



2024 LNC Credentials Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, 03/04/2024

Time: 9:00 PM (EST)

Location: Remote (Zoom)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89355448275?pwd=rEv4FwPpSVWjNhcSNf2k9j22RejHzA.1>

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 PM by Josh Hlavka (Chair, FL).

Attendance

The following members attended the Committee Meeting and were present at roll call. Quorum was achieved.¹

LNC Rep	Josh Hlavka, FL, Chair	Present at roll call
LNC Rep	Travis Bost, WV	Present at roll call
LNC Rep	Joshua Jongema, MI	Present at roll call
LNC Rep	Brittany Kosin, PA	Not present
LNC Rep	Jessica Tewksbury, CA	Present at roll call
CA Rep	Graham Brown, CA	Present at roll call
FL Rep	Fredrik Coulter, FL	Present at roll call
NY Rep	Justin N. Carman, NY	Present at roll call
PA Rep	Alison Graham, PA, Secretary	Present at roll call
TX Rep	Billy Pierce, TX, Vice Chair	Present at roll call
LNC Alt	Jeffrey Pittel, MI	Present at roll call
CA Alt	Loren Dean, CA	Present at roll call
FL Alt	Michael Smith, FL	Not present
NY Alt	Chance Haywood, NY	Present at roll call
PA Alt	Reece Smith, PA	Present at roll call
TX Alt	Vacant at this time - no appointment to this Committee received from Texas	

Noted Guests in Attendance

LNC Secretary	Caryn Ann Harlos	Not present at roll call, joined at 9:10 PM
LNC CTO	Andrew Buchkovich	Not present at roll call, joined at 9:35 PM

¹ The 10 representatives are the 5 LNC Representatives, elected by the LNC subsequent to a previous application process that was handled by the LNC in addition to the 5 Representatives specifically representing the states with the largest state delegations for the 2024 Libertarian Party National Convention (California, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas). Quorum is achieved with 6 of 10 Representatives present. In the absence of an LNC Committee Representative (Rep), the LNC Alternate (Alt) may act as one of the LNC Representatives. In the absence of a state Representative, the Alternate from that state may act as that state's representative. The alternates may only count towards quorum and vote on the Committee if the Representative they are acting on behalf of is not present at the meeting, otherwise they cannot be counted for quorum or have voting authority. However, the alternates may participate in meeting discussions without restriction, as they are officers *ex officio*.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes of the last meeting was made by Graham Brown (CA) and seconded by Fredrik Coulter (FL).

A motion was also made by Graham Brown (CA) to amend the meeting minutes to reflect the following "That the next meeting of the committee would be an informal meeting on 02/19/2024 at 9 PM (EST)." This was seconded by Fredrik Coulter (FL). No objection.

There were no objections to approving the Minutes as amended. The Minutes as amended were approved.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss as this was the inaugural meeting of this Committee.

- LNC Credentials Committee Policy Manual was further discussed.
 - Fredrik Coulter (FL), Billy Pierce (TX), Joshua Jongema (MI), and Alison Graham (Secretary - PA) volunteered to assist. Josh Hlavka (Chair - FL) to review Sharepoint.
- Committee Planning Discussion
 - Data availability in each of the states for the work / plan to check the information in each of the states
 - Alison Graham (Secretary - PA) showed a document (spreadsheet) in the Google drive to provide continuous updates on state conventions and their governing documents and leadership information
 - Must check for updates with states (grace period of a couple of weeks after state conventions) - and check with their current leadership. Ensure updated information on current leadership post state conventions.
 - Need Review how the states are collecting their own delegate information
 - Quality control is necessary for all state credentialing work - have a two-person system - one person handles the work, and another conducts an individual review

New Business

- No new business to report.

Public Comment

- Caryn Ann Harlos (LNC Secretary) has been receiving delegate lists from states. She is going to send the delegate lists to Josh Hlavka (Chair - FL). She noted that she is also anticipating requests for delegate lists that have been turned in so far. The Party members have a right to that. She had a suggestion to keep two separate lists - one including PII, and then one that can be public-facing. All members are entitled to names and addresses. Members are not entitled to e-mail addresses and they are not entitled to phone numbers per the Bylaws.
- Caryn Ann Harlos (LNC Secretary) On the subject of the LNC Bylaws - there are misunderstandings from state chairs - the state chairs have to submit at least one name for someone who resides in their state by at least 30 days prior to the National Convention. If this is not done, no delegate shall be seated for their state. Amendments to those lists can happen up through the closing gavel of the LNC Credentials Committee meeting on Thursday, 05/23/2024. Any names added after the date of this meeting have to be approved by a 7/8ths vote of delegates of entire Convention body.

Reference: Article X, Section 4, Subsection e of the LNC Bylaws:

e. By seven-eighths vote, the convention may approve additional delegates and alternates whose names and addresses are submitted to the Credentials Committee during the convention.

As long as the alternate name was submitted prior to the deadline on Thursday, 05/23/2024, there is free substitution of alternates (named on the state's list) by the state delegation at Convention. This Bylaws overrides state bylaws that state otherwise.

- Billy Pierce (TX) commented that state chairs must be made aware of this, and should be provided the specific citation from the National Bylaws
- Billy Pierce (TX) inquired how is that submission to be conducted (the timely delegate information)
 - A state delegation chair manual was sent and will be resent. Looking at Bylaw Article X (Conventions), Section 4, letter c - submitted to the Credentials Committee - this has been interpreted in the past as being sent to the Credentials Committee Chair.

Reference: Article X, Section 4, Subsection c of the LNC Bylaws:

c. A list of the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates chosen by each affiliate party shall be sent to the Credentials Committee no later than one month prior to start of the first general session of the regular convention. Amendments to such lists may be made by the affiliate parties and submitted to the Credentials Committee until the close of the Credentials Committee meeting preceding the convention. The number of alternates' names submitted shall not exceed the greater of 50 or the number of delegates allocated.

- per Caryn Ann Harlos (LNC Secretary), a state can submit a name now, before the Convention, just to "reserve" the state's place at Convention. The state is securing their seat at convention. If no name is received 30 days before the National Convention, there is no rule, not even the 7/8ths rule, that adds that state to the National Convention.

Reference: Article X, Section 4, Subsection d of the LNC Bylaws:

d. Failure to submit a listing of delegate/alternate names and addresses, as prescribed within these bylaws, shall cause no delegation to be registered from that affiliate party.

- Andrew Buchkovich (LNC CTO) - Requested to review National level membership data - right now there is a Microsoft Teams channel. Adding to the agenda for the next meeting on 03/18/2024 as new business.
 - ticket.lp.org for any IT issues with regards to national level membership data

Notice of Next Meeting

The next 2024 LNC Credentials Committee meeting is on Monday, 03/18/2024 at 9:00 PM (EST) on Zoom.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Billy Pierce (TX) and seconded by Chance Haywood (NY). There were no objections to adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM (EST).

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison D. Graham, M.A.
2024 LNC Credentials Committee Secretary