

## Minutes of the State Committee of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts

January 10, 2022

Online via Zoom Cloud Meetings.

Present: Derek Newhall, Ashley Shade, Andrew Moore, Michael Burns, Cris Crawford, Jeremy Thompson, Tara DeSisto, Charlie Larkin, Janel Holmes. Closed to other participants.

Start at 8:35 PM.

### Convention planning

Cris wants to set the price to break even at \$60 for day, \$40 for banquet, \$100 for both  
Voted by voice. No objections. Passed

### Treasurer's report by Cris Crawford

Income: \$857.50

Expenses: \$2,000: deposit for the convention hotel, ~\$700: NB transitions fees and LNC weekend (\$634.90)

### Petition for special convention

Signed by 46 people, 1 was not a member, 2 joined after signing

Agenda proposed is not compliant with constitution

Agenda: Elect new state committee, Set number of committee numbers

Article 4.1 lays out requirements for those two points

Since agenda does not have constitutional change to contravene Article 4.1, agenda cannot be valid

Also out of order because date, agenda, location already selected for electing new state committee

Michael Burns as Political Director takes over the meeting from Ashley Shade who wishes to participate in debate

### New business:

Jeremy spoke

Time to take action and remove members who signed the petition

It is not fair to usurp the will of the last convention for a malicious caucus

Janel then spoke

She disagreed with Jeremy's account

Tom Eddlem for example is someone who cares, Brodi is someone who welcomes

Janel is concerned on what is going on

Expected us to expel all members who signed the petition

Janel is going to resign after this meeting  
She cannot continue to work for an organization that controls from the top down  
She brought up the work to create local affiliates that has been done  
Her phone microphone then cut out  
John Dixson signed and has no affiliation with Mises  
Not someone who is looking to usurp  
Must treat people as individuals and not as a group

Discussion on what the purpose of the goal of the party

To grow the party? Or have a private club

Cris then spoke

This is not a difference of opinion, this is Mises Caucus trying to pack the national convention

She can read emails and quotes from Michael Heisse detailing that this is the point

Janel said Brodi Elwood has not talked about a takeover

Ashley Shade:

Ashley agreed with Janel that we should treat as individuals, not everyone who signed is part of the "takeover"

Read the preamble of the Constitution to describe what we are supposed to do as a party

Agreed with Cris on the delegates issue

We are responsible to the people who elected us to prevent a takeover

Everyone who signed the petition is not in the wrong, only the organizers

She suggest to expel all the members and let them back in on a case-by-case basis

Any action to expel is purely to protect against takeover

Became a libertarian to set people free and fight against government and oppression

The majority of people who signed the petition joined the state party specifically to takeover

Ashley moves to expel all members who signed the petition and refund their dues, and at the end of the meeting resign

Jeremy seconds

Voting by secret ballot over Zoom

6 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions.

Charlie Larkin and Tara DeSisto were not present for the vote

Ashley will resign officially at midnight.

Adjourned 9:25.