



LNC Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes

To: Libertarian National Committee
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Re: Conference Call December 31, 2005

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Attendance

Dialing in to the conference call were:

Executive Committee members: Michael Dixon, Bob Sullentrup, Mark Rutherford, Aaron Starr, Mark Nelson, BetteRose Ryan. Lee Wrights and Bill Redpath did not dial in.

Other LNC members and alternates included: Emily Salvette, Michael Colley, Jim Lark, Chuck Moulton, M Carling, Dan Karlan.

Notes Prior to the Meeting

While waiting for others to join,

- The Chair reported the website will be updated first thing in 2006, perhaps this evening or tomorrow, to reflect the new donation-model and not dues-and-membership model.
- Emily Salvette mentioned she will be attending the LSLA conference in Phoenix and would alert state chairs of their opportunity to form LNC regions using membership percentages from the 12-31-2005 membership totals during the window April 2 through July 2.
- The Chair noted he has the convention planner's agreement in hand

2006 Budget

The Chair opened the meeting noting its purpose was to approve the 2006 Budget. Aaron challenged that notion stating that M Carling moved at the Baltimore meeting for the Executive Committee to approve and then send to the LNC for its subsequent approval the 2006 Budget.

The meeting proceeded with Aaron posing questions on the 2006 Budget, noting increases and decreases from 2005 and probing for understanding. Areas including direct solicitation, pledge revenue, advertising, salary, lapsed donors, affiliate development and other areas.

During the discussion Mark Rutherford moved to approve the 2006 budget, with Mark Nelson seconding. The chair accepted the motion and the conversation and questioning of budget details continued.

When the discussion had ceased, the Chair called for a vote. Aaron appealed to the Chair to declare the motion out of order since it in his view contradicted the LNC directive passed at the Baltimore meeting. Mark Rutherford who made the motion believed it to be in order and cited the relevant passage from the Baltimore draft minutes, which have passed the 45-day comment period:

M Carling initiated a proposal that after discussion and tweaking moved to commit the writing and the passage of budget to the Executive Committee, with the following stipulations:

- o *That the EC distribute to the full board by December 1 its proposed budget,*
- o *That the LNC would have one week to comment on the budget,*
- o *That the EC would rework the budget in light of the comments.*

Aaron moved to appeal the ruling of the chair that accepted Mark Rutherford's motion. The appeal failed with Sullentrup, Rutherford and Nelson voting to sustain the action of the Chair, Starr voting against, and BetteRose Ryan, who was not on the call when the motion was made, abstaining.

The EC then voted on the motion to approve the 2006 Budget. That motion passed 4-1 with Aaron Starr casting the negative vote on the basis of his belief the methodology was inconsistent with the Baltimore directive.

On behalf of the EC, Aaron commended Mark Nelson for his hard work and dedication in compiling this budget.

Additional items:

Before adjourning the Chair noted:

- The 2006 Convention budget is finalized and shows a modest profit.
- He will attend the LSLA conference in Phoenix at the end of January and encourage early registration
- Responding to a query from Mark Nelson regarding construction, the Chair noted paperwork for the office relocation continues. When Mark clarified the question pertained to the matter of the Busch Stadium construction in downtown St. Louis, Bob Sullentrup reported that the 'Busch Stadium' sign has been installed, that the old Busch Stadium had been demolished a month ahead of schedule, and that the new stadium will open on time but with reduced seating. Noting that when the conversation turns to baseball, an implicit adjournment is already in force, the Chair declared the meeting over.