



LNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2016

DISTRIBUTION DATE: JUNE 27, 2016

CURRENT STATUS: CANDIDATE FOR AUTO-APPROVAL ON JULY 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 10:04 p.m. (all times Eastern).

ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee members participating were: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer), Sam Goldstein (At-Large - joined at 10:10 p.m.), Jim Lark (Region 5), Bill Redpath (At-Large)

Other LNC participants were: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1 Representative), David Demarest (Region 6 Representative), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7 Representative - joined at 10:26 p.m.), Steve Nekhalia (Region 2 Alternate), Ken Moellman (Region 3 Alternate)

Staff participants were: Wes Benedict (Executive Director)

Representing the Libertarian Party of Maine were: Jorge Maderal, Chris Lyons (Chair of Libertarian Party of Maine)

Other participants were: Andy Jacobs, Chris Thrasher, Chris Wiest

PURPOSE

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing:

- Increasing the Illinois encumbrance from \$50,000 to \$70,000
- Authorizing the LNC to join as an amicus in the Ohio ballot access case
- Authorizing an encumbrance for Maine to get voter registrations before the July 12 deadline

AMICUS IN OHIO BALLOT ACCESS CASE

Mr. Hagan moved that we join the Ohio ballot access case as an amicus.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Hagan, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 6-0.

ILLINOIS BALLOT ACCESS

Mr. Redpath moved to increase the existing encumbrance for ballot access in Illinois from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

The Gary Johnson campaign has transferred \$20,000 to the LNC to pay for this increase, which is the result of having increased the paid signature rate to \$3 some time ago.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Hagan, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Goldstein

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 6-0.

MAINE BALLOT ACCESS

The Maine affiliate needs another 487 party voter registrations by July 12 to achieve ballot access. Their efforts have encountered procedural obstructions at the hands of some voter registrars; some towns have rejected up to 100% of submitted registrations (the average rejection rate is 30%). The Maine affiliate's resources have been drained by the registration drive; the affiliate has requested LNC assistance. If the registration drive fails, the affiliate will have 5 weeks to complete a standard petition drive for ballot access, which will require submission of 4,000 valid signature.

Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$3,000 for a voter registration drive in Maine to achieve ballot access.

Following debate, the vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 7-0.

OHIO BALLOT ACCESS

Without objection, Ken Moellman as Chair of the Ballot Access Committee was recognized to report on ballot access efforts in Ohio. The previous encumbrance was based on a plan to piggy-back the drive on a marijuana initiative which was later cancelled. Our payment rate increased from \$2.25 to \$2.75, and Mr. Moellman recommends that we increase the target number of signatures the LNC is paying for from 4,400 to 5,000.

Mr. Goldstein moved to increase the existing encumbrance for the Ohio ballot access petition drive from \$12,500 to \$15,125.

Voting "aye": Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Following an update on the Pennsylvania ballot access drive, the meeting adjourned without objection at 10:42 p.m.