

Minutes.

Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 4, 1995. *[Second Draft.]*

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, October 4, 1995, at 8:40 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, by telephone conference call.

All five of the voting members were present at the beginning of the meeting:

- the chair, Steve Dasbach;
- the vice chair, Karen Allard;
- the secretary, John D. Famularo;
- the treasurer, Hugh A. Butler; and
- the LNC representative, Sharon Ayres.

Non-voting observers Perry Willis and Gary E. Johnson were also present.

The national director, Perry Willis, said the national headquarters was preparing for an open house on October 6 and 7. He said that responses were starting to come in from the "prospecting" mailing.

Perry Willis said he and the director of communications, Bill Winter, had conducted interviews with the Cleveland Plain Dealer, radio stations, and other media. Steve Dasbach reported that he had seen the interview Perry Willis had conducted with Cable News Network on "Inside Politics."

Ballot access was discussed. Steve Dasbach reported that a lawsuit in North Carolina had been lost, meaning the party would have to go ahead with a petition drive there.

Perry Willis said that headquarters telemarketer Scott Kohlhaus has agreed to work 6 weeks for free in Alaska on the petition drive there for LP ballot status and for U.S. Term Limits and to return to make telemarketing fully operational.

Steve Dasbach reported that petitioner Al Anders had agreed to work on ballot access in North Dakota and Kentucky this year and defer payment until next year.

Hugh Butler moved to authorize the national director to sign a contract with Rick Arnold for a petition drive in North Carolina and spend the first \$10,000 on the contract. The motion passed.

Karen Allard moved to authorize the national director to negotiate a contract with Al Anders for a petition drive in North Dakota. The motion passed.

In answer to a question from Gary Johnson, Steve Dasbach explained that one possible option that had been discussed was for the party to ask the Presidential candidates to petition to get their names on the ballot in Maine by a June deadline, instead of the party petitioning to get the party on the ballot by a December deadline. He noted that if the party chose to put the party on the ballot in Maine, a lawsuit would need to challenge the state law that does not allow the name of a Presidential nominee to be substituted after the national convention.

Sharon Ayres reported on Development. She said the party should do more to cultivate potential VIP donors who have given the maximum to a Presidential campaign.

Steve Dasbach said that Ron Crickenberger had expressed interest in having the national headquarters help in candidate recruitment. Perry Willis said that staff assistant Chris Williams could do that.

John Famularo said he had prepared the minutes of the most recent LNC meeting.

Steve Dasbach reported that he had offered for the party to arrange binding arbitration between the two factions in the Arizona Libertarian Party. He said state chair Tamara Clark agreed but he had not yet heard from lawsuit plaintiff Petr Schmerl.

Steve Dasbach said a 1996 budget was being prepared for review to be included in the agenda packet for the December LNC meeting. He added that the format of the LNC meeting may be changed to provide a segment suitable for C-SPAN coverage.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, recording secretary.