

Minutes.

Libertarian National Committee Executive Committee. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 1996. *[Second Draft.]*

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee was held on Wednesday, February 28, 1996, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Standard 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, Bill Winter, Ron Crickenberger, and Gary E. Johnson were also present.

The national director, Perry Willis, reported that dues-paying membership had passed 14,300.

Perry Willis warned that cash flow for this year has become a problem because most expenses were in the first half while most contributions usually come in the second half of an election year. He said the ballot drives were going well, except in Oklahoma, and were ahead of schedule. He reported that 60,000 mailings to recruit new members had been sent out recently.

Perry Willis said that work in the office needed to be done to prepare emergency backup systems for the distribution of news releases, the automation of preparing Federal Election Commission reports, and the backup and documentation of the overall computer software. This is to prepare for the election season so that there is no chance of any down time due to unexpected events.

John Famularo explained that some of the software in the national headquarters was proprietary code that he owned. He said he would make arrangements with Hugh Butler to "escrow" the software so the source code would be available in an emergency.

Steve Dasbach said a development team should draw up specifications for a new system for the office computers.

Perry Willis noted that the 1996 annual budget needed to be corrected. He said that spending would need to be cut. It was agreed that a corrected budget would be prepared and distributed to the Libertarian National Committee before the March 23-24 meeting.

John Famularo said that 5 of the 10 largest state parties had not yet submitted their appointments to the Platform Committee for the National Convention.

John Famularo said the FEC had told FEE, the convention contractor, that FEE must file "Form 4," not "Form 3." Form 4, he pointed out, had no explanatory booklet and the FEC could only provide photocopies, not originals, of it.

John Famularo said he would provide to the next LNC meeting his interpretation of the Bylaws relating to the nominating speeches for the Presidential candidates at the national convention.

The Campaign Area Manager, Ron Crickenberger, said a manual for recruiting candidates would be ready soon and a candidate's manual was being prepared.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted, Gary E. Johnson, recording secretary.