

Minutes.

Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 15, 1997. [Draft.]

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, October 15, 1997, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time by telephone conference call.

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

- Stephen L. Dasbach, the chair;
- Karen A. Allard, the vice chair;
- Gary E. Johnson, the secretary;
- Hugh A. Butler, the treasurer;
- Joseph W. Dehn III, LNC representative; and
- William W. Hail, LNC representative.

Non-voting observers Ken Bisson and Ron Crickenberger were also present.

Steve Dasbach thanked Ron Crickenberger for stepping in as national director and said the transition was the smoothest he had ever seen.

Ron Crickenberger reported that the latest edition of LP News had been printed and mailed. Joe Dehn said the October issue had not yet arrived in California. Karen Allard said it had not arrived in the state of Washington either. Problems with the mailing of LP News were discussed.

Ron Crickenberger said the headquarters had bought a new line printer. He said 200 candidates were running this year, 158 in the fall elections, a record. A telemarketing run was to begin the next week.

Ron Crickenberger said the audit would start on October 22. Former national director Perry Willis would be in the office to work with the auditor. The audit results were expected in a few weeks, before the next LNC meeting in December.

Ron Crickenberger said more than \$200,000 had been raised from major donors for retiring the debt and mailing to prospects. He said the plan was to mail a prospecting

letter Perry Willis had written to the first 20 of the 56 mailing lists that would be used. Hugh Butler noted that \$60,000 in spending had been authorized for this.

Long range plans for 1998 were discussed. Ron Crickenberger said he wanted to run 218 candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives. Hugh Butler noted that this would require the support of Texas and California.

Petition drives for ballot access were discussed. Hugh Butler said the pre-funding discipline must be followed. Ron Crickenberger said the Ohio LP wanted \$10,000 in assistance for its petition drive. Joe Dehn moved to authorize the national director to spend \$10,000 on the Ohio ballot drive, provided the funds are available. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, secretary.