

Secretary's Report

For August 19-20, 2017 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on April 15-16, 2017:

- May 27-30, 2016 National Convention – adopted during April 15-16, 2017 LNC session
- April 15-16, 2017 LNC session – auto-approved on May 21, 2017
- August 8, 2017 EC teleconference – scheduled for auto-approval on August 25, 2017

LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- On May 22, 2017 Danny Bedwell emailed the LNC to indicate he was resigning as Region 7 Alternate effective at 12:01 am, May 24, 2017.
- On June 26, 2017 Region 7 Representative Whitney Bilyeu notified me by email that the state chairs of Region 7 elected Erin Adams as Region 7 Alternate.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- The LNC is scheduled to make its 5 appointments to the Credentials Committee at this meeting. The following state appointments have already been made: George Zsidisin (VA), Mark Potwora (NY)
- The LNC created a Social Media Process Review Committee during its April 15-16, 2017 session, appointing Brett Bittner, Daniel Hayes, Steve Nekhaila and granting them the power to select two additional members from outside the LNC. On April 28, 2017 the committee announced they had selected Alison Foxall and Elizabeth Van Horn for those two positions.
- Erin Adams had been appointed to a non-LNC position on the Convention Oversight Committee. Her appointment as Region 7 Alternate made her ineligible to serve in that position, creating a vacancy. After a policy amendment was adopted with email ballot 2017-14, she was again eligible to serve and was re-appointed to the Convention Oversight Committee by email ballot 2017-15.

Other tasks I have completed include:

- Notified the applicants for Platform Committee and for Bylaws and Rules Committee of the results of the LNC appointments.
- Contacted all states eligible to make appointments to the remaining positions on the Platform Committee to notify them of their eligibility and the appointment deadline.
- Provided staff an article for LPNews summarizing the April LNC meeting
- The upcoming Credentials Committee appointments were advertised to the membership via email blast one month prior to this meeting.
- Assembled applications for Credentials Committee from 29 applicants for the LNC's review

LNC Policy Manual Section 2.07.2 requires that the Secretary:

“distribute to each affiliate party the Presidential vote totals which the Secretary proposes to use for purposes of delegate allocation for National Conventions as provided for in the Bylaws, no later than the last day of April in the year following a Presidential election. If any Party member seeks a modification of the vote totals proposed by the Secretary, the member shall file with the Secretary a written request to modify the totals along with any documentation supporting the request no later than the last day of May of the same year. The Secretary shall review all such requests to modify the Presidential vote totals and

distribute a final allocation of delegates based on Presidential vote totals no later than the last day of July of the same year.”

The distribution of the proposed vote totals was completed on April 26, 2017. I received no requests to modify the totals, and the final allocation of delegates based on the Presidential vote totals was completed on July 28, 2017. Thank you to Daniel Hayes (Affiliate Support Committee Chair) and to the LNC region reps who assisted me in distributing this info to the current state chairs.

The following 9 email ballots were completed since the December 10-11, 2016 LNC session:

Motion 2017-08: The 2017 LNC budget meeting shall be held at the New Orleans Hyatt Regency on December 9th and 10th, 2017.

Sponsors: Hayes, Harlos, Goldstein, Bilyeu, Redpath

Started: 04/21/17

Ended: 05/01/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starr

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-09: The Libertarian National Committee expresses its sorrow at the passing of Lee Wrights, and extends its condolences to his family and friends. In addition, the LNC expresses its appreciation and gratitude for his work for liberty, and for his many years of service to the Libertarian Party.

Sponsors: Lark, Starchild, Harlos, Bilyeu, Hagan, Hayes, Bittner, Goldstein, Marsh, Demarest, McKnight

Started: 05/05/17

Ended: 05/15/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 17-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-10: that the LNC to contribute \$5,000 to the Mark Wicks for Congress campaign.

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 05/09/17

Ended: 05/19/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Goldstein, Hagan, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild

With a final vote tally of 9-8, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-11:

Whereas, We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression and believe that the United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world;

Whereas, We oppose any form of compulsory national service and recognize that many members of the military were unjustly conscripted in the past;

Whereas, Most voluntary members of the military joined with the idea and/or goal of defending the United States and, thereby, their property, families, and friends;

Whereas, The United States Military-Industrial-Complex has used many well-meaning military service members for purposes other than defense against aggression and further involved them in foreign entanglements during attempts to act as the world’s policeman; and

Whereas, Many current and former military service members are able to relate, identify, and speak out on the ways in which the United States military mission has been expanded and corrupted beyond a legitimate role of defense against aggression; now, therefore, be it;

Resolved, Present and former members of the military who give such unique and powerful voice to the libertarian principles of peace and the non-initiation of force add great value to the Libertarian Party, and are welcomed as a vital part of our membership.

Sponsors: Hayes, Hewitt, Hagan, Mattson

Started: 05/20/17

Ended: 05/30/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Nekhaila, Redpath, Starr, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Demarest, Starchild

With a final vote tally of 14-2, the motion PASSES, having achieved the ¾ vote (with previous notice) required by LP Bylaws Article 7.11 to adopt public policy resolutions.

Motion 2017-12: to amend the budget by changing line 26-Branding Development/Political Materials Revenue from \$30,000 to \$60,000, and changing line 55-Branding Development/Political Materials Expenses from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Sponsors: Hagan, Hayes, Katz, Harlos

Started: 06/05/17

Ended: 06/15/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 16-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-13: to allow staff the discretion to choose between publishing a total of five or six physical issues of LPNews for the year of 2017, subject to the approval of the Chairman.

Sponsors: Hayes, Bilyeu, Goldstein, Redpath, Harlos, Demarest

Started: 06/21/17

Ended: 07/01/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath

Voting “nay”: Harlos, Starchild

With a final vote tally of 12-2, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-14: Amend the LNC policy manual section 1.03.1 to define the size of the Convention Oversight Committee as follows, “[Seven members, with a minimum of f](#)Four LNC Members or Alternates, plus ~~3~~[a minimum of two](#) non-LNC members who are recommended by the Convention Oversight Committee.”

Sponsors: Hayes, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Bittner, Katz

Started: 06/30/17

Ended: 07/10/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-15: to appoint LNC Region 7 Alternate Erin Adams to the Convention Oversight Committee.

Sponsors: Hayes, Starchild, Bittner, Goldstein, Demarest, Harlos

Started: 07/01/17

Ended: 07/11/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 15-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-16: for the LNC to contribute \$5,000 to support the Congressional campaign of Joe Buchman (Utah).

Sponsors: Harlos, Bilyeu, Demarest, Starchild

Started: 07/15/17

Ended: 07/25/17

Voting “aye”: Adams, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Bittner, Goldstein, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath

With a final vote tally of 9-8, the motion PASSES.

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