haugh’s expenditure of funds for letter disapproved by this body

1. After a detailed discussion this item was removed from the agenda. No action taken.

F. Discussion – The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) complaint against North Carolina Board of Elections and the North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services on behalf of Joyce McCloy

1. After discussion it was decided that Sean Haugh would report back to the Executive Committee regarding what help Ms McCloy might desire from the EC.

G. Discussion – methods by which EC can work more productively

1. The Membership Secretary tendered his resignation, effective immediately.
2. The Recording Secretary left the meeting.
3. Mr. Irving agreed to take the place of the Recording Secretary.
4. It was decided that all vacant positions would be advertised by all means possible.

H. Discussion – statement in support of the Jim Black Must Resign effort

1. Sean Haugh explained his plan of action regarding this activity.
2. Mr. Irving moved, that he would draft a statement in support of the Blackout movement. Those voting in favor: unknown; those opposed: none; abstaining: Lee Wrights. The motion passed.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned.
- B. The next meeting will be January 14, 2006 under the direction of Elise Gallivan.
- C. The February meeting will be February 25, 2006 under the direction of Rick Pasotto.