

Minutes.

Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 22, 1998. [Draft.]

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, 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. Hall, LNC representative.

Non-voting observers Ken Bisson, John Buttrick, Ron Crickenberger, and Mark Tuniewicz were also present.

The national director, Ron Crickenberger, said membership passed 25,000. He reported on telephone calls to lapsed members and on the Archimedes mailings. He said he had been to Georgia to talk to major donors.

Ron Crickenberger said the field work and internal review had been finished on the audit. He said Nick Dunbar was a "great asset" as office manager.

Ron Crickenberger said 231 had registered for the national convention.

Bill Hall said the auditor had found that the LP had no obligation to file income tax returns for the years covered in the audit. Hugh Butler said the LP should file returns anyway and do all that was necessary to eliminate any income tax exposure.

Bill Hall expressed concern that the ad in Wired magazine had stopped running.

Expected attendance at the national convention was discussed. Steve Dasbach said the budget was based on 1,000 attendees; 750 would break even.

There was a discussion of the coordination of the delegate and alternate lists between the secretary and the registration vendor.

Ron Crickenberger described the directors and officers insurance options. Bill Hall said action should be taken.

Joe Dehn moved to buy \$1 million of directors and officers insurance with a \$20,000 deductible. It would cost about \$7,000. The motion passed.

Ron Crickenberger said Nick Dunbar had arranged the change the general liability coverage at the national headquarters to eliminate duplication in the insurance policies.

There was a general discussion of expenditures for the management information system, including purchases of hardware and a new accounting system.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was set for Wednesday, May 13, instead of May 20. A decision on the size of the next mailing would be made, based on the funds available.

Steve Dasbach said some members in Illinois were upset about the state affiliate's decision to join the Unified Membership Program. He asked the Executive Committee to consider a proposal to allow current members of the state party to continue as state, not national, party members by paying \$25 per year in dues. None of the dues would go to the "national" party.

The reaction was unfavorable.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, secretary.
