

Secretary's Report

For April 21-22, 2018 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on December 9-10, 2017:

- December 9-10, 2017 LNC session – draft minutes were distributed in accordance with LNC policy and were scheduled for auto-approval on January 8, however Joshua Katz objected to their auto-approval, expect to be approved during this LNC meeting
- January 16, 2018 EC teleconference – auto-approved on January 31, 2018
- February 24, 2018 EC teleconference – auto-approved on March 11, 2018
- March 21, 2018 EC teleconference – auto-approved on April 5, 2018

LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- On December 12, 2017, Region 3 filled vacancies by selecting Elizabeth Van Horn as their new region representative and Dustin Nanna as their regional alternate.
- On February 1, 2018, Region 5 Alternate Trent Somes resigned his position. The Secretary was notified on March 6, 2018 that Region 5 filled the vacancy with Steve Scheetz.
- On February 2, 2018, Larry Sharpe resigned as Region 8 Representative, and on February 9, 2018, Patrick McKnight resigned as Region 8 Alternate. The Secretary was notified on March 5, 2018 that Region 8 filled these vacancies with Justin O'Donnell as representative and Alex Merced as the alternate.
- On April 4, 2018 Region 1 Alternate Steve Nielson resigned his position. To my knowledge, the region has not yet announced a replacement.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- On December 23, 2017, Steven Nekhaila was appointed to the APRC to fill the vacancy created by Brett Bittner's resignation.
- On December 27, 2017, Dustin Nanna was appointed to the Ballot Access Committee to fill the vacancy created by Ken Moellman's resignation.
- Elizabeth Van Horn had been serving on the Social Media Process Review Committee in a seat designated for a non-LNC member. When she was appointed to the LNC from Region 3, she became ineligible to serve in that seat. However, Brett Bittner's resignation left a vacancy in an LNC member seat on the Social Media Process Review Committee, and on 01/02/18 Elizabeth Van Horn was appointed to fill that vacancy.
- On January 13, 2018, Trent Somes resigned from the APRC, and on January 24, 2018, Erin Adams was appointed to the APRC to fill the vacancy.
- On January 16, 2018, William Brackeen resigned from the Convention Oversight Committee, and on March 9, 2018 Nick Sarwark appointed Ken Moellman to fill the vacancy.
- On March 7, 2018, Erin Adams was appointed to the Candidate Support Committee to fill the vacancy created by Larry Sharpe's resignation.
- The LNC had appointed five members to the Credentials Committee in August 2017 (Ben Bachrach, Susan Hogarth, Steven Linnabary, Emily Salvette, and David Stewart). Since then, the following appointments have been made by states: Mimi Robson (CA), Boomer Shannon (CA Alternate), Mike Kane (FL), Mark Potwora (NY), and Scott Pettigrew (OH). To my knowledge, Texas has not yet made its appointment.

- The Platform Committee is now fully populated, the appointment deadline having passed on February 28, 2018. Its full membership is as follows: Andy Craig (LNC), John Fockler (LNC), Caryn Ann Harlos (LNC), Alicia Mattson (LNC), Jeffrey Miron (LNC), Aaron Starr (LNC Alternate), Darryl Perry (NH), Justin O'Donnell (NH Alternate), Carolyn Clift (AK), Cean Stephens (AK Alternate), Mike Seebeck (CO), John Pickerill (CO Alternate), Alex DiBenedetto (NV), Matt Cholko (VA), Aaron Starr (CA), Mimi Robson (CA Alternate), Geoffrey Adams (TX), Tom Knapp (FL), Jim Rosenbeck (NY), Dustin Nanna (OH), Steve Scheetz (PA), Bennett Morris (IL), John Phillips (IL Alternate), Jim Fulner (MI), Elizabeth Van Horn (IN), and M Carling (WA).

I have updated the Policy Manual for the changes adopted during the December LNC meeting and the change adopted in a subsequent email ballot.

Per LP Bylaws Article 10.4.a, December 31, 2017 was the date on which sustaining memberships were counted for determining the final delegate allocation component for the 2018 national convention. The component based on the 2016 Presidential vote total had already been determined and distributed. After computing the final delegate allocations, they were distributed prior to the January 31, 2017 deadline set by the bylaws.

As is my habit, I will be distributing a Delegation Chair's Manual to state affiliates to try to preemptively answer many questions that delegation chairs often have about national conventions. The 2018 version is almost completed, and I expect to make it available shortly.

I am assembling the applications of those wishing to serve in the remaining positions on the Awards Committee and will make these packets available to the LNC prior to the meeting.

The following 8 email ballots were completed since the December 9-10, 2017 LNC session:

Motion 2017-21: to appoint Steven Nekhaila to the APRC

Sponsors: Hagan, Hayes, Harlos, Demarest

Started: 12/13/17

Ended: 12/23/17

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting "nay": (none)

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

Motion 2017-22: to appoint Dustin Nana (Region 3 Alternate) to the Ballot Access Committee

Sponsors: Goldstein, Hayes, Harlos, Van Horn

Started: 12/17/17

Ended: 12/27/17

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Van Horn, Vohra

Voting “nay”: (none)

Express abstention: Starchild

With a final vote tally of 12-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2017-23: to appoint Elizabeth Van Horn to the Social Media Process Review Committee

Sponsors: Mattson, Harlos, Katz, Hagan, Hayes

Started: 12/23/17

Ended: 01/02/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: (none)

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

Motion 2018-01: to amend the Policy Manual as follows:

1.02.6 Meeting Minutes

[...]

Meeting minutes for LNC electronic meetings or face-to-face meetings involving travel to a single site may be promoted from draft status to official during the time between LNC meetings as follows:

- Draft minutes shall be mailed or emailed to all LNC Members not more than 15 days after each meeting.
- ~~Attendees may submit corrections, clarifications and changes to the draft minutes for the Secretary's consideration for a period of 15 days following the distribution of the draft minutes.~~ Corrections, clarifications, and changes to the draft minutes may be submitted for the Secretary's consideration for a period of 15 days following the distribution of the draft minutes. The Secretary shall distribute an updated version of the draft minutes not later than 7 days following the end of that submission period.

Sponsors: Mattson, Katz, Starchild, Harlos, Hayes

Started: 01/05/18

Ended: 01/15/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: (none)

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

Motion 2018-02: to appoint Erin Adams to the APRC

Sponsors: Harlos, Hayes, Goldstein, Demarest, Bilyeu, Van Horn, Starchild

Started: 01/14/18

Ended: 01/24/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 11-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2018-03: to censure LNC Vice Chair Arvin Vohra for repeated public comments which have presented libertarian ideas in an inflammatory and sometimes offensive manner not conducive to Libertarian leaders and candidates for public office winning hearts and minds for those ideas.

Sponsors: Hayes, Hewitt, Demarest, Hagan

Started: 01/20/18

Ended: 01/30/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, McKnight

Voting “nay”: Goldstein, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Van Horn

With a final vote tally of 6-8, the motion FAILS.

NOTE: Starchild sent a "no" vote, but it was time-stamped on the list 6 minutes after the voting deadline. Starchild has stated his belief that he sent it prior to the deadline. The LNC will be asked to decide how to handle this vote.

Motion 2018-04: to appoint Erin Adams to fill the vacant LNC member position on the Candidate Support Committee

Sponsors: Goldstein, Van Horn, Demarest, Bilyeu, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes

Started: 02/25/18

Ended: 03/07/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, Redpath, Starchild, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 11-0, the motion PASSES.

Motion 2018-05:

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party holds the non-initiation of force as its cardinal principle and requires each of its members certify that they neither advocate or believe in violent means to achieve political or social goals.

RESOLVED, that the Libertarian National Committee suspends Arvin Vohra from his position of Vice-Chair for sustained and repeated unacceptable conduct that brings the principles of the Libertarian Party into disrepute, including making and defending a statement advocating lethal violence against state employees who are not directly threatening imminent physical harm. Such action is in violation of our membership pledge. These actions further endanger the survival of our movement and the security of all of our members without their consent.

Sponsors: Harlos, Van Horn, Katz, Hayes, Goldstein, Redpath, Hewitt, O'Donnell

Started: 04/02/18

Ended: 04/12/18

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Mattson, O'Donnell, Redpath, Van Horn

Voting “nay”: Demarest, Lark, Marsh, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

With a final vote tally of 11-6, the motion FAILS to achieve the Bylaws Article 6.7 threshold of 2/3 of the entire National Committee.

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