

Minutes.

Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 19, 1996.

[Draft.]

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at 9:00 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, Ron Crickenberger, Stuart Reges, and Gary E. Johnson were also present.

Stuart Reges, a former Libertarian Party national director and currently a computer consultant to the national headquarters, proposed that the Libertarian Party computer data base include transactions for the Presidential campaign of Harry Browne. They would be called "P transactions" for Presidential transactions. He said a similar arrangement was made in the 1992 Presidential campaign, but they were called "M transactions" for Marrou transactions.

The data from the Presidential campaign would allow the national party headquarters to prepare the Federal Election Commission reports for the Presidential campaign after the candidate won the nomination at the national convention in July. He said the Harry Browne campaign had offered to give the party information on its contributions to the campaign before the national nominating convention.

The national director, Perry Willis, said the information about contributors to the Browne campaign would be valuable to the party, regardless of who won the Presidential nomination. He said that a staff worker at the national headquarters, Dollie Parker, would have the time in the week before the national convention to enter the data into the party computer. He said the Browne campaign had offered to give

this information to the party, but it would be good to receive the same data from other candidates for the Presidential nomination as well.

John Famularo expressed reservations about the timing of the proposal, especially whether it would be improper for the party to process data of one Presidential candidate before a candidate had been nominated.

Hugh Butler emphasized that the party would not be providing any service to the Harry Browne campaign.

Stuart Reges and Sharon Ayres, who were both working on the Harry Brown campaign, said the Browne campaign was merely giving the party the information about its contributors.

After some discussion, it was agreed that it was not improper for the Harry Browne campaign to give the party information about its contributors. But John Famularo disagreed with the other Executive Committee members about whether it was improper for the party computer to be used to process the Browne donor information before a Presidential candidate was nominated.

Stuart Reges said that if Harry Browne wins the nomination, the campaign wanted the national headquarters to handle its contributions and FEC reports. Sharon Ayres stressed that the Browne campaign would pay the party for providing services to the Browne campaign.

John Famularo said that for the party headquarters computer to handling donor information about one Presidential candidate before the nomination gave the appearance of impropriety.

Sharon Ayres asked John Famularo if he would prepare the software to carry out this policy. He said he would do it, even though he disagreed with it.

Karen Allard said she saw no problem with the proposal and that this was a gift of information from the Browne campaign.

Ron Crickenberger said he could see how some critics of the Harry Browne campaign would say this proposal looked improper, but that he personally did not think it was improper.

After some discussion of the wording of a motion, Karen Allard moved the following: The national headquarters is authorized to immediately begin processing the historical

contribution information from any Presidential campaign willing to provide such information.

The motion passed. Karen Allard and Hugh Butler voted in favor. John Famularo voted against. Sharon Ayres abstained. Steve Dasbach, as presiding officer, did not vote.

Perry Willis reported that the cash flow situation continued to be tight, but it was "manageable" and did not affect operations.

A director of operations, Dan Galagher, and an assistant for media, George Goetz, had been hired. Perry Willis said the headquarters should hire a graphics artist after the convention. He said more interior walls were to be installed in the office.

Steve Dasbach said that petitioning or other ballot access requirements had been completed for all practical purposes in 39 states.

Sharon Ayres said the Browne campaign had completed its petition drive in Maine.

Steve Dasbach said the Tennessee LP had finished a petition to put Harry Browne on the ballot. He said if another candidate received the nomination, another petition could be circulated in Tennessee to put that candidate on the ballot.

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

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, recording secretary.