

LNC Executive Committee meeting

Libertarian National Committee

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Mr. Neale called the meeting to order at 10:10 p.m. (EDT).

Executive Committee members in attendance: Geoff Neale (chair), Lee Wrights (vice chair), Jim Lark (assistant secretary and Region 5S representative), Tim Hagan (treasurer), Bill Redpath (at-large representative), and Dan Wiener (Region 4 representative).

Mark Hinkle (at-large representative), Vicki Kirkland (Region 2 representative), Gary Johnson (Region 7 representative), and Paul Frankel (Region 7 alternate representative) were present. Executive Director Wes Benedict was present; Mark Axinn (Chair, Libertarian Party of New York) and Ken Moellman (Chair, Libertarian Party of Kentucky) were present as invited guests.

Mr. Neale asked Mr. Redpath to introduce the discussion concerning requests for ballot access funds from the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) and the Libertarian Party of Kentucky (LPKY). Mr. Redpath indicated that the LPNY is requesting \$25,000, and that roughly \$16,900 will remain in the ballot access fund if the requested amount is encumbered. Mr. Hagan indicated that Mr. Redpath's numbers are correct. Mr. Neale and Mr. Benedict provided comments regarding the LP's financial condition.

Following a discussion of the financial condition, Mr. Axinn provided information about Michael McDermott (LPNY gubernatorial candidate) and the particulars of the petition drive. He noted that if Mr. McDermott receives at least 50,000 votes, the LPNY will obtain ballot access for four years.

After discussion of the petition drive details and possible LNC financial assistance, Mr. Redpath moved (Mr. Wrights seconded) to encumber \$25,000 for the LPNY petition drive. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 6 -- 0; the votes were as follows:

Ayes: Hagan, Lark, Neale, Redpath, Wiener, Wrights

Nays: None

Mr. Redpath asked Mr. Moellman to discuss the situation in Kentucky. Mr. Moellman provided information about David Patterson (LPKY candidate for U.S. Senate) and the petition drive to place Mr. Patterson on the ballot. He indicated that the deadline for submission of signatures is Aug. 12, that it may be a four-way race, that the LPKY has roughly 1,000 signatures in hand and seeks to gather at least 6,500 additional signatures, that the race does not have ballot access implications, and that he anticipated the petition drive will cost \$15,000.

Mr. Moellman indicated that the most likely benefit to the LPKY from the campaign is publicity, due to the fact that it will be a high-profile race; the Republican candidate is Mitch McConnell (minority leader in the U.S. Senate). After discussion of details concerning the campaign, Mr. Neale asked Mr. Benedict about opportunities for raising funds to assist the LPKY petition drive. Mr. Moellman indicated that Mr. Patterson will attend the LP national convention and will seek to raise funds at the convention.

After consideration of various ideas, there was consensus that LPHQ should seek to raise funds to assist the LPKY petition drive, and that no formal action by the EC is necessary at this time. Mr. Neale directed Mr. Benedict to proceed in this endeavor.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m. (EDT).

Submitted by: Jim Lark

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