

Givot requested adding an item to the agenda relating to notification of those mentioned in LNC resolutions.

MG requested adding a minute of silence during the Chair's statement for those who have suffered as a result of the day's terrorist attack on the United States.

Dehn requested adding an item to the agenda regarding policies related to the LP-run state chair's email list.

The Committee approved the proposed agenda with the three additional items.

### **Item: Approval of July 18 Executive Committee minutes**

There was some question regarding whether all proposed changes had been made.

The Committee postponed approval of the minutes of the July 18 Executive Committee meeting until its next meeting.

### **Item: Chair's Statement**

Lark said that this has been an extraordinary day because of the terrorist attacks within the United States.

### **Item: National Director's Report**

Dasbach said that, regarding the day's terrorist events, no formal statement has been issued yet. He said that the national party has called on LP members to donate blood in support of those in need. He said that he expects to issue a statement on today's terrorist events tomorrow.

Lark complimented Dasbach on exercising "care and discretion" in waiting to issue a public statement.

Dasbach said that a similar delay was made subsequent to the bombing in Oklahoma City.

Dasbach said that there was an early report of a car bomb at the State Department. He said that the State Department is only a few blocks from LPHQ in DC. As a result the building in which LPHQ is located was locked down as it would be on a weekend. He

said that he was off site for a meeting. He said that Bill Winter remained on site; Dasbach returned to the office mid-afternoon.

Dasbach said that at the end of July, one certificate of deposit was cashed in. He said that the cashed certificate was replaced early in August. He said that this will be reflected in the August balance sheet.

Dasbach said that a 250,000 piece prospecting mailing is scheduled to be sent at the beginning of October. He said that pledge revenue should cover the cost of the postage payment for that letter. He said that it may be necessary to cash a certificate of deposit in the middle of October to cover the October UMP payment. He said that this prospecting mailing is expected to pay for itself and thereby fund the repurchase of the certification of deposit.

Givot asked over what time frame the letter is expected to pay for itself.

Dasbach said that it is expected to pay for itself within the first 60 days.

Martin said that the need to cash in a certificate of deposit is predicated on the current "rock bottom" level of revenues we are experiencing currently. He said that it may not be necessary to cash in a certificate of deposit.

Dasbach said that the September fundraising letter has gone to the printer. He said he would ask Winter to produce a pdf file of the letter or post it where LNC members could download it.

Dasbach said that a citywide convention will be in Atlanta over the weekend of the October LNC meeting. He said that the Marriott Hotel bent over backwards to provide rooms at \$100 less per night than they would receive from convention attendees, but that the resulting rate was \$150 per night. He said that, instead, the meeting will be located near the airport at a more economical site. He said that he expects the hotel chosen for the 2004 convention to provide a shuttle into the city Saturday evening for a site visit.

Dasbach said that if the October meeting is started at 10 AM, it may allow some attendees to fly in Saturday morning, saving costs for attendees.

## **Item: Consideration of Support of House Resolution 2268**

Lark said that he placed this item on the agenda at the request of Richard Winger. He said that the proposed House Resolution 2268 is sponsored by Congressman Ron

Paul. He said that the resolution would seek to lower ballot access requirement to run for congressional races to 1,000 signatures.

MG ask whether Dasbach has any plans to contact other parties to work in support of this resolution.

Dasbach said that other parties have already voiced support for the resolution. He said that he intends to work with other parties in support of this resolution.

MG moved that the Libertarian Party expresses its support for House Resolution 2268.

Martin seconded.

Israel said that while this resolution sounds reasonable, he does not like the idea of the Libertarian Party working with other third parties. He said that this compromises our ability to distinguish ourselves as the new major party.

Dasbach said that, in this particular case, most of the efforts involved by any of the minor parties to support this will be each party independently asking its members to express its support for the resolution to members of Congress. He said that the LP would, at a minimum, issue an action item to its members urging them to do this. He said that the party should probably wait before taking more aggressive action.

The motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0 with Lark abstaining.

Gorman asked what the procedure is for non-Executive Committee members to participate in discussion.

Gorman said that the Executive Committee has just passed a resolution. He said that it appears that the rest of the LNC has been kept out of the decision. He asked where that leaves the other LNC members.

Lark said that the procedure for a non-Executive Committee member to participate in discussion is to ask permission of the Committee. He said that he cannot recall any instance in which this was denied.

Lark said that any action taken by the Executive Committee is subject to review by the full LNC.

## **Item: Notification of People Mentioned in LNC Resolutions**

Givot said that he believes that it is appropriate for either the Chair or the Secretary to send a copy of the resolutions passed by the LNC to each person named therein. He said the prior to doing so Lark or he would like advice from the Executive Committee as to who, if anyone, should send a copy of the resolutions. He said that he would like a review of the resolution language prior to sending copies to assure that the copy correctly reflects the resolution as passed by the LNC.

MG said that if we are to admonish or censure anyone, the admonishment or censure should state the basis under our ByLaws for doing so.

Lark said that this is not the subject currently under discussion.

Givot said that we are beyond that point in that the LNC has already passed the resolutions.

MG said that if we are unable to point to sections of the ByLaws or Robert's Rules of Order, then we should not send out such resolutions.

Israel said that he is not concerned that Givot and Dehn will come up with an erroneous version of what passed. He said that he believes it would be prudent to have Libertarian National Committee members review the language prior to it being sent.

Givot said that he would appreciate that review.

Givot said that, absent objection, he will circulate a copy of the resolutions for prompt review. He said that he would then send copies to each named person.

There was no objection voiced.

(Martin left the meeting at this point.)

## **Item: State Chair's Email Discussion List**

Dehn raised the question of whether people other than state chairs could access the message traffic on the state chair's mailing list. He said that one former state chair has suggested that this access be provided.

Dehn said that the issue is whether others can read the posted messages, not whether others should be permitted to post to the list.

Dasbach said that he believes that direction regarding this should come from state chairs since the list is theirs. He said that the purpose of the list is to provide a forum

for frank discussion and to share ideas. He said that if these become public documents, state chairs are likely to start getting message about what they did or did not say on the list and that this may discourage their future participation.

MG said that the state chair's list was formerly run independently. He said that he is not sure how national took on the task of running the list. He said that his experience is that the list was formerly comprised of state chairs and key activists around the country. He said that the LPFL state chair has expressed concern that his vice-chair could not access the list. He said that he agrees that the state chairs should decide what to do about this.

Dasbach said that the national office took over operation of the list when the volunteer who had been running the list was no longer a state chair and sought to be relieved of the responsibility of running the list.

Dasbach said that this suggestion has been forwarded to the state chair's list, and that so far no response - favorable or unfavorable - has been received.

Israel said that he fully supports Dasbach's comments. He questioned whether the Executive Committee should be involved in this decision at all.

MG said that the issue here is tension created because this list is run by staff.

Dasbach said that the current policies established for the list were set by the state chairs. He said that he does not want to substitute staff's judgment for that of the state chairs. He said that the current policy is that the state chairs will make such decisions.

Givot said that he sees no reason to take action. He said that he is supportive of what is being done currently.

## **Item: Remarks for the Good of the Party**

Lark thanked all of his colleagues on the LNC and the SPT for all of the work they have done over the last months. He said that the current LNC has been "dealt some rather bad hands." He thanked people for their efforts in dealing with the hands as dealt.

MG said that the chair of LPFL spoke to the media today to emphasize that Libertarians are against the use of force to achieve political and social goals.

## **Item: Setting of Next Executive Committee Meeting Date**

Lark asked Dasbach whether he foresees any reason for the Executive Committee to meet prior to the October LNC meeting.

Dasbach said that he is not currently aware of any such need.

Dehn suggested that a meeting be schedule about halfway between the current time and the October LNC meeting.

Givot moved that the next meeting be held on Thursday, November 8.

Bisson seconded.

The motion passed 3 to 0 with Dehn, MG, and Lark abstaining.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM EDT.*