

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Libertarian National Committee

27-28 April 1991

Atlanta, Georgia

Members Present:

Chair Dave Walter  
 Vice-Chair Mary T. Gingell  
 Secretary Joseph W. Dehn III  
 At Large I. Dean Ahmad  
           Toni L. Black  
           William Redpath  
 Region 1 Karen Allard  
 Region 2 Geoffrey J. Neale  
           George O'Brien  
 Region 3 Stephen L. Dasbach  
 Region 4 Ron Crickenberger  
 Region 5 Clifford F. Thies  
 Region 6 Vicki Kirkland  
 Region 7 Steven I. Givot  
 Region 8 Gary Johnson

Absent:

Treasurer Stephen R. Fielder  
 At Large Steven Alexander  
           Norma D. Segal

Also present:

Director Nick Dunbar  
 Asst. to  
   the Chair Don Ernsberger

1. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Libertarian National Committee was called to order by Chair Dave Walter at 9:20am on Saturday, 27 April 1991, at the Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.
2. WELCOME: Carole Ann Rand and Ron Crickenberger welcomed the members of the Committee to Georgia.
3. CREDENTIALS: It was noted that three members of the Committee were absent.
4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Redpath moved to defer this item to first thing Sunday morning; there was no objection.
5. REPORT OF MAIL BALLOT: Dehn reported the results of the mail ballot on a resolution concerning Middle East intervention [Attachment A].

Dehn explained that there had been some controversy about the fact that the resolution in question contained "whereas" clauses; he did not think that the rule against arguments was meant to apply in this sort of case, where the argument was within the text of the resolution and addressed to the public rather than the people voting on the motion. He moved to amend the rule to read: "Mail ballots shall not include argument for or against passage of the motion (the term argument shall include whereas clauses), but this shall not preclude, in the case of a motion to adopt a resolution for public consumption,

inclusion in the resolution of language arguing for the Libertarian position."

Ahmad said that he had taken a similar position when he was Secretary, but had been overruled by the Chair. He suggested prohibiting whereas clauses in all cases.

Thies moved to substitute that the rule be changed to "Mail ballots shall not include argument (the term argument shall not include whereas clauses).", saying that it was disingenuous of the Secretary to try to change a rule he didn't follow, that Dehn's proposal would give too much discretion to the Secretary to decide when to allow arguments, and that simply allowing whereas clauses in all cases would solve the problem.

Various members suggested that: the rule really was intended to prohibit accompanying arguments, rather than language within the text of a motion; that it could be left up to the Secretary to decide whether too much of a motion was really argument; that allowing whereas clauses was a good idea because people who disagree with them are likely to vote against a motion, making mail ballots harder to use for passing resolutions; that it was strange to have a different rule for what can be passed by mail ballot in contrast to at a meeting.

Thies' motion to substitute failed on a voice vote.

Dasbach moved to amend Dehn's motion to read simply "Mail ballots shall not include argument for or against passage of the motion." Ahmad argued in favor, saying this was better than the original proposal because the Secretary would not have to decide on a case by case basis. Dehn said the point of his proposal was to limit the discretion of the Secretary by making clear under what circumstance there could be "arguments" that are not "arguments for or against passage of the motion". In response to a question from Givot, Walter said that his own feeling was that if five people ask for a vote, whatever they ask for is OK, but that if Dasbach's language were in place he would have to rule against inclusion of any arguments.

Ahmad moved to insert "accompanying" in front of "argument". Walter said that given that language, he would rule that anything could be included as long as it was within the motion.

Ahmad's motion to amend Dasbach's amendment passed on a voice vote. Dasbach's amendment passed on a voice vote. The main motion passed on a voice vote.

6. SETTING OF THE AGENDA: Allard moved to add 30 minutes as the second item on Sunday for Dick Boddie to address the Committee. O'Brien moved to increase the time for Internal Education to 10 minutes. Black moved to increase Outreach to 30 minutes. Crickenberger moved to move the Advocates for Self-Government presentation to after lunch on Sunday. These changes were made without objection.

Crickenberger asked for time to discuss the Georgia lawsuit; Walter said it could be discussed as part of the Budget Committee report.

Givot moved to reduce the Program Committee item to 5 minutes. Thies moved to add time to talk about Wes Dietchler as item 17A. There were no objections.

In reply to a question from Dehn about TV ad testing, Black said she planned to discuss it during her report and Walter said the funding should be discussed under the Budget Committee report.

[Gingell assumed the chair.]

7. CHECK OF PAPERWORK: Gingell reviewed the paperwork that had been

distributed up to that point.

[Walter resumed the chair.]

8. CHAIR'S REPORT: Walter reviewed activities that had taken place since the previous meeting, including: the resignations of the Finance Chair and direct mail contractor and the appointment of Don Ernsberger as Finance Chair; the initiation of the Tax Cut Action project; achievement of ballot status in four additional states; LP involvement in anti-war activity, Tax Day protests, and Bill of Rights demonstrations; attendance by himself and Ernsberger at the Conservative Political Action Committee conference; and Nick Dunbar's involvement at the THRO conference.

He noted the recent drop in membership, but said it was not unusual for that time of year. He reported that we lost some members because of our stand on the war, but would have lost several times more if we had taken the opposite position. He said the main problem with membership is lack of recruiting by the affiliate parties.

Don Ernsberger reviewed some long-term problem areas. He said that the "performance team" had become sloppy, citing as examples his own carelessness in literature production, the Secretary's slowness in delivering LNC minutes, and the Treasurer's failure to provide reports. He said that the Party was suffering from a "Rodney Dangerfield problem", not getting respect from its contractors [Attachment J]. He suggested that the Task Force Concept [Attachment K] needed to be formalized more, saying that they often start out with lots of enthusiasm but then suffer from lack of followthrough. With respect to membership, he acknowledged that we were in a slump but said we have made long-term progress and have had slumps before.

Ahmad said that some people joined the Maryland LP because of our stand on the war. Dunbar reported that there had been a total of 114 people marked "deactivate" between 15 January and the end of March; not all of these were because of the war but the comparable figure for the previous month and a half was only 20.

Givot said that what was lacking in the Task Force Concept was the setting of actual political objectives; just raising some money and producing some literature is not sufficient. O'Brien said what was needed was a business plan; without one we don't know what kind of commitment we are making and the project turns out like stone soup. Other members suggested we need to do a better job of publicizing these projects.

9. VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT: Gingell offered to answer questions; there weren't any.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer was not present; there was a discussion of whether any of the reports were done and, if so, whether he could provide them for this meeting.

Ernsberger provided an overview of monthly revenue based on the weekly flash reports:

Jan	43,000
Feb	22,000
Mar	41,000
Apr	36,000 (through the 25th)

After some discussion and calculation, it was estimated that year to date revenue was approximately \$5,000 over budget. Dunbar noted that the balance sheet produced by the office shows an increase of about \$10,000 in cash since the start of the year. Gingell noted that the office has been providing the Executive Committee with a weekly report of accounts payable.

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Givot said it was a waste of time for the LNC to have to be doing this analysis at a meeting, and suggested that as a backup procedure, if the Treasurer does not produce a report, the Executive Committee should release the reports generated by the office.

Thies moved: "Whereas the Libertarian National Committee is disappointed in the Treasurer's repeated failure to submit monthly reports, including financial reports, to this Committee, impairing our ability to conduct our business, and whereas the National Committee deems this due cause for suspension under Article 8 of our Bylaws, the Treasurer is hereby suspended effective May 10 unless he shall have delivered all reports due through that date by that date."

In response to a question about whether the slow provision of information by the office might be part of the problem, several members responded that the raw information has been available from the office, that it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to make sure the information is provided, and that the Treasurer has not complained that the office has not provided the information he needs.

There was discussion of who could do the job. Ahmad pointed out that the proposed motion would leave a vacancy to be filled by mail ballot. Thies suggested that Dunbar could be named Assistant Treasurer and we could simply accept his reports in the interim. Gingell and Dehn offered to do the work as a team. The possibility of appointing someone not currently on the Committee was discussed.

Ahmad moved to postpone further discussion of this item to Sunday morning, as item 21C; the motion passed on a voice vote.

11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Dehn noted that all LNC members have been receiving the minutes of the EC meetings, and offered to answer questions. In response to a question from Neale about the cost of the fax distributions he has been receiving, Dehn said it was not costing the LP anything. In response to a question from O'Brien about how the EC has been functioning, Walter said that he has been sharing more power with the EC than he is required to, but that another Chair might want to do things differently.

12. HEADQUARTERS REPORT: Dunbar reported that updates had been made to the computer system to support the new membership categories. He said that programming is still needed to deal with sending membership packets to renewing members, including pledgers and life members whose memberships are automatically renewed. He reported that some account codes were changed to deal with additional mailings, and that changes had also been made to procedures relating to the BAC. He said he is trying to keep things simple so that the next Director will be able to take over quickly.

He reported that the office remodeling project was completed in March; although not everything he wanted was done, it is an improvement, and not as much money was spent as was planned. His old office will be available for interns or guests, allowing us to rent out the first floor.

He reported that call volume on the 900 number has been low. He is working with Ernsberger on adding a "hero of the month" feature.

Dunbar also reported on his participation in the THRO conference. The participants divided up into six interest areas, and he became the spokesperson for the "third parties" group. Another conference is planned. He said the LP was favorably received, and said several Florida Libertarians also attended and were helpful.

There was a discussion of the "Executive Report" being started by

there was a discussion of the taxpayers party being started by Howard Phillips. Kirkland reported that this party has been elected as a member of COFOE. Redpath reported that he is trying to contact Phillips about cooperating with us in ballot access lawsuits and lobbying.

Walter asked for the sense of the Committee as to whether Dunbar should continue to participate in these THRO-initiated activities; there was some concern that he already has enough to do at the office, but reaction was generally favorable.

Dasbach and Black reported that in calling around to various states they had gotten no complaints about the performance of the national office.

13. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Allard submitted a written report [Attachment B]. Dehn distributed graphs of membership [Attachment L].

Allard reviewed some of the activities of the Membership Committee. She said she was looking for examples of good membership recruiting letters that could be supplied as examples for local groups. She recommended that we wait a while before doing another mailing to old non-renewers, as the most recent mailing did not make any money. She reported that work on the "year end report" fundraising letter, promised as a benefit of basic membership, was interrupted by the resignation of the direct mail contractor.

Allard moved to amend Resolution 65 by adding at the end of Section 1: "An individual becomes a life member after the first cumulative \$1000 contributed in a 12 month period.", saying that this additional wording would help clarify the rule.

In response to a question about whether this was meant to include contributions to the BAC and to special projects, Allard said any contributions would qualify, and Dunbar said that BAC contributions are currently not taken into account. Ahmad moved to amend Allard's wording by substituting "member" for individual and to insert "to the national LP or any of its committees" after "contributed"; these were accepted as friendly amendments.

There was a discussion of the implications of treating contributions to special committees as life dues, points including: in the case of the BAC, the transfer might have to be reported as a contribution; people who make a large contribution to a specific project don't necessarily want to be life members; there is a conflict between this rule and the proposal to save most of the life membership money in a trust.

Ahmad moved to table this proposal until after consideration of the trust fund idea; there was no objection.

Allard moved to add to the end of Resolution 65 Section 1: "To receive the benefits of the membership category premium clubs, contributions must be current.", in order to make clear that club membership lasts for one year. Black moved to substitute that "for one year" be inserted after "Torch Club"; this was accepted as friendly. The substitute wording passed on a voice vote.

Allard moved:

Whereas contributors above a designated amount are promised a lifetime membership, and

Whereas the LP is thereby obligated to provide certain benefits over the Member's or organization's lifetime whichever is less, and

Whereas these benefits constitute a long-term liability on the part

of the Party,

Therefore be it resolved that the LP fund this long-term liability according to the following terms:

1. That ninety percent (90%) of all designated Life Memberships be deposited into a Perpetual Trust in the name of the LNC.
2. That ninety percent (90%) of the earnings on said Trust be distributed to the General Fund each quarter.
3. That the Fund be administered by a Board of Trustees comprised of three Trustees, each serving for a six year term.
4. That, whether in case of end of term, resignation, or other vacancy, the Chair of the LNC shall appoint the Trustees and the appointment shall be ratified by two thirds (2/3) vote of the LNC during the next regularly scheduled meeting.
5. That the terms of office of each Trustee be staggered in such a manner that one Trustee is appointed every two years.
6. That the Senior Trustee shall preside over meetings of the Board of Trustees.
7. That a Trustee may be removed from office by two thirds (2/3) vote of the LNC, but only by cause related to management of the Fund.

Upon adoption of this resolution the Chair shall be charged with nominating one Trustee for a two (2) year term, one Trustee for a (4) year term, and one Trustee for a six (6) year term. The announcement of nomination shall be at least thirty (30) days in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

She said this was Dunbar's idea, that she agreed with it, and that if it is approved she would use it as an argument in trying to get people who have contributed close to \$1000 to make an additional contribution and become life members. In response to questions about how the numbers were derived, Dunbar explained that he wanted the trust to have enough money to at least cover LP News for all existing life members.

O'Brien moved to recess for lunch; the motion passed on a voice vote.

[The meeting was recessed at 12:20pm, and reconvened at 1:44pm.]

Allard moved to table the trust fund proposal; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Ernsberger presented statistics on response rates to renewal notices in recent months, pointing to a 9% rate for the first notices that went out with the new dues amount, lower than for any of the previous months. Others noted that those were also the first notices that went out after the delegate allocation deadline, and some of the people who would normally have responded during February had probably renewed earlier.

Ernsberger also reported that there were 83 people during February and March who would have been automatically renewed if we were operating under the previous policy of crediting any contribution at or above the minimum dues level as a renewal. Various arguments for and against this policy were repeated; several people argued that the new policy should be given time to work.

14. AFFILIATE PARTIES COMMITTEE: Gingell provided a written report [Attachment C] and additional material [Attachment M]. She reported

that there has not been much interest expressed by affiliate parties in having a field organizer visit them, and asked that regional representatives remind states of this possibility. She said she is working on improving the arrangements for getting the APC News out on schedule, and passed around a sample of the new improved activist directory.

Gingell moved to appoint Dasbach as new chair of the APC; the motion passed on a voice vote.

In response to a question from Allard about the cost of producing the new directory, Gingell said it was covered by the existing contract with MKR. In response to a question from Ernsberger about the effectiveness of calling the affiliate parties, she said that most of the states had been reached by the various callers, but that it was taking longer than expected and the revised MKR contract would reduce the frequency of their calling to three times per year.

15. AFFILIATE CAMPAIGNS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Dasbach reported that he is seeking information from the affiliate parties about current officeholders and candidates and commented that the national office has been good about providing him with this kind of information as they become aware of it. He said there would be an opportunity during the national convention week for candidate training. He also reported that he was appointing Crickenberger as subcommittee chair.

Crickenberger said he plans to put emphasis on finding and training candidates. There was a discussion of what sort of help candidates most want from the national LP; Dasbach said what they want most is money, next is training. Other kinds of help mentioned in the discussion included "talking points" and advertising scripts. There was also some discussion of what sorts of districts were most promising.

#### 16. REGIONAL REPORTS:

Allard (Region 1) submitted a written report [Attachment D] and reviewed highlights of it. She reported that lost membership material from Utah had been returned by the postal service, and that a dispute about notification of the Washington LP convention had been resolved by rescheduling the business meeting for 29 June. In response to a question from Gingell, Allard said that LPWS's financial problems have been caused by having no dues and not following up on their pledge program.

Neale (Region 2) submitted a written report [Attachment N] and reviewed highlights from it. He reported that TV ads were run on Tax Day weekend.

Dasbach (Region 3) submitted a written report [Attachment O] and reviewed highlights from it.

Crickenberger (Region 4) submitted a written report [Attachment P] and reviewed highlights from it. He said that Mississippi was the biggest problem in his region, with the state chair not willing to do anything, not even pass on checks that he receives. He reported that Arkansas was not doing anything about selecting convention delegates and asked what Arkansas residents who want to be delegates could do; this triggered a discussion of getting copies of affiliate parties' bylaws.

Thies (Region 5) submitted a written report [Attachment Q] and reviewed highlights from it.

Kirkland (Region 6) reported that progress is being made on ballot access in Maine, and that Rhode Island is finally going to have a state convention.

Givot (Region 7) reported that members in Illinois are getting excited about the national convention.

Johnson (Region 8) submitted a written report [Attachment R] and reviewed highlights from it. He said the Texas LP will probably decide to nominate in 1992 by convention rather than primary.

17. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ernsberger submitted a written report [Attachment S]. He reviewed the work he had done since being appointed, and plans for future work on direct mail, telephone fundraising, the pledge program, and the Torch Club.

There was a discussion of the prospects for making money on the 900 number. Dunbar estimated the breakeven point at about 200 calls per month.

Allard distributed the results of the "Plans and Progress" survey/fundraising letter [Attachment T].

17A. WES DIETCHLER: Thies reviewed the situation of Wes Dietchler of Montana, 1990 candidate for U.S. Senate, who is now in prison. He passed around a greeting card for LNC members to sign. In reply to a question from Dehn regarding the specific charges which led to Dietchler's current imprisonment, Thies said they related to his making up his own license plates.

17B. DEANN PULLAR PROPOSAL: DeAnn Spratt-Pullar of Washington was allowed to address the Committee to describe a fundraising plan based on participation in a network marketing system [Attachment E]. Several members commented on potential legal, tax, and campaign finance regulation problems that could arise from the LP's involvement in such an arrangement, on the uncertainty of our being able to get people to sell enough "memberships" to be worth the up-front investment, and on the question of whether we should be involved in any sort of "business" at all.

18. AUDIT REPORT: Thies submitted a written report [Attachment F]. In reply to a question from Gingell, he clarified that the "report" referred to in section 6b was the field organizing manual. In reply to a question from O'Brien about section 3d, he clarified that although the net worth shown on the books was close to zero, we had additional assets not represented such as the mailing list and fully depreciated but still functioning equipment. In response to a comment by Gingell about what appeared to be inconsistent processing of reimbursement due her for expenses in 1990 but not paid until 1991, he said that this was really a question that should be answered by the Treasurer and that he did not find problems with the accounts payable items that he had checked.

There was a discussion about whether an income tax return should have been filed for 1990; Dunbar reported that it had not been done.

Thies reported that he would be notifying presidential candidates that he was ready to audit their campaign accounts when they reached \$100,000 in contributions. He said that this was a level at which it would be worthwhile to spend LP funds on an audit, and would also serve as a way to let people know which campaigns had achieved the level required for matching funds independent of whether they actually applied for them.

[Gingell assumed the chair.]

19. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Ahmad presented a proposed reorganization of the standing resolutions in the form of a policy manual [Attachment G]. He proposed that the Committee first adopt the entire manual without discussing substantive changes, and then



consider substantive changes if there was time left over. He noted that changes to resolutions made earlier in this meeting should be considered as incorporated in his proposal.

[Redpath assumed the chair.]

Ahmad said this draft represented only changes in format and construction, with no intent to change the meaning, except that the resolution calling for "NatCom Profiles" was omitted since it had not been observed.

He noted the following changes in the proposal suggested by Dasbach: In II.4 - delete "Resolved, that" and capitalize "the"; In VII.4.B - change "under resolution 291" to "as an SFAC"; In VI.3.C - capitalize "membership committee"; In IV.3.B - change "Resolution" to "section".

[Gingell resumed the chair.]

After a brief discussion about the "NatCom Profiles", Ahmad concluded that deleting the provision would be a substantive change and proposed that it be restored as section III.2.G, deleting from the introductory remarks the note about its deletion.

There was a discussion of the omission of the "whereas" clauses from Resolutions 346 and 344. In the case of 346, there did not appear to be significant feeling that the clause needed to be included. In the case of 344, after concern was expressed that including just the last sentence would not adequately reflect the original purpose of passing the resolution, Ahmad proposed leaving out the whole thing for now. It was noted that resolutions of this sort are intended as public announcements, are not normally amended, and a record of them is retained in the minutes.

There was a brief discussion of the omission of resolution 330. Some members felt it would be valuable to retain a record of the criteria used in selecting the office location, but it was noted that the record still exists in the minutes and that the office has additional information that was used during remodeling planning.

Ahmad moved to adopt the policy manual with the changes noted. In response to a question from Dehn, he clarified that the effect of the motion would be to replace all current standing resolutions, and that from now on all changes would be made as amendments to the manual. In response to a comment by O'Brien about formatting, Ahmad said that should be left up to the Secretary.

The motion to adopt the policy manual passed on a voice vote.

Thies moved to delete LNCPM III.2.G (NatCom Profiles). Dehn noted that many profiles were in fact returned, and Walter said he found them useful. The motion failed on a voice vote.

20. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: Black submitted a written report [Attachment H] and an update [Attachment U].

[Walter resumed the chair.]

Black reported that she was having trouble getting schedule information from NOW about their Commission on Responsive Democracy "hearings", which was making it difficult to arrange for Libertarians to testify.

She proposed allocating \$250 for a comparison test of the Nathan TV ad in Tucson where they just ran the Nolan tax ad.

She also proposed allocating \$2000 to support the Tax Cut Action project. to be spent on travel for James Tobin. for local activities.

and to pay MKR for work on producing a manual. There was a discussion of whether additional money was actually needed. It was noted that Tobin, although designated as director of this project, had not requested any funds or communicated to the LNC any spending plans. Gingell said someone was needed to interface between the LNC and the people doing this project. Ernsberger said that everything described in the TCA fundraising letter could be done under existing budgets.

Dasbach reviewed the activities outlined in the letter and asked Ernsberger to explain who would be responsible for getting each done. There was disagreement about the scale of effort being promised in some cases; in particular, the item "solicit sponsorship of tax cut bills" was variously interpreted as anything from sending out a news release to active in-person lobbying.

Various members questioned who authorized and/or approved the fundraising letter and what understandings existed between them and MKR about how much of the work was covered by their existing contract. Walter and Ernsberger said that it was a Finance Committee project and reiterated that it was their understanding that funds beyond the current budget would not be needed.

Various members commented that this was an example of a more general problem of inadequate planning of special projects.

Givot moved to recess and to schedule 15 minutes on Sunday for this topic as item 21D. At the suggestion of the Chair the motion was divided: the motion to continue discussion for 15 minutes on Sunday passed on a voice vote; the motion to recess failed on a voice vote.

21. BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE REPORT: Redpath submitted a written report [Attachment V] and noted that Maine should have been mentioned in the second paragraph as a state which was added since December to the list of states in which we have 1992 ballot status. He said there are a number of other states in which we could achieve ballot status before the convention, but that lack of funds would limit what we can actually do.

He reviewed the status of various states outlined in his written report. He noted a snag in getting petitions filed in Alabama, and that collecting additional signatures to get on the ballot in South Dakota as a party (rather than as an independent) might be worthwhile as a way to put pressure on Florida, the only other state where that has never been done.

Givot reported that he has contacted an Illinois state legislator about getting ballot access law changes incorporated in an existing bill; one of the changes would be to allow circulation of a party petition before the name of the candidate is known, as would be needed to deal with our nomination for president in 1996.

Redpath reported that he is working with Jim Lark on drafting a proposal for improvements in the Virginia ballot access law. Ahmad reported that there is increasing support in Maryland for improving the ballot access law there.

There was a discussion of the performance of the recent BAC fundraising letter and the prospects for raising additional money before the convention.

[The meeting recessed at 6:02pm, and reconvened at 9:20 on Sunday, 28 April, with Walter in the chair.]

21A. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES, part 2: Allard pointed out that the references to "Basic" membership in the last two paragraphs of item 16B should have been to "Subscribing" membership.

Redpath pointed out that in the sixth paragraph of item 4, the word "move" should be changed to "moved", and that the lawsuit in question is against "Georgia Public Television" rather than "PBS". He also said that the reason he gave for the delay in BAC telemarketing (third paragraph of item 23A) was "due to the need for Alexis to concentrate on LNC fundraising" rather than poor response to a fundraising letter.

Dunbar asked that the minutes show that he was present.

The minutes, with these corrections, were approved without objection.

21B. BODDIE FOR PRESIDENT: Dick Boddie presented an overview of his approach to the presidential campaign, outlined the goals of his nominating committee, and described his campaign team. He showed a tape of an approximately four minute interview he had on a WGBH-TV news program. He reviewed some of his past campaign-related experiences. He said he is running a low-budget "guerilla" campaign that would not require a lot of money or matching funds, and that he was the candidate who could expose the ideas of freedom to the most people at the least cost.

In response to questions, he said that he is looking for a white male as a running mate, that he has a mailing list of about 4000 names and is willing to share the list with the LP, and that once he is nominated he would let the LNC audit his campaign. He also answered questions about his position on abortion and how he would explain the LP's position.

21C. TREASURER'S REPORT, part 2:

Ahmad reported that he had contacted Robert Creager about the possibility of taking over as Treasurer; he was willing to do the work but probably would not be able to come to Chicago.

Dunbar reported that he spoke with Fielder and that Fielder was willing to resign.

Thies argued for proceeding with the motion currently on the floor to suspend the Treasurer if the reports are not done.

Givot moved to substitute that we accept Fielder's resignation, arguing that it was necessary to get the situation resolved now rather than allowing further delay.

There was a discussion of the necessity of appointing a replacement, and of how things would be handled if a decision was not made at this meeting.

The motion to substitute passed on a voice vote. The substitute motion, to accept Fielder's resignation, passed unanimously (15 in favor, no abstentions).

The discussion of possible replacements continued. Various members expressed various degrees of willingness to be appointed. Givot moved to appoint Redpath; the motion passed on a voice vote.

At the suggestion of O'Brien, Redpath said he would discuss with Creager the possibility of appointing him as Assistant Treasurer.

Thies moved to appoint Ernsberger to fill the vacancy in the at-large slot previously occupied by Redpath; the motion passed on a voice vote with no opposition.

21D. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT, part 2: The Committee viewed the Nathan TV ad.

Ernsberger handed out a report on college outreach [Attachment #1] and

Ernsberger handed out a report on college outreach [Attachment w] and one on the Bill of Rights project [Attachment X]. He reviewed plans for activities relating to the Bill of Rights, including efforts to get local groups involved with the Philip Morris tour, getting non-LP groups involved, appointment of a national advisory board, and correction of errors in the literature. He said the money set aside in the budget for this project would probably not be needed.

In reply to a question from Allard, he said that names generated by this project would be available to any contributing organization (including the LP), but that no other organization had asked about it. In response to a question about errors in the literature, he said that the corrected versions had not been sent out yet. Givot asked that Ernsberger prepare a statement of objectives for the project, giving as examples of objectives collection of a certain number of new names and creation of alliances.

Ahmad moved to insert as LNCPM X.1 (renumbering following sections):

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PROJECT OR TASK FORCE:

- A. PROPOSAL: A detailed proposal specifying the purpose, means, personnel, and objectives proposed for the project or task force must be prepared in writing and approved by the Chair and by the chairs of all involved committees.
- B. PROJECT DIRECTOR: A person responsible for the final development and execution of the project or task force chair must be appointed by the Chair.
- C. BUDGET: A budget for the project or task force must be approved by the Chair and by any committee chairs whose budget funds will finance the project. If previously unbudgeted funds in excess of the Chair's discretionary funds are needed, the approval of the National Committee is required.

and to add to LNCPM VI.1:

Special Projects and task forces may not be used to raise money unless and until the requirements in Article X, Section 1 have been fulfilled.

and to add to LNCPM VII.3.H:

Special Projects and task forces may not be promoted unless and until the requirements in Article X, Section 1 have been fulfilled.

There was a discussion of whether additional questions, such as how to ensure that money raised in the name of a project is kept available for that project, should be addressed at the same time.

Ahmad's motion passed on a voice vote.

Ernsberger said he would prepare a breakdown of how the various special projects are integrated into the various committees. He also reported that since Saturday's discussion he had discussed with Kathleen Richman the question of who would be doing the various Tax Cut Action work, and she said most of it would be initiated by Tobin.

In response to a question from Thies about the LP announcing through the 900 number positions on pending legislation, Ernsberger said positions should be decided by the LNC, but that the messages on the 900 number don't actually say that we support or oppose specific bills.

22. CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT: Neale submitted a written report [Attachment Y], and LEI provided a written quarterly report [Attachment I].

There was a discussion of the selection of speakers for the convention. Neale noted that the contract does not provide for our involvement in this except that we can veto a speaker.

At Neale's invitation, Don Meinshausen described his plans for an event relating to hemp legalization or virtual reality, to be held in conjunction with the convention. Neale recommended that we direct the LP News to say something about it. There was a discussion of whether such an event would compete with the convention or complement it by attracting people who would not otherwise be involved. Meinshausen said that his event would pay for itself and that any profit would be contributed to the LP.

Thies moved to recommend to the editor of LP News that he give some coverage to this event, contingent on the approval of LEI; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Neale reported that LEI asked that the LNC pay for Ernsberger's hotel room for the convention, so that Ernsberger could act as a commentator and advisor for C-SPAN. Johnson offered to be the commentator and pay for his own room.

Neale reported that Clay Conrad of New York had made a proposal for staging and lighting for the convention. Kirkland distributed a memo from Conrad [Attachment Z] and said that Conrad felt his proposal was not treated properly. There was a discussion of the budget for this sort of thing, including: the total limit of \$5,500 which is intended to cover printing, publicity, and other convention-related items as well; C-SPAN's interest in and tolerance of fancy staging; the possibility of seeking additional bids if we decide we want to do this kind of production.

Givot noted that he has been working on the possibility of a computerized voting system with projection TVs. Walter said Ernsberger would check with C-SPAN about their interest in this.

Neale also reported that LEI would like more free space in the LP News.

Neale also reported that he had received two expressions of interest about the 1996 convention, from Williamsburg, VA and from Los Angeles, CA.

22A. ADVERTISING/PUBLICATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE: Without objection this item was taken up.

Ahmad reported that there was a controversy about a pamphlet about the Bill of Rights; the pamphlet said that the United States and South Africa are the only countries that detain people without charge; Ahmad thought Israel should also be mentioned. There was a general discussion of the role of the APRC, including: what sorts of problems it is supposed to address; whether documents must be reviewed again by the APRC after the author makes changes that he feels satisfy an objection; the authority of the APRC to prevent documents from being printed or distributed.

23. CONVENTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: At the suggestion of the Chair, the Credentials Committee was considered first.

Ahmad nominated Dehn and Frances Eddy. Johnson nominated himself. Black nominated herself. Kirkland nominated Kevin Delaney. Each of the five nominees were elected by voice vote. Ahmad nominated Dehn to be temporary chair; Dehn was elected by voice vote.

The Bylaws and Rules Committee was considered next. There was a brief discussion of the fact that this committee does not have a place on

the agenda during a presidential nominating convention.

Thies nominated None of the Above for all positions. Givot objected, saying that the same person could not occupy more than one slot. The Chair was asked to clarify the voting procedure; he proposed that the initial voting be by written ballot with members casting as many votes as there are positions, that an additional vote be taken to appoint people who did not get a majority during the initial voting, and that members be allowed to vote for NOTA1 ... NOTAN.

Allard nominated Ruth Bennett. Gingell nominated Steve Reed. Crickenberger nominated Don Winfield. No other nominations were offered.

There was a discussion of the implications of appointing only three people to a committee that is supposed to have ten members, in particular the question of a quorum. In reply to a question from Thies, Walter ruled that for quorum purposes the committee size would be determined by the number of people we elected. Givot moved to postpone consideration of this committee until after selection of the Platform Committee; there was no objection.

Thies nominated for the Platform Committee: Dean Ahmad of Maryland, Lyn Atherton of Missouri, Bruce Baechler of Texas, Virginia Cropsey of Michigan, Williamson Evers of California, Matt Gaylor of Ohio, Steve Givot of Illinois, Dale Hemming of Minnesota, Jacob Hornberger of Colorado, James Lark of Virginia, Nancy Lord of the District of Columbia, Ed Marihart of Oregon, Toby Nixon of Georgia, Milton Norris of Ohio, Kathleen Richman of Virginia, Norma Segal of New York, Ludwig Vogel of New York, and Donald Warmbier of Michigan. Johnson nominated Greg Clark of Texas.

Comment up to one minute in favor and one minute in opposition to each candidate was allowed.

The initial voting was by written ballot and the votes cast were as follows:

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Givot			x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x		x				x	
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Kirkland	x																	x	x
Neale	x		x	x		x		x			x	x		x				x	x
O'Brien	x	x		x		x		x				x		x		x			x
Redpath	x					x	x	x	x		x	x		x		x	x		
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with the candidates indicated by an asterisk receiving a majority.

Hemming was approved by show of hands.

A runoff vote was taken to decide the tenth position; with 15 LNC members present, the vote was 8 for Hornberger and 7 for Segal.

Segal was approved as the first alternate by show of hands.

Clark and Vogel were approved as alternates by show of hands. A separate vote was taken to determine who would be second alternate; the vote was 4 for Clark and 3 for Vogel.

Thies moved to end the election of alternates; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Election of the Bylaws and Rules Committee was resumed. Black nominated herself. Ahmad nominated himself. Allard nominated Kirkland and O'Brien. Dasbach nominated Milton Norris. O'Brien nominated Janet Parkes and Dehn.

Givot moved to elect the whole group. Thies moved to divide the voting for Ruth Bennett from the rest, arguing that she should not be elected because of her alleged failure to report certain information relating to the 1987 convention finances to the LNC. Several other members argued that she had done nothing improper. The motion to divide failed on a voice vote. The motion to elect the group passed on a voice vote, with Thies voting no.

Dasbach nominated Steve Reed to be temporary chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Givot nominated Black. Black was elected by a show of hands.

Dasbach nominated Givot to be temporary chair of the Platform Committee. There were no other nominations, and Givot was elected on a voice vote.

[The meeting was recessed at 1:34pm and reconvened at 2:12pm.]

24. MEDIA RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Johnson reported that since the last meeting a contract had been signed with MKR to do media work. He reported that some news releases are being sent out, and that these are being cleared by him beforehand. He said that because MKR is being shared with other committees, media work may not be getting the same kind of attention as with the previous contractor, Tonie Nathan. He also reported that an improved ad has been placed in a media directory, and that MKR has prepared a media handbook for affiliate parties.

He reported that after attempts by many people to get Nathan to provide the media list she was supposed to turn over at the end of her contract, the list we have is still not satisfactory. There was a discussion of the technical problems that might be involved in transferring the database, and of whether the information we are most interested in -- a record of past contacts with specific media people -- was ever entered into the database.

He also reported that there was a dispute about paying Nathan for expenses she incurred because the media 800 number remained routed to her phone for a period after the end of her contract. He agreed to pay her for this, but the payment was then held up because the mailing list situation was not resolved.

He also reported on a delay in reimbursing MKR for the purchase of two commercial media lists.

There was a discussion of getting MKR to start on building a list of people who can be placed on talk shows.

In response to a question from Ernsberger, Johnson said that people who want news releases issued should contact MKR directly; MKR will check with him before sending them out.

25. INTERNAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: O'Brien reported that the main emphasis of the committee has been on publishing a series of articles in LP News; several have been published already, and additional ones on a variety of topics are in preparation. He said he has been putting less time into management training, but that there is an updated "Libertarian MBA" document that can be printed out as needed.

Janet Parkes reported that her questionnaire on leadership revealed that 90% of the activists thought we need more and better LP leaders. She also distributed a report on taking a leadership role in disseminating ideas on political issues [Attachment AA].

25A. ADVOCATES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT: Carole Ann Rand gave a presentation on the status of Advocates for Self-Government, of which she is now president. She urged that we make use of the tools they have available for marketing libertarian ideas and let LP members know about the resources available through ASG.

In reply to questions from Walter, Rand said that we could continue to order Operation Politically Homeless kits from ASG, and that the time the LP had bought on the ASG teleconferencing system, sold to Marshall Fritz's new organization, is still available to us.

26. ADVERTISING/PUBLICATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT (see item 22A)

27. PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT: Givot reported that no new Program plank drafts were ready for consideration. He noted that Life magazine had done a survey identifying the most important issues of the day, and that he intends to work on getting the Program to address them. He also will be contacting a member who identified problems in our Savings and Loan plank. In reply to a question from Dehn about comments sent in by a Colorado member, Givot said he would be reviewing them.

28. LP NEWS REPORT: Dehn presented a proposal for bulk subscriptions for media, libraries, and LWV chapters [Attachment BB], and moved the adoption of the following plan:

1. There shall be a bulk subscription program for the LP News, intended to increase awareness of the Libertarian Party among those who provide political information to the public.
2. The program shall be administered by a manager designated by the chair of the Media Relations Committee.
3. Eligible subscribers shall be (a) news media, (b) public, academic, and school libraries, (c) chapters of the League of Women Voters.
4. Affiliate parties shall arrange for bulk subscriptions by providing a mailing list of eligible subscribers to the manager. The affiliate party is responsible for providing valid addresses and other information that the manager may require.
5. The annual cost shall be four dollars per subscription.
6. The minimum quantity shall be 25 subscriptions.



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7. The manager may designate a common starting or ending date for subscriptions, and may pro-rate the fee for subscriptions that start out of cycle.

Dunbar said the actual cost of LP News is about 50 cents per copy, but that he would not object to the plan as long as the office does not have to figure out who is eligible.

In reply to a question from Redpath about providing the same deal to LP committees, Dehn said this was intended as a way of letting affiliate parties provide funding for additional outreach at a reasonable price, and that if committees wanted to send copies that should be handled separately as an internal budget matter. In response to a question from Givot about the minimum quantity provision, Dehn said that was included to emphasize the idea that states should be doing this on a significant scale, to minimize the temptation for states to use this plan as a way to get cheap subscriptions for individuals, and to reduce overhead in processing the subscriptions.

Gingell moved to refer the proposal to the Affiliate Parties and Media committees to work out the details and determine the degree of interest among the states. Dehn argued against this, saying that it would mean delaying the whole thing for months, that he was willing to set it up, and that he already knew that at least Colorado would be interested in taking advantage of it.

Givot moved to substitute that the plan be adopted and also referred to to the committees for consideration of possible changes. The motion to substitute passed on a voice vote. The main motion passed on a voice vote.

29. LEGAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Walter reported that he received several responses to his call for lawyers to volunteer to help the Party, and that he would be contacting them to get them to form the Legal Action Committee and select a chair.

30. BUDGET: Black proposed reducing the leasehold improvements line in the capital budget by \$500 and adding \$500 to the outreach projects budget to support the THRO activities. She also proposed adding \$250 to pay part of the cost of testing the Nathan TV ad in Tucson.

Walter proposed adding \$500 for convention decorations. Givot proposed adding \$2000 for a computer voting feed for C-SPAN, available to be spent by the Executive Committee after determining what C-SPAN would be interested in using. Dasbach proposed grouping these together and letting the EC spend it on whatever is most needed to improve our presentation.

Crickenberger reviewed the Georgia public television lawsuit situation. He said the exact costs were not yet known, and that there would be additional local fundraising efforts, but that he wanted the EC to be authorized to send another \$500 if necessary. Walter observed that the this could be done within the existing budget but that would leave less than half the original amount left for all other legal cases.

Adding \$250 for TV advertising was approved on a voice vote. Adding a new \$2500 item for convention decorations and staging was approved on a voice vote. Increasing the legal costs item by \$500 was approved on a voice vote. Reducing the leasehold improvements item by \$500 and increasing Outreach Other Projects by \$500 was approved on a voice vote.

31. ADVOCATES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (see item 25A)

32. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

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Allard moved to thank Ron Crickenberger and the Georgia LP for their hospitality; the motion passed on the sound of applause.

Walter proposed that the next meeting be held at 1pm on Wednesday 28 August; there was no objection.

Walter asked how many current LNC members planned to run for election to the next LNC; seven so indicated.

Givot moved to adjourn; the motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Dehn III  
Secretary

## Attachments:

[Attachments distributed prior to the meeting]

- A. Report of Mail Ballot
- B. Membership Committee Report
- C. Affiliate Parties Committee Report
- D. Region 1 Report
- E. DeAnn Pullar Proposal
- F. Auditor's Report
- G. Policy Manual Draft
- H. Outreach Committee Report
- I. LEI Report

[Attachments distributed at the meeting]

- J. "Rodney Dangerfield" Problem Overview
- K. Task Force Overview
- L. Membership Graphs
- M. APC Additional Material
- N. Region 2 Report
- O. Region 3 Report
- P. Region 4 Report
- Q. Region 5 Report
- R. Region 8 Report
- S. Finance Committee Report
- T. Plans and Progress Survey
- U. Outreach Committee Update
- V. Ballot Access Committee Report
- W. College Outreach Report
- X. Bill of Rights Project Report
- Y. Convention Oversight Committee Report
- Z. Memo from Clay Conrad
- AA. Leadership on Political Issues Memo
- BB. LP News Bulk Subscription Proposal