



May 7, 2006
Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted

A regular meeting held at
Best Western of Burlington, Burlington, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com, JudicialCommittee@LPNC.org, and affiliates@LPNC.org.

With Mr. Jacobson presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 1:20 PM.

Members present: Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Vuchnich, Ms Howe, Ms Hogarth, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Howe, Mr. Norman, Mr. Smith, Ms Gallivan, Mr. Burr, Ms Elliott and Mr. Sinnott.

Members absent: Mr. Pasotto

Guests: Mr. Dorsey

I. Opening

- A. An addition was made to the agenda, under new business and accepted as amended.
- B. Eric Smith moved and Bob Ritchie seconded, that the minutes of the April 1, 2006 Executive Committee meeting be approved. Voting in the affirmative: Phil Jacobson, Beverly Wilcox, Alex Vuchnich, Barbara Howe, Susan Hogarth, Bob Ritchie, Eric Smith, Elise Gallivan, Stephen Burr, Joy Elliott and Robert Sinnott; voting in the negative: no one; and abstaining: Lee Wrights, Tom Howe and Richard Norman.

II. Officer Reports

A. Chair

NO REPORT

B. Vice-chair

NO REPORT

C. Recording Secretary

NO REPORT

D. Treasurer

1. Mr. Vuchnich reported that the financial reports for the first quarter have been posted to the EC list.
2. He has also posted a summary of the budgeting process to the list for information. This document was shared with convention attendees.
3. Susan Hogarth moved, and Eric Smith seconded, that \$10,000 be appropriated for attorney's fees. Voting in the affirmative: Phil Jacobson, Lee Wrights, Beverly Wilcox, Alex Vuchnich, Barbara Howe, Susan Hogarth, Bob Ritchie, Tom Howe, Richard Norman, Eric Smith, Elise Gallivan and Stephen Burr; voting in the negative: Robert Sinnott; and abstaining: Joy Elliott. The motion passed.

E. Newsletter Editor

NO REPORT

F. Outreach Director

NO REPORT

G. Ballot Access Director

1. Mr. Ritchie reported that funds were raised at the convention for petitioning but the amount is not yet known.

2. Mr. Ritchie also accepted petition signatures from Mr. Sinnott, turned in on behalf of the Guilford County affiliate under the affiliate program.

H. Press Secretary

NO REPORT

I. Membership Secretary

1. Mr. Norman reported that he will spend time getting caught up with membership issues and get back up to speed with eTapestry.

J. Political Director

1. Mr. Smith will be looking for candidates to run in non-partisan races in November.

K. Webmaster

1. Ms Gallivan reported that she will be working to update all the information with the results of convention voting.

III. Committee Reports

A. Convention

1. Total amounts for income and expenses are still not known but the convention can be expected to raise money – amount unknown.
2. Ms Wilcox reported that because the Convention Committee should be a rotating committee, she will be resigning from the committee to leave a slot open for a new volunteer.

B. County Affiliate Affairs

NO REPORT

C. Policy Manual/Past Practices

NO REPORT

D. Legislative Agenda

1. The short session of the legislature opens on May 9, 2006 and it is imperative that all activists contact their senator regarding passage of the original form of HB 88.
2. Mr. Smith would like to have more members on his committee.

E. State Fair

NO REPORT

F. Finance Committee

NO REPORT

G. Platform and Statement of Principles Committee

1. Mr. Jacobson reported that the committee completed its task and presented its report to the convention. This committee will be disbanded.
2. The Bylaws committee will need to be formed shortly.
3. Discussion is planned for the next Executive Committee to consider changing the Platform and the Bylaws Committees to standing committees.

H. Lawsuit Committee

1. The hearing judge dismissed the state's motion to dismiss our lawsuit.
2. Preparations are beginning regarding the next state of the lawsuit.

I. Ballot Access Petitioning Committee

NO REPORT

IV. Old Business

A. Electronic Voting

1. Motion by Mr. Wrights, seconded by Mr. Irving: I move that we authorize a payment of \$1,000 to be made to our lawyer immediately for services rendered. Voting in the affirmative: Phil Jacobson, Lee Wrights, Alex Vuchnich, Bob Ritchie, Brian Irving, Susan Hogarth, Elise Gallivan, Allison Jaynes and Eric Smith; voting no: no one; abstaining: Beverly Wilcox and Rick Pasotto. The motion passed.
2. Susan Hogarth moved, and Alex Vuchnich seconded, that the above motion be affirmed. The vote was unanimous.

B. Inclusion in political debates

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C. Discussion and update – Fundraising letter

1. There have now been three batches of fundraising letters sent.
2. Money continues to come in from this fund raising process. Better records will be kept to match income with each particular letter.

V. New Business

A. Discussion – involvement in Dixie Classic Fair and Western State Fair

1. Susan Hogarth moved, and Lee Wrights seconded, that we appropriate an additional \$325 to pay the entire fee for the Dixie Classic Fair booth. Voting in the affirmative: Lee Wrights, Beverly Wilcox, Alex Vuchnich, Susan Hogarth, Bob Ritchie, Tom Howe, Richard Norman, Elise Gallivan, Stephen Burr and Joy Elliott; voting in the negative: Eric Smith and Robert Sinnott; abstaining: Phil Jacobson and Barbara Howe. The motion passed.
2. Mr. Ritchie reported that it has been suggested that the state party get more involved as a presence at the Western State Fair and Mr. Ritchie and Ms Hogarth will research this opportunity.

B. Other New Business

NONE

VI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.
- B. The next meeting will be held at 11 AM, June 25, 2006 in Greensboro under the direction of Robert Sinnott.