



LNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2010

**To:** Libertarian National Committee  
**From:** Alicia Mattson  
**CC:** Robert Kraus, Wes Benedict  
**Date:** June 21, 2010

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BARRING OBJECTION FROM ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO ATTENDED  
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### ATTENDANCE

All Executive Committee members were present: Mark Hinkle (Chair), Mark Rutherford (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), James Oaksun (Treasurer), Jim Lark, Bill Redpath, and Mary Ruwart. Executive Director Wes Benedict was present. Representing the LP of NY were Mark Axinn and Eric Sundwall. Other LNC members and alternates were present, but no roll call was taken.

### CALL TO ORDER

**The meeting was called to order at 9:05pm Eastern.**

## AGENDA

**The purpose of the meeting was to consider a ballot access encumbrance for the LP of New York.**

## NEW YORK

**Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$25,000 for the LP of New York petition drive.**

LP of New York Chairman Mark Axinn indicated that in addition to the funds being requested from the LNC, the NY state LP affiliate will put in \$5,000, the Manhattan group will put in \$2,000, and the Warren Redlich for Governor campaign will also contribute, giving them a total investment of about \$10,000. That amount should get 5,000-7,000 paid signatures. Additionally they are hoping to get 5,000-7,000 volunteer signatures. New York is a challenge state, so they need to turn in 25,000 raw signatures to ensure 15,000 valid signatures.

The LNC money would be used to hire Darryl Bonner on the same terms that worked well 2 years ago, where Mr. Bonner would bring completed petitions to the LPNY Chair for his verification, and then Mr. Bonner's invoices would be sent to the LP headquarters for payment.

If Mr. Redlich gets 50,000 votes, no petitioning would be needed in New York for President in 2012 or for Governor in 2014.

Dr. Lark, as a matter of due diligence, requested that Mr. Axinn comment on Tom Stevens' recent email questioning the validity of Mr. Redlich's nomination. Mr. Axinn reported that Redlich was "overwhelmingly" elected, with 44 delegates in attendance, and Mr. Redlich won about 65% of the votes.

Dr. Lark and Mr. Redpath both volunteered to assist with petitioning.

Mr. Redpath asked if any means existed to test validation as signatures are gathered. Eric Sundwall explained that for a previous campaign they developed a database to do exactly that and will use it again this time.

Ms. Mattson requested some history as to how many votes previous party gubernatorial candidates have received. Mr. Sundwall indicated that their historical best was 24,000 votes in the 1990's. Mr. Redlich has received over 50,000 votes in his past congressional races, and current polling suggests he could pull 160,000 votes. Mr. Axinn noted that the Redlich campaign has appeal among Tea Party activists.

**Voting on the main motion:**

**Aye – Hinkle, Lark, Redpath, Ruwart**

**Nay – Mattson, Oaksun, Rutherford**

**The main motion passed 4-3.**

Based on the good news that the LP of Illinois turned in over 48,000 signatures today in their petition drive for ballot access:

**Dr. Lark moved that the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee expresses its appreciation to the Libertarian Party of Illinois for its efforts to place its candidates on the ballot in 2010. In particular we'd like to thank its Chairman Lupe Diaz, Crystal Jurczynski, Julie Fox, and the other stalwarts of the party.**

**This motion passed without objection.**

**The Executive Committee adjourned without objection at 9:25pm Eastern.**