

Libertarian National Convention 2022
Credentials Committee
Minority Report

Summary:

The undersigned, a minority of the LNC 2022 Credentials Committee, not agreeing with the majority, desire to express their views in the Committee's determination that the Massachusetts Delegation submitted by Andrew Cordio is the appropriate delegation list under the LP Bylaws. We would submit the Delegates named herein.

Background

The Credentials Committee has reviewed numerous submissions from people in Massachusetts and the documentation presented to the Judicial Committee and the LNC. We have consulted with parliamentarians to answer procedural questions and gain clarity on the relevant facts surrounding the selection of Delegates from Massachusetts.

The relevant facts are as follows.

On January 10, 2022, the recognized LP Affiliate from Massachusetts, the Libertarian Association of MA (LAMA) State Committee voted to expel 47 Members all who signed a petition calling for a special convention. These expulsions were effective immediately, and properly minuted as an official act of LAMA.¹

The LAMA State Committee rejected the call for a Special Convention. A Convention was planned and notices sent to LAMA Members.

A new LAMA State Committee, Chaired by Don Graham, was elected at a Convention held April 23, 2022. Results of this election were transmitted to the Libertarian National Committee.

Delegates to the National Conventions were elected at the LAMA Convention on April 23, 2022. The Delegate list was submitted to the Credentials Committee on April 25, 2022.

Expelled members of LAMA (the "Cordio Group") and other LAMA Members met at least twice to plan a Special Convention on April 24, 2022. The planning meetings did not have a quorum of LAMA members present. Actions at this Special Convention resulted in the Delegate list submitted to and approved by the Credentials Committee during a meeting on May 4, 2022 (5 yea, 0 nay, 3 abstain).

At the time of the April 24, 2022 Special Convention, members of the Cordio Group were not LAMA

¹ The Credentials Committee makes no determination on the appropriateness or legality of the expulsions as as that is not our role. No inference of legality or appropriateness should be drawn from this Minority Report except as specifically stated herein.

Members, as defined by the LAMA Constitution. cite?

Under the LAMA Constitution, Article II Section 5, a special convention must be an action taken by “the state committee.” The Cordio Group was not the acknowledged Affiliate of Massachusetts and therefore was not “the state committee.” At no time has the Libertarian National Committee acknowledged the Cordio Group as being an Affiliate of the Libertarian Party.

Conclusion and Recommendation

It is not the duty of the Credentials Committee to determine the leadership of any State Affiliate of the Libertarian Party. Under Article 5, Sec. 3, “There shall be no more than one state-level affiliate party in any one state. Each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own bylaws and these bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all regular conventions.”

Article 5, Sec. 5, provides “The autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party, except as provided by these bylaws.”

Seating a Delegation submitted by an unaffiliated group from any state is not appropriate under the LP Bylaws.

It is the opinion of the undersigned Members of the Credentials Committee, that the following Delegation from Massachusetts be seated as Delegates to the 2022 Libertarian National Convention. We ask the Delegates to certify the following:

Delegates

Don Graham	Christopher Thrasher	Irwin Jungreis
Peter Everett	Scott Cousland	Jordan Evans
Christina Crawford	Ann Reed	Michael Burns
Derek Newhall	Daniel Riek	Walter Ziobro
Tara DeSisto	Vivian Nichols	James Tall
Paul Greenlea	Lucas Zsidisin	Kevin Reed
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Respectfully submitted,

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