



August 5, 2006  
Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted

A regular meeting held at  
the Jacobson residence, Raleigh, NC

These minutes were e-mailed to: [ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ecLPNC@yahoogroups.com), [JudicialCommittee@LPNC.org](mailto:JudicialCommittee@LPNC.org), and [affiliates@LPNC.org](mailto:affiliates@LPNC.org).

With Mr. Jacobson presiding and Ms Wilcox recording, the meeting came to order at 11:10 AM.

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

**Members absent:** NONE

**Guests:** Kelly Baker-Smith, Michael Munger, David Stamper and Fernie Williams.

## I. Opening

- A. The agenda was accepted as presented.
- B. Bob Ritchie moved and Eric Smith seconded, that the minutes of the June 25, 2006 Executive Committee meeting be approved. The vote was unanimous.

## II. Officer Reports

### A. Chair

1. Mr. Jacobson reported that he has produced copies of the CD archive file supplied by Mr. Haugh and shared those copies with interested members.
2. Mr. Jacobson thanked those who went out of their way to attend sessions of the legislature as it addressed HB 88.
3. Hart Mathews of the Green Party was in attendance often also. Mr. Jacobson, Alex Vuchnich and Mr. Mathews met to discuss methods for fund raising to support the Open Elections Coalition.
4. It was suggested by Mr. Mathews that the LPNC propose the charter under which the Open Elections Coalition will operate. Volunteers are needed for this project.

### B. Vice-chair

NO REPORT

### C. Recording Secretary

NO REPORT

### D. Treasurer

1. Mr. Vuchnich sent a report that stated that there is \$11,000 in our account and that the legal services bill continues to be paid at a rate of \$2,000 per month.
2. A formal report will be posted within the next couple of weeks.

### E. Newsletter Editor

1. Ms Howe reported that the next newsletter will be in mailboxes before the end of August.

### F. Outreach Director

1. Ms Hogarth reported that she is getting 2 to 6 inquiries per week from National.
2. She has received a file of contact information from the former Outreach Director and will be working to get that information into usable form.

3. Ms. Hogarth is working on a new outreach project to hang petition information on residential doors. This would then be available for volunteers to use in their own neighborhoods.

#### **G. Ballot Access Director**

1. Mr. Ritchie reported that more petition signatures have been turned in from events in Cabarrus County and Guilford County.
2. The best estimate of total signatures needed is 104,000 raw signatures to garner the needed 69,250 verified signatures. A total of 39,842 raw signatures have been collected.
3. Mr. Ritchie is continuing to try to find folks who are willing to petition for the cause.
4. Bev Wilcox moved and Eric Smith seconded, that all income not designated and not allocated be designated to projects according to the percentages suggested by the priorities voting at the convention. This motion was tabled by unanimous vote.

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

1. Mr. Howe reported that he has issued three releases since the last meeting.

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

1. Mr. Norman reported that there are 115 dues paying members of the party at the state level. This is an increase of 20 members since the last report but most of the increase is from including monthly pledgers.
2. The list for newsletter mailing is at 315, which is down 40 from the last mailing. This list consists of national members whose dues have not yet expired, or have paid LPNC dues even if they have not paid national dues, or are monthly pledgers to LPNC.
3. Ms Elliot has volunteered to produce political buttons as a premium to dues paying members. She requested that this premium be noted on the website membership page.

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

1. Mr. Smith reported that he has a list of candidates running in non-partisan races but the listed is very limited.
2. Mr. Smith would like to revive the LP Candidates Yahoo group.

#### **K. Webmaster**

1. Ms Gallivan reported that she added the Professional Fundraiser Search Committee to the committee page and started a Yahoo discussion group for the committee. She also added a lawsuit page to the site.

A break was taken for lunch and then the meeting reconvened.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Convention**

NO REPORT

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

NO REPORT

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

NO REPORT

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

1. Eric Smith reported that the bastardized version of HB 88 was passed.
2. Work for the next session will begin immediately. Eminent domain will be an issue again.

#### **E. State Fairs**

1. Ms Hogarth reported that she would like to set up a "County Day" system where folks from a particular area agree to staff a fair booth for an entire day.

2. Planning sessions will have to be scheduled to get the booth materials up to date.

**F. Finance Committee**

NO REPORT

**G. By Laws Committee**

NO REPORT

**H. Lawsuit Committee**

NO REPORT

**I. Ballot Access Petitioning Committee**

1. Mr. Ritchie reported that he will start a Yahoo group for discussion.
2. A focus of the committee will be to promote the gathering of signatures at events held across the state this fall.

**J. Professional Fundraiser Search Committee**

1. Mr. Jacobson posted a query to the national state chairs list, requesting information regarding their experience with professional fundraisers but did not receive much feedback.
2. Ms Howe has produced a rough draft of a letter that she plans to send shortly regarding the next gubernatorial race and promoting ballot access. Ms Howe will provide a budget for this project so that monies can be appropriated.

**K. Electronic Voting Rules Committee**

NO REPORT

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Electronic Voting**

NONE

**B. Inclusion in political debates**

1. Ms Howe reported that she has requested an update from the attorney and a copy of all the files regarding the case but has not received a response.

**C. Update – fundraising letter**

1. This item was removed from the agenda as completed.

D.

**D. Discussion – standing committee status – By laws and Platform & Statement of Principles Committee**  
(tabled from 6-25-06)

1. Joy Elliott moved and Susan Hogarth seconded, that the Executive Committee populate the Platform & Statement of Principles Committee in 2006 for consideration of items to be presented to the 2008 state convention. The motion failed.

**V. New Business**

**A. Discussion – Candidate financing**

1. Eric Smith shared his concern that there be a policy regarding financial assistance for candidates running under the Libertarian banner in future elections.

**B. Report of Delegation LNC Convention**

1. Joy Elliot gave an overview of the activities of the National Convention and will prepare a report for the upcoming Tarheel Libertarian.
2. Ms Elliot was given a round of applause for her work as a delegate.

A five-minute recess was call and then the meeting was called back to order.

**C. Discussion – Campus outreach and recruitment**

1. Joy Elliot presented her plan to organize campus affiliates.
2. After detailed discussion Bev Wilcox moved and Bob Ritchie seconded, that a new standing committee be formed - Campus Affiliate Affairs Committee – and that Joy Elliot be chair of that committee. The vote was unanimous.

**D. Discussion – significance of Munger candidacy**

1. Phil Jacobson reviewed the importance of running a gubernatorial candidate who can garner 2%, the requirement under the new rules implemented by the passage of HB 88.
2. Mr. Munger spoke of his goals and expressed a willingness to speak to groups across the state.

**E. Libertarian / Green joint fundraising efforts**

1. Mr. Jacobson explained that there are benefits to fundraising with the Green Party as both groups move forward toward ballot access.
2. This action will only gain the support of Libertarians if it is clear that this move is an alliance and does not give the appearance of fusion.
3. A group was formed to write the original draft of a constitution under which the Open Elections Coalition will operate.

**F. Discussion – Issues and Priorities Committee**

1. Dr. Munger explained that his proposal is to work toward creating a resource for activists that will include position papers and research articles.
2. Barbara Howe moved and Richard Norman seconded that, a standing committee be created, called Issues and Priorities Committee and that Michael Munger be appointed as chair. The voting was unanimous.

**G. Discussion – Editorial Board**

1. An informal media committee is being formed that includes the Chair, Outreach Director, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor and Press Secretary and the committee has met to form a plan by which everyone can plan on how to speak with a ‘common voice’. The committee will produce ‘talking points’, graphics and an outline of issues.

**H. Other New Business**

NONE

**VI. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting was adjourned.
- B. The next meeting will be held at 11 AM on September 16, in Winston-Salem under the direction of Lee Wrights.
- C. The October meeting will be held on October 22 in Raleigh under the direction of Susan Hogarth.