



LNC Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes

To: Libertarian National Committee
From: Bob Sullentrup
CC: Joe Seehusen, Sam New
Date: June 23, 2005
Re: Conference Call June 23, 2005

Attendance

Dialing in to the conference call were:

Executive Committee members: Michael Dixon, Bob Sullentrup, Mark Nelson, Lee Wrights, Aaron Starr, BetteRose Ryan, Bill Redpath.

LNC members and alternates: Jim Lark, Emily Salvette, Chuck Moulton, Trevor Southerland, Michael Colley, Mark Cenci.

Other Libertarians: Sean Haugh.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported the following items prior to the meeting via e-mail as a means of shortening the meeting.

Operations/Staff:

Shane has gotten settled in and is making upgrades to the amount of media we are doing. More web site updates and a new weekly email newsletter from Joe are notable additions.

LPNJ:

Michael reported he will attend the New Jersey summer general meeting and picnic on July 9. New Jersey has new leadership, and the state is beyond any problems it may have recently had.

Raiser's Edge:

With Chris Farris' resignation from the LNC Michael has taken two actions. His meetings with staff in June reviewed all of the projects that are in process, as well as determining which volunteers are working on which items.

Region 4 Alternate:

Trevor Southerland of TN (and GA) has been elected by Region 4 as the alternate to replace Chris Farris. Trevor had stood for election as an At-large Representative in 2004 and has been active in the campus organizing and youth outreach efforts.

Additional items

The Chair brought up additional items at the meeting not in his e-mail:

Negotiation with Blackbaud, the provider of Raiser's Edge, is coming to an end. We have gained relief on a payable with them. Blackbaud will offer training for our staff at no cost later this fall. They have agreed to help resolve data integrity issues annually for this year and next. And they will send in a consultant (next week) to resolve residual functionality issues.

Michael has e-mailed staff's list usage policy and asked the LNC to review it. It can be put onto the agenda in KC for discussion if needed. Steve Kubby, not an Libertarian Party candidate, has asked to use the list of addresses, and the policy addresses procedures for campaigns versus non-campaigns.

Chris Farris has resigned, making alternate Fred Collins a member of the Bylaws Committee. Michael noted we will select a new alternate in KC.

The Chair requested people send him agenda items for the KC meeting.

The KC Airport Marriott has offered \$74/night room rates which will be available as early as Friday or definitely Monday (June 27). Remember that Sunday will include a strategic planning session. Accordingly, the meeting will last mid-to-late afternoon.

Ohio had a member whom they are refusing to renew. This individual wrote bad checks to the Ohio Party and has been convicted of attempting to contract violence against a business associate. The national Libertarian Party has no provision to refuse this individual's request, should it come, to be a member of the National Party. This was a reminder of a hole the Libertarian Party might wish to close.

Roy Meyers from Maryland, a former state chair, is continuing to work on Raiser's Edge in Chris Farris' place.

Secretary's Report on KC Meeting Events

The agenda called for Bob Sullentrop to report on the dinner Mike Ferguson is arranging with affinity groups at the August LNC meeting. With the meeting going long (and NBA finals already at halftime), the Secretary chose to enter these notes into the minutes and leave matters at that.

KS, MO and NE Libertarians will meet the LNC at the North Kansas City Community Center. Featured speakers include Jerry Agar, a popular KC morning radio personality and Michael Badnarik. Cost is \$45 and the web address is: http://cass.molp.org/aug6_event.htm. Please sign up early.

Michael Badnarik is offering a constitution class on Saturday, August 6 in KC.

Treasurer's Report on Financials and FEC filings

Mark Nelson reported the FEC has offered an alternate dispute resolution (ADR) to an issue stemming from the February 2003 report of Nick Dunbar, amended by Rod Severson in August 2004. The 'ADR' is a process of 'sitting down and talking about it' rather than resolving the issue in an adversarial legal context.

The Libertarian Party has obtained legal counsel for this, and Bill Hall has agreed. The retainer is \$2500.

A recent analysis of an FEC disclosure for the pre-general election phase in 2004 revealed a variance in cash after all reconciliations of about \$2500. Paula Edwards will amend and correct the filing.

The Treasurer reported we had apparently been too optimistic in our revenue projections for 2005. Accounts payable have increased significantly.

The Treasurer moved

The Executive Committee direct the Executive Director to provide a written report on or before July 11, 2005, summarizing the product/services involved and the date the purchase was made for all accounts payables that are in excess 1 day past due as of June 30, 2005, with a plan to reduce the accounts payable over 1 day past dues to less than 10% of the total payables by August 30, 2005.

The motion passed 5-0 with votes by Bob Sullentrup, Mark Nelson, Aaron Starr, Bill Redpath, Lee Wrights.

In addition, Mark noted he was concerned we are not monitoring LP News more closely.

The Treasurer moved

The Executive Committee direct the Executive Director to provide a written report on or before July 11, 2005, summarizing all collection activities for Accounts Receivable that are in excess of 1 day past due as of June 30, 2005, including the current status of the past due vendors for reserving new advertising.

The motion passed 5-0 with votes by Bob Sullentrup, Mark Nelson, Aaron Starr, Bill Redpath, Lee Wrights.

Finally, Mark proposed the following:

Whereas, the LNC believes that Rasier's Edge database program has not been given enough attention by the national staff so that it is accurate, reliable, beneficial to the national program and beneficial to the state programs, and

Whereas, the LNC appreciates its hardworking employees but believes their actions have not been focused on making the program work and in being responsive to the state affiliates and their needs;

Whereas the LNC has tried to informally address these issues, without success;

Resolved, the LNC orders the Executive Director to freeze all salaries and benefits unless otherwise required by contract or law;

It is further Resolved that the budget shall be amended to withdraw all discretionary spending by the Executive Director and there shall be no expenditure in the following areas:

Program line items, including all Outreach and Media Relations, with the exception of LP News and UMP; and

All project line items, with the exception of retiring the Ballot Access debt.

It is further Resolved that any direct or indirect violation of this motion by the Executive Director will be considered cause for termination of the Executive Director.

It is further Resolved that these salary freezes and budget amendments shall be in effect until processes are in place and implemented that result in:

- *The monthly data dumps to the states including two phone numbers, if available and two e-mail addresses, if available; and*
- *The monthly data dumps to the states including information the status of the most current address (labeled as the bad address field in the prior database); and*
- *The monthly data dumps to the states reconciling to the monthly state by state membership report.*

This resolution passed 3-1 with two abstentions:

Voting in favor: BetteRose Ryan, Mark Nelson, Aaron Starr

Opposed: Lee Wrights

Abstain: Bill Redpath, Bob Sullentrup

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LNC is scheduled for August 6-7 in Kansas City at the Airport Marriott. 800-228-9290 or 816-464-2200. Plan for two full days since August 7 will include a review of the strategic plan.

Don't forget to sign up for the affinity group outreach dinner in KC:

http://cass.molp.org/aug6_event.htm