



June 25, 2006  
Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted

A regular meeting held at  
Lone Star Steakhouse, Greensboro, NC

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With Mr. Jacobson presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 11:05 AM.

**Members present:** Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Wrights, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Vuchnich, Ms Howe, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Howe, Mr. Norman, Mr. Smith, Ms Gallivan, Mr. Burr, Ms Elliot (by proxy – Phil Jacobson) and Mr. Sinnott.

**Members absent:** Ms Hogarth

**Guests:** Allison Jaynes, Kelly Baker-Smith and Emma Pullium

## I. Opening

- A. Additions were made to the agenda, under "opening" and "new business" and the agenda was accepted as amended.
- B. Eric Smith moved and Alex Vuchnich seconded, that the minutes of the May 7, 2006 Executive Committee meeting be approved. The vote was unanimous.

## II. Officer Reports

### A. Chair

1. Mr. Jacobson reported that he had met with representatives of the Green Party to discuss common ground regarding the lawsuit and the formation of the Open Elections Coalition.

### B. Vice-chair

1. Mr. Wrights reported that he will not seek reelection to the LNC.

### C. Recording Secretary

NO REPORT

### D. Treasurer

1. Mr. Vuchnich reported there's \$14,500 in the bank and outstanding bills of approximately \$6,600.
2. The total realized from the convention was \$7,100.
3. Alex Vuchnich moved and Lee Wrights seconded, that \$600 be transferred from the lawsuit line item to the newsletter line item. The voting was unanimous.
4. Ms Howe moved and Bev Wilcox seconded, that "fundraising strategies" be added to the agenda under New Business. The voting was unanimous.

### E. Newsletter Editor

1. Ms Howe reported that her first newsletter should have hit mailboxes on Friday.
2. The newsletter cost approximately \$325 and was 380 copies were mailed.
3. Articles for the next Tarheel Libertarian need to be submitted by July 31, 2006.

### F. Outreach Director

NO REPORT

### G. Ballot Access Director

1. Mr. Ritchie reported that although he had no actual numbers on petition signatures, he was very impressed with the number of signatures turned in on behalf of Guilford County and those sent in as part of the fundraising letter effort.
2. There was a general discussion regarding paid petitioners but no action was taken. Ad advertisement will be placed in the next Tarheel Libertarian regarding payment opportunities for petitioning

#### **H. Press Secretary**

1. Mr. Howe reported that he had sent out two press releases since the last EC meeting. He has received no feedback regarding publication.
2. Mr. Howe's goal is to send one release per week.

#### **I. Membership Secretary**

1. Mr. Norman reported that he had created a database of about 2,400 potential members and has been contacting them as their national membership expires.
2. There are presently 82 paid state members, from a combination of not yet expired National members and those who have signed on as state members through deliberate action.
3. Mr. Norman has been sending letters to national members whose national memberships are about to expire, explaining the changes in the national membership program and asking them to become state dues-paying members. This effort has garnered approximately \$1,600 in the last 3 months.
4. Alex Vuchnich moved and Bev Wilcox seconded, that all monthly pledgers, paying an aggregate of at least \$25 per year, be acknowledged as dues-paying members. The motion passed.
5. Mr. Norman is still working with the eTapestry program but has found some shortcomings and is now looking into another program by which he can keep track of memberships. He is looking for better ways to track individual fundraising efforts. Discussion will continue between himself and the Treasurer to work out a system that meets the needs of the party.

#### **J. Political Director**

1. Mr. Smith reported that he is aware of several candidates running for office in non-partisan races this fall but that he is still looking for more willing candidates.
2. A discussion of candidate financial assistance will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **K. Webmaster**

1. Ms Gallivan reported that she has updated information for the national website, created an LP announcements section, plans to create a section for press releases, and made a short cut connection to the events page.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Convention**

1. Ms Howe reported that another member is needed for this committee.

#### **B. County Affiliate Affairs**

1. Mr. Wrights reported that there had been no new inquiries.

#### **C. Policy Manual/Past Practices**

NO REPORT

#### **D. Legislative Agenda**

1. The committee has been working to formalize its working process because of a request from the Chair. A membership list was presented to the Committee.

A recess was taken for lunch and the meeting reconvened.

2. The mission statement for the committee will be posted to the EC list.
3. Coordination is planned between the committee and the Webmaster.

4. HB 88 is still in committee in the House.
5. HB 1024 - a bill regarding instant run-off voting will probably pass in its watered down version but is seen as a step in the right direction.

**E. State Fair**

NO REPORT

**F. Finance Committee**

NO REPORT

**G. By Laws Committee**

1. The committee is now forming and open to those interested in serving.
2. Tom Howe has agreed to be the provisional chair.

**H. Lawsuit Committee**

NO REPORT

**I. Ballot Access Petitioning Committee**

1. Robert Sinnott has been added to the committee.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Electronic Voting**

1. Motion of 5-23-06 by Susan Hogarth, seconded by Tom Howe: I move that the LPNC offer the following amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement in effect with Sean Haugh (wording provided by Alex Vuchnich) on or before 31 May, 2006: "This First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement ("Contract") made and effective August 21, 2005, by and between the Libertarian Party of North Carolina ("LPNC") and Sean Haugh ("Contractor") is made and effective May \_\_, 2006, by and between the LPNC and Contractor. "LPNC and Contractor both seek to satisfy all obligations by both parties as set forth in the Contract. The LPNC and Contractor wish to modify and amend the Contract as set forth in section 20 of the Contract. "Contractor resigned and the Contract was terminated pursuant to terms set out in section 7C of the Contract as of February 15, 2006. The Contractor is entitled to certain payments as set forth in the Contract over a six-month period following termination of the Contract. LPNC and Contractor desire to settle all payments and obligations by payment of one lump sum in the amount of Two Thousand and Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Contractor hereby relinquishes, indemnifies and holds harmless any and all future claims and obligations against LPNC. The motion passed.
2. Motion of 6-4-06 by Eric Smith, seconded by Robert Sinnott: That the LPNC join and endorse the Open Elections Coalition. The motion passed.
3. Motion of 6-5-06 by Susan Hogarth, seconded by Robert Sinnott: I move that the LPNC endorse the passage of HB 1024 (poll reads: That the LPNC join and endorse the passage of HB 1024). The motion failed for lack of a quorum.
4. Above motions and results were acknowledged and affirmed by unanimous vote.
5. Tom Howe moved and Alex Vuchnich seconded, that instant run-off voting as exemplified in HB 1024 be endorsed as originally presented. The vote was unanimous.

**B. Inclusion in political debates**

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**C. Discussion and update – Fundraising letter**

1. The first round of the fundraising letter realized a profit but the second two rounds did not.
2. The approximate income from the letter was \$1,700 and the approximate expenses were \$2,400.
3. This project will not be continued.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Discussion – method of recording votes in minutes**

1. After discussion it was decided that the Recording Secretary will determine the method of recording votes in the minutes.

### **B. Discussion – standing committee status for By Laws and Platform & Statement of Principles Committees**

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### **C. Discussion – method and time frame for electronic voting**

1. Rick Pasotto moved and Alex Vuchnich seconded, to defer this discussion to a committee to consist of Barbara Howe, Bob Ritchie and Eric Smith. Motion passed with Eric Smith and Lee Wrights voting in the negative.

### **D. Oath of Office for EC members**

1. After discussion, this matter will be referred to the By Laws Committee

### **E. Discussion – Joining Region for National**

1. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Jacobson will forward to Trevor Sutherland our desire to remain in the region as now formed.

### **F. Survey from National**

1. After discussion it was decided that the Recording Secretary will send a message to National that North Carolina will not answer the poorly formulated questionnaire.

### **G. Fundraising Strategies**

1. Eric Smith moved and Richard Norman seconded, that the Chair be authorized to form a search committee to find candidates for a professional fund-raiser for the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. The motion passed. The committee will consist of Alex Vuchnich as chair and Phil Jacobson, Eric Smith, Elise Gallivan and Barbara Howe as members.
2. Barbara Howe will formulate a fundraising letter for approval by the Executive Committee as a former gubernatorial candidate and promoting a future gubernatorial candidate.

### **H. Other New Business**

NONE

## **VI. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting was adjourned.
- B. The next meeting will be held at 11 AM, August 5, 2006 at the home of Phil Jacobson.
- C. The September meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>, held in Winston-Salem under the direction of Lee Wrights