



LNC Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes

To: Libertarian National Committee
From: Bob Sullentrup
CC: Joe Seehusen
Date: 10/14/2004
Re: Conference Call October 14, 2004

Attendance

Dialing in to the conference call were EC members Michael Dixon, Bob Sullentrup, Joe Seehusen, Bill Redpath, Lee Wrights, Mark Rutherford, BetteRose Ryan, Aaron Starr and Mark Nelson. George Squyres and Mark Hinkle also attended.

The purpose of the meeting was primarily to exchange information. No motions or votes were conducted. Most of the discussion was for clarification and for possibility.

Raiser's Edge Status

Michael Dixon reported Raiser's Edge was installed the middle of September. Data validation took somewhat longer than expected, but by the end of month staff had caught up. There have been problems with reports not being correct and are being corrected.

Data transfers to states are proving somewhat troublesome owing to 1) missing data and 2) varieties of content. In Indiana, for example, the database manager was not able to identify life members or Libertarian Party News subscribers. This has not upset Indiana or apparently others, and callers appeared confident the problems could be worked through readily.

If data fields that states urgently need remain missing, Michael requested states e-mail Sam New.

BetteRose noted her credit card was double billed for her pledge donation on October 5. Joe acknowledged such problems may have occurred, but that such occurrences were not widespread.

Staff shortages with national are ongoing with the demand for services outstripping the resource availability. A call for volunteers was mentioned as a short term means of relieving the situation. Geoff Neale's and Rod Severson's departures have had noticeably detrimental effects in the short term.

Financials

Joe Seehusen noted his search for an accountant / operations director is ongoing. He is interviewing candidates daily. Background checks of promising candidates have not panned out.

Our auditor, Mr. Frye, has been filling in two or so days per week paying bills and keeping the books, but has done so in a manner keeping the operations afloat rather than provide the in depth service Joe is looking for.

Ballot Access

Bill Redpath reported our presidential ticket will be on the ballot in 48 states and DC. Bill will shortly produce a write-up on the New Hampshire situation (see September conference call minutes for more details).

Finally, there will no appeal in of the suit entered in Oklahoma, expecting to enhance the prospects of future litigation by doing so.

LSLA

Bob Sullentrup reported the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance (State Chairs Conference) is scheduled for the St. Louis Renaissance Hotel (site of December 2003 LNC meeting) for the weekend of Jan 22, 2005.

Prospective speakers and topics include:

- TBD, "Greatest Hits" – best practices and presentations from previous conferences
- George Squyres, Libertarian Party Platform
- Glenn Nielsen and others, Internet Initiative
- Bob Sullentrup, Conventioneering
- Michael Dixon, Raiser's Edge
- Sean Haugh, BCRA vs. 527
- Steve Dasbach, Holding Successful Events (or anything from Success 99)
- Jim Lark, Campus Organizing

Michael encouraged LNC members to promote the meeting in their areas.

Budget Preparation Plans

This weekend the EC will discuss the 2005 budget. A 20-minute conference call is planned for Saturday, October 16 conference call at 11am Eastern, 10 Central and 8 Pacific. This will be followed up with a Sunday conference call no later than 5 pm Eastern.

Budgetary information made available before the meeting that include salaries should 1) remain confidential and 2) be of sufficient summarization to not isolate particular salaries in separate categories.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LNC is scheduled for November 13-14, in DC at the Crystal City (VA) Sheraton.