

# Minutes.

## **Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 21, 1996. *[Draft.]***

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, August 21, 1996, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time by telephone conference call.

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

- Karen A. Allard, the vice chair;
- Gary E. Johnson, the secretary;
- Hugh A. Butler, the treasurer; and
- William W. Hall, LNC representative.

Stephen L. Dasbach, the chair, arrived near the end of the meeting. Ron Crickenberger, LNC representative, was absent.

Non-voting observers Joseph W. Dehn III and Perry Willis were also present.

Bill Hall described a request from the Michigan LP for financial help in retaining ballot access and avoiding a petition drive in the future.

The national director, Perry Willis, said there were 18,500 members. He said fund raising was "strong," but because ballot access was costing \$46,000 more than expected, there was a cash flow problem. He said the Harry Browne campaign was cancelling most personal appearances and concentrating on radio talk shows.

Perry Willis said that direct mail projects had been delayed because hiring a new graphic designer was more difficult than expected.

Bill Hall said the lawsuit in Arizona to put the Presidential candidate on the ballot although a list of electors was filed late had been won.

In answer to questions from Joe Dehn, Perry Willis said the \$46,000 cost overrun for ballot access was an estimate and the accounting was not up to date. Perry Willis said no action was needed at this time but policies about spending for ballot access in the

campaign season may need to be revised. He said more money for ballot access may need to be allocated.

Hugh Butler discussed his ideas for presenting financial reports to members and the public during the campaign season when the information is not necessarily up to date.

Bill Hall reported on the lawsuit against the Libertarian National Committee and others by Peter Schmerl in Arizona over the issue of the recognition of the state party affiliate in Arizona. Bill Hall said an attorney in Arizona had been retained and work had started, primarily to try to dismiss the case.

The request from the Michigan LP for campaign help was discussed again. Bill Hall said Steve Dasbach had considered the possibility of using his existing budgetary authority for some assistance. No action was taken.

Karen Allard reported that she had contacted all LNC regional representatives to inform of their duties.

(Steve Dasbach arrived at 9:20 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, secretary.