

# Minutes.

## **Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 18, 1998. [Draft.]**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at 8:30p.m. Eastern Standard Time by telephone conference call.

All six of the voting members were present at the meeting:

- Stephen L. Dasbach, the chair;
- Karen A. Allard, the vice chair;
- Gary E. Johnson, the secretary;
- Hugh A. Butler, the treasurer;
- Joseph W. Dehn III, LNC representative; and
- William W. Hall, LNC representative.

Non-voting observers Candi Copas, Ron Crickenberger, and Barbara Goushaw were also present.

Steve Dasbach thanked Bill Hall for his legal work on the contract for the national convention.

The national director, Ron Crickenberger, said office manager Tiffany Rodney would be leaving for another job in March and resumes for a replacement were being received.

Ron Crickenberger said membership was up, fund raising was on track, and there was money in the bank.

He said he had received that day a final written audit report from the independent auditor. It corrected an error in an earlier audit report which had erroneously said the balance sheet was wrong; the figures, in fact, had been correct all along.

He said LNC member Geoffrey Neale had been in the office and conducted an information system audit, making recommendations for disaster recovery.

Ron Crickenberger described some recent test mailings for membership recruitment, including letters to registered Libertarians in California and Alaska.

He said the toll-free number 800-ELECT-US was being tested with the campaign of Carl Strang in a special election for State Senator in Florida.

Ron Crickenberger said the financial statements would be mailed to state chairs in the next 2 weeks.

Steve Dasbach said the year end report had been revised but contained errors that the Executive Committee could not resolve. He said these included overspending in Administration and Development. Hugh Butler said changes in procedure needed to be made to avoid these problems in the future.

There was a discussion of sending financial reports to state chairs on a regular monthly schedule.

Steve Dasbach described a report from projects manager Kris Williams on preparations for the national convention. The agreement with the hotel that cancelled, the Sheraton, needed to be finalized.

Hugh Butler moved to authorize pre-funding for the Carl Strang for Florida State Senator campaign, not to exceed \$25,000, based on the early returns of an fund raising appeal by e-mail. After some discussion, Hugh Butler withdrew the motion.

Hugh Butler moved to authorize \$25,000 in pre-funding for the Carl Strang for Florida State Senator campaign. Bill Hall noted that Florida state law did not limit the amount the national party could spend on the campaign. The motion passed.

There was discussion of the distribution of the independent audit report to the Audit Committee and the LNC. Karen Allard said she would object to the independent audit report being sent to individuals not on the LNC or the Audit Committee before the LNC saw it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, secretary.