



January 12, 2007  
Executive Committee Meeting

As accepted

A regular meeting held at  
the Howe residence  
in Oxford, 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 11:15 AM

**Members present:** Mr. Jacobson, Ms Wilcox, Mr. Vuchnich, Ms Howe, Ms Hogarth, Mr. Howe, Mr. Norman, Mr. Smith, Ms Gallivan and Ms Elliott

**Members present by proxy:** Mr. Wrights (Barbara Howe) and Mr. Burr (Barbara Howe)

**Members absent:** Mr. Pasotto and Mr. Sinnott

**Guests:** Daniel Turner

## I. Opening

- A. The agenda was accepted as presented.
- B. The minutes for the October 22, 2006 meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous action.
- C. The minutes for the December 2, 2006 meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous action.

## II. Officer Reports

### A. Chair

1. Mr. Jacobson reported that he had represented the LPNC in phone meetings regarding the resignation of the convention appointed Southeast Regional Rep and the process of seating his replacement.
2. Mr. Jacobson has produced a file of all the associated communications and this file is available to anyone who requests it. Mr. Jacobson will also produce a report for the LPNC Yahoo group.
3. Mr. Bob Barr, former Republican Representative from Georgia, will be the LNC representative for this region.
4. Mr. Jacobson requested that each present member announce whether they plan to stand for reelection at the upcoming convention. Phil stated that he won't seek the office of Chair.

### B. Vice-chair

NO REPORT

### C. Recording Secretary

1. Ms Wilcox will not be standing for reelection.
2. Ms Wilcox requested that the Executive Committee return to the old system of approving minutes so that they can be shared with the membership in a more timely fashioned. The Committee agreed. Approved minutes will be posted to the website.
3. Eric Smith moved, and Susan Hogarth seconded, that up to \$150 be authorized to purchase new recording equipment to be used by the Recording Secretary. The vote was unanimous.

### D. Treasurer

1. Mr. Vuchnich will not seek reelection to this position.
2. The year-end cash on hand was \$15,290.00 with \$5,666 of that total reserved for ballot access. \$560 has been raised for ballot access since the last meeting.

3. The outstanding attorney's bill is \$4,500 with no more activity scheduled until closer to the next hearing date in April.

#### **E. Newsletter Editor**

1. Ms Howe reported that she will not seek reelection to this position.
2. She reported that the next issue of the Tar Heel Libertarian will go to the printer shortly.

#### **F. Outreach Director**

1. Ms Hogarth reported that she will not be seeking reelection to the post of Outreach Director
2. Susan reminded everyone of the Cures-not-Wars Marijuana March / Rally / Concert in Raleigh on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. The annual Rally in Raleigh sponsored by Stop NC Annexation will be held on League of Municipalities Lobby Day.
4. An Anti-war Rally will be held in Washington, DC on January 27<sup>th</sup> and people are organizing to travel in groups.

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

1. Mr. Ritchie, although not in attendance, filed a report including stating that the new total of raw signatures is 44,307.
2. Buncombe, Cabarrus, Guilford and Wake counties did outstanding signature gathering work on Election Day.

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

1. Mr. Howe reported that he has issued one press release regarding Bob Barr's appointment as the Southeast Region's LNC representative
2. Mr. Howe stated that not only will he not be seeking reelection to his post but tendered his resignation effective at the end of the day. Alex Vuchnich moved, and Susan Hogarth seconded, that Mr. Howe's resignation be accepted with regret. The motion passed. Mr. Howe has agreed to continue to file press releases if the Chair presents them to him.

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

1. Mr. Norman reported he will be running for reelection.
2. Mr. Norman reported that there are 158 dues paying NC members. National membership is at 266. The mailing list for the Tarheel Libertarian is 235.
3. Mr. Norman was commended for his outstanding work in recruiting new members.

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

1. Mr. Smith reported that he will not be running for his present position.
2. Mr. Smith acknowledged that although there were not many Libertarians on the ballot, three of those running were elected or reelected to their offices.
3. There was a discussion of potential strategies for future campaigns.

#### **K. Webmaster**

1. Ms Gallivan expressed an interest in running for reelection.
2. After discussion it was decided that Ms Gallivan will post all future events on the events page with a disclaimer on the bottom of the page that says that these events may or may not be endorsed by the LPNC.

A break was called at 12:40 PM for a delicious lunch served by the Howes. The meeting reconvened at 1:20 PM

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. State Convention**

1. Barbara Howe reported that she is still working out the details of the convention with the Park Inn in Hickory and that she is issuing invitations to speakers and special guests.

**B. County Affiliate Affairs**

1. Richard Norman reported that he has had serious difficulty making initial contact with the listed county contacts. This has made his initial set up work more time consuming. Work continues.
2. The information coming from National has become more usable due to the assistance of Alicia Mattson of Tennessee.

**C. Campus Affiliate Affairs**

NO REPORT

**D. Policy Manual/Past Practices**

NO REPORT

**E. Legislative Agenda**

1. Eric Smith warned that 654 federal bills had already been filed in the opening days of the present session. This is a good example of why it is so difficult for any interest group to stay on top of the activities of the lawmakers.
2. The state legislature passes in excess of 500 bills per session.
3. The Legislative Agenda Committee and the Outreach Director will work on a joint project to set up a plan for a "Break a Stupid Law" event.

**F. State Fairs**

1. Susan Hogarth moved, and Beverly Wilcox seconded, that filing fees for both the State Fair and the Dixie Classic Fair, insurance fees for the State Fair and up to \$150 for supplies be allocated for fair participation in 2007. The vote was unanimous.

**G. Finance Committee**

NO REPORT

**H. By Laws Committee**

1. Tom Howe reported that the Committee is active and working toward its reporting deadline.

**I. Lawsuit Committee**

1. Ms Howe reported that she and Mr. Haugh will meet with the attorney before the next hearing date in April. Mr. Jacobson will also attend that meeting.

**J. Ballot Access Petitioning Committee**

1. After a detailed discussion it was agreed that Susan Hogarth would contact the Guilford County Affiliate to produce a manual on how to run a successful petitioning campaign using just volunteers

**K. Professional Fundraiser Search Committee**

1. Barbara Howe reported that she has continued her work in recruiting a paid fundraiser.
2. Beverly Wilcox moved, and Eric Smith seconded, that the EC authorize Barbara Howe to offer Scott Kohlhaas the position of paid fundraiser with a 35% commission on all monies raised and assurance of speedy payment on said commission. The motion passed.
3. Alex Vuchnich moved, and Eric Smith seconded, that the EC empower Barbara Howe to negotiate with Mr. Kohlhaas to a commission rate of up to 40%. The motion passed.

**L. Electronic Voting Rules Committee**

1. This item will be removed from the agenda, the committee dissolved and the issue addressed by the By-laws Committee.

**M. Issues and Priorities Committee – Michael Munger**

1. Ms Hogarth volunteered to set up a Yahoo group to facilitate discussion of the Issues and Priorities Committee report. All members of the EC, Tom Howe and Mike Munger will be members of this group.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Electronic Voting**

NONE

##### **B. Inclusion in political debates**

1. This item will be removed from the agenda.

##### **C. Discussion – Protocol for Event Endorsement**

TABLED

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Discussion – Regional Representation to LNC**

1. After a long and detailed discussion of this issue it was decided that the best course of action is to continue to monitor the situation.

##### **B. Other New Business**

1. Richard Norman moved, and Eric Smith seconded, that, at the request of members of the Forsyth County Affiliate, said affiliate be dissolved to assist the members of that affiliate in their efforts to reorganize. The motion passed.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting was adjourned.
- B. The next meeting will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM at Mom's Kitchen in Wentworth.
- C. The April meeting will be held in Hickory ½ hour after the close of the state convention.