

**Libertarian National Committee
Chair's Proposed Agenda
September 20-21, 2014 – Alexandria, VA**

Opening Ceremony

Call to Order	9:00 am
Opportunity for Public Comment	10 minutes

Housekeeping

Credentials Report and Paperwork Check	2 minutes
Adoption of Agenda	10 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	5 minutes

Officer Reports

Chair's Report (Sarwark)	20 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	20 minutes
Secretary's Report (Mattson)	20 minutes

Recess

10 minutes

Staff Reports

45 minutes

Counsel's Report

5 minutes

Regional Reports (supplements to printed reports)

Region 1	5 minutes
Region 2	5 minutes
Region 3	5 minutes
Region 4	5 minutes
Region 5	5 minutes
Region 6	5 minutes
Region 7	5 minutes
Region 8	5 minutes

Recess (Lunch)

90 minutes

Reports of Standing Committees

Affiliate Support Committee	15 minutes
Audit Committee	5 minutes
Awards Committee	5 minutes
Convention Management Committee	5 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee	5 minutes

Convention Site Selection	5 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee	5 minutes
IT Committee	20 minutes
Outreach Committee	15 minutes

Motion to Dissolve Outreach Committee

Resolved:

The following four changes are hereby made to the Policy Manual of the Libertarian National Committee:

- 1> Section 2.02-10, titled “Outreach Committee” shall be deleted.
- 2> References to the “Outreach Committee” shall be removed from the table which appear in Section 1.03.
- 3> The bullet item “Outreach – Initiatives to reach the general public and outside groups” listed under Program Expenses in Section 3 (page 28) shall be deleted.
- 4> Table of Contents and Index shall be modified to reflect the above changes.

Informal rationale (in lieu of several Whereas’s :>)

- 1> Examination of the current web page shows that the “Outreach Committee” has no members (i.e. membership is “TBD”). I suspect that there has been no significant activity in this area (as described in the Policy Manual) for the last four years.
- 2> Reference to the “Outreach Committee” in Section 3 implies that funds are to be allocated for this function in the annual budget even though there have been no expenditures that I am aware of over the last four years. Availability of funding is always tight. If we are to allocate funds, let’s allocate funds to committees which will do something with the funds.
- 3> Rather than trying to do many things (all of which are well intentioned) in a half-assed manner, let’s plan to do only a couple of things but do them well. That is, lets fully fund the things that are really crucial and drop those that are not crucial.
- 4> When the financial squeeze eases and we find individuals willing to commit resources to these worthwhile efforts, we can add this back in to the policy manual.
- 5> But for now let’s not allocate very scarce resources to an effort in which there is very limited interest.

Reports of Special Committees

Convention Teller Report	5 minutes
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<u>Report of Libertarian State Leadership Alliance</u>	10 minutes
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Unfinished Business and Items Postponed from Previous Meeting

<u>Recess</u>	10 minutes
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New Business with Previous Notice

Electronic Conferencing Procedure	30 minutes
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Motion to Modify Expense Reimbursement Section of Policy Manual 10 minutes

The motion will be to modify the Policy Manual, Section 2.03, Subsection 5, Credit Cards and Expense Reimbursements (page 29). After the first sentence, which reads, "All expenditures shall be evidenced by receipts.", add the following sentences:

If a valid receipt is not available, a signed affidavit is required to state the reason no receipt is available (e.g. never given, lost, or stolen) and to specify the purchase price, date, and item description. An affidavit for a missing receipt may be submitted only for expenditures no greater than \$75, and the affidavit must be approved by the Treasurer or the Chair.

The sentence "All expenditures shall be evidenced by receipts." was added to the Policy Manual in 2013. Earlier this year, a staff member could not get a receipt for parking due to a broken machine. This change provides a mechanism for people to be reimbursed when a receipt for a small amount is missing.

Motion to Amend Budget to Increase Convention Expenses by \$400 10 minutes

My motion will be to amend the budget by increasing Convention Expenses by \$400. The LNC paid Nigel Lyons \$735 for the time and equipment for convention videos. He offered to do the subsequent editing and uploading online for \$400, which the Convention Management Committee agreed to. Convention expenses to date are \$120,303.91, and the budget is \$110,000. The Policy Manual, on page 28, states, "Funds shall not be disbursed for any budget line that exceeds the total budgeted expense amount by 10% or \$100, whichever is more." Since convention expenses are close to this limit, we thought the LNC should consider increasing the budget by \$400 to cover the video editing and uploading.

Motion to Amend Budget to Increase Brand Development/Promotional Materials by \$5000.
10 minutes

I'd like to request adding a ten-minute agenda item to consider modifying the budget by increasing both the revenue and expense for Brand Development/Promotional Materials by \$5000.

Motion Regarding Convention Schedule and Site Selection 15 minutes

Resolved:

- 1> The 2018 national convention of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) will be held on the Memorial Day weekend of 2018 (25 thru 28 May 2018).
- 2> The schedule of official business of the 2018 national convention of the LNC shall consist of 2½ days, commencing on the morning of Saturday, May 26, 2018 and adjourning by 2PM on Monday, May 28, 2018.
- 3> We, the LNC, would prefer to have a private entity produce the convention and, in that regard, hereby directs the Chair and staff to solicit bids from such private organizations. Such bids must be sufficiently detailed per Executive Director specifications and received by the Executive Director by close of business at the Alexandria office on May 1, 2015.
- 4> Regardless of whether the LNC accepts a bid by a private organization or not, the LNC shall choose the specific venue of the 2018 convention at, or prior to, the last LNC meeting in 2015.

Informal rationale (in lieu of a whole slew of Whereas's :->):

- 1> Attendance statistics suggest that attendance of an off-year convention on the Memorial Day weekend is significantly greater than conventions on other dates.
- 2> A convention prior to the commencement of summer activities and following most final exams would enable more students to attend.
- 3> A shorter convention on a holiday weekend will cost delegates significantly less in base financial costs, and even greater savings in “lost work” opportunity costs.
- 4> A private organization which produces a convention can (and usually do) accept corporate sponsorships and engage in other activities which would reduce the cost of the actual convention to both the party and its delegates.
- 5> Either way, we need to make a decision as soon as reasonably possible. Actually, we should already be looking at preparations (soliciting bids?) for the 2020 convention.

Motion to Amend International Representative Section of Policy Manual 10 minutes

2.09.3 International Representatives

The LNC may appoint one or more individuals to serve as International Representatives, subject to the following:

- The title is honorary, and does not convey any binding authority, unless specifically ~~and conditionally~~ delegated by the LNC.
- The International Representative serves at will, and may be terminated by either party at will without cause.
- The terms of service are from appointment until termination, and will not be tied to LNC terms of office.
- Expenditures for this position ~~must be made from either budgeted expenses or from restricted funds raised specifically for this purpose~~ may not be made without advance approval by the LNC.
- The purpose of this position is to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships between the LP and its international counterparts.

Motion to Amend Previous Notice Section of Policy Manual 2 minutes

1.02.1 Previous Notice

An LNC Member may satisfy by either one of two methods the requirement of giving previous notice of his or her intention to introduce an original main motion at the next session:

- announcing this intention at the previous session in the presence of a quorum, providing an accurate and complete statement of purport, such notice to be taken note of in the minutes; or
- send the complete language of the motion to the entire LNC by e-mail at least 14 days prior to the session.

~~Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.~~

Rationale: The bylaws were amended in Columbus so that this wording is now in Article 14, making this policy redundant.

Executive Session re: Ballot Access Petition Challenges 15 minutes

Purpose: discuss legal and strategic matters related to the ballot access petition challenges we have seen recently in places like Illinois, Ohio, and New York.

Evening Recess

Sunday Morning Session

New Business with Previous Notice (cont.)

Discussion of LNC goals for 2014 and the 2014-2016 term 60 minutes

Recess 10 minutes

New Business without Previous Notice

2012 Minnesota Petitioning Expense Reimbursement 10 minutes

The background:

To successfully get Gary Johnson onto our statewide ballot, paid petitioners were contracted by the LNC at the rate of \$4 per signature to gather signatures in Minnesota. In parallel, we in the LPMN had raised \$1342.50 specifically to assist this effort, and those funds were fully utilized. However, our total costs came to \$3362.82.

At the time, two petitioners had been rather irate and demanded immediate payment, fearing they might not get paid, so one of our officers took it upon herself to pay them from her personal funds. Knowing it would mean personal hardship for her, the LPMN reimbursed her with the understanding that we'd in turn be reimbursed by the LNC. But that never happened.

We've raised this issue on multiple occasions with Bill Redpath. He had passed it along to the Johnson Campaign, which the LNC apparently had an agreement with to share petitioning expenses. But nothing ever became of it. However, I find it strange that this would be a hurdle, because at the 8-2-12 LNC meeting, the LNC had appropriated a total of \$5897 directly for petitioning costs in Minnesota.

The math:

\$3362.82 petitioning costs (signatures + expenses)
- \$1342.50 paid by funds raised by LPMN to assist LNC costs
= \$2020.32 remaining costs

We seek reimbursement of the \$2020.32 that we are still owed by the LNC. Since it's considerably less than the \$5897 that the LNC had approved for Minnesota, I don't understand why it's been a problem.

Executive Session re: Strategic Litigation Opportunity 10 minutes

Purpose: Discuss opportunity to fund/join a candidate's lawsuit.

Motion to Authorize \$2000 in Funding to Defend Gigi Bowman Lawsuit 10 minutes

Republicans filed a court proceeding challenging the petition of Gigi Bowman for New York's 5th Senate District.

Significantly, all of Gigi's signatures (approx. 5000) also counted towards the New York statewide campaign. None of them were paid for by National funds. Our counsel has agreed to defend the proceeding for a flat fee of \$2000 (not including expenses or any appeal). As we spent less than \$18,000 of the \$25,000 encumbrance for petitioning, will National cover this expenditure?

Announcements

10 minutes

Opportunity for Public Comment

10 minutes

TOTAL: 604 minutes